



# Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	5,477,048	4,789,800	4,915,073	4,416,154	4,592,078	4,727,822	4,838,031
Transshipments	414,983	135,733	200,181	178,505	210,116	221,314	227,904
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>5,892,031</b>	<b>4,925,533</b>	<b>5,115,254</b>	<b>4,594,659</b>	<b>4,802,194</b>	<b>4,949,136</b>	<b>5,065,934</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,494,004	1,278,274	1,663,532	1,951,513	1,954,812	1,738,637	1,668,427
Lake Michigan	282,036	332,063	290,138	390,799	384,911	239,086	335,989
Lake Erie	520,075	683,049	486,312	740,561	621,428	555,408	610,285
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,296,115</b>	<b>2,293,386</b>	<b>2,439,982</b>	<b>3,082,873</b>	<b>2,961,151</b>	<b>2,533,131</b>	<b>2,614,701</b>
Limestone	3,228,198	3,146,535	2,798,588	3,672,001	3,610,207	4,058,892	3,291,106
Cement	475,503	398,024	498,205	488,215	416,013	422,202	455,192
Salt	39,508	50,098	138,091	126,090	107,183	126,649	92,194
Sand	61,790	48,809	44,434	47,736	35,634	59,060	47,681
Grain	65,332	67,237	44,568	43,390	87,726	16,347	61,651
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,058,477</b>	<b>10,929,622</b>	<b>11,079,122</b>	<b>12,054,964</b>	<b>12,020,108</b>	<b>12,165,417</b>	<b>11,628,459</b>

### 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
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	12,973,454	11,086,189	11,909,858	14,264,102	13,395,697	13,864,975	12,725,860
Transshipments	1,640,343	135,733	785,379	1,064,229	1,117,338	1,032,443	948,604
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>14,613,797</b>	<b>11,221,922</b>	<b>12,695,237</b>	<b>15,328,331</b>	<b>14,513,035</b>	<b>14,897,418</b>	<b>13,674,464</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	3,328,969	2,680,818	2,774,446	3,876,825	4,512,011	4,241,525	3,434,614
Lake Michigan	663,649	684,766	546,686	1,064,716	1,038,222	880,578	799,608
Lake Erie	1,425,078	1,488,542	731,785	1,497,038	1,208,463	1,457,478	1,270,181
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>5,417,696</b>	<b>4,854,126</b>	<b>4,052,917</b>	<b>6,438,579</b>	<b>6,758,696</b>	<b>6,579,581</b>	<b>5,504,403</b>
Limestone	5,607,182	5,612,044	4,556,074	7,129,735	6,887,540	7,185,167	5,958,515
Cement	1,102,668	1,017,749	1,029,473	1,124,592	992,036	1,111,339	1,053,304
Salt	184,661	169,723	322,239	164,407	246,340	311,034	217,474
Sand	61,790	48,809	87,383	87,238	54,743	90,708	67,993
Grain	97,497	82,914	58,930	58,010	120,711	75,951	83,612
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27,085,291</b>	<b>23,007,287</b>	<b>22,802,253</b>	<b>30,330,892</b>	<b>29,573,101</b>	<b>30,251,198</b>	<b>26,559,765</b>

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