



Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	5,028,052	3,810,015	4,098,552	4,436,037	4,430,601	4,523,328	4,360,651
Transshipments	687,899	0	366,580	249,398	205,825	240,145	301,940
Total - Iron Ore	5,715,951	3,810,015	4,465,132	4,685,435	4,636,426	4,763,473	4,662,592
Coal							0
Lake Superior	1,213,608	1,105,148	1,037,838	1,217,036	1,742,774	1,535,861	1,263,281
Lake Michigan	222,668	216,962	182,364	390,191	398,823	200,342	282,202
Lake Erie	368,831	477,992	200,951	512,068	527,145	587,976	417,397
Total - Coal	1,805,107	1,800,102	1,421,153	2,119,295	2,668,742	2,324,179	1,962,880
Limestone	2,302,117	2,289,291	1,733,241	3,011,366	2,813,022	2,735,647	2,429,807
Cement	321,373	270,123	311,802	373,996	256,770	312,823	306,813
Salt	101,920	107,467	133,966	13,551	84,829	98,758	88,347
Sand	0	0	42,949	39,502	19,109	26,837	20,312
Grain	32,165	15,677	14,362	14,620	16,317	59,604	18,628
Totals	10,278,633	8,292,675	8,122,605	10,257,765	10,495,215	10,321,321	9,489,379

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: 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	7,496,406	6,296,389	6,994,785	9,847,948	8,803,619	9,137,153	7,887,829
Transshipments	1,225,360	0	585,198	885,724	907,222	811,129	720,701
Total - Iron Ore	8,721,766	6,296,389	7,579,983	10,733,672	9,710,841	9,948,282	8,608,530
Coal							0
Lake Superior	1,834,965	1,402,544	1,110,914	1,925,312	2,557,199	2,502,888	1,766,187
Lake Michigan	381,613	352,703	256,548	666,670	653,311	641,492	462,169
Lake Erie	905,003	805,493	245,473	756,477	587,035	902,070	659,896
Total - Coal	3,121,581	2,560,740	1,612,935	3,348,459	3,797,545	4,046,450	2,888,252
Limestone	2,378,984	2,465,509	1,757,486	3,457,734	3,277,333	3,126,275	2,667,409
Cement	627,165	619,725	531,268	636,377	576,023	689,137	598,112
Salt	145,153	119,625	184,178	38,317	139,157	184,385	125,286
Sand	0	0	42,949	39,502	19,109	31,648	20,312
Grain	32,165	15,677	14,362	14,620	32,985	59,604	21,962
Totals	15,026,814	12,077,665	11,723,161	18,268,681	17,552,993	18,085,781	14,929,863

Lake Carriers' Association represents 18 American corporations that operate 61 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@lcaships.com.

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