



# Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average 2004-2008
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,653,325	4,597,243	4,345,968	4,607,352	4,651,943	2,662,795	4,571,166
Transshipments	238,068	268,006	317,107	101,146	219,064	192,765	228,678
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>4,891,393</b>	<b>4,865,249</b>	<b>4,663,075</b>	<b>4,708,498</b>	<b>4,871,007</b>	<b>2,855,560</b>	<b>4,799,844</b>
<b>Coal</b>							0
Lake Superior	1,565,124	1,854,789	1,842,782	1,747,910	1,851,640	1,954,519	1,772,449
Lake Michigan	423,560	406,553	364,351	379,138	363,573	312,256	387,435
Lake Erie	517,033	687,869	480,571	642,348	439,452	463,614	553,455
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,505,717</b>	<b>2,949,211</b>	<b>2,687,704</b>	<b>2,769,396</b>	<b>2,654,665</b>	<b>2,730,389</b>	<b>2,713,339</b>
Limestone	3,581,970	3,055,717	3,055,157	2,985,181	2,942,381	2,514,506	3,124,081
Cement	385,055	423,783	450,062	363,550	366,750	385,879	397,840
Salt	98,291	119,530	114,404	185,169	96,633	145,945	122,805
Sand	47,414	63,730	95,281	82,735	88,445	50,262	75,521
Grain	43,417	28,478	45,391	56,735	40,359	57,601	42,876
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,553,257</b>	<b>11,505,698</b>	<b>11,111,074</b>	<b>11,151,264</b>	<b>11,060,240</b>	<b>8,740,142</b>	<b>11,276,307</b>

### U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage Year-To-Date 2004-2009 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average 2004-2008
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	38,979,971	35,942,040	37,315,382	36,439,784	38,899,486	16,677,648	37,515,333
Transshipments	2,425,326	2,238,692	2,850,311	1,883,977	1,893,887	192,765	2,258,439
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>41,405,297</b>	<b>38,180,732</b>	<b>40,165,693</b>	<b>38,323,761</b>	<b>40,793,373</b>	<b>16,870,413</b>	<b>39,773,771</b>
<b>Coal</b>							0
Lake Superior	12,272,303	14,221,801	13,691,673	13,339,677	14,147,459	12,640,041	13,534,583
Lake Michigan	2,863,841	3,129,701	2,465,611	2,121,693	2,476,531	1,548,317	2,611,475
Lake Erie	4,151,970	4,754,293	4,069,385	4,802,340	2,961,957	2,352,500	4,147,989
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>19,288,114</b>	<b>22,105,795</b>	<b>20,226,669</b>	<b>20,263,710</b>	<b>19,585,947</b>	<b>16,540,858</b>	<b>20,294,047</b>
Limestone	25,178,850	23,777,419	23,809,296	21,599,087	20,603,550	14,072,083	22,993,640
Cement	3,339,375	3,221,022	3,396,710	3,047,609	2,732,252	2,365,563	3,147,394
Salt	898,407	860,019	921,421	991,146	970,441	1,005,904	928,287
Sand	386,867	398,640	360,878	387,986	257,684	249,004	358,411
Grain	287,677	312,605	268,898	338,920	215,202	230,798	284,660
<b>Totals</b>	<b>90,784,587</b>	<b>88,856,232</b>	<b>89,149,565</b>	<b>84,952,219</b>	<b>85,158,449</b>	<b>51,334,623</b>	<b>87,780,210</b>

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