



Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,595,700	4,870,999	2,049,093	4,297,747	4,484,390	4,293,441	4,059,586
Transshipments	243,816	191,033	0	99,433	287,270	230,038	164,310
Total - Iron Ore	4,839,516	5,062,032	2,049,093	4,397,180	4,771,660	4,523,479	4,223,896
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,811,152	2,236,646	1,760,417	1,857,930	1,400,953	1,127,445	1,813,420
Lake Michigan	267,162	320,712	283,850	207,934	303,624	313,949	276,656
Lake Erie	821,460	336,579	350,370	534,464	468,628	306,598	502,300
Total - Coal	2,899,774	2,893,937	2,394,637	2,600,328	2,173,205	1,747,992	2,592,376
Limestone	2,983,122	3,497,364	2,172,778	2,401,298	2,896,743	2,721,514	2,790,261
Cement	380,093	347,471	401,581	376,883	398,152	352,656	380,836
Salt	103,056	175,832	138,795	177,207	107,593	35,293	140,497
Sand	79,619	28,135	26,861	31,260	26,631	31,186	38,501
Grain	57,852	14,635	0	22,500	0	64,410	18,997
Totals	11,343,032	12,019,406	7,183,745	10,006,656	10,373,984	9,476,530	10,185,365

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

Commodity	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	27,154,447	29,407,922	11,841,648	24,289,528	26,506,157	26,261,535	23,839,940
Transshipments	1,574,689	1,490,987	0	1,617,376	1,836,424	1,541,350	1,303,895
Total - Iron Ore	28,729,136	30,898,909	11,841,648	25,906,904	28,342,581	27,802,885	25,143,836
Coal							
Lake Superior	9,881,757	10,402,635	9,287,285	9,395,293	7,515,104	6,283,926	9,296,415
Lake Michigan	1,500,839	1,748,073	1,069,712	1,088,182	1,629,688	1,639,532	1,407,299
Lake Erie	3,518,283	2,106,596	1,421,321	2,036,395	2,441,252	1,552,478	2,304,769
Total - Coal	14,900,879	14,257,304	11,778,318	12,519,870	11,586,044	9,475,936	13,008,483
Limestone	15,598,435	15,000,845	9,292,488	12,273,612	12,316,910	14,125,849	12,896,458
Cement	2,303,240	1,967,767	1,650,173	1,634,041	1,736,244	1,984,257	1,858,293
Salt	710,888	754,123	722,471	871,585	863,532	588,301	784,520
Sand	248,633	133,200	162,786	115,224	175,881	190,010	167,145
Grain	231,145	89,664	135,966	123,188	121,991	185,271	140,391
Totals	62,722,356	63,101,812	35,583,850	53,444,424	55,143,183	54,352,509	53,999,125

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 57 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, as well as salt, sand and grain. Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year. 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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