



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: December 2002-2007 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average 2002-2006
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,541,412	4,725,770	4,734,614	4,381,314	4,269,348	4,739,105	4,530,492
Transshipments	392,671	296,062	274,168	244,349	126,640	125,848	266,778
Total - Iron Ore	4,934,083	5,021,832	5,008,782	4,625,663	4,395,988	4,864,953	4,797,270
Coal (By Lake of Loading)							
Lake Superior	1,233,839	1,293,256	1,522,896	1,577,517	1,853,981	1,850,750	1,496,298
Lake Michigan	224,136	300,614	448,254	349,411	365,353	330,585	337,554
Lake Erie	339,851	533,343	509,246	583,308	464,393	434,543	486,028
Total - Coal	1,797,826	2,127,213	2,480,396	2,510,236	2,683,727	2,615,878	2,319,880
Limestone	1,934,350	1,632,758	1,451,122	1,597,925	2,482,742	1,516,357	1,819,779
Cement	281,722	277,923	286,457	342,500	272,524	258,410	292,225
Salt	25,852	29,323	69,887	124,480	91,348	112,591	68,178
Sand	14,784	56,115	41,395	28,018	30,253	11,305	34,113
Grain	32,319	0	42,062	45,367	58,333	46,284	35,616
Totals	9,020,936	9,145,164	9,380,101	9,274,189	10,014,915	9,425,778	9,367,061

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Commodity	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average 2002-2006
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	45,861,075	41,343,509	48,265,018	43,884,572	45,850,298	45,049,721	45,040,894
Transshipments	2,334,252	1,672,776	2,936,493	2,687,547	3,121,814	2,156,662	2,550,576
Total - Iron Ore	48,195,327	43,016,285	51,201,511	46,572,119	48,972,112	47,206,383	47,591,471
Coal (By Lake of Loading)							
Lake Superior	13,874,872	14,238,033	15,459,399	17,429,479	17,180,114	16,692,347	15,636,379
Lake Michigan	2,239,657	2,771,065	3,734,928	3,760,477	3,134,804	2,718,874	3,128,186
Lake Erie	5,629,302	4,870,328	5,222,022	6,017,394	5,018,195	5,759,408	5,351,448
Total - Coal	21,743,831	21,879,426	24,416,349	27,207,350	25,333,113	25,170,629	24,116,014
Limestone	26,554,243	24,239,110	29,861,141	27,935,513	29,489,410	25,966,057	27,615,883
Cement	3,817,911	3,851,487	3,965,401	3,892,822	4,024,703	3,602,488	3,910,465
Salt	587,090	945,355	1,032,109	1,187,777	1,126,862	1,241,297	975,839
Sand	230,950	500,456	489,355	461,813	429,411	449,474	422,397
Grain	329,471	312,316	367,785	403,055	357,143	404,873	353,954
Totals	101,458,823	94,744,435	111,333,651	107,660,449	109,732,754	104,041,201	104,986,022

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