



Lake Carriers' Association

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The Greatest Ships on the Great Lakes

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: May 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	May 2000	May 2001	May 2002	May 2003	May 2004	May 2005	Average 2000-2004
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	5,761,436	5,477,048	4,789,800	4,915,073	4,416,154	4,592,078	5,071,902
Transshipments	706,396	414,983	135,733	200,181	178,505	210,116	327,160
Total - Iron Ore	6,467,832	5,892,031	4,925,533	5,115,254	4,594,659	4,802,194	5,399,062
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,553,215	1,494,004	1,278,274	1,663,532	1,951,513	1,954,812	1,588,108
Lake Michigan	149,704	282,036	332,063	290,138	390,799	384,911	288,948
Lake Erie	444,063	520,075	683,049	486,312	740,561	621,428	574,812
Total - Coal	2,146,982	2,296,115	2,293,386	2,439,982	3,082,873	2,961,151	2,451,868
Limestone	3,388,644	3,228,198	3,146,535	2,798,588	3,672,001	3,610,207	3,246,793
Cement	494,086	475,503	398,024	498,205	488,215	416,013	470,807
Salt	95,062	39,508	50,098	138,091	126,090	107,183	89,770
Sand	40,805	61,790	48,809	44,434	47,736	35,634	48,715
Grain	16,322	65,332	67,237	44,568	43,390	87,726	47,370
Totals	12,649,733	12,058,477	10,929,622	11,079,122	12,054,964	12,020,108	11,754,384

Note: May 2004 limestone revised upwards by 181,049 net tons.

Year-To-Date 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2000-2004
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	15,810,394	12,973,454	11,086,189	11,909,858	14,264,102	13,395,697	13,208,799
Transshipments	2,290,570	1,640,343	135,733	785,379	1,064,229	1,117,338	1,183,251
Total - Iron Ore	18,100,964	14,613,797	11,221,922	12,695,237	15,328,331	14,513,035	14,392,050
Coal							
Lake Superior	3,339,680	3,328,969	2,680,818	2,774,446	3,876,825	4,512,011	3,200,148
Lake Michigan	506,862	663,649	684,766	546,686	1,064,716	1,038,222	693,336
Lake Erie	1,366,707	1,425,078	1,488,542	731,785	1,497,038	1,208,463	1,301,830
Total - Coal	5,213,249	5,417,696	4,854,126	4,052,917	6,438,579	6,758,696	5,195,313
Limestone	6,004,325	5,607,182	5,612,044	4,556,074	7,129,735	6,887,540	5,781,872
Cement	1,170,103	1,102,668	1,017,749	1,029,473	1,124,592	992,036	1,088,917
Salt	262,424	184,661	169,723	322,239	164,407	246,340	220,691
Sand	40,805	61,790	48,809	87,383	87,238	54,743	65,205
Grain	16,322	97,497	82,914	58,930	58,010	120,711	62,735
Totals	30,808,192	27,085,291	23,007,287	22,802,253	30,330,892	29,573,101	26,806,783

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