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The Greatest Ships on the Great Lakes

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Carriage On The Great Lakes: December 2000-2004 And 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	December 2000	December 2001	December 2002	December 2003	December 2004	5-Year Average
Iron Ore - Direct Shipments	4,543,975	3,280,816	4,541,412	4,725,770	4,734,614	4,365,317
Iron Ore - Transshipments	264,585	0	392,671	296,062	274,168	245,497
Total - Iron Ore	4,808,560	3,280,816	4,934,083	5,021,832	5,008,782	4,610,815
Coal - Lake Superior	1,227,971	874,234	1,233,839	1,293,256	1,522,896	1,230,439
Coal - Lake Michigan	143,129	192,495	224,136	300,614	448,254	261,726
Coal - Lake Erie	606,804	616,757	339,851	533,343	509,246	521,200
Total - Coal	1,977,904	1,683,486	1,797,826	2,127,213	2,480,396	2,013,365
Limestone	1,436,298	1,834,422	1,934,350	1,632,758	1,451,122	1,657,790
Cement	249,690	346,825	281,722	277,923	286,457	288,523
Salt	25,669	123,092	25,852	29,323	69,887	54,765
Sand	15,339	31,819	14,784	56,115	41,395	31,890
Grain	64,542	58,280	32,319	0	42,062	39,441
Totals	8,578,002	7,358,740	9,020,936	9,145,164	9,380,101	8,696,589

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Carriage On The Great Lakes: Year-To-Date 2000-2004 And 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	5-Year Average
Iron Ore - Direct Shipments	54,586,514	43,829,971	45,861,075	41,343,509	48,265,017	46,777,217
Iron Ore - Transshipments	5,746,164	3,094,732	2,334,252	1,672,776	2,936,493	3,156,883
Total - Iron Ore	60,332,678	46,924,703	48,195,327	43,016,285	51,201,510	49,934,101
Coal - Lake Superior	12,769,682	13,640,260	13,874,872	14,238,033	15,459,399	13,996,449
Coal - Lake Michigan	2,068,078	2,288,791	2,239,657	2,771,065	3,727,681	2,619,054
Coal - Lake Erie	5,922,714	6,030,000	5,629,302	4,870,328	5,448,625	5,580,194
Total - Coal	20,760,474	21,959,051	21,743,831	21,879,426	24,635,705	22,195,697
Limestone	27,288,089	26,988,622	26,554,243	24,239,110	29,523,489	26,918,711
Cement	4,144,774	4,136,897	3,817,911	3,851,487	3,965,401	3,983,294
Salt	838,017	876,392	587,090	945,355	1,032,109	855,793
Sand	427,070	625,094	230,950	500,456	389,355	434,585
Grain	351,857	350,719	329,471	312,316	367,785	342,430
Totals	114,142,959	101,861,478	101,458,823	94,744,435	111,115,354	104,664,610

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