

2006 COAL TRADE

Coal shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 41.8 million net tons in 2006, a decrease of 2 percent from 2005, but on par, almost to the ton, with the 5-year average.

As this trade is heavily served by 1,000-foot-long U.S.-Flag Lakers, shipments were noticeably impacted by the dredging crisis. The largest coal cargo loaded in 2006 totaled 66,429 net tons. The trade's benchmark is 70,903 net tons. In other words, even the best coal cargo loaded in 2006 represented only 93.7 percent of what was able to move in 1997 when high water levels offset the system-wide lack of dredging.

GREAT LAKES COAL SHIPMENTS **2001-2006 AND 5-YEAR AVERAGE** (net tons)

PORT / DOCK	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	AVERAGE 2001-2005
LAKE SUPERIOR							
Superior, WI							
Superior Midwest Energy Terminal	16,925,015	18,079,010	17,814,687	18,340,535	20,470,670	21,339,614	18,325,983
Thunder Bay, ON							
Canadian National.....	1,783,635	1,887,269	1,705,503	1,809,469	1,468,538	1,343,976	1,730,883
TOTAL – LAKE SUPERIOR	18,708,650	19,996,279	19,520,190	20,150,004	21,939,208	22,683,590	20,056,866
LAKE MICHIGAN							
Chicago, IL							
KCBX Terminals Company.....	2,582,492	2,465,634	2,994,306	3,946,020	4,183,423	3,578,388	3,291,975
LAKE ERIE							
Toledo, OH							
CSX.....	4,633,463	4,344,434	3,399,679	2,672,992	3,356,332	2,874,569	3,681,380
Sandusky, OH							
Norfolk Southern	4,853,076	4,351,450	4,113,454	3,259,284	3,985,104	4,285,412	4,112,474
Ashtabula, OH							
Norfolk Southern	6,199,573	5,123,312	5,604,603	5,094,262	5,368,029	4,874,385	5,477,956
Conneaut, OH							
Bessemer & Lake Erie	7,378,062	5,661,176	4,122,037	4,814,298	3,874,592	3,491,109	5,170,033
TOTAL – LAKE ERIE	23,064,174	19,480,372	17,239,773	15,840,836	16,584,057	15,525,475	18,441,843
TOTAL – ALL LAKES.....	44,355,316	41,912,285	39,754,269	39,936,860	42,706,688	41,787,453	41,790,684