

2005 GREAT LAKES DRY-BULK COMMERCE

Shipments of the major dry-bulk cargos that move on the Great Lakes totaled 164.9 million net tons in 2005, a decrease of 3 percent compared to 2004, and a drop of just under 1 percent compared to the 5-year average. The vast majority of these cargos were hauled by U.S.- and Canadian-Flag Lakers; ocean-going vessels are almost exclusively engaged in the grain trade. U.S.-Flag carriage and the major cargos are analyzed separately.

**GREAT LAKES DRY-BULK COMMERCE
CALENDAR YEARS 2000-2005 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE
(net tons)**

COMMODITY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	AVERAGE 2000-2004
IRON ORE*							
From Lake Superior	50,838,371	40,895,075	46,249,620	41,321,104	48,074,811	45,240,419	45,475,797
From Lake Michigan	7,784,336	6,207,512	4,070,538	3,884,938	5,036,886	3,705,873	5,396,842
From Eastern Canada.....	10,942,001	8,570,932	8,597,065	10,135,198	9,502,914	9,241,256	9,549,622
TOTAL – IRON ORE	69,564,708	55,673,519	58,917,223	55,341,240	62,614,611	58,187,548	60,422,261
COAL							
From Lake Superior	17,033,182	18,708,650	19,966,279	19,520,190	20,150,004	21,939,208	19,081,661
From Lake Michigan	2,331,838	2,582,492	2,465,634	2,994,306	3,946,020	4,183,423	2,864,058
From Lake Erie	22,623,830	23,064,174	19,480,372	17,239,773	15,840,836	16,584,057	19,649,797
TOTAL – COAL.....	41,988,850	44,355,316	41,912,285	39,754,269	39,936,860	42,706,688	41,595,516
LIMESTONE							
From U.S. Ports	31,002,777	30,724,237	30,673,673	27,067,685	31,691,083	29,984,216	30,231,891
From Canadian Ports.....	7,116,220	7,180,562	6,863,570	7,115,172	8,530,969	7,741,161	7,361,299
TOTAL – LIMESTONE..	38,118,997	37,904,799	37,537,243	34,182,857	40,222,052	37,725,377	37,593,190
SALT	6,093,660	7,671,321	7,287,312	8,506,778	9,239,658	9,255,371	7,759,746
CEMENT.....	5,578,697	5,470,198	5,341,759	5,390,169	5,508,635	5,048,817	5,457,892
POTASH.....	688,858	563,882	587,296	579,352	728,701	584,672	629,618
GRAIN	15,099,337	14,011,286	12,094,537	11,624,713	11,667,639	11,377,508	12,899,503
TOTAL.....	177,133,107	165,650,321	163,677,655	155,379,378	169,918,156	164,885,981	166,357,726

* To convert iron ore to gross tons, multiply by .89286.

Note: 2005 grain total revised on June 14, 2006.