



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: August 2006-2011 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,797,318	4,595,700	4,870,999	2,049,093	4,297,747	4,484,390	4,122,171
Transshipments	350,525	243,816	191,033	0	99,433	287,270	176,961
Total - Iron Ore	5,147,843	4,839,516	5,062,032	2,049,093	4,397,180	4,771,660	4,299,133
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,887,704	1,811,152	2,236,646	1,760,417	1,857,930	1,400,953	1,910,770
Lake Michigan	295,182	267,162	320,712	283,850	207,934	303,624	274,968
Lake Erie	651,857	821,460	336,579	350,370	534,464	468,628	538,946
Total - Coal	2,834,743	2,899,774	2,893,937	2,394,637	2,600,328	2,173,205	2,724,684
Limestone	3,067,699	2,983,122	3,497,364	2,172,778	2,401,298	2,896,743	2,824,452
Cement	412,672	380,093	347,471	401,581	376,883	398,152	383,740
Salt	123,760	103,056	175,832	138,795	177,207	107,593	143,730
Sand	39,086	79,619	28,135	26,861	31,260	26,631	40,992
Grain	29,553	57,852	14,635	0	22,500	0	24,908
Totals	11,655,356	11,343,032	12,019,406	7,183,745	10,006,656	10,373,984	10,441,639

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage Year-To-Date 2006-2011 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	28,267,099	27,154,447	29,407,922	11,841,648	24,289,528	26,506,157	24,192,129
Transshipments	2,250,713	1,574,689	1,490,987	0	1,617,376	1,836,424	1,386,753
Total - Iron Ore	30,517,812	28,729,136	30,898,909	11,841,648	25,906,904	28,342,581	25,578,882
Coal							
Lake Superior	9,851,843	9,881,757	10,402,635	9,287,285	9,395,293	7,515,104	9,763,763
Lake Michigan	1,737,424	1,500,839	1,748,073	1,069,712	1,088,182	1,629,688	1,428,846
Lake Erie	3,039,389	3,518,283	2,106,596	1,421,321	2,036,395	2,441,252	2,424,397
Total - Coal	14,628,656	14,900,879	14,257,304	11,778,318	12,519,870	11,586,044	13,617,005
Limestone	17,359,584	15,598,435	15,000,845	9,292,488	12,273,612	12,316,910	13,904,993
Cement	2,525,266	2,303,240	1,967,767	1,650,173	1,634,041	1,736,244	2,016,097
Salt	713,147	710,888	754,123	722,471	871,585	863,532	754,443
Sand	216,261	248,633	133,200	162,786	115,224	175,881	175,221
Grain	148,663	231,145	89,664	135,966	123,188	121,991	145,725
Totals	66,109,389	62,722,356	63,101,812	35,583,850	53,444,424	55,143,183	56,192,366

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