



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: March 2001-2006 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	1,398,562	870,959	684,055	1,872,476	1,714,783	1,717,543	1,308,167
Transshipments	488,458	0	212,618	349,561	479,015	240,493	305,930
Total - Iron Ore	1,887,020	870,959	896,673	2,222,037	2,193,798	1,958,036	1,614,097
Coal							
Lake Superior	331,620	297,396	53,577	409,459	375,520	546,869	293,514
Lake Michigan	77,939	39,982	0	94,285	208,450	151,340	84,131
Lake Erie	142,278	233,649	0	72,952	59,890	134,342	101,754
Total - Coal	551,837	571,027	53,577	576,696	643,860	832,551	479,399
Limestone	76,867	176,218	0	365,742	321,243	385,628	188,014
Cement	181,037	148,009	100,912	127,691	134,609	213,265	138,452
Salt	43,233	12,158	0	12,820	40,527	24,433	21,748
Sand	0	0	0	0	0	4,811	0
Grain	0	0	0	0	16,668	0	3,334
Totals	2,739,994	1,778,371	1,051,162	3,304,986	3,350,705	3,418,724	2,445,044

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage: Year-To-Date 2001-2006 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	2,468,354	2,486,374	2,896,233	5,411,911	4,373,018	4,613,825	3,527,178
Transshipments	537,461	0	218,618	636,326	701,397	570,984	418,760
Total - Iron Ore	3,005,815	2,486,374	3,114,851	6,048,237	5,074,415	5,184,809	3,945,938
Coal							
Lake Superior	621,357	297,396	73,076	708,276	814,425	967,027	502,906
Lake Michigan	158,945	135,741	74,184	276,479	254,488	441,150	179,967
Lake Erie	536,172	327,501	44,522	244,409	59,890	314,094	242,499
Total - Coal	1,316,474	760,638	191,782	1,229,164	1,128,803	1,722,271	925,372
Limestone	76,867	176,218	24,245	446,368	516,630	390,628	248,066
Cement	305,792	349,602	219,466	262,381	319,253	376,314	291,299
Salt	43,233	12,158	50,212	24,766	54,328	85,627	36,939
Sand	0	0	0	0	0	4,811	0
Grain	0	0	0	0	16,668	0	3,334
Totals	4,748,181	3,784,990	3,600,556	8,010,916	7,110,097	7,764,460	5,450,948

Lake Carriers' Association represents 14 American corporations that operate 54 U.S.-Flag vessels on the Great Lakes. These vessels carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: Iron ore and fluxstone 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 when high water levels offset the lack of adequate dredging at Great Lakes ports and waterways. For more information, contact Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President - Corporate Communications: Tel: (216) 861-0592 / Fax: (216) 241-8262 / E-Mail: info@lccaships.com.

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