



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes September 2006-2011 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,702,315	4,677,985	4,839,621	2,173,205	3,843,226	4,453,874	4,047,270
Transshipments	282,491	208,142	183,836	0	98,266	130,673	154,547
Total - Iron Ore	4,984,806	4,886,127	5,023,457	2,173,205	3,941,492	4,584,547	4,201,817
Coal							0
Lake Superior	1,997,048	1,710,010	1,893,184	1,398,237	1,780,264	1,659,085	1,755,749
Lake Michigan	363,836	241,716	364,885	166,349	225,415	345,508	272,440
Lake Erie	549,425	641,709	415,909	467,565	383,144	382,880	491,550
Total - Coal	2,910,309	2,593,435	2,673,978	2,032,151	2,388,823	2,387,473	2,519,739
Limestone	3,394,555	3,015,471	2,660,324	2,265,089	2,522,713	2,646,273	2,771,630
Cement	421,382	380,819	397,735	329,511	370,369	282,216	379,963
Salt	93,870	95,089	119,685	137,488	72,928	120,139	103,812
Sand	49,336	56,618	36,039	35,956	13,019	29,851	38,194
Grain	74,844	51,040	85,179	37,231	61,635	37,320	61,986
Totals	11,929,102	11,078,599	10,996,397	7,010,631	9,370,979	10,087,819	10,077,142

Year-To-Date 2006-2011 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	32,969,414	31,832,432	34,247,543	14,014,853	28,132,754	30,960,031	28,239,399
Transshipments	2,533,204	1,782,831	1,674,823	0	1,715,642	1,967,097	1,541,300
Total - Iron Ore	35,502,618	33,615,263	35,922,366	14,014,853	29,848,396	32,927,128	29,780,699
Coal							0
Lake Superior	11,848,891	11,591,767	12,295,819	10,685,522	11,175,557	9,174,189	11,519,511
Lake Michigan	2,101,260	1,742,555	2,112,958	1,236,061	1,313,597	1,975,196	1,701,286
Lake Erie	3,588,814	4,159,992	2,522,505	1,888,886	2,419,539	2,824,132	2,915,947
Total - Coal	17,538,965	17,494,314	16,931,282	13,810,469	14,908,693	13,973,517	16,136,745
Limestone	20,754,139	18,613,906	17,661,169	11,557,577	14,796,325	14,963,183	16,676,623
Cement	2,946,648	2,684,059	2,365,502	1,979,684	2,004,410	2,018,460	2,396,061
Salt	807,017	805,977	873,808	859,959	944,513	983,671	858,255
Sand	265,597	305,251	169,239	198,742	128,243	205,732	213,414
Grain	223,507	282,185	174,843	173,197	184,823	159,311	207,711
Totals	78,038,491	73,800,955	74,098,209	42,594,481	62,815,403	65,231,002	66,269,508

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