



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: April 2003-2008 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,098,552	4,436,037	4,430,601	4,523,328	4,554,567	4,411,563	4,408,617
Transshipments	366,580	249,398	205,825	240,145	200,962	197,655	252,582
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>4,465,132</b>	<b>4,685,435</b>	<b>4,636,426</b>	<b>4,763,473</b>	<b>4,755,529</b>	<b>4,609,218</b>	<b>4,661,199</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,037,838	1,217,036	1,742,774	1,535,861	1,622,712	1,402,561	1,431,244
Lake Michigan	182,364	390,191	398,823	200,342	227,570	391,680	279,858
Lake Erie	200,951	512,068	527,145	587,976	427,961	323,444	451,220
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>1,421,153</b>	<b>2,119,295</b>	<b>2,668,742</b>	<b>2,324,179</b>	<b>2,278,243</b>	<b>2,117,685</b>	<b>2,162,322</b>
Limestone	1,733,241	3,011,366	2,813,022	2,735,647	2,478,711	2,145,602	2,554,397
Cement	311,802	373,996	256,770	312,823	299,867	230,852	311,052
Salt	133,966	13,551	84,829	98,758	62,336	81,833	78,688
Sand	42,949	39,502	19,109	26,837	0	34,392	25,679
Grain	14,362	14,620	16,317	59,604	54,850	19,648	31,951
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,122,605</b>	<b>10,257,765</b>	<b>10,495,215</b>	<b>10,321,321</b>	<b>9,929,536</b>	<b>9,239,230</b>	<b>9,825,288</b>

### U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: Year-To-Date 2003-2008 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	6,994,785	9,847,948	8,803,619	9,137,153	8,349,833	8,895,046	8,626,668
Transshipments	585,198	885,724	907,222	811,129	530,558	549,230	743,966
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>7,579,983</b>	<b>10,733,672</b>	<b>9,710,841</b>	<b>9,948,282</b>	<b>8,880,391</b>	<b>9,444,276</b>	<b>9,370,634</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,110,914	1,925,312	2,557,199	2,502,888	2,562,402	2,453,637	2,131,743
Lake Michigan	256,548	666,670	653,311	641,492	430,823	457,624	529,769
Lake Erie	245,473	756,477	587,035	902,070	570,555	503,501	612,322
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>1,612,935</b>	<b>3,348,459</b>	<b>3,797,545</b>	<b>4,046,450</b>	<b>3,563,780</b>	<b>3,414,762</b>	<b>3,273,834</b>
Limestone	1,757,486	3,457,734	3,277,333	3,126,275	2,729,007	2,267,753	2,869,567
Cement	531,268	636,377	576,023	689,137	623,562	472,551	611,273
Salt	184,178	38,317	139,157	184,385	97,927	183,175	128,793
Sand	42,949	39,502	19,109	31,648	0	34,392	26,642
Grain	14,362	14,620	32,985	59,604	54,850	19,638	35,284
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,723,161</b>	<b>18,268,681</b>	<b>17,552,993</b>	<b>18,085,781</b>	<b>15,949,517</b>	<b>15,836,547</b>	<b>16,316,027</b>

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