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

Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average 2004-2008
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	5,245,457	4,506,340	4,797,318	4,595,700	4,870,999	2,049,093	4,803,163
Transshipments	229,970	198,107	350,525	243,816	191,033	0	242,690
Total - Iron Ore	5,475,427	4,704,447	5,147,843	4,839,516	5,062,032	2,049,093	5,045,853
Coal							0
Lake Superior	1,838,383	1,994,745	1,887,704	1,811,152	2,236,646	1,760,417	1,953,726
Lake Michigan	289,679	343,589	295,182	267,162	320,712	283,850	303,265
Lake Erie	520,992	758,316	651,857	821,460	336,579	350,370	617,841
Total - Coal	2,649,054	3,096,650	2,834,743	2,899,774	2,893,937	2,394,637	2,874,832
Limestone	3,784,831	3,593,229	3,067,699	2,983,122	3,497,364	2,172,778	3,385,249
Cement	432,582	457,812	412,672	380,093	347,471	401,581	406,126
Salt	200,982	158,160	123,760	103,056	175,832	138,795	152,358
Sand	38,975	102,024	39,086	79,619	28,135	26,861	57,568
Grain	56,024	58,239	29,553	57,852	14,635	0	43,261
Totals	12,637,875	12,170,561	11,655,356	11,343,032	12,019,406	7,183,745	11,965,246

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: 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	29,303,696	26,901,866	28,267,099	27,154,447	29,407,922	11,841,648	28,207,006
Transshipments	1,972,751	1,737,523	2,250,713	1,574,689	1,490,987	0	1,805,333
Total - Iron Ore	31,276,447	28,639,389	30,517,812	28,729,136	30,898,909	11,841,648	30,012,339
Coal							0
Lake Superior	9,099,468	10,608,252	9,851,843	9,881,757	10,402,635	9,287,285	9,968,791
Lake Michigan	2,100,571	2,368,443	1,737,424	1,500,839	1,748,073	1,069,712	1,891,070
Lake Erie	3,024,256	3,249,886	3,039,389	3,518,283	2,106,596	1,421,321	2,987,682
Total - Coal	14,224,295	16,226,581	14,628,656	14,900,879	14,257,304	11,778,318	14,847,543
Limestone	18,195,878	17,418,802	17,359,584	15,598,435	15,000,845	9,292,488	16,714,709
Cement	2,526,085	2,368,536	2,525,266	2,303,240	1,967,767	1,650,173	2,338,179
Salt	644,836	669,282	713,147	710,888	754,123	722,471	698,455
Sand	285,427	300,959	216,261	248,633	133,200	162,786	236,896
Grain	216,686	208,002	148,663	231,145	89,664	135,966	178,832
Totals	67,369,654	65,831,551	66,109,389	62,722,356	63,101,812	35,583,850	65,026,952

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