



# Lake Carriers' Association

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## U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: July 2007-2012 and 5-Year Average

(net tons)

Commodity	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,644,902	5,310,924	2,646,545	4,286,856	4,951,308	4,047,075	4,368,107
Transshipments	259,489	201,881	0	208,763	304,525	<b>284,704</b>	194,932
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>4,904,391</b>	<b>5,512,805</b>	<b>2,646,545</b>	<b>4,495,619</b>	<b>5,255,833</b>	<b>4,331,779</b>	<b>4,563,039</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,959,003	1,924,258	1,848,706	2,240,459	1,557,452	1,233,060	1,905,976
Lake Michigan	278,288	375,940	124,800	250,694	335,180	358,946	272,980
Lake Erie	651,517	479,270	300,084	150,777	448,676	213,695	406,065
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,888,808</b>	<b>2,779,468</b>	<b>2,273,590</b>	<b>2,641,930</b>	<b>2,341,308</b>	<b>1,805,701</b>	<b>2,585,021</b>
Limestone	3,482,257	3,068,833	2,103,453	2,949,596	2,836,583	3,840,596	2,888,144
Cement	432,626	417,946	291,895	280,691	326,052	382,711	349,842
Salt	213,232	135,053	134,110	150,298	236,022	77,004	173,743
Sand	42,255	38,427	54,794	15,640	86,679	52,390	47,559
Grain	20,475	14,494	20,871	16,605	22,501	51,651	18,989
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,984,044</b>	<b>11,967,026</b>	<b>7,525,258</b>	<b>10,550,379</b>	<b>11,104,978</b>	<b>10,541,832</b>	<b>10,626,337</b>

Iron ore transshipments increased by 63,385 tons.

## 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	22,558,747	24,536,923	9,792,555	19,991,781	22,021,767	21,968,094	19,780,355
Transshipments	1,330,873	1,299,954	0	1,517,943	1,549,154	<b>1,311,312</b>	1,139,585
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>23,889,620</b>	<b>25,836,877</b>	<b>9,792,555</b>	<b>21,509,724</b>	<b>23,570,921</b>	<b>23,279,406</b>	<b>20,919,939</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	8,070,605	8,165,989	7,526,868	7,537,363	6,114,151	5,156,481	7,482,995
Lake Michigan	1,233,677	1,427,361	785,862	880,248	1,326,064	1,325,583	1,130,642
Lake Erie	2,696,823	1,770,017	1,070,951	1,501,931	1,972,624	1,245,880	1,802,469
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>12,001,105</b>	<b>11,363,367</b>	<b>9,383,681</b>	<b>9,919,542</b>	<b>9,412,839</b>	<b>7,727,944</b>	<b>10,416,107</b>
Limestone	12,615,313	11,503,481	7,119,710	9,872,314	9,420,167	11,404,335	10,106,197
Cement	1,923,147	1,620,296	1,248,592	1,257,158	1,338,092	1,631,601	1,477,457
Salt	607,832	578,291	583,676	694,378	755,939	553,008	644,023
Sand	169,014	105,065	135,925	83,964	149,250	158,824	128,644
Grain	173,293	75,029	135,966	100,688	121,991	120,861	121,393
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51,379,324</b>	<b>51,082,406</b>	<b>28,400,105</b>	<b>43,437,768</b>	<b>44,769,199</b>	<b>44,875,979</b>	<b>43,813,760</b>

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