



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Carriage on the Great Lakes: December 2001-2006 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	3,280,816	4,541,412	4,725,770	4,734,614	4,381,314	4,269,348	4,332,785
Transshipments	0	392,671	296,062	274,168	244,349	126,640	241,450
Total - Iron Ore	3,280,816	4,934,083	5,021,832	5,008,782	4,625,663	4,395,988	4,574,235
Coal							0
Lake Superior	874,234	1,233,839	1,293,256	1,522,896	1,577,517	1,853,981	1,300,348
Lake Michigan	192,495	224,136	300,614	448,254	349,411	365,353	302,982
Lake Erie	616,757	339,851	533,343	509,246	583,308	464,393	516,501
Total - Coal	1,683,486	1,797,826	2,127,213	2,480,396	2,510,236	2,683,727	2,119,831
Limestone	1,834,422	1,934,350	1,632,758	1,451,122	1,597,925	2,482,742	1,690,115
Cement	346,825	281,722	277,923	286,457	342,500	272,524	307,085
Salt	123,092	25,852	29,323	69,887	124,480	91,348	74,527
Sand	31,819	14,784	56,115	41,395	28,018	30,253	34,426
Grain	58,280	32,319	0	42,062	45,367	58,333	35,606
Totals	7,358,740	9,020,936	9,145,164	9,380,101	9,274,189	10,014,915	8,835,826

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Commodity	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Average 2001-2005
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	43,829,971	45,861,075	41,343,509	48,265,018	43,884,572	45,850,298	44,636,829
Transshipments	3,094,732	2,334,252	1,672,776	2,936,493	2,687,547	3,121,814	2,545,160
Total - Iron Ore	46,924,703	48,195,327	43,016,285	51,201,511	46,572,119	48,972,112	47,181,989
Coal							0
Lake Superior	13,640,260	13,874,872	14,238,033	15,459,399	17,429,479	17,180,114	14,928,409
Lake Michigan	2,288,791	2,239,657	2,771,065	3,734,928	3,760,477	3,134,804	2,958,984
Lake Erie	6,030,000	5,629,302	4,870,328	5,222,022	6,017,394	5,018,195	5,553,809
Total - Coal	21,959,051	21,743,831	21,879,426	24,416,349	27,207,350	25,333,113	23,441,201
Limestone	26,988,622	26,554,243	24,239,110	29,861,141	27,935,513	29,489,410	27,115,726
Cement	4,136,897	3,817,911	3,851,487	3,965,401	3,892,822	4,024,703	3,932,904
Salt	876,392	587,090	945,355	1,032,109	1,187,777	1,126,862	925,745
Sand	625,094	230,950	500,456	489,355	461,813	429,411	461,534
Grain	350,719	329,471	312,316	367,785	403,055	357,143	352,669
Totals	101,861,478	101,458,823	94,744,435	111,333,651	107,660,449	109,732,754	103,411,767

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