



Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average 2007-2011
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,607,352	4,651,943	2,662,795	3,700,178	4,053,529	3,696,709	3,935,159
Transshipments	101,146	219,064	192,765	133,968	270,189	127,747	183,426
Total - Iron Ore	4,708,498	4,871,007	2,855,560	3,834,146	4,323,718	3,824,456	4,118,586
Coal							0
Lake Superior	1,747,910	1,851,640	1,954,519	1,668,030	1,292,549	1,423,650	1,702,930
Lake Michigan	379,138	363,573	312,256	235,144	374,608	248,653	332,944
Lake Erie	642,348	439,452	463,614	413,097	417,884	328,942	475,279
Total - Coal	2,769,396	2,654,665	2,730,389	2,316,271	2,085,041	2,001,245	2,511,152
Limestone	2,985,181	2,942,381	2,514,506	2,797,913	2,805,094	2,258,605	2,809,015
Cement	363,550	366,750	385,879	319,674	347,467	320,930	356,664
Salt	185,169	96,633	145,945	148,368	169,038	76,480	149,031
Sand	82,735	88,445	50,262	27,889	19,878	43,778	53,842
Grain	56,735	40,359	57,601	38,838	39,047	63,153	46,516
Totals	11,151,264	11,060,240	8,740,142	9,483,099	9,789,283	8,588,647	10,044,806

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	36,439,784	38,899,486	16,677,648	31,832,932	35,013,560	34,003,658	31,772,682
Transshipments	1,883,977	1,893,887	192,765	1,849,610	2,237,286	1,975,337	1,611,505
Total - Iron Ore	38,323,761	40,793,373	16,870,413	33,682,542	37,250,846	35,978,995	33,384,187
Coal							0
Lake Superior	13,339,677	14,147,459	12,640,041	12,843,587	10,466,738	9,160,773	12,687,500
Lake Michigan	2,121,693	2,476,531	1,548,317	1,548,741	2,349,804	2,172,070	2,009,017
Lake Erie	4,802,340	2,961,957	2,352,500	2,832,636	3,242,016	2,277,294	3,238,290
Total - Coal	20,263,710	19,585,947	16,540,858	17,224,964	16,058,558	13,610,137	17,934,807
Limestone	21,599,087	20,603,550	14,072,083	17,594,238	17,768,277	18,890,398	18,327,447
Cement	3,047,609	2,732,252	2,365,563	2,324,084	2,365,927	2,668,236	2,567,087
Salt	991,146	970,441	1,005,904	1,092,881	1,152,709	778,063	1,042,616
Sand	387,986	257,684	249,004	156,132	225,610	248,116	255,283
Grain	338,920	215,202	230,798	223,661	198,358	264,320	241,388
Totals	84,952,219	85,158,449	51,334,623	72,298,502	75,020,285	72,438,265	73,752,816

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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