



# Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average 2004-2008
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,416,154	4,592,078	4,727,822	5,151,421	5,505,952	2,239,619	4,878,685
Transshipments	178,505	210,116	221,314	258,762	349,963	0	243,732
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>4,594,659</b>	<b>4,802,194</b>	<b>4,949,136</b>	<b>5,410,183</b>	<b>5,855,915</b>	<b>2,239,619</b>	<b>5,122,417</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,951,513	1,954,812	1,738,637	1,868,939	1,797,879	1,770,420	1,862,356
Lake Michigan	390,799	384,911	239,086	261,197	304,264	214,454	316,051
Lake Erie	740,561	621,428	555,408	583,693	400,188	297,900	580,256
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>3,082,873</b>	<b>2,961,151</b>	<b>2,533,131</b>	<b>2,713,829</b>	<b>2,502,331</b>	<b>2,282,774</b>	<b>2,758,663</b>
Limestone	3,672,001	3,610,207	4,058,892	3,278,700	3,053,729	1,989,470	3,534,706
Cement	488,215	416,013	422,202	475,940	345,043	346,986	429,483
Salt	126,090	107,183	126,649	146,147	113,120	150,209	123,838
Sand	47,736	35,634	59,060	76,696	0	53,243	43,825
Grain	43,390	87,726	16,347	36,754	20,195	20,700	40,882
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,054,964</b>	<b>12,020,108</b>	<b>12,165,417</b>	<b>12,138,249</b>	<b>11,890,333</b>	<b>7,083,001</b>	<b>12,053,814</b>

### U.S.-Flag Carriage 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	14,264,102	13,395,697	13,864,975	13,501,254	14,400,998	4,967,810	13,885,405
Transshipments	1,064,229	1,117,338	1,032,443	789,320	899,193	0	980,505
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>15,328,331</b>	<b>14,513,035</b>	<b>14,897,418</b>	<b>14,290,574</b>	<b>15,300,191</b>	<b>4,967,810</b>	<b>14,865,910</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	3,876,825	4,512,011	4,241,525	4,431,341	4,251,516	3,664,056	4,262,644
Lake Michigan	1,064,716	1,038,222	880,578	692,020	761,888	431,869	887,485
Lake Erie	1,497,038	1,208,463	1,457,478	1,154,248	903,689	467,163	1,244,183
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>6,438,579</b>	<b>6,758,696</b>	<b>6,579,581</b>	<b>6,277,609</b>	<b>5,917,093</b>	<b>4,563,088</b>	<b>6,394,312</b>
Limestone	7,129,735	6,887,540	7,185,167	6,007,707	5,321,482	3,112,789	6,506,326
Cement	1,124,592	992,036	1,111,339	1,099,502	817,594	640,927	1,029,013
Salt	164,407	246,340	311,034	244,074	296,295	282,805	252,430
Sand	87,238	54,743	90,708	76,696	34,392	53,243	68,755
Grain	58,010	120,711	75,951	91,604	39,843	57,181	77,224
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30,330,892</b>	<b>29,573,101</b>	<b>30,251,198</b>	<b>28,087,766</b>	<b>27,726,890</b>	<b>13,677,843</b>	<b>29,193,969</b>

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