



# Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	5,151,421	5,505,952	2,239,619	4,405,256	4,358,283	4,616,076	4,332,106
Transshipments	258,762	349,963	0	371,928	242,523	225,565	244,635
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>5,410,183</b>	<b>5,855,915</b>	<b>2,239,619</b>	<b>4,777,184</b>	<b>4,600,806</b>	<b>4,841,641</b>	<b>4,576,741</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,868,939	1,797,879	1,770,420	1,595,419	1,380,825	1,286,009	1,682,696
Lake Michigan	261,197	304,264	214,454	191,225	361,269	320,601	266,482
Lake Erie	583,693	400,188	297,900	355,260	365,754	318,682	400,559
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,713,829</b>	<b>2,502,331</b>	<b>2,282,774</b>	<b>2,141,904</b>	<b>2,107,848</b>	<b>1,925,292</b>	<b>2,349,737</b>
Limestone	3,278,700	3,053,729	1,989,470	2,396,350	2,204,139	2,477,358	2,584,478
Cement	475,940	345,043	346,986	316,058	330,475	380,684	362,900
Salt	146,147	113,120	150,209	174,047	189,233	102,935	154,551
Sand	76,696	0	53,243	34,798	46,663	59,678	42,280
Grain	36,754	20,195	20,700	16,578	38,790	23,701	26,603
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,138,249</b>	<b>11,890,333</b>	<b>7,083,001</b>	<b>9,856,919</b>	<b>9,517,954</b>	<b>9,811,289</b>	<b>10,097,291</b>

## U.S.-Flag Carriage Year-To-Date 2007-2012 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	13,501,254	14,400,998	4,967,810	11,697,410	12,599,883	13,459,532	11,433,471
Transshipments	789,320	899,193	0	1,015,058	887,650	811,542	718,244
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>14,290,574</b>	<b>15,300,191</b>	<b>4,967,810</b>	<b>12,712,468</b>	<b>13,487,533</b>	<b>14,271,074</b>	<b>12,151,715</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	4,431,341	4,251,516	3,664,056	3,262,346	3,331,593	2,965,445	3,788,170
Lake Michigan	692,020	761,888	431,869	355,813	698,398	594,818	587,998
Lake Erie	1,154,248	903,689	467,163	975,661	1,035,997	677,728	907,352
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>6,277,609</b>	<b>5,917,093</b>	<b>4,563,088</b>	<b>4,593,820</b>	<b>5,065,988</b>	<b>4,237,991</b>	<b>5,283,520</b>
Limestone	6,007,707	5,321,482	3,112,789	4,069,677	3,935,569	4,567,189	4,489,445
Cement	1,099,502	817,594	640,927	712,625	710,688	889,348	796,267
Salt	244,074	296,295	282,805	374,702	323,843	347,532	304,344
Sand	76,696	34,392	53,243	50,921	46,663	76,060	52,383
Grain	91,604	39,843	57,181	16,578	76,990	55,899	56,439
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28,087,766</b>	<b>27,726,890</b>	<b>13,677,843</b>	<b>22,530,791</b>	<b>23,647,274</b>	<b>24,445,093</b>	<b>23,134,113</b>

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