



Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,029,459	4,624,915	4,234,852	4,550,432	3,561,218	4,265,568	4,200,175
Transshipments	266,351	395,983	109,359	236,999	204,506	144,863	242,640
Total - Iron Ore	4,295,810	5,020,898	4,344,211	4,787,431	3,765,724	4,410,431	4,442,815
Coal							0
Lake Superior	1,512,520	1,827,614	1,376,132	1,664,200	1,630,161	1,634,460	1,602,125
Lake Michigan	269,723	175,964	270,431	415,586	281,365	330,840	282,614
Lake Erie	702,789	687,133	607,907	560,806	679,793	484,417	647,686
Total - Coal	2,485,032	2,690,711	2,254,470	2,640,592	2,591,319	2,449,717	2,532,425
Limestone	3,350,259	2,818,957	2,464,945	3,120,120	2,560,169	3,197,372	2,862,890
Cement	360,787	346,870	340,754	339,569	329,300	328,469	343,456
Salt	159,656	44,239	111,953	63,815	203,927	114,093	116,718
Sand	85,514	31,807	10,207	61,093	35,155	38,280	44,755
Grain	48,778	33,001	25,462	38,046	45,083	29,912	38,074
Totals	10,785,836	10,986,483	9,552,002	11,050,666	9,530,677	10,568,274	10,381,133

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
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	40,549,155	41,289,643	36,604,256	43,530,403	39,503,258	41,580,950	40,295,343
Transshipments	3,094,732	1,941,581	1,382,714	2,662,325	2,443,198	2,995,174	2,304,910
Total - Iron Ore	43,643,887	43,231,224	37,986,970	46,192,728	41,946,456	44,576,124	42,600,253
Coal							0
Lake Superior	12,766,026	12,641,033	12,944,777	13,936,503	15,851,962	15,326,133	13,628,060
Lake Michigan	2,079,228	2,007,558	2,470,451	3,279,427	3,411,066	2,796,451	2,649,546
Lake Erie	5,430,311	5,297,324	4,356,367	4,712,776	5,434,086	4,553,802	5,046,173
Total - Coal	20,275,565	19,945,915	19,771,595	21,928,706	24,697,114	22,676,386	21,323,779
Limestone	25,336,171	24,619,893	22,606,352	28,298,970	26,337,588	27,006,668	25,439,795
Cement	3,790,072	3,536,189	3,597,809	3,678,944	3,550,322	3,752,179	3,630,667
Salt	753,300	561,238	916,002	962,222	1,063,946	1,035,514	851,342
Sand	593,275	216,166	444,341	347,960	433,795	399,158	407,107
Grain	292,439	297,152	312,316	325,723	357,688	298,810	317,064
Totals	94,684,709	92,407,777	85,635,385	101,735,25	98,386,909	99,744,839	94,570,007

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