



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage On The Great Lakes: August 2001-2006 And 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,995,745	5,491,827	3,945,638	5,245,457	4,506,340	4,797,318	4,837,001
Transshipments	371,415	286,760	62,440	229,970	198,107	350,525	229,738
Total - Iron Ore	5,367,160	5,778,587	4,008,078	5,475,427	4,704,447	5,147,843	5,066,740
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,557,040	1,541,511	1,889,450	1,838,383	1,994,745	1,887,704	1,764,226
Lake Michigan	226,119	242,229	349,721	289,679	343,589	295,182	290,267
Lake Erie	694,013	668,299	646,938	520,992	758,316	651,857	657,712
Total - Coal	2,477,172	2,452,039	2,886,109	2,649,054	3,096,650	2,834,743	2,712,205
Limestone	3,458,844	3,347,825	3,227,032	3,784,831	3,593,229	3,067,699	3,482,352
Cement	519,992	462,946	513,136	432,582	457,812	412,672	477,294
Salt	69,517	44,718	127,538	200,982	158,160	123,760	120,183
Sand	72,165	7,295	85,482	38,975	102,024	39,086	61,188
Grain	15,953	31,864	42,323	56,024	58,239	29,553	40,881
Totals	11,980,803	12,125,274	10,889,698	12,637,875	12,170,561	11,655,356	11,960,842

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage On The Great Lakes: 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	27,713,806	27,001,470	24,415,828	29,303,696	26,901,866	28,267,099	27,067,333
Transshipments	2,445,107	839,665	894,387	1,972,751	1,737,523	2,250,713	1,577,887
Total - Iron Ore	30,158,913	27,841,135	25,310,215	31,276,447	28,639,389	30,517,812	28,645,220
Coal							
Lake Superior	8,389,765	7,402,066	8,195,609	9,099,468	10,608,252	9,851,843	8,739,032
Lake Michigan	1,334,594	1,326,979	1,523,253	2,100,571	2,368,443	1,737,424	1,730,768
Lake Erie	3,249,516	3,363,423	2,476,773	3,024,256	3,249,886	3,039,389	3,072,771
Total - Coal	12,973,875	12,092,468	12,195,635	14,224,295	16,226,581	14,628,656	13,542,571
Limestone	15,651,346	15,201,420	13,818,369	18,195,878	17,418,802	17,359,584	16,057,163
Cement	2,562,071	2,378,652	2,426,001	2,526,085	2,368,536	2,525,266	2,452,269
Salt	418,934	324,780	613,575	644,836	669,282	713,147	534,281
Sand	317,573	104,289	323,251	285,427	300,959	216,261	266,300
Grain	146,449	165,559	158,975	216,686	208,002	148,663	179,134
Totals	62,229,161	58,108,303	54,846,021	67,369,654	65,831,551	66,109,389	61,676,938

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