



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: September 2004-2009 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average 2004-2008
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	5,022,951	4,442,931	4,702,315	4,677,985	4,839,621	2,173,205	4,737,161
Transshipments	214,507	233,163	282,491	208,142	183,836	0	224,428
Total - Iron Ore	5,237,458	4,676,094	4,984,806	4,886,127	5,023,457	2,173,205	4,961,588
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,607,711	1,758,760	1,997,048	1,710,010	1,893,184	1,398,237	1,793,343
Lake Michigan	346,957	354,705	363,836	241,716	364,885	166,349	334,420
Lake Erie	610,681	816,538	549,425	641,709	415,909	467,565	606,852
Total - Coal	2,565,349	2,930,003	2,910,309	2,593,435	2,673,978	2,032,151	2,734,615
Limestone	3,512,051	3,302,900	3,394,555	3,015,471	2,660,324	2,265,089	3,177,060
Cement	428,235	428,703	421,382	380,819	397,735	329,511	411,375
Salt	155,280	71,207	93,870	95,089	119,685	137,488	107,026
Sand	54,026	33,951	49,336	56,618	36,039	35,956	45,994
Grain	27,574	76,125	74,844	51,040	85,179	37,231	62,952
Totals	11,979,973	11,518,983	11,929,102	11,078,599	10,996,397	7,010,631	11,500,611

Year-To-Date 2004-2009 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average 2004-2008
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	34,326,646	31,344,797	32,969,414	31,832,432	34,247,543	14,014,853	32,944,166
Transshipments	2,187,258	1,970,686	2,533,204	1,782,831	1,674,823	0	2,029,760
Total - Iron Ore	36,513,904	33,315,483	35,502,618	33,615,263	35,922,366	14,014,853	34,973,927
Coal							
Lake Superior	10,707,179	12,367,012	11,848,891	11,591,767	12,295,819	10,685,522	11,762,134
Lake Michigan	2,440,281	2,723,148	2,101,260	1,742,555	2,112,958	1,236,061	2,224,040
Lake Erie	3,634,937	4,066,424	3,588,814	4,159,992	2,522,505	1,888,886	3,594,534
Total - Coal	16,782,397	19,156,584	17,538,965	17,494,314	16,931,282	13,810,469	17,580,708
Limestone	21,596,880	20,721,702	20,754,139	18,613,906	17,661,169	11,557,577	19,869,559
Cement	2,954,320	2,797,239	2,946,648	2,684,059	2,365,502	1,979,684	2,749,554
Salt	800,116	740,489	807,017	805,977	873,808	859,959	805,481
Sand	339,453	334,910	265,597	305,251	169,239	198,742	282,890
Grain	244,260	284,127	223,507	282,185	174,843	173,197	241,784
Totals	79,231,330	77,350,534	78,038,491	73,800,955	74,098,209	42,594,481	76,503,904

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