



The Greatest Ships on the Great Lakes

Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Carriage on the Great Lakes: November 2000-2004 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	5-Yr. Avg.
Iron Ore						
Direct Shipments	5,036,177	4,029,459	4,624,915	4,234,852	4,550,432	4,495,167
Transshipments	431,886	266,351	395,983	109,359	236,999	288,116
Total - Iron Ore	5,468,063	4,295,810	5,020,898	4,344,211	4,787,431	4,783,283
Coal						
Lake Superior	1,351,778	1,512,520	1,827,614	1,376,132	1,664,200	1,546,449
Lake Michigan	259,001	269,723	175,964	270,431	415,586	278,141
Lake Erie	571,545	702,789	687,133	607,907	787,409	671,357
Total - Coal	2,182,324	2,485,032	2,690,711	2,254,470	2,867,195	2,495,946
Limestone	3,154,003	3,350,259	2,818,957	2,464,945	2,893,517	2,936,336
Cement	357,217	360,787	346,870	340,754	339,569	349,039
Salt	0	159,656	44,239	111,953	63,815	75,933
Sand	55,552	85,514	31,807	10,207	61,093	48,835
Grain	62,033	48,778	33,001	25,462	38,046	41,464
Totals	11,279,192	10,785,836	10,986,483	9,552,002	11,050,666	10,730,836

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	50,279,538	40,549,155	41,289,643	36,604,256	43,530,403	42,450,599
Transshipments	5,481,579	3,094,732	1,941,581	1,382,714	2,662,325	2,912,586
Total - Iron Ore	55,761,117	43,643,887	43,231,224	37,986,970	46,192,728	45,363,185
Coal						
Lake Superior	11,541,711	12,766,026	12,641,033	12,944,777	13,936,503	12,766,010
Lake Michigan	1,924,949	2,079,228	2,007,558	2,470,451	3,279,427	2,352,323
Lake Erie	5,327,613	5,430,311	5,297,324	4,356,367	4,939,379	5,070,199
Total - Coal	18,794,273	20,275,565	19,945,915	19,771,595	22,155,309	20,188,531
Limestone	26,244,454	25,336,171	24,619,893	22,606,352	28,072,367	25,375,847
Cement	3,895,084	3,790,072	3,536,189	3,597,809	3,678,944	3,699,620
Salt	812,348	753,300	561,238	916,002	962,222	801,022
Sand	311,731	593,275	216,166	444,341	347,960	382,695
Grain	286,856	292,439	297,152	312,316	325,723	302,897
Totals	106,105,863	94,684,709	92,407,777	85,635,385	101,735,253	96,113,797

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