



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: September 2003-2008 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	3,868,119	5,022,951	4,442,931	4,702,315	4,677,985	4,839,621	4,542,860
Transshipments	167,796	214,507	233,163	282,491	208,142	183,836	221,220
Total - Iron Ore	4,035,915	5,237,458	4,676,094	4,984,806	4,886,127	5,023,457	4,764,080
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,885,498	1,607,711	1,758,760	1,997,048	1,710,010	1,893,184	1,791,805
Lake Michigan	290,472	346,957	354,705	363,836	241,716	364,885	319,537
Lake Erie	546,657	610,681	816,538	549,425	641,709	415,909	633,002
Total - Coal	2,722,627	2,565,349	2,930,003	2,910,309	2,593,435	2,673,978	2,744,345
Limestone	2,985,683	3,512,051	3,302,900	3,394,555	3,015,471	2,660,324	3,242,132
Cement	426,199	428,235	428,703	421,382	380,819	397,735	417,068
Salt	41,696	155,280	71,207	93,870	95,089	119,685	91,428
Sand	54,677	54,026	33,951	49,336	56,618	36,039	49,722
Grain	45,142	27,574	76,125	74,844	51,040	85,179	54,945
Totals	10,311,939	11,979,973	11,518,983	11,929,102	11,078,599	10,996,397	11,363,719

Year-To-Date 2003-2008 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	28,283,947	34,326,646	31,344,797	32,969,414	31,832,432	34,247,543	31,751,447
Transshipments	1,062,183	2,187,258	1,970,686	2,533,204	1,782,831	1,674,823	1,907,232
Total - Iron Ore	29,346,130	36,513,904	33,315,483	35,502,618	33,615,263	35,922,366	33,658,680
Coal							0
Lake Superior	10,081,107	10,707,179	12,367,012	11,848,891	11,591,767	12,295,819	11,319,191
Lake Michigan	1,813,725	2,440,281	2,723,148	2,101,260	1,742,555	2,112,958	2,164,194
Lake Erie	3,023,430	3,634,937	4,066,424	3,588,814	4,159,992	2,522,505	3,694,719
Total - Coal	14,918,262	16,782,397	19,156,584	17,538,965	17,494,314	16,931,282	17,178,104
Limestone	16,804,052	21,596,880	20,721,702	20,754,139	18,613,906	17,661,169	19,698,136
Cement	2,852,200	2,954,320	2,797,239	2,946,648	2,684,059	2,365,502	2,846,893
Salt	655,271	800,116	740,489	807,017	805,977	873,808	761,774
Sand	377,928	339,453	334,910	265,597	305,251	169,239	324,628
Grain	204,117	244,260	284,127	223,507	282,185	174,843	247,639
Totals	65,157,960	79,231,330	77,350,534	78,038,491	73,800,955	74,098,209	74,715,854

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