



# Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,677,985	4,839,621	2,173,205	3,843,226	4,453,874	4,045,414	3,997,582
Transshipments	208,142	183,836	0	98,266	130,673	306,240	124,183
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>4,886,127</b>	<b>5,023,457</b>	<b>2,173,205</b>	<b>3,941,492</b>	<b>4,584,547</b>	<b>4,351,654</b>	<b>4,121,766</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,710,010	1,893,184	1,398,237	1,780,264	1,659,085	1,453,197	1,688,156
Lake Michigan	241,716	364,885	166,349	225,415	345,508	283,885	268,775
Lake Erie	641,709	415,909	467,565	383,144	382,880	395,874	458,241
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,593,435</b>	<b>2,673,978</b>	<b>2,032,151</b>	<b>2,388,823</b>	<b>2,387,473</b>	<b>2,132,956</b>	<b>2,415,172</b>
Limestone	3,015,471	2,660,324	2,265,089	2,522,713	2,646,273	2,505,944	2,621,974
Cement	380,819	397,735	329,511	370,369	282,216	363,049	352,130
Salt	95,089	119,685	137,488	72,928	120,139	113,282	109,066
Sand	56,618	36,039	35,956	13,019	29,851	14,328	34,297
Grain	51,040	85,179	37,231	61,635	37,320	15,896	54,481
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,078,599</b>	<b>10,996,397</b>	<b>7,010,631</b>	<b>9,370,979</b>	<b>10,087,819</b>	<b>9,497,109</b>	<b>9,708,885</b>

## 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	31,832,432	34,247,543	14,014,853	28,132,754	30,960,031	30,306,949	27,837,523
Transshipments	1,782,831	1,674,823	0	1,715,642	1,967,097	1,847,590	1,428,079
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>33,615,263</b>	<b>35,922,366</b>	<b>14,014,853</b>	<b>29,848,396</b>	<b>32,927,128</b>	<b>32,154,539</b>	<b>29,265,601</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	11,591,767	12,295,819	10,685,522	11,175,557	9,174,189	7,737,123	10,984,571
Lake Michigan	1,742,555	2,112,958	1,236,061	1,313,597	1,975,196	1,923,417	1,676,073
Lake Erie	4,159,992	2,522,505	1,888,886	2,419,539	2,824,132	1,948,352	2,763,011
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>17,494,314</b>	<b>16,931,282</b>	<b>13,810,469</b>	<b>14,908,693</b>	<b>13,973,517</b>	<b>11,608,892</b>	<b>15,423,655</b>
Limestone	18,613,906	17,661,169	11,557,577	14,796,325	14,963,183	16,631,793	15,518,432
Cement	2,684,059	2,365,502	1,979,684	2,004,410	2,018,460	2,347,306	2,210,423
Salt	805,977	873,808	859,959	944,513	983,671	701,583	893,586
Sand	305,251	169,239	198,742	128,243	205,732	204,338	201,441
Grain	282,185	174,843	173,197	184,823	159,311	201,167	194,872
<b>Totals</b>	<b>73,800,955</b>	<b>74,098,209</b>	<b>42,594,481</b>	<b>62,815,403</b>	<b>65,231,002</b>	<b>63,849,618</b>	<b>63,708,010</b>

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