



# Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,523,328	4,554,567	4,411,563	1,737,342	3,796,902	4,165,243	3,804,740
Transshipments	240,145	200,962	197,655	0	186,056	239,619	164,964
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>4,763,473</b>	<b>4,755,529</b>	<b>4,609,218</b>	<b>1,737,342</b>	<b>3,982,958</b>	<b>4,404,862</b>	<b>3,969,704</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,535,861	1,622,712	1,402,561	1,625,943	1,071,322	1,068,179	1,451,680
Lake Michigan	200,342	227,570	391,680	156,747	137,742	278,927	222,816
Lake Erie	587,976	427,961	323,444	141,329	418,840	494,037	379,910
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,324,179</b>	<b>2,278,243</b>	<b>2,117,685</b>	<b>1,924,019</b>	<b>1,627,904</b>	<b>1,841,143</b>	<b>2,054,406</b>
Limestone	2,735,647	2,478,711	2,145,602	1,123,319	1,656,407	1,680,381	2,027,937
Cement	312,823	299,867	230,852	142,820	241,259	185,872	245,524
Salt	98,758	62,336	81,833	132,596	98,035	79,802	94,712
Sand	26,837	0	34,392	0	16,123	0	15,470
Grain	59,604	54,850	19,648	36,481	0	38,200	34,117
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,321,321</b>	<b>9,929,536</b>	<b>9,239,230</b>	<b>5,096,577</b>	<b>7,622,686</b>	<b>8,230,260</b>	<b>8,441,870</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	9,137,153	8,349,833	8,895,046	2,728,191	7,292,154	8,241,600	7,280,475
Transshipments	811,129	530,558	549,230	0	643,130	645,127	506,809
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>9,948,282</b>	<b>8,880,391</b>	<b>9,444,276</b>	<b>2,728,191</b>	<b>7,935,284</b>	<b>8,886,727</b>	<b>7,787,285</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	2,502,888	2,562,402	2,453,637	1,893,636	1,666,927	1,950,768	2,215,898
Lake Michigan	641,492	430,823	457,624	217,415	164,588	337,129	382,388
Lake Erie	902,070	570,555	503,501	169,263	620,401	670,243	553,158
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>4,046,450</b>	<b>3,563,780</b>	<b>3,414,762</b>	<b>2,280,314</b>	<b>2,451,916</b>	<b>2,958,140</b>	<b>3,151,444</b>
Limestone	3,126,275	2,729,007	2,267,753	1,123,319	1,673,327	1,731,430	2,183,936
Cement	689,137	623,562	472,551	293,941	396,567	380,213	495,152
Salt	184,385	97,927	183,175	132,596	200,655	134,610	159,748
Sand	31,648	0	34,392	0	16,123	0	16,433
Grain	59,604	54,850	19,638	36,481	0	38,200	34,115
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18,085,781</b>	<b>15,949,517</b>	<b>15,836,547</b>	<b>6,594,842</b>	<b>12,673,872</b>	<b>14,129,320</b>	<b>13,828,112</b>

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