



# Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,345,968	4,607,352	4,651,943	2,662,795	3,700,178	4,053,529	3,993,647
Transshipments	317,107	101,146	219,064	192,765	133,968	270,189	192,810
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>4,663,075</b>	<b>4,708,498</b>	<b>4,871,007</b>	<b>2,855,560</b>	<b>3,834,146</b>	<b>4,323,718</b>	<b>4,186,457</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,842,782	1,747,910	1,851,640	1,954,519	1,668,030	1,292,549	1,812,976
Lake Michigan	364,351	379,138	363,573	312,256	235,144	374,608	330,892
Lake Erie	480,571	642,348	439,452	463,614	413,097	417,884	487,816
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,687,704</b>	<b>2,769,396</b>	<b>2,654,665</b>	<b>2,730,389</b>	<b>2,316,271</b>	<b>2,085,041</b>	<b>2,631,685</b>
Limestone	3,055,157	2,985,181	2,942,381	2,514,506	2,797,913	2,805,094	2,859,028
Cement	450,062	363,550	366,750	385,879	319,674	347,467	377,183
Salt	114,404	185,169	96,633	145,945	148,368	169,038	138,104
Sand	95,281	82,735	88,445	50,262	27,889	19,878	68,922
Grain	45,391	56,735	40,359	57,601	38,838	39,047	47,785
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,111,074</b>	<b>11,151,264</b>	<b>11,060,240</b>	<b>8,740,142</b>	<b>9,483,099</b>	<b>9,789,283</b>	<b>10,309,164</b>

## U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage Year-To-Date 2006-2011 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	37,315,382	36,439,784	38,899,486	16,677,648	31,832,932	35,013,560	32,233,046
Transshipments	2,850,311	1,883,977	1,893,887	192,765	1,849,610	2,237,286	1,734,110
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>40,165,693</b>	<b>38,323,761</b>	<b>40,793,373</b>	<b>16,870,413</b>	<b>33,682,542</b>	<b>37,250,846</b>	<b>33,967,156</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	13,691,673	13,339,677	14,147,459	12,640,041	12,843,587	10,466,738	13,332,487
Lake Michigan	2,465,611	2,121,693	2,476,531	1,548,317	1,548,741	2,349,804	2,032,179
Lake Erie	4,069,385	4,802,340	2,961,957	2,352,500	2,832,636	3,242,016	3,403,764
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>20,226,669</b>	<b>20,263,710</b>	<b>19,585,947</b>	<b>16,540,858</b>	<b>17,224,964</b>	<b>16,058,558</b>	<b>18,768,430</b>
Limestone	23,809,296	21,599,087	20,603,550	14,072,083	17,594,238	17,768,277	19,535,651
Cement	3,396,710	3,047,609	2,732,252	2,365,563	2,324,084	2,365,927	2,773,244
Salt	921,421	991,146	970,441	1,005,904	1,092,881	1,152,709	996,359
Sand	360,878	387,986	257,684	249,004	156,132	225,610	282,337
Grain	268,898	338,920	215,202	230,798	223,661	198,358	255,496
<b>Totals</b>	<b>89,149,565</b>	<b>84,952,219</b>	<b>85,158,449</b>	<b>51,334,623</b>	<b>72,298,502</b>	<b>75,020,285</b>	<b>76,578,672</b>

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