



# Lake Carriers' Association

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

| Commodity               | 2006              | 2007             | 2008              | 2009             | 2010             | 2011              | Average 2006-2010 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Iron Ore</b>         |                   |                  |                   |                  |                  |                   |                   |
| Direct Shipments        | 4,265,568         | 3,870,832        | 3,887,492         | 3,288,633        | 3,843,416        | 4,382,112         | 3,831,188         |
| Transshipments          | 144,863           | 146,837          | 0                 | 301,659          | 268,565          | 302,745           | 172,385           |
| <b>Total - Iron Ore</b> | <b>4,410,431</b>  | <b>4,017,669</b> | <b>3,887,492</b>  | <b>3,590,292</b> | <b>4,111,981</b> | <b>4,684,857</b>  | <b>4,003,573</b>  |
| <b>Coal</b>             |                   |                  |                   |                  |                  |                   |                   |
| Lake Superior           | 1,634,460         | 1,501,920        | 2,074,458         | 1,628,377        | 1,498,900        | 1,429,636         | 1,667,623         |
| Lake Michigan           | 330,840           | 266,596          | 389,034           | 317,889          | 227,671          | 318,717           | 306,406           |
| Lake Erie               | 484,417           | 522,525          | 499,408           | 538,494          | 485,755          | 493,153           | 506,120           |
| <b>Total - Coal</b>     | <b>2,449,717</b>  | <b>2,291,041</b> | <b>2,962,900</b>  | <b>2,484,760</b> | <b>2,212,326</b> | <b>2,241,506</b>  | <b>2,480,149</b>  |
| Limestone               | 3,197,372         | 2,850,613        | 2,646,785         | 2,415,733        | 2,157,234        | 2,597,868         | 2,653,547         |
| Cement                  | 328,469           | 296,469          | 349,936           | 329,464          | 291,529          | 271,072           | 319,173           |
| Salt                    | 114,093           | 137,560          | 140,382           | 127,064          | 112,658          | 140,289           | 126,351           |
| Sand                    | 38,280            | 50,183           | 86,159            | 13,801           | 55,900           | 75,249            | 48,865            |
| Grain                   | 29,912            | 19,669           | 0                 | 56,979           | 22,500           | 16,139            | 25,812            |
| <b>Totals</b>           | <b>10,568,274</b> | <b>9,663,204</b> | <b>10,073,654</b> | <b>9,018,093</b> | <b>8,964,128</b> | <b>10,026,980</b> | <b>9,657,471</b>  |

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

| Commodity               | 2006              | 2007              | 2008              | 2009              | 2010              | 2011              | Average 2006-2010 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Iron Ore</b>         |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Direct Shipments        | 41,580,950        | 40,310,616        | 42,786,978        | 19,966,281        | 35,676,348        | 39,395,672        | 36,064,235        |
| Transshipments          | 2,995,174         | 2,030,814         | 1,893,887         | 494,424           | 2,118,175         | 2,540,031         | 1,906,495         |
| <b>Total - Iron Ore</b> | <b>44,576,124</b> | <b>42,341,430</b> | <b>44,680,865</b> | <b>20,460,705</b> | <b>37,794,523</b> | <b>41,935,703</b> | <b>37,970,729</b> |
| <b>Coal</b>             |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   | <b>0</b>          |
| Lake Superior           | 15,326,133        | 14,841,597        | 16,221,917        | 14,268,418        | 14,342,487        | 11,896,374        | <b>15,000,110</b> |
| Lake Michigan           | 2,796,451         | 2,388,289         | 2,865,565         | 1,866,206         | 1,776,412         | 2,668,521         | 2,338,585         |
| Lake Erie               | 4,553,802         | 5,324,865         | 3,411,365         | 2,890,994         | 3,318,391         | 3,735,169         | 3,899,883         |
| <b>Total - Coal</b>     | <b>22,676,386</b> | <b>22,554,751</b> | <b>22,498,847</b> | <b>19,025,618</b> | <b>19,437,290</b> | <b>18,300,064</b> | <b>21,238,578</b> |
| Limestone               | 27,006,668        | 24,449,700        | 23,250,335        | 16,487,816        | 19,751,472        | 20,366,145        | 22,189,198        |
| Cement                  | 3,752,179         | 3,344,078         | 3,082,188         | 2,695,027         | 2,615,613         | 2,636,999         | 3,097,817         |
| Salt                    | 1,035,514         | 1,128,706         | 1,110,823         | 1,132,968         | 1,205,539         | 1,292,998         | 1,122,710         |
| Sand                    | 399,158           | 438,169           | 343,843           | 262,805           | 212,032           | 300,859           | 331,201           |
| Grain                   | 298,810           | 358,589           | 215,202           | 287,777           | 246,161           | 214,497           | 281,308           |
| <b>Totals</b>           | <b>99,744,839</b> | <b>94,615,423</b> | <b>95,182,103</b> | <b>60,352,716</b> | <b>81,262,630</b> | <b>85,047,265</b> | <b>86,231,542</b> |

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