



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Carriage on the Great Lakes: June 2003-2008 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,354,040	5,042,580	4,411,733	4,607,886	4,412,591	4,825,001	4,565,766
Transshipments	46,568	366,172	239,372	345,030	282,064	198,800	255,841
Total - Iron Ore	4,400,608	5,408,752	4,651,105	4,952,916	4,694,655	5,023,801	4,821,607
Coal (By Lake of Loading)							
Lake Superior	1,782,361	1,514,912	2,026,209	1,942,896	1,680,261	1,990,215	1,789,328
Lake Michigan	343,603	375,207	544,158	299,858	263,369	289,533	365,239
Lake Erie	631,817	430,540	686,274	533,150	891,058	387,058	634,568
Total - Coal	2,757,781	2,320,659	3,256,641	2,775,904	2,834,688	2,666,806	2,789,135
Limestone	3,011,175	3,503,374	3,472,528	3,381,277	3,125,349	3,113,166	3,298,741
Cement	452,801	500,081	417,276	481,941	391,019	384,756	448,624
Salt	85,500	149,402	130,820	181,011	150,526	146,943	139,452
Sand	91,677	76,762	90,425	52,208	50,063	32,246	72,227
Grain	43,366	45,531	14,519	28,772	61,214	20,392	38,680
Totals	10,842,908	12,004,561	12,033,314	11,854,029	11,307,514	11,388,110	11,608,465

U.S.-Flag Carriage Year-To-Date 2003-2008 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	16,263,898	19,306,682	17,807,430	18,472,861	17,913,845	19,225,999	17,952,943
Transshipments	831,947	1,430,401	1,356,710	1,377,473	1,071,384	1,098,073	1,213,583
Total - Iron Ore	17,095,845	20,737,083	19,164,140	19,850,334	18,985,229	20,324,072	19,166,526
Coal (By Lake of Loading)							
Lake Superior	4,556,807	5,391,737	6,538,220	6,184,421	6,111,602	6,241,731	5,756,557
Lake Michigan	890,289	1,432,676	1,582,380	1,180,436	955,389	1,051,421	1,208,234
Lake Erie	1,363,602	1,927,578	1,894,737	1,990,628	2,045,306	1,290,747	1,844,370
Total - Coal	6,810,698	8,751,991	10,015,337	9,355,485	9,112,297	8,583,899	8,809,162
Limestone	7,567,249	10,633,109	10,360,068	10,566,444	9,133,056	8,434,648	9,651,985
Cement	1,482,274	1,624,673	1,409,312	1,593,280	1,490,521	1,202,350	1,520,012
Salt	407,739	313,809	377,160	492,045	394,600	443,238	397,071
Sand	179,060	164,000	145,168	142,916	126,759	66,638	151,581
Grain	102,296	103,541	135,230	104,723	152,818	60,235	119,722
Totals	33,645,161	42,328,206	41,606,415	42,105,227	39,395,280	39,115,080	39,816,058

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