



Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average 2004-2008
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	5,042,580	4,411,733	4,607,886	4,412,591	4,825,001	2,178,200	4,659,958
Transshipments	366,172	239,372	345,030	282,064	198,800	0	286,288
Total - Iron Ore	5,408,752	4,651,105	4,952,916	4,694,655	5,023,801	2,178,200	4,946,246
Coal (By Lake of Loading)							
Lake Superior	1,514,912	2,026,209	1,942,896	1,680,261	1,990,215	2,014,106	1,830,899
Lake Michigan	375,207	544,158	299,858	263,369	289,533	229,193	354,425
Lake Erie	430,540	686,274	533,150	891,058	387,058	303,704	585,616
Total - Coal	2,320,659	3,256,641	2,775,904	2,834,688	2,666,806	2,547,003	2,770,940
Limestone	3,503,374	3,472,528	3,381,277	3,125,349	3,113,166	1,903,468	3,319,139
Cement	500,081	417,276	481,941	391,019	384,756	315,770	435,015
Salt	149,402	130,820	181,011	150,526	146,943	166,761	151,740
Sand	76,762	90,425	52,208	50,063	32,246	27,888	60,341
Grain	45,531	14,519	28,772	61,214	20,392	57,914	34,086
Totals	12,004,561	12,033,314	11,854,029	11,307,514	11,388,110	7,197,004	11,717,506

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
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	19,306,682	17,807,430	18,472,861	17,913,845	19,225,999	7,146,010	18,545,363
Transshipments	1,430,401	1,356,710	1,377,473	1,071,384	1,098,073	0	1,266,808
Total - Iron Ore	20,737,083	19,164,140	19,850,334	18,985,229	20,324,072	7,146,010	19,812,172
Coal (By Lake of Loading)							
Lake Superior	5,391,737	6,538,220	6,184,421	6,111,602	6,241,731	5,678,162	6,093,542
Lake Michigan	1,432,676	1,582,380	1,180,436	955,389	1,051,421	661,062	1,240,460
Lake Erie	1,927,578	1,894,737	1,990,628	2,045,306	1,290,747	770,867	1,829,799
Total - Coal	8,751,991	10,015,337	9,355,485	9,112,297	8,583,899	7,110,091	9,163,802
Limestone	10,633,109	10,360,068	10,566,444	9,133,056	8,434,648	5,016,257	9,825,465
Cement	1,624,673	1,409,312	1,593,280	1,490,521	1,202,350	956,697	1,464,027
Salt	313,809	377,160	492,045	394,600	443,238	449,566	404,170
Sand	164,000	145,168	142,916	126,759	66,638	81,131	129,096
Grain	103,541	135,230	104,723	152,818	60,235	115,095	111,309
Totals	42,328,206	41,606,415	42,105,227	39,395,280	39,115,080	20,874,847	40,910,042

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