



# Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average 2004-2008
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,436,037	4,430,601	4,523,328	4,554,567	4,411,563	1,737,342	4,471,219
Transshipments	249,398	205,825	240,145	200,962	197,655	0	218,797
<b>Total - Iron Ore</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>1,737,342</b>	<b>4,690,016</b>
<b>Coal</b>							0
Lake Superior	1,217,036	1,742,774	1,535,861	1,622,712	1,402,561	1,625,943	1,504,189
Lake Michigan	390,191	398,823	200,342	227,570	391,680	156,747	321,721
Lake Erie	512,068	527,145	587,976	427,961	323,444	141,329	475,719
<b>Total - Coal</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>1,924,019</b>	<b>2,301,629</b>
Limestone	3,011,366	2,813,022	2,735,647	2,478,711	2,145,602	1,123,319	2,636,870
Cement	373,996	256,770	312,823	299,867	230,852	142,820	294,862
Salt	13,551	84,829	98,758	62,336	81,833	132,596	68,261
Sand	39,502	19,109	26,837	0	34,392	0	23,968
Grain	14,620	16,317	59,604	54,850	19,648	36,481	33,008
<b>Totals</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>5,096,577</b>	<b>10,048,613</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	9,847,948	8,803,619	9,137,153	8,349,833	8,895,046	2,728,191	9,006,720
Transshipments	885,724	907,222	811,129	530,558	549,230	0	736,773
<b>Total - Iron Ore</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>2,728,191</b>	<b>9,743,492</b>
<b>Coal</b>							0
Lake Superior	1,925,312	2,557,199	2,502,888	2,562,402	2,453,637	1,893,636	2,400,288
Lake Michigan	666,670	653,311	641,492	430,823	457,624	217,415	569,984
Lake Erie	756,477	587,035	902,070	570,555	503,501	169,263	663,928
<b>Total - Coal</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>2,280,314</b>	<b>3,634,199</b>
Limestone	3,457,734	3,277,333	3,126,275	2,729,007	2,267,753	1,123,319	2,971,620
Cement	636,377	576,023	689,137	623,562	472,551	293,941	599,530
Salt	38,317	139,157	184,385	97,927	183,175	132,596	128,592
Sand	39,502	19,109	31,648	0	34,392	0	24,930
Grain	14,620	32,985	59,604	54,850	19,638	36,481	36,339
<b>Totals</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>6,594,842</b>	<b>17,138,704</b>

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