



Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	3,945,638	5,245,457	4,506,340	4,797,318	4,595,700	4,870,999	4,618,091
Transshipments	62,440	229,970	198,107	350,525	243,816	191,033	216,972
Total - Iron Ore	4,008,078	5,475,427	4,704,447	5,147,843	4,839,516	5,062,032	4,835,062
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,889,450	1,838,383	1,994,745	1,887,704	1,811,152	2,236,646	1,884,287
Lake Michigan	349,721	289,679	343,589	295,182	267,162	320,712	309,067
Lake Erie	646,938	520,992	758,316	651,857	821,460	336,579	679,913
Total - Coal	2,886,109	2,649,054	3,096,650	2,834,743	2,899,774	2,893,937	2,873,266
Limestone	3,227,032	3,784,831	3,593,229	3,067,699	2,983,122	3,497,364	3,331,183
Cement	513,136	432,582	457,812	412,672	380,093	347,471	439,259
Salt	127,538	200,982	158,160	123,760	103,056	175,832	142,699
Sand	85,482	38,975	102,024	39,086	79,619	28,135	69,037
Grain	42,323	56,024	58,239	29,553	57,852	14,635	48,798
Totals	10,889,698	12,637,875	12,170,561	11,655,356	11,343,032	12,019,406	11,739,304

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage Year-To-Date 2003-2008 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average 2003-2007
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	24,415,828	29,303,696	26,901,866	28,267,099	27,154,447	29,407,922	27,208,587
Transshipments	894,387	1,972,751	1,737,523	2,250,713	1,574,689	1,490,987	1,686,013
Total - Iron Ore	25,310,215	31,276,447	28,639,389	30,517,812	28,729,136	30,898,909	28,894,600
Coal							
Lake Superior	8,195,609	9,099,468	10,608,252	9,851,843	9,881,757	10,402,635	9,527,386
Lake Michigan	1,523,253	2,100,571	2,368,443	1,737,424	1,500,839	1,748,073	1,846,106
Lake Erie	2,476,773	3,024,256	3,249,886	3,039,389	3,518,283	2,106,596	3,061,717
Total - Coal	12,195,635	14,224,295	16,226,581	14,628,656	14,900,879	14,257,304	14,435,209
Limestone	13,818,369	18,195,878	17,418,802	17,359,584	15,598,435	15,000,845	16,478,214
Cement	2,426,001	2,526,085	2,368,536	2,525,266	2,303,240	1,967,767	2,429,826
Salt	613,575	644,836	669,282	713,147	710,888	754,123	670,346
Sand	323,251	285,427	300,959	216,261	248,633	133,200	274,906
Grain	158,975	216,686	208,002	148,663	231,145	89,664	192,694
Totals	54,846,021	67,369,654	65,831,551	66,109,389	62,722,356	63,101,812	63,375,794

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