



# Lake Carriers' Association

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#### U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: November 2003-2008 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,234,852	4,550,432	3,561,218	4,265,568	3,870,832	3,887,492	4,096,580
Transshipments	109,359	236,999	204,506	144,863	146,837	0	168,513
<b>Total - Iron Ore</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>3,887,492</b>	<b>4,265,093</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,376,132	1,664,200	1,630,161	1,634,460	1,501,920	2,074,458	1,561,375
Lake Michigan	270,431	415,586	281,365	330,840	266,596	389,034	312,964
Lake Erie	607,907	560,806	679,793	484,417	522,525	499,408	571,090
<b>Total - Coal</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>2,962,900</b>	<b>2,445,428</b>
Limestone	2,464,945	3,120,120	2,560,169	3,197,372	2,850,613	2,646,785	2,838,644
Cement	340,754	339,569	329,300	328,469	296,469	349,936	326,912
Salt	111,953	63,815	203,927	114,093	137,560	140,382	126,270
Sand	10,207	61,093	35,155	38,280	50,183	86,159	38,984
Grain	25,462	38,046	45,083	29,912	19,669	0	31,634
<b>Totals</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>10,073,654</b>	<b>10,072,965</b>

#### U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: Year-To-Date 2003-2008 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	36,604,256	43,530,403	39,503,258	41,580,950	40,310,616	42,786,978	40,305,897
Transshipments	1,382,714	2,662,325	2,443,198	2,995,174	2,030,814	1,893,887	2,302,845
<b>Total - Iron Ore</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>44,680,865</b>	<b>42,608,742</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	12,944,777	13,936,503	15,851,962	15,326,133	14,841,597	16,221,917	14,580,194
Lake Michigan	2,470,451	3,279,427	3,411,066	2,796,451	2,388,289	2,865,565	2,869,137
Lake Erie	4,356,367	4,712,776	5,434,086	4,553,802	5,324,865	3,411,365	4,876,379
<b>Total - Coal</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>22,498,847</b>	<b>22,325,710</b>
Limestone	22,606,352	28,298,970	26,337,588	27,006,668	24,449,700	23,250,335	25,739,856
Cement	3,597,809	3,678,944	3,550,322	3,752,179	3,344,078	3,082,188	3,584,666
Salt	916,002	962,222	1,063,946	1,035,514	1,128,706	1,110,823	1,021,278
Sand	444,341	347,960	433,795	399,158	438,169	343,843	412,685
Grain	312,316	325,723	357,688	298,810	358,589	215,202	330,625
<b>Totals</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>95,182,103</b>	<b>96,023,562</b>

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