



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: September 2001-2006 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,388,961	4,893,656	3,868,119	5,022,951	4,442,931	4,702,315	4,523,324
Transshipments	166,031	279,738	167,796	214,507	233,163	282,491	212,247
Total - Iron Ore	4,554,992	5,173,394	4,035,915	5,237,458	4,676,094	4,984,806	4,735,571
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,426,738	1,700,621	1,885,498	1,607,711	1,758,760	1,997,048	1,675,866
Lake Michigan	217,720	233,904	290,472	346,957	354,705	363,836	288,752
Lake Erie	589,182	612,426	546,657	610,681	816,538	549,425	635,097
Total - Coal	2,233,640	2,546,951	2,722,627	2,565,349	2,930,003	2,910,309	2,599,714
Limestone	3,197,860	3,220,901	2,985,683	3,512,051	3,302,900	3,394,555	3,243,879
Cement	408,108	415,851	426,199	428,235	428,703	421,382	421,419
Salt	99,612	89,070	41,696	155,280	71,207	93,870	91,373
Sand	94,458	43,565	54,677	54,026	33,951	49,336	56,135
Grain	32,297	33,171	45,142	27,574	76,125	74,844	42,862
Totals	10,620,967	11,522,903	10,311,939	11,979,973	11,518,983	11,929,102	11,190,953

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	32,102,767	31,895,126	28,283,947	34,326,646	31,344,797	32,969,414	31,590,657
Transshipments	2,611,138	1,119,403	1,062,183	2,187,258	1,970,686	2,533,204	1,790,134
Total - Iron Ore	34,713,905	33,014,529	29,346,130	36,513,904	33,315,483	35,502,618	33,380,790
Coal							
Lake Superior	9,816,503	9,102,687	10,081,107	10,707,179	12,367,012	11,848,891	10,414,898
Lake Michigan	1,552,314	1,560,883	1,813,725	2,440,281	2,723,148	2,101,260	2,018,070
Lake Erie	3,838,698	3,975,849	3,023,430	3,634,937	4,066,424	3,588,814	3,707,868
Total - Coal	15,207,515	14,639,419	14,918,262	16,782,397	19,156,584	17,538,965	16,140,835
Limestone	18,849,206	18,422,321	16,804,052	21,596,880	20,721,702	20,754,139	19,278,832
Cement	2,970,179	2,794,503	2,852,200	2,954,320	2,797,239	2,946,648	2,873,688
Salt	518,546	413,850	655,271	800,116	740,489	807,017	625,654
Sand	412,031	147,854	377,928	339,453	334,910	265,597	322,435
Grain	178,746	198,730	204,117	244,260	284,127	223,507	221,996
Totals	72,850,128	69,631,206	65,157,960	79,231,330	77,350,534	78,038,491	72,844,232

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