



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: July 2002-2007 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average 2002-2006
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	5,166,508	4,206,292	4,751,556	4,588,096	4,996,920	4,644,902	4,741,874
Transshipments	241,910	0	312,380	182,706	522,715	259,489	251,942
Total - Iron Ore	5,408,418	4,206,292	5,063,936	4,770,802	5,519,635	4,904,391	4,993,817
Coal (Lake of Loading)							
Lake Superior	1,783,624	1,749,352	1,869,348	2,075,287	1,779,718	1,959,003	1,851,466
Lake Michigan	218,271	283,243	370,969	442,474	261,806	278,288	315,353
Lake Erie	539,705	466,233	575,686	596,833	396,904	651,517	515,072
Total - Coal	2,541,600	2,498,828	2,816,003	3,114,594	2,438,428	2,888,808	2,681,891
Limestone	3,155,649	3,024,088	3,777,938	3,356,566	3,725,441	3,482,257	3,407,936
Cement	421,963	430,591	468,830	501,412	519,314	432,626	468,422
Salt	49,016	78,298	130,045	133,962	97,342	213,232	97,733
Sand	14,113	58,709	82,452	53,767	34,259	42,255	48,660
Grain	0	14,356	57,121	14,533	14,387	20,475	20,079
Totals	11,590,759	10,311,162	12,396,325	11,945,636	12,348,806	11,984,044	11,718,538

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage Year-To-Date: 2002-2007 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average 2002-2006
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	21,509,643	20,470,190	24,058,238	22,395,526	23,469,781	22,558,747	22,380,676
Transshipments	552,905	831,947	1,742,781	1,539,416	1,900,188	1,330,873	1,313,447
Total - Iron Ore	22,062,548	21,302,137	25,801,019	23,934,942	25,369,969	23,889,620	23,694,123
Coal (Lake of Loading)							
Lake Superior	5,860,555	6,306,159	7,261,085	8,613,507	7,964,139	8,070,605	7,201,089
Lake Michigan	1,084,750	1,173,532	1,803,645	2,024,854	1,442,242	1,233,677	1,505,805
Lake Erie	2,695,124	1,829,835	2,503,264	2,491,570	2,387,532	2,696,823	2,381,465
Total - Coal	9,640,429	9,309,526	11,567,994	13,129,931	11,793,913	12,001,105	11,088,359
Limestone	11,853,595	10,591,337	14,299,998	13,716,634	14,291,885	12,615,313	12,950,690
Cement	1,915,706	1,912,865	2,093,503	1,910,724	2,112,594	1,923,147	1,989,078
Salt	280,062	486,037	443,854	511,122	589,387	607,832	462,092
Sand	96,994	237,769	246,452	198,935	177,175	169,014	191,465
Grain	133,695	116,652	160,662	149,763	119,110	173,293	135,976
Totals	45,983,029	43,956,323	54,613,482	53,552,051	54,454,033	51,379,324	50,511,784

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