



Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average 2004-2008
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,751,556	4,588,096	4,996,920	4,644,902	5,310,924	2,646,545	4,858,480
Transshipments	312,380	182,706	522,715	259,489	201,881	0	295,834
Total - Iron Ore	5,063,936	4,770,802	5,519,635	4,904,391	5,512,805	2,646,545	5,154,314
Coal							0
Lake Superior	1,869,348	2,075,287	1,779,718	1,959,003	1,924,258	1,848,706	1,921,523
Lake Michigan	370,969	442,474	261,806	278,288	375,940	124,800	345,895
Lake Erie	575,686	596,833	396,904	651,517	479,270	300,084	540,042
Total - Coal	2,816,003	3,114,594	2,438,428	2,888,808	2,779,468	2,273,590	2,807,460
Limestone	3,777,938	3,356,566	3,725,441	3,482,257	3,068,833	2,103,453	3,482,207
Cement	468,830	501,412	519,314	432,626	417,946	291,895	468,026
Salt	130,045	133,962	97,342	213,232	135,053	134,110	141,927
Sand	82,452	53,767	34,259	42,255	38,427	54,794	50,232
Grain	57,121	14,533	14,387	20,475	14,494	20,871	24,202
Totals	12,396,325	11,945,636	12,348,806	11,984,044	11,967,026	7,525,258	12,128,367

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	24,058,238	22,395,526	23,469,781	22,558,747	24,536,923	9,792,555	23,403,843
Transshipments	1,742,781	1,539,416	1,900,188	1,330,873	1,299,954	0	1,562,642
Total - Iron Ore	25,801,019	23,934,942	25,369,969	23,889,620	25,836,877	9,792,555	24,966,485
Coal							0
Lake Superior	7,261,085	8,613,507	7,964,139	8,070,605	8,165,989	7,526,868	8,015,065
Lake Michigan	1,803,645	2,024,854	1,442,242	1,233,677	1,427,361	785,862	1,586,356
Lake Erie	2,503,264	2,491,570	2,387,532	2,696,823	1,770,017	1,070,951	2,369,841
Total - Coal	11,567,994	13,129,931	11,793,913	12,001,105	11,363,367	9,383,681	11,971,262
Limestone	14,299,998	13,716,634	14,291,885	12,615,313	11,503,481	7,119,710	13,285,462
Cement	2,093,503	1,910,724	2,112,594	1,923,147	1,620,296	1,248,592	1,932,053
Salt	443,854	511,122	589,387	607,832	578,291	583,676	546,097
Sand	246,452	198,935	177,175	169,014	105,065	135,925	179,328
Grain	160,662	149,763	119,110	173,293	75,029	135,966	135,571
Totals	54,613,482	53,552,051	54,454,033	51,379,324	51,082,406	28,400,105	53,016,259

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