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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: September 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2000-2004
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	5,437,482	4,388,961	4,893,656	3,868,119	5,022,951	4,442,931	4,722,234
Transshipments	481,450	166,031	279,738	167,796	214,507	233,163	261,904
Total - Iron Ore	5,918,932	4,554,992	5,173,394	4,035,915	5,237,458	4,676,094	4,984,138
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,409,193	1,426,738	1,700,621	1,885,498	1,607,711	1,758,760	1,605,952
Lake Michigan	291,724	217,720	233,904	290,472	346,957	354,705	276,155
Lake Erie	667,814	589,182	612,426	546,657	610,681	816,538	605,352
Total - Coal	2,368,731	2,233,640	2,546,951	2,722,627	2,565,349	2,930,003	2,487,460
Limestone	3,420,968	3,197,860	3,220,901	2,985,683	3,512,051	3,302,900	3,267,493
Cement	466,616	408,108	415,851	426,199	428,235	428,703	429,002
Salt	103,370	99,612	89,070	41,696	155,280	71,207	97,806
Sand	68,471	94,458	43,565	54,677	54,026	33,951	63,039
Grain	49,615	32,297	33,171	45,142	27,574	76,125	37,560
Totals	12,396,703	10,620,967	11,522,903	10,311,939	11,979,973	11,518,983	11,366,497

U.S.-Flag Carriage Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage: Year-To-Date 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2000-2004
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	39,330,020	32,102,767	31,895,126	28,283,947	34,326,646	31,344,797	33,187,701
Transshipments	4,554,671	2,611,138	1,119,403	1,062,183	2,187,258	1,970,686	2,306,931
Total - Iron Ore	43,884,691	34,713,905	33,014,529	29,346,130	36,513,904	33,315,483	35,494,632
Coal							
Lake Superior	8,964,150	9,816,503	9,102,687	10,081,107	10,707,179	12,367,012	9,734,325
Lake Michigan	1,395,859	1,552,314	1,560,883	1,813,725	2,440,281	2,723,148	1,752,612
Lake Erie	4,094,188	3,838,698	3,975,849	3,023,430	3,634,937	4,066,424	3,713,420
Total - Coal	14,454,197	15,207,515	14,639,419	14,918,262	16,782,397	19,156,584	15,200,358
Limestone	19,688,755	18,849,206	18,422,321	16,804,052	21,596,880	20,721,702	19,072,243
Cement	3,052,528	2,970,179	2,794,503	2,852,200	2,954,320	2,797,239	2,924,746
Salt	725,583	518,546	413,850	655,271	800,116	740,489	622,673
Sand	221,106	412,031	147,854	377,928	339,453	334,910	299,674
Grain	162,331	178,746	198,730	204,117	244,260	284,127	197,637
Totals	82,189,191	72,850,128	69,631,206	65,157,960	79,231,330	77,350,534	73,811,963

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