



The Greatest Ships on the Great Lakes

Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Carriage on the Great Lakes: October 2000-2004 and 5-Year Average

(net tons)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	5-Yr. Avg.
Iron Ore						
Direct Shipments	5,676,342	4,416,929	4,769,602	4,085,457	4,653,325	4,720,331
Transshipments	495,022	217,243	426,195	211,172	238,068	317,540
Total - Iron Ore	6,171,364	4,634,172	5,195,797	4,296,629	4,891,393	5,037,871
Coal						
Lake Superior	1,225,783	1,437,003	1,710,732	1,487,538	1,565,124	1,485,236
Lake Michigan	270,089	257,191	270,711	386,295	423,560	321,569
Lake Erie	661,880	888,824	634,342	725,030	517,033	685,422
Total - Coal	2,157,752	2,583,018	2,615,785	2,598,863	2,505,717	2,492,227
Limestone	3,401,696	3,136,706	3,378,615	3,337,355	3,581,970	3,367,268
Cement	485,339	459,106	394,816	404,855	385,055	425,834
Salt	86,765	75,098	103,149	148,778	98,291	102,416
Sand	135,073	95,730	36,505	56,206	47,414	74,186
Grain	62,492	64,915	65,421	82,737	43,417	63,796
Totals	12,500,481	11,048,745	11,790,088	10,925,423	11,553,257	11,563,599

U.S.-Flag Carriage Year-To-Date 2000-2004 and 5-Year Average

(net tons)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	5-Yr. Avg.
Iron Ore						
Direct Shipments	45,006,362	36,519,696	36,664,728	32,369,404	38,979,971	37,908,032
Transshipments	5,049,693	2,828,381	1,545,598	1,273,355	2,425,326	2,624,471
Total - Iron Ore	50,056,055	39,348,077	38,210,326	33,642,759	41,405,297	40,532,503
Coal						
Lake Superior	10,189,933	11,253,506	10,813,419	11,568,645	12,272,303	11,219,561
Lake Michigan	1,665,948	1,809,505	1,831,594	2,200,020	2,863,841	2,074,182
Lake Erie	4,756,068	4,727,522	4,610,191	3,748,460	4,151,970	4,398,842
Total - Coal	16,611,949	17,790,533	17,255,204	17,517,125	19,288,114	17,692,585
Limestone	23,090,451	21,985,912	21,800,936	20,141,407	25,178,850	22,439,511
Cement	3,537,867	3,429,285	3,189,319	3,257,055	3,339,375	3,350,580
Salt	812,348	593,644	516,999	804,049	898,407	725,089
Sand	356,179	507,761	184,359	434,134	386,867	373,860
Grain	224,823	243,661	264,151	286,854	287,677	261,433
Totals	94,689,672	83,898,873	81,421,294	76,083,383	90,784,587	85,375,562

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