



# Lake Carriers' Association

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## U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: March 2009-2014 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	371,692	1,758,334	1,437,567	1,282,759	1,240,958	527,253	1,429,905
Transshipments	0	321,714	339,890	260,483	327,499	299,863	312,397
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>371,692</b>	<b>2,080,048</b>	<b>1,777,457</b>	<b>1,543,242</b>	<b>1,568,457</b>	<b>827,116</b>	<b>1,742,301</b>
<b>Coal</b>							0
Lake Superior	56,471	229,648	325,808	422,580	166,207	57,110	286,061
Lake Michigan	0	0	13,216	35,070	17,647	19,109	16,483
Lake Erie	0	98,802	135,232	16,037	0	25,874	62,518
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>56,471</b>	<b>328,450</b>	<b>474,256</b>	<b>473,687</b>	<b>183,854</b>	<b>102,093</b>	<b>365,062</b>
Limestone	0	16,920	46,721	146,347	276,489	0	121,619
Cement	151,121	125,748	159,316	184,971	157,037	51,592	156,768
Salt	0	102,620	0	0	0	0	25,655
Sand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>579,284</b>	<b>2,653,786</b>	<b>2,457,750</b>	<b>2,348,247</b>	<b>2,185,837</b>	<b>980,801</b>	<b>2,411,405</b>

\* Excludes 2009

## Year-To-Date 2009-2014 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

Commodity	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	990,849	3,495,252	4,076,357	4,555,250	3,710,519	1,931,711	3,959,345
Transshipments	0	457,074	405,508	397,027	578,478	620,820	459,522
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>990,849</b>	<b>3,952,326</b>	<b>4,481,865</b>	<b>4,952,277</b>	<b>4,288,997</b>	<b>2,552,531</b>	<b>4,418,866</b>
<b>Coal</b>							0
Lake Superior	267,693	595,605	882,589	592,310	223,745	215,955	573,562
Lake Michigan	60,668	26,846	58,202	111,940	100,776	79,821	74,441
Lake Erie	27,934	201,561	176,206	70,995	43,906	174,556	123,167
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>356,295</b>	<b>824,012</b>	<b>1,116,997</b>	<b>775,245</b>	<b>368,427</b>	<b>470,332</b>	<b>771,170</b>
Limestone	0	16,920	51,049	171,975	276,489	0	129,108
Cement	127,589	155,308	194,341	257,678	216,512	111,082	205,960
Salt	0	102,620	54,808	214,093	24,020	45,767	98,885
Sand	0	0	0	0	13,892	0	3,473
Grain	0	0	0	15,764	0	0	3,941
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,474,733</b>	<b>5,051,186</b>	<b>5,899,060</b>	<b>6,387,032</b>	<b>5,188,337</b>	<b>3,179,712</b>	<b>5,631,404</b>

\* Excludes 2009

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