



Lake Carriers' Association

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The Greatest Ships on the Great Lakes

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Carriage on the Great Lakes: March 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average

(net tons)

Commodity	March 2000	March 2001	March 2002	March 2003	March 2004	March 2005	Average 2000-2004
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	1,843,880	1,398,562	870,959	684,055	1,872,476	1,714,783	1,333,986
Transshipments	460,118	488,458	0	212,618	349,561	479,015	302,151
Total - Iron Ore	2,303,998	1,887,020	870,959	896,673	2,222,037	2,193,798	1,636,137
Coal							
Lake Superior	474,015	331,620	297,396	53,577	409,459	375,520	313,213
Lake Michigan	68,962	77,939	39,982	0	94,285	208,450	56,234
Lake Erie	117,970	142,278	233,649	0	72,952	59,890	113,370
Total - Coal	660,947	551,837	571,027	53,577	576,696	643,860	482,817
Limestone	290,327	76,867	176,218	0	365,742	321,243	181,831
Cement	221,755	181,037	148,009	100,912	127,691	134,609	155,881
Salt	0	43,233	12,158	0	12,820	40,527	13,642
Sand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grain	0	0	0	0	0	16,668	0
Totals	3,477,027	2,739,994	1,778,371	1,051,162	3,304,986	3,350,705	2,470,308

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Carriage Year-To-Date 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average

(net tons)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2000-2004
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,257,223	2,468,354	2,486,374	2,896,233	5,411,911	4,373,018	3,504,019
Transshipments	959,892	537,461	0	218,618	636,326	701,397	470,459
Total - Iron Ore	5,217,115	3,005,815	2,486,374	3,114,851	6,048,237	5,074,415	3,974,478
Coal							
Lake Superior	655,181	621,357	297,396	73,076	708,276	814,425	471,057
Lake Michigan	132,657	158,945	135,741	74,184	276,479	254,488	155,601
Lake Erie	422,614	536,172	327,501	44,522	244,409	59,890	315,044
Total - Coal	1,210,452	1,316,474	760,638	191,782	1,229,164	1,128,803	941,702
Limestone	315,417	76,867	176,218	24,245	446,368	516,630	207,823
Cement	374,068	305,792	349,602	219,466	262,381	319,253	302,262
Salt	0	43,233	12,158	50,212	24,766	54,328	26,074
Sand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grain	0	0	0	0	0	16,668	0
Totals	7,117,052	4,748,181	3,784,990	3,600,556	8,010,916	7,110,097	5,452,339

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