



# Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average 2002-2006
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,893,656	3,868,119	5,022,951	4,442,931	4,702,315	4,677,985	4,585,994
Transshipments	279,738	167,796	214,507	233,163	282,491	208,142	235,539
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>5,173,394</b>	<b>4,035,915</b>	<b>5,237,458</b>	<b>4,676,094</b>	<b>4,984,806</b>	<b>4,886,127</b>	<b>4,821,533</b>
<b>Coal (by Lake of Loading)</b>							0
Lake Superior	1,700,621	1,885,498	1,607,711	1,758,760	1,997,048	1,710,010	1,789,928
Lake Michigan	233,904	290,472	346,957	354,705	363,836	241,716	317,975
Lake Erie	612,426	546,657	610,681	816,538	549,425	641,709	627,145
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,546,951</b>	<b>2,722,627</b>	<b>2,565,349</b>	<b>2,930,003</b>	<b>2,910,309</b>	<b>2,593,435</b>	<b>2,735,048</b>
Limestone	3,220,901	2,985,683	3,512,051	3,302,900	3,394,555	3,015,471	3,283,218
Cement	415,851	426,199	428,235	428,703	421,382	380,819	424,074
Salt	89,070	41,696	155,280	71,207	93,870	95,089	90,225
Sand	43,565	54,677	54,026	33,951	49,336	56,618	47,111
Grain	33,171	45,142	27,574	76,125	74,844	51,040	51,371
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,522,903</b>	<b>10,311,939</b>	<b>11,979,973</b>	<b>11,518,983</b>	<b>11,929,102</b>	<b>11,078,599</b>	<b>11,452,580</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	31,895,126	28,283,947	34,326,646	31,344,797	32,969,414	31,832,432	31,763,986
Transshipments	1,119,403	1,062,183	2,187,258	1,970,686	2,533,204	1,782,831	1,774,547
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>33,014,529</b>	<b>29,346,130</b>	<b>36,513,904</b>	<b>33,315,483</b>	<b>35,502,618</b>	<b>33,615,263</b>	<b>33,538,533</b>
<b>Coal (by Lake of Loading)</b>							0
Lake Superior	9,102,687	10,081,107	10,707,179	12,367,012	11,848,891	11,591,767	10,821,375
Lake Michigan	1,560,883	1,813,725	2,440,281	2,723,148	2,101,260	1,742,555	2,127,859
Lake Erie	3,975,849	3,023,430	3,634,937	4,066,424	3,588,814	4,159,992	3,657,891
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>14,639,419</b>	<b>14,918,262</b>	<b>16,782,397</b>	<b>19,156,584</b>	<b>17,538,965</b>	<b>17,494,314</b>	<b>16,607,125</b>
Limestone	18,422,321	16,804,052	21,596,880	20,721,702	20,754,139	18,613,906	19,659,819
Cement	2,794,503	2,852,200	2,954,320	2,797,239	2,946,648	2,684,059	2,868,982
Salt	413,850	655,271	800,116	740,489	807,017	805,977	683,349
Sand	147,854	377,928	339,453	334,910	265,597	305,251	293,148
Grain	198,730	204,117	244,260	284,127	223,507	282,185	230,948
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69,631,206</b>	<b>65,157,960</b>	<b>79,231,330</b>	<b>77,350,534</b>	<b>78,038,491</b>	<b>73,800,955</b>	<b>73,881,904</b>

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