



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: November 2002-2007 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average 2002-2006
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,624,915	4,234,852	4,550,432	3,561,218	4,265,568	3,870,832	4,247,397
Transshipments	395,983	109,359	236,999	204,506	144,863	146,837	218,342
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>5,020,898</b>	<b>4,344,211</b>	<b>4,787,431</b>	<b>3,765,724</b>	<b>4,410,431</b>	<b>4,017,669</b>	<b>4,465,739</b>
<b>Coal (by Lake of Loading)</b>							
Lake Superior	1,827,614	1,376,132	1,664,200	1,630,161	1,634,460	1,501,920	1,626,513
Lake Michigan	175,964	270,431	415,586	281,365	330,840	266,596	294,837
Lake Erie	687,133	607,907	560,806	679,793	484,417	522,525	604,011
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,690,711</b>	<b>2,254,470</b>	<b>2,640,592</b>	<b>2,591,319</b>	<b>2,449,717</b>	<b>2,291,041</b>	<b>2,525,362</b>
Limestone	2,818,957	2,464,945	3,120,120	2,560,169	3,197,372	2,850,613	2,832,313
Cement	346,870	340,754	339,569	329,300	328,469	296,469	336,992
Salt	44,239	111,953	63,815	203,927	114,093	137,560	107,605
Sand	31,807	10,207	61,093	35,155	38,280	50,183	35,308
Grain	33,001	25,462	38,046	45,083	29,912	19,669	34,301
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,986,483</b>	<b>9,552,002</b>	<b>11,050,666</b>	<b>9,530,677</b>	<b>10,568,274</b>	<b>9,663,204</b>	<b>10,337,620</b>

### U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: Year-To-Date 2002-2007 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average 2002-2006
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	41,289,643	36,604,256	43,530,403	39,503,258	41,580,950	40,310,616	40,501,702
Transshipments	1,941,581	1,382,714	2,662,325	2,443,198	2,995,174	2,030,814	2,284,998
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>43,231,224</b>	<b>37,986,970</b>	<b>46,192,728</b>	<b>41,946,456</b>	<b>44,576,124</b>	<b>42,341,430</b>	<b>42,786,700</b>
<b>Coal (by Lake of Loading)</b>							
Lake Superior	12,641,033	12,944,777	13,936,503	15,851,962	15,326,133	14,841,597	14,140,082
Lake Michigan	2,007,558	2,470,451	3,279,427	3,411,066	2,796,451	2,388,289	2,792,991
Lake Erie	5,297,324	4,356,367	4,712,776	5,434,086	4,553,802	5,324,865	4,870,871
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>19,945,915</b>	<b>19,771,595</b>	<b>21,928,706</b>	<b>24,697,114</b>	<b>22,676,386</b>	<b>22,554,751</b>	<b>21,803,943</b>
Limestone	24,619,893	22,606,352	28,298,970	26,337,588	27,006,668	24,449,700	25,773,894
Cement	3,536,189	3,597,809	3,678,944	3,550,322	3,752,179	3,344,078	3,623,089
Salt	561,238	916,002	962,222	1,063,946	1,035,514	1,128,706	907,784
Sand	216,166	444,341	347,960	433,795	399,158	438,169	368,284
Grain	297,152	312,316	325,723	357,688	298,810	358,589	318,338
<b>Totals</b>	<b>92,407,777</b>	<b>85,635,385</b>	<b>101,735,253</b>	<b>98,386,909</b>	<b>99,744,839</b>	<b>94,615,423</b>	<b>95,582,033</b>

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