



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: October 2001-2006 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,416,929	4,769,602	4,085,457	4,653,325	4,597,243	4,345,968	4,504,511
Transshipments	217,243	426,195	211,172	238,068	268,006	317,107	272,137
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>4,634,172</b>	<b>5,195,797</b>	<b>4,296,629</b>	<b>4,891,393</b>	<b>4,865,249</b>	<b>4,663,075</b>	<b>4,776,648</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,437,003	1,710,732	1,487,538	1,565,124	1,854,789	1,842,782	1,611,037
Lake Michigan	257,191	270,711	386,295	423,560	406,553	364,351	348,862
Lake Erie	888,824	634,342	725,030	517,033	687,869	480,571	690,620
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,583,018</b>	<b>2,615,785</b>	<b>2,598,863</b>	<b>2,505,717</b>	<b>2,949,211</b>	<b>2,687,704</b>	<b>2,650,519</b>
Limestone	3,136,706	3,378,615	3,337,355	3,581,970	3,055,717	3,055,157	3,298,073
Cement	459,106	394,816	404,855	385,055	423,783	450,062	413,523
Salt	75,098	103,149	148,778	98,291	119,530	114,404	108,969
Sand	95,730	36,505	56,206	47,414	63,730	95,281	59,917
Grain	64,915	65,421	82,737	43,417	28,478	45,391	56,994
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,048,745</b>	<b>11,790,088</b>	<b>10,925,423</b>	<b>11,553,257</b>	<b>11,505,698</b>	<b>11,111,074</b>	<b>11,364,642</b>

### U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: Year-To-Date 2001-2006 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	36,519,696	36,664,728	32,369,404	38,979,971	35,942,040	37,315,382	36,095,168
Transshipments	2,828,381	1,545,598	1,273,355	2,425,326	2,238,692	2,850,311	2,062,270
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>39,348,077</b>	<b>38,210,326</b>	<b>33,642,759</b>	<b>41,405,297</b>	<b>38,180,732</b>	<b>40,165,693</b>	<b>38,157,438</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	11,253,506	10,813,419	11,568,645	12,272,303	14,221,801	13,691,673	12,025,935
Lake Michigan	1,809,505	1,831,594	2,200,020	2,863,841	3,129,701	2,465,611	2,366,932
Lake Erie	4,727,522	4,610,191	3,748,460	4,151,970	4,754,293	4,069,385	4,398,487
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>17,790,533</b>	<b>17,255,204</b>	<b>17,517,125</b>	<b>19,288,114</b>	<b>22,105,795</b>	<b>20,226,669</b>	<b>18,791,354</b>
Limestone	21,985,912	21,800,936	20,141,407	25,178,850	23,777,419	23,809,296	22,576,905
Cement	3,429,285	3,189,319	3,257,055	3,339,375	3,221,022	3,396,710	3,287,211
Salt	593,644	516,999	804,049	898,407	860,019	921,421	734,624
Sand	507,761	184,359	434,134	386,867	398,640	360,878	382,352
Grain	243,661	264,151	286,854	287,677	312,605	268,898	278,990
<b>Totals</b>	<b>83,898,873</b>	<b>81,421,294</b>	<b>76,083,383</b>	<b>90,784,587</b>	<b>88,856,232</b>	<b>89,149,565</b>	<b>84,208,874</b>

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