



Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,790,569	5,166,508	4,206,292	4,751,556	4,588,096	4,996,920	4,700,604
Transshipments	124,502	241,910	0	312,380	182,706	522,715	172,300
Total - Iron Ore	4,915,071	5,408,418	4,206,292	5,063,936	4,770,802	5,519,635	4,872,904
Coal							0
Lake Superior	1,932,708	1,783,624	1,749,352	1,869,348	2,075,287	1,779,718	1,882,064
Lake Michigan	252,596	218,271	283,243	370,969	442,474	261,806	313,511
Lake Erie	523,748	539,705	466,233	575,686	596,833	396,904	540,441
Total - Coal	2,709,052	2,541,600	2,498,828	2,816,003	3,114,594	2,438,428	2,736,015
Limestone	3,242,908	3,155,649	3,024,088	3,777,938	3,356,566	3,725,441	3,311,430
Cement	474,099	421,963	430,591	468,830	501,412	519,314	459,379
Salt	83,602	49,016	78,298	130,045	133,962	97,342	94,985
Sand	59,965	14,113	58,709	82,452	53,767	34,259	53,801
Grain	0	0	14,356	57,121	14,533	14,387	17,202
Totals	11,484,697	11,590,759	10,311,162	12,396,325	11,945,636	12,348,806	11,545,716

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage: Year-To-Date 2001-2006 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	22,718,061	21,509,643	20,470,190	24,058,238	22,395,526	23,469,781	22,230,332
Transshipments	2,073,692	552,905	831,947	1,742,781	1,539,416	1,900,188	1,348,148
Total - Iron Ore	24,791,753	22,062,548	21,302,137	25,801,019	23,934,942	25,369,969	23,578,480
Coal							0
Lake Superior	6,832,725	5,860,555	6,306,159	7,261,085	8,613,507	7,964,139	6,974,806
Lake Michigan	1,108,475	1,084,750	1,173,532	1,803,645	2,024,854	1,442,242	1,439,051
Lake Erie	2,555,503	2,695,124	1,829,835	2,503,264	2,491,570	2,387,532	2,415,059
Total - Coal	10,496,703	9,640,429	9,309,526	11,567,994	13,129,931	11,793,913	10,828,917
Limestone	12,192,502	11,853,595	10,591,337	14,299,998	13,716,634	14,291,885	12,530,813
Cement	2,042,079	1,915,706	1,912,865	2,093,503	1,910,724	2,112,594	1,974,975
Salt	349,417	280,062	486,037	443,854	511,122	589,387	414,098
Sand	245,408	96,994	237,769	246,452	198,935	177,175	205,112
Grain	130,496	133,695	116,652	160,662	149,763	119,110	138,254
Totals	50,248,358	45,983,029	43,956,323	54,613,482	53,552,051	54,454,033	49,670,649

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