



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: December 2003-2008 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,725,770	4,734,614	4,381,314	4,269,348	4,739,105	2,542,629	4,570,030
Transshipments	296,062	274,168	244,349	126,640	125,848	0	213,413
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>5,021,832</b>	<b>5,008,782</b>	<b>4,625,663</b>	<b>4,395,988</b>	<b>4,864,953</b>	<b>2,542,629</b>	<b>4,783,444</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,293,256	1,522,896	1,577,517	1,853,981	1,850,750	1,740,663	1,619,680
Lake Michigan	300,614	448,254	349,411	365,353	330,585	387,436	358,843
Lake Erie	533,343	509,246	583,308	464,393	434,543	344,677	504,967
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,127,213</b>	<b>2,480,396</b>	<b>2,510,236</b>	<b>2,683,727</b>	<b>2,615,878</b>	<b>2,472,776</b>	<b>2,483,490</b>
Limestone	1,632,758	1,451,122	1,597,925	2,482,742	1,516,357	381,735	1,736,181
Cement	277,923	286,457	342,500	272,524	258,410	211,883	287,563
Salt	29,323	69,887	124,480	91,348	112,591	113,946	85,526
Sand	56,115	41,395	28,018	30,253	11,305	15,348	33,417
Grain	0	42,062	45,367	58,333	46,284	32,395	38,409
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,145,164</b>	<b>9,380,101</b>	<b>9,274,189</b>	<b>10,014,915</b>	<b>9,425,778</b>	<b>5,770,712</b>	<b>9,448,029</b>

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Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	41,343,509	48,265,018	43,884,572	45,850,298	45,049,721	45,329,607	44,878,624
Transshipments	1,672,776	2,936,493	2,687,547	3,121,814	2,156,662	1,893,887	2,515,058
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>43,016,285</b>	<b>51,201,511</b>	<b>46,572,119</b>	<b>48,972,112</b>	<b>47,206,383</b>	<b>47,223,494</b>	<b>47,393,682</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	14,238,033	15,459,399	17,429,479	17,180,114	16,692,347	17,962,580	16,199,874
Lake Michigan	2,771,065	3,734,928	3,760,477	3,134,804	2,718,874	3,253,001	3,224,030
Lake Erie	4,870,328	5,222,022	6,017,394	5,018,195	5,759,408	3,756,042	5,377,469
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>21,879,426</b>	<b>24,416,349</b>	<b>27,207,350</b>	<b>25,333,113</b>	<b>25,170,629</b>	<b>24,971,623</b>	<b>24,801,373</b>
Limestone	24,239,110	29,861,141	27,935,513	29,489,410	25,966,057	23,632,070	27,498,246
Cement	3,851,487	3,965,401	3,892,822	4,024,703	3,602,488	3,294,071	3,867,380
Salt	945,355	1,032,109	1,187,777	1,126,862	1,241,297	1,224,769	1,106,680
Sand	500,456	489,355	461,813	429,411	449,474	359,191	466,102
Grain	312,316	367,785	403,055	357,143	404,873	247,597	369,034
<b>Totals</b>	<b>94,744,435</b>	<b>111,333,651</b>	<b>107,660,449</b>	<b>109,732,754</b>	<b>104,041,201</b>	<b>100,952,815</b>	<b>105,502,498</b>

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