



Lake Carriers' Association

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The Greatest Ships on the Great Lakes

Great Lakes Coal Shipments: December 2000-2004 And 5-Year Average (net tons)

Port	December 2000	December 2001	December 2002	December 2003	December 2004	5-Year Average
Superior	1,635,553	1,105,843	1,542,343	1,736,258	1,703,852	1,544,770
Thunder Bay	105,653	254,343	85,864	126,511	192,338	152,942
Total - Lake Superior	1,741,206	1,360,186	1,628,207	1,862,769	1,896,190	1,697,712
Chicago	216,779	241,739	245,857	349,008	469,605	304,598
Total - Lake Michigan	216,779	241,739	245,857	349,008	469,605	304,598
Toledo	427,879	493,492	307,400	291,056	203,723	344,710
Sandusky	286,302	631,301	310,877	466,804	342,805	407,618
Ashtabula	624,858	768,246	433,206	544,239	519,639	578,038
Conneaut	686,689	638,169	401,079	447,628	440,214	522,756
Total - Lake Erie	2,025,728	2,531,208	1,452,562	1,749,727	1,506,381	1,853,121
Total - All Lakes	3,983,713	4,133,133	3,326,626	3,961,504	3,872,176	3,855,430

Great Lakes Coal Shipments: Year-To-Date 2000-2004 And 5-Year Average (net tons)

Port	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	5-Year Average
Superior	16,366,427	16,925,015	18,079,010	17,814,687	18,340,535	17,505,135
Thunder Bay	666,755	1,783,635	1,887,268	1,705,503	1,809,469	1,570,526
Total - Lake Superior	17,033,182	18,708,650	19,966,278	19,520,190	20,150,004	19,075,661
Chicago	2,331,838	2,582,492	2,465,634	2,994,306	3,946,020	2,864,058
Total - Lake Michigan	2,331,838	2,582,492	2,465,634	2,994,306	3,946,020	2,864,058
Toledo	5,709,600	4,633,463	4,344,434	3,399,679	2,672,992	4,152,034
Sandusky	3,870,187	4,853,076	4,351,450	4,113,454	3,259,284	4,089,490
Ashtabula	6,647,360	6,199,573	5,123,312	5,604,603	5,094,262	5,733,822
Conneaut	6,396,683	7,378,062	5,661,176	4,122,037	4,814,298	5,674,451
Total - Lake Erie	22,623,830	23,064,174	19,480,372	17,239,773	15,840,836	19,649,797
Total - All Lakes	41,988,850	44,355,316	41,912,284	39,754,269	39,936,860	41,589,516

Lake Carriers' Association represents 15 American corporations that operate 57 U.S.-Flag vessels on the Great Lakes. These vessels carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: Iron ore for the steel industry, limestone and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation.... Collectively, these vessels can transport as much as 125 million tons of cargo a year. For more information on Great Lakes shipping, visit LCA's Web site: www.lcaships.com.

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