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# Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	5-Yr. Avg.
<b>Iron Ore</b>						
Direct Shipments	5,437,482	4,388,961	4,893,656	3,868,119	5,022,951	4,722,234
Transshipments	481,450	166,031	279,738	167,796	214,507	261,904
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>5,918,932</b>	<b>4,554,992</b>	<b>5,173,394</b>	<b>4,035,915</b>	<b>5,237,458</b>	<b>4,984,138</b>
<b>Coal</b>						
Lake Superior	1,409,193	1,426,738	1,700,621	1,885,498	1,607,711	1,605,952
Lake Michigan	291,724	217,720	233,904	290,472	346,957	276,155
Lake Erie	667,814	589,182	612,426	546,657	610,681	605,352
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,368,731</b>	<b>2,233,640</b>	<b>2,546,951</b>	<b>2,722,627</b>	<b>2,565,349</b>	<b>2,487,460</b>
Limestone	3,420,968	3,197,860	3,220,901	2,985,683	3,512,051	3,267,493
Cement	466,616	408,108	415,851	426,199	428,235	429,002
Salt	103,370	99,612	89,070	41,696	155,280	97,806
Sand	68,471	94,458	43,565	54,677	54,026	63,039
Grain	49,615	32,297	33,171	45,142	27,574	37,560
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,396,703</b>	<b>10,620,967</b>	<b>11,522,903</b>	<b>10,311,939</b>	<b>11,979,973</b>	<b>11,366,497</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	39,330,020	32,102,767	31,895,126	28,283,947	34,326,646	33,187,701
Transshipments	4,554,671	2,611,138	1,119,403	1,062,183	2,187,258	2,306,931
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>43,884,691</b>	<b>34,713,905</b>	<b>33,014,529</b>	<b>29,346,130</b>	<b>36,513,904</b>	<b>35,494,632</b>
<b>Coal</b>						
Lake Superior	8,964,150	9,816,503	9,102,687	10,081,107	10,707,179	9,734,325
Lake Michigan	1,395,859	1,552,314	1,560,883	1,813,725	2,440,281	1,752,612
Lake Erie	4,094,188	3,838,698	3,975,849	3,023,430	3,634,937	3,713,420
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>14,454,197</b>	<b>15,207,515</b>	<b>14,639,419</b>	<b>14,918,262</b>	<b>16,782,397</b>	<b>15,200,358</b>
Limestone	19,688,755	18,849,206	18,422,321	16,804,052	21,596,880	19,072,243
Cement	3,052,528	2,970,179	2,794,503	2,852,200	2,954,320	2,924,746
Salt	725,583	518,546	413,850	655,271	800,116	622,673
Sand	221,106	412,031	147,854	377,928	339,453	299,674
Grain	162,331	178,746	198,730	204,117	244,260	197,637
<b>Totals</b>	<b>82,189,191</b>	<b>72,850,128</b>	<b>69,631,206</b>	<b>65,157,960</b>	<b>79,231,330</b>	<b>73,811,963</b>

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