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# Lake Carriers' Association

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### U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Carriage on the Great Lakes: August 2000-2004 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	5-Yr. Avg.
<b>Iron Ore</b>						
Direct Shipments	6,158,335	4,995,745	5,491,827	3,945,638	5,245,457	5,167,400
Transshipments	590,481	371,415	286,760	62,440	229,970	308,213
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>6,748,816</b>	<b>5,367,160</b>	<b>5,778,587</b>	<b>4,008,078</b>	<b>5,475,427</b>	<b>5,475,614</b>
<b>Coal</b>						0
Lake Superior	1,634,244	1,557,040	1,541,511	1,889,450	1,838,383	1,692,126
Lake Michigan	193,430	226,119	242,229	349,721	289,679	260,236
Lake Erie	746,847	694,013	668,299	646,938	520,992	655,418
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,574,521</b>	<b>2,477,172</b>	<b>2,452,039</b>	<b>2,886,109</b>	<b>2,649,054</b>	<b>2,607,779</b>
Limestone	3,412,752	3,458,844	3,347,825	3,227,032	3,784,831	3,446,257
Cement	486,784	519,992	462,946	513,136	432,582	483,088
Salt	106,300	69,517	44,718	127,538	200,982	109,811
Sand	48,723	72,165	7,295	85,482	38,975	50,528
Grain	29,002	15,953	31,864	42,323	56,024	35,033
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13,406,898</b>	<b>11,980,803</b>	<b>12,125,274</b>	<b>10,889,698</b>	<b>12,637,875</b>	<b>12,208,110</b>

### U.S.-Flag Carriage Year-To-Date 2000-2004 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	5-Yr. Avg.
<b>Iron Ore</b>						
Direct Shipments	33,892,538	27,713,806	27,001,470	24,415,828	29,303,695	28,465,467
Transshipments	4,073,221	2,445,107	839,665	894,387	1,972,751	2,045,026
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>37,965,759</b>	<b>30,158,913</b>	<b>27,841,135</b>	<b>25,310,215</b>	<b>31,276,446</b>	<b>30,510,494</b>
<b>Coal</b>						0
Lake Superior	7,554,957	8,389,765	7,402,066	8,195,609	9,099,468	8,128,373
Lake Michigan	1,104,135	1,334,594	1,326,979	1,523,253	2,093,324	1,476,457
Lake Erie	3,426,374	3,249,516	3,363,423	2,476,773	3,024,256	3,108,068
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>12,085,466</b>	<b>12,973,875</b>	<b>12,092,468</b>	<b>12,195,635</b>	<b>14,217,048</b>	<b>12,712,898</b>
Limestone	16,267,787	15,651,346	15,201,420	13,818,369	18,084,829	15,804,750
Cement	2,585,912	2,562,071	2,378,652	2,426,001	2,526,085	2,495,744
Salt	622,213	418,934	324,780	613,575	644,836	524,868
Sand	152,635	317,573	104,289	323,251	285,427	236,635
Grain	112,716	146,449	165,559	158,975	216,686	160,077
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69,792,488</b>	<b>62,229,161</b>	<b>58,108,303</b>	<b>54,846,021</b>	<b>67,251,357</b>	<b>62,445,466</b>

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