



Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,269,348	4,739,105	2,542,629	3,305,421	3,987,199	5,048,303	3,768,740
Transshipments	126,640	125,848	0	264,961	246,696	240,737	152,829
Total - Iron Ore	4,395,988	4,864,953	2,542,629	3,570,382	4,233,895	5,289,040	3,921,569
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,853,981	1,850,750	1,740,663	1,159,290	1,505,087	1,057,814	1,621,954
Lake Michigan	365,353	330,585	387,436	130,587	240,983	497,851	290,989
Lake Erie	464,393	434,543	344,677	359,393	356,506	383,598	391,902
Total - Coal	2,683,727	2,615,878	2,472,776	1,649,270	2,102,576	1,939,263	2,304,845
Limestone	2,482,742	1,516,357	381,735	579,416	658,794	1,068,694	1,123,809
Cement	272,524	258,410	211,883	170,296	166,646	180,847	215,952
Salt	91,348	112,591	113,946	127,933	185,700	159,136	126,304
Sand	30,253	11,305	15,348	0	13,561	31,313	14,093
Grain	58,333	46,284	32,395	16,730	60,711	68,703	42,891
Totals	10,014,915	9,425,778	5,770,712	6,114,027	7,421,883	8,736,996	7,749,463

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Commodity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Average 2006-2010
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	45,850,298	45,049,721	45,329,607	23,271,702	39,663,547	44,443,975	39,832,975
Transshipments	3,121,814	2,156,662	1,893,887	759,385	2,364,871	2,780,768	2,059,324
Total - Iron Ore	48,972,112	47,206,383	47,223,494	24,031,087	42,028,418	47,224,743	41,892,299
Coal							0
Lake Superior	17,180,114	16,692,347	17,962,580	15,427,708	15,847,574	12,954,188	16,622,065
Lake Michigan	3,134,804	2,718,874	3,253,001	1,996,793	2,017,395	3,166,372	2,624,173
Lake Erie	5,018,195	5,759,408	3,756,042	3,250,387	3,674,897	4,118,767	4,291,786
Total - Coal	25,333,113	25,170,629	24,971,623	20,674,888	21,539,866	20,239,327	23,538,024
Limestone	29,489,410	25,966,057	23,632,070	17,067,232	20,410,266	21,434,839	23,313,007
Cement	4,024,703	3,602,488	3,294,071	2,865,323	2,782,259	2,817,846	3,313,769
Salt	1,126,862	1,241,297	1,224,769	1,260,901	1,391,239	1,452,134	1,249,014
Sand	429,411	449,474	359,191	262,805	225,593	332,172	345,295
Grain	357,143	404,873	247,597	304,507	306,872	283,200	324,198
Totals	109,732,754	104,041,201	100,952,815	66,466,743	88,684,513	93,784,261	93,975,605

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.... Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year when high water offsets lack of adequate dredging. 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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