



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: December 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2000-2004
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,543,975	3,280,816	4,541,412	4,725,770	4,734,614	4,381,314	4,365,317
Transshipments	264,585	0	392,671	296,062	274,168	244,349	245,497
Total - Iron Ore	4,808,560	3,280,816	4,934,083	5,021,832	5,008,782	4,625,663	4,610,815
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,227,971	874,234	1,233,839	1,293,256	1,522,896	1,577,517	1,230,439
Lake Michigan	143,129	192,495	224,136	300,614	448,254	349,411	261,726
Lake Erie	606,804	616,757	339,851	533,343	509,246	583,308	521,200
Total - Coal	1,977,904	1,683,486	1,797,826	2,127,213	2,480,396	2,510,236	2,013,365
Limestone	1,436,298	1,834,422	1,934,350	1,632,758	1,451,122	1,597,925	1,657,790
Cement	249,690	346,825	281,722	277,923	286,457	342,500	288,523
Salt	25,669	123,092	25,852	29,323	69,887	124,480	54,765
Sand	15,339	31,819	14,784	56,115	41,395	28,018	31,890
Grain	64,542	58,280	32,319	0	42,062	45,367	39,441
Totals	8,578,002	7,358,740	9,020,936	9,145,164	9,380,101	9,274,189	8,696,589

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Commodity	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average 2000-2004
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	54,586,514	43,829,971	45,861,075	41,343,509	48,265,018	43,884,572	46,777,217
Transshipments	5,746,164	3,094,732	2,334,252	1,672,776	2,936,493	2,687,547	3,156,883
Total - Iron Ore	60,332,678	46,924,703	48,195,327	43,016,285	51,201,511	46,572,119	49,934,101
Coal							
Lake Superior	12,769,682	13,640,260	13,874,872	14,238,033	15,459,399	17,429,479	13,996,449
Lake Michigan	2,068,078	2,288,791	2,239,657	2,771,065	3,734,928	3,760,477	2,620,504
Lake Erie	5,922,714	6,030,000	5,629,302	4,870,328	5,222,022	6,017,394	5,534,873
Total - Coal	20,760,474	21,959,051	21,743,831	21,879,426	24,416,349	27,207,350	22,151,826
Limestone	27,288,089	26,988,622	26,554,243	24,239,110	29,861,141	27,935,513	26,986,241
Cement	4,144,774	4,136,897	3,817,911	3,851,487	3,965,401	3,892,822	3,983,294
Salt	838,017	876,392	587,090	945,355	1,032,109	1,187,777	855,793
Sand	427,070	625,094	230,950	500,456	489,355	461,813	454,585
Grain	351,857	350,719	329,471	312,316	367,785	403,055	342,430
Totals	114,142,959	101,861,478	101,458,823	94,744,435	111,333,651	107,660,449	104,708,269

Note: All 2005 totals subject to final verification.

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