



# Lake Carriers' Association

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## U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: March 2006-2011 & 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	1,717,543	1,368,211	1,357,577	371,692	1,758,334	1,437,567	1,314,671
Transshipments	240,493	230,456	244,269	0	321,714	339,890	207,386
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>1,958,036</b>	<b>1,598,667</b>	<b>1,601,846</b>	<b>371,692</b>	<b>2,080,048</b>	<b>1,777,457</b>	<b>1,522,058</b>
<b>Coal</b>							0
Lake Superior	546,869	462,798	502,240	56,471	229,648	325,808	359,605
Lake Michigan	151,340	82,039	22,171	0	0	13,216	51,110
Lake Erie	134,342	93,155	83,867	0	98,802	135,232	82,033
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>832,551</b>	<b>637,992</b>	<b>608,278</b>	<b>56,471</b>	<b>328,450</b>	<b>474,256</b>	<b>492,748</b>
Limestone	385,628	61,993	122,151	0	16,920	46,721	117,338
Cement	213,265	163,724	150,751	151,121	125,748	159,316	160,922
Salt	24,433	13,025	0	0	102,620	0	28,016
Sand	4,811	0	0	0	0	0	962
Grain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,418,724</b>	<b>2,475,401</b>	<b>2,483,026</b>	<b>579,284</b>	<b>2,653,786</b>	<b>2,457,750</b>	<b>2,322,044</b>

## Year-To-Date 2006-2011 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,613,825	3,795,266	4,416,283	990,849	3,495,252	4,076,357	3,462,295
Transshipments	570,984	329,596	351,575	0	457,074	405,508	341,846
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>5,184,809</b>	<b>4,124,862</b>	<b>4,767,858</b>	<b>990,849</b>	<b>3,952,326</b>	<b>4,481,865</b>	<b>3,804,141</b>
<b>Coal</b>							0
Lake Superior	967,027	939,690	1,051,076	267,693	595,605	882,589	764,218
Lake Michigan	441,150	203,253	65,944	60,668	26,846	58,202	159,572
Lake Erie	314,094	142,594	180,057	27,934	201,561	176,206	173,248
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>1,722,271</b>	<b>1,285,537</b>	<b>1,297,077</b>	<b>356,295</b>	<b>824,012</b>	<b>1,116,997</b>	<b>1,097,038</b>
Limestone	390,628	250,296	122,151	0	16,920	51,049	155,999
Cement	376,314	323,695	241,699	127,589	155,308	194,341	244,921
Salt	85,627	35,591	101,324	0	102,620	54,808	65,032
Sand	4,811	0	0	0	0	0	962
Grain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,764,460</b>	<b>6,019,981</b>	<b>6,530,109</b>	<b>1,474,733</b>	<b>5,051,186</b>	<b>5,899,060</b>	<b>5,368,094</b>

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