



# Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average 2002-2006
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	5,491,827	3,945,638	5,245,457	4,506,340	4,797,318	4,595,700	4,797,316
Transshipments	286,760	62,440	229,970	198,107	350,525	243,816	225,560
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>5,778,587</b>	<b>4,008,078</b>	<b>5,475,427</b>	<b>4,704,447</b>	<b>5,147,843</b>	<b>4,839,516</b>	<b>5,022,876</b>
<b>Coal (by Lake of Loading)</b>							0
Lake Superior	1,541,511	1,889,450	1,838,383	1,994,745	1,887,704	1,811,152	1,830,359
Lake Michigan	242,229	349,721	289,679	343,589	295,182	267,162	304,080
Lake Erie	668,299	646,938	520,992	758,316	651,857	821,460	649,280
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,452,039</b>	<b>2,886,109</b>	<b>2,649,054</b>	<b>3,096,650</b>	<b>2,834,743</b>	<b>2,899,774</b>	<b>2,783,719</b>
Limestone	3,347,825	3,227,032	3,784,831	3,593,229	3,067,699	2,983,122	3,404,123
Cement	462,946	513,136	432,582	457,812	412,672	380,093	455,830
Salt	44,718	127,538	200,982	158,160	123,760	103,056	131,032
Sand	7,295	85,482	38,975	102,024	39,086	79,619	54,572
Grain	31,864	42,323	56,024	58,239	29,553	57,852	43,601
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,125,274</b>	<b>10,889,698</b>	<b>12,637,875</b>	<b>12,170,561</b>	<b>11,655,356</b>	<b>11,343,032</b>	<b>11,895,753</b>

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

Commodity	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average 2002-2006
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	27,001,470	24,415,828	29,303,696	26,901,866	28,267,099	27,154,447	27,177,992
Transshipments	839,665	894,387	1,972,751	1,737,523	2,250,713	1,574,689	1,539,008
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>27,841,135</b>	<b>25,310,215</b>	<b>31,276,447</b>	<b>28,639,389</b>	<b>30,517,812</b>	<b>28,729,136</b>	<b>28,717,000</b>
<b>Coal (by Lake of Loading)</b>							0
Lake Superior	7,402,066	8,195,609	9,099,468	10,608,252	9,851,843	9,881,757	9,031,448
Lake Michigan	1,326,979	1,523,253	2,100,571	2,368,443	1,737,424	1,500,839	1,811,334
Lake Erie	3,363,423	2,476,773	3,024,256	3,249,886	3,039,389	3,518,283	3,030,745
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>12,092,468</b>	<b>12,195,635</b>	<b>14,224,295</b>	<b>16,226,581</b>	<b>14,628,656</b>	<b>14,900,879</b>	<b>13,873,527</b>
Limestone	15,201,420	13,818,369	18,195,878	17,418,802	17,359,584	15,598,435	16,398,811
Cement	2,378,652	2,426,001	2,526,085	2,368,536	2,525,266	2,303,240	2,444,908
Salt	324,780	613,575	644,836	669,282	713,147	710,888	593,124
Sand	104,289	323,251	285,427	300,959	216,261	248,633	246,037
Grain	165,559	158,975	216,686	208,002	148,663	231,145	179,577
<b>Totals</b>	<b>58,108,303</b>	<b>54,846,021</b>	<b>67,369,654</b>	<b>65,831,551</b>	<b>66,109,389</b>	<b>62,722,356</b>	<b>62,452,984</b>

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