



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: March 2004-2009 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average 2004-2008
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	1,872,476	1,714,783	1,717,543	1,368,211	1,357,577	371,692	1,606,118
Transshipments	349,561	479,015	240,493	230,456	244,269	0	308,759
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>2,222,037</b>	<b>2,193,798</b>	<b>1,958,036</b>	<b>1,598,667</b>	<b>1,601,846</b>	<b>371,692</b>	<b>1,914,877</b>
<b>Coal</b>							0
Lake Superior	409,459	375,520	546,869	462,798	502,240	56,471	459,377
Lake Michigan	94,285	208,450	151,340	82,039	22,171	0	111,657
Lake Erie	72,952	59,890	134,342	93,155	83,867	0	88,841
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>576,696</b>	<b>643,860</b>	<b>832,551</b>	<b>637,992</b>	<b>608,278</b>	<b>56,471</b>	<b>659,875</b>
Limestone	365,742	321,243	385,628	61,993	122,151	0	251,351
Cement	127,691	134,609	213,265	163,724	150,751	151,121	158,008
Salt	12,820	40,527	24,433	13,025	0	0	18,161
Sand	0	0	4,811	0	0	0	962
Grain	0	16,668	0	0	0	0	3,334
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,304,986</b>	<b>3,350,705</b>	<b>3,418,724</b>	<b>2,475,401</b>	<b>2,483,026</b>	<b>579,284</b>	<b>3,006,568</b>

### Year-To-Date 2004-2009 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average 2004-2008
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	5,411,911	4,373,018	4,613,825	3,795,266	4,416,283	990,849	4,522,061
Transshipments	636,326	701,397	570,984	329,596	351,575	0	517,976
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>6,048,237</b>	<b>5,074,415</b>	<b>5,184,809</b>	<b>4,124,862</b>	<b>4,767,858</b>	<b>990,849</b>	<b>5,040,036</b>
<b>Coal</b>							0
Lake Superior	708,276	814,425	967,027	939,690	1,051,076	267,693	896,099
Lake Michigan	276,479	254,488	441,150	203,253	65,944	60,668	248,263
Lake Erie	244,409	59,890	314,094	142,594	180,057	27,934	188,209
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>1,229,164</b>	<b>1,128,803</b>	<b>1,722,271</b>	<b>1,285,537</b>	<b>1,297,077</b>	<b>356,295</b>	<b>1,332,570</b>
Limestone	446,368	516,630	390,628	250,296	122,151	0	345,215
Cement	262,381	319,253	376,314	323,695	241,699	127,589	304,668
Salt	24,766	54,328	85,627	35,591	101,324	0	60,327
Sand	0	0	4,811	0	0	0	962
Grain	0	16,668	0	0	0	0	3,334
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,010,916</b>	<b>7,110,097</b>	<b>7,764,460</b>	<b>6,019,981</b>	<b>6,530,109</b>	<b>1,474,733</b>	<b>7,087,113</b>

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