



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes April 2007-2012 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,554,567	4,411,563	1,737,342	3,796,902	4,165,243	4,288,206	3,733,123
Transshipments	200,962	197,655	0	186,056	239,619	188,950	164,858
Total - Iron Ore	4,755,529	4,609,218	1,737,342	3,982,958	4,404,862	4,477,156	3,897,982
Coal							0
Lake Superior	1,622,712	1,402,561	1,625,943	1,071,322	1,068,179	1,087,126	1,358,143
Lake Michigan	227,570	391,680	156,747	137,742	278,927	162,277	238,533
Lake Erie	427,961	323,444	141,329	418,840	494,037	288,051	361,122
Total - Coal	2,278,243	2,117,685	1,924,019	1,627,904	1,841,143	1,537,454	1,957,799
Limestone	2,478,711	2,145,602	1,123,319	1,656,407	1,680,381	1,917,856	1,816,884
Cement	299,867	230,852	142,820	241,259	185,872	250,986	220,134
Salt	62,336	81,833	132,596	98,035	79,802	30,504	90,920
Sand	0	34,392	0	16,123	0	16,382	10,103
Grain	54,850	19,648	36,481	0	38,200	16,434	29,836
Totals	9,929,536	9,239,230	5,096,577	7,622,686	8,230,260	8,246,772	8,023,658

Year-To-Date 2007-2012 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	8,349,833	8,895,046	2,728,191	7,292,154	8,241,600	8,843,456	7,101,365
Transshipments	530,558	549,230	0	643,130	645,127	585,977	473,609
Total - Iron Ore	8,880,391	9,444,276	2,728,191	7,935,284	8,886,727	9,429,433	7,574,974
Coal							0
Lake Superior	2,562,402	2,453,637	1,893,636	1,666,927	1,950,768	1,679,436	2,105,474
Lake Michigan	430,823	457,624	217,415	164,588	337,129	274,217	321,516
Lake Erie	570,555	503,501	169,263	620,401	670,243	359,046	506,793
Total - Coal	3,563,780	3,414,762	2,280,314	2,451,916	2,958,140	2,312,699	2,933,782
Limestone	2,729,007	2,267,753	1,123,319	1,673,327	1,731,430	2,089,831	1,904,967
Cement	623,562	472,551	293,941	396,567	380,213	508,664	433,367
Salt	97,927	183,175	132,596	200,655	134,610	244,597	149,793
Sand	0	34,392	0	16,123	0	16,382	10,103
Grain	54,850	19,638	36,481	0	38,200	32,198	29,834
Totals	15,949,517	15,836,547	6,594,842	12,673,872	14,129,320	14,633,804	13,036,820

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 56 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes that carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, aggregate and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation, as well as salt, sand and grain. Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year. Those cargos generate more than 103,000 jobs with an average wage of \$47,000. More information is available at www.lcaships.com. Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President (440-333-9996).

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