



Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,206,292	4,751,556	4,588,096	4,996,920	4,644,902	5,310,924	4,637,553
Transshipments	0	312,380	182,706	522,715	259,489	201,881	255,458
Total - Iron Ore	4,206,292	5,063,936	4,770,802	5,519,635	4,904,391	5,512,805	4,893,011
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,749,352	1,869,348	2,075,287	1,779,718	1,959,003	1,924,258	1,886,542
Lake Michigan	283,243	370,969	442,474	261,806	278,288	375,940	327,356
Lake Erie	466,233	575,686	596,833	396,904	651,517	479,270	537,435
Total - Coal	2,498,828	2,816,003	3,114,594	2,438,428	2,888,808	2,779,468	2,751,332
Limestone	3,024,088	3,777,938	3,356,566	3,725,441	3,482,257	3,068,833	3,473,258
Cement	430,591	468,830	501,412	519,314	432,626	417,946	470,555
Salt	78,298	130,045	133,962	97,342	213,232	135,053	130,576
Sand	58,709	82,452	53,767	34,259	42,255	38,427	54,288
Grain	14,356	57,121	14,533	14,387	20,475	14,494	24,174
Totals	10,311,162	12,396,325	11,945,636	12,348,806	11,984,044	11,967,026	11,797,195

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	20,470,190	24,058,238	22,395,526	23,469,781	22,558,747	24,536,923	22,590,496
Transshipments	831,947	1,742,781	1,539,416	1,900,188	1,330,873	1,299,954	1,469,041
Total - Iron Ore	21,302,137	25,801,019	23,934,942	25,369,969	23,889,620	25,836,877	24,059,537
Coal							
Lake Superior	6,306,159	7,261,085	8,613,507	7,964,139	8,070,605	8,165,989	7,643,099
Lake Michigan	1,173,532	1,803,645	2,024,854	1,442,242	1,233,677	1,427,361	1,535,590
Lake Erie	1,829,835	2,503,264	2,491,570	2,387,532	2,696,823	1,770,017	2,381,805
Total - Coal	9,309,526	11,567,994	13,129,931	11,793,913	12,001,105	11,363,367	11,560,494
Limestone	10,591,337	14,299,998	13,716,634	14,291,885	12,615,313	11,503,481	13,103,033
Cement	1,912,865	2,093,503	1,910,724	2,112,594	1,923,147	1,620,296	1,990,567
Salt	486,037	443,854	511,122	589,387	607,832	578,291	527,646
Sand	237,769	246,452	198,935	177,175	169,014	105,065	205,869
Grain	116,652	160,662	149,763	119,110	173,293	75,029	143,896
Totals	43,956,323	54,613,482	53,552,051	54,454,033	51,379,324	51,082,406	51,591,043

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