



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: November 2004-2009 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average 2004-2008
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,550,432	3,561,218	4,265,568	3,870,832	3,887,492	3,288,633	4,027,108
Transshipments	236,999	204,506	144,863	146,837	0	301,659	146,641
Total - Iron Ore	4,787,431	3,765,724	4,410,431	4,017,669	3,887,492	3,590,292	4,173,749
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,664,200	1,630,161	1,634,460	1,501,920	2,074,458	1,628,377	1,701,040
Lake Michigan	415,586	281,365	330,840	266,596	389,034	317,889	336,684
Lake Erie	560,806	679,793	484,417	522,525	499,408	538,494	549,390
Total - Coal	2,640,592	2,591,319	2,449,717	2,291,041	2,962,900	2,484,760	2,587,114
Limestone	3,120,120	2,560,169	3,197,372	2,850,613	2,646,785	2,415,733	2,875,012
Cement	339,569	329,300	328,469	296,469	349,936	329,464	328,749
Salt	63,815	203,927	114,093	137,560	140,382	127,064	131,955
Sand	61,093	35,155	38,280	50,183	86,159	13,801	54,174
Grain	38,046	45,083	29,912	19,669	0	56,979	26,542
Totals	11,050,666	9,530,677	10,568,274	9,663,204	10,073,654	9,018,093	10,177,295

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: Year-To-Date 2004-2009 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average 2004-2008
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	43,530,403	39,503,258	41,580,950	40,310,616	42,786,978	19,966,281	41,542,441
Transshipments	2,662,325	2,443,198	2,995,174	2,030,814	1,893,887	494,424	2,405,080
Total - Iron Ore	46,192,728	41,946,456	44,576,124	42,341,430	44,680,865	20,460,705	43,947,521
Coal							
Lake Superior	13,936,503	15,851,962	15,326,133	14,841,597	16,221,917	14,268,418	15,235,622
Lake Michigan	3,279,427	3,411,066	2,796,451	2,388,289	2,865,565	1,866,206	2,948,160
Lake Erie	4,712,776	5,434,086	4,553,802	5,324,865	3,411,365	2,890,994	4,687,379
Total - Coal	21,928,706	24,697,114	22,676,386	22,554,751	22,498,847	19,025,618	22,871,161
Limestone	28,298,970	26,337,588	27,006,668	24,449,700	23,250,335	16,487,816	25,868,652
Cement	3,678,944	3,550,322	3,752,179	3,344,078	3,082,188	2,695,027	3,481,542
Salt	962,222	1,063,946	1,035,514	1,128,706	1,110,823	1,132,968	1,060,242
Sand	347,960	433,795	399,158	438,169	343,843	262,805	392,585
Grain	325,723	357,688	298,810	358,589	215,202	287,777	311,202
Totals	101,735,253	98,386,909	99,744,839	94,615,423	95,182,103	60,352,716	97,932,905

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