



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: July 2009-2014 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

Commodity	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	2,646,545	4,286,856	4,951,308	4,047,075	4,346,563	5,086,475	4,407,951
Transshipments	0	208,763	304,525	284,704	274,230	211,297	268,056
Total - Iron Ore	2,646,545	4,495,619	5,255,833	4,331,779	4,620,793	5,297,772	4,676,006
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,848,706	2,240,459	1,557,452	1,233,060	1,436,662	1,424,349	1,616,908
Lake Michigan	124,800	250,694	335,180	358,946	262,755	131,830	301,894
Lake Erie	300,084	150,777	448,676	213,695	349,316	576,927	290,616
Total - Coal	2,273,590	2,641,930	2,341,308	1,805,701	2,048,733	2,133,106	2,209,418
Limestone	2,103,453	2,949,596	2,836,583	3,840,596	3,070,431	3,391,253	3,174,302
Cement	291,895	280,691	326,052	382,711	346,113	396,350	333,892
Salt	134,110	150,298	236,022	77,004	131,725	87,576	148,762
Sand	54,794	15,640	86,679	52,390	51,279	59,493	51,497
Grain	20,871	16,605	22,501	51,651	40,286	0	32,761
Totals	7,525,258	10,550,379	11,104,978	10,541,832	10,309,360	11,365,550	10,626,637

* Excludes 2009.

U.S.-Flag Carriage Year-To-Date: 2009-2014 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

Commodity	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	9,792,555	19,991,781	22,021,767	21,968,094	20,914,813	17,746,235	21,224,114
Transshipments	0	1,517,943	1,549,154	1,311,312	1,507,217	1,536,644	1,471,407
Total - Iron Ore	9,792,555	21,509,724	23,570,921	23,279,406	22,422,030	19,282,879	22,695,520
Coal							0
Lake Superior	7,526,868	7,537,363	6,114,151	5,156,481	5,254,784	4,606,059	6,015,695
Lake Michigan	785,862	880,248	1,326,064	1,325,583	1,041,037	639,637	1,143,233
Lake Erie	1,070,951	1,501,931	1,972,624	1,245,880	1,408,414	2,011,368	1,532,212
Total - Coal	9,383,681	9,919,542	9,412,839	7,727,944	7,704,235	7,257,064	8,691,140
Limestone	7,119,710	9,872,314	9,420,167	11,404,335	10,512,112	9,601,606	10,302,232
Cement	1,248,592	1,257,158	1,338,092	1,631,601	1,445,091	1,435,835	1,417,986
Salt	583,676	694,378	755,939	553,008	628,024	607,351	657,837
Sand	135,925	83,964	149,250	158,824	166,037	163,448	139,519
Grain	135,966	100,688	121,991	120,861	174,784	49,801	129,581
Totals	28,400,105	43,437,768	44,769,199	44,875,979	43,052,313	38,397,984	44,033,815

* Excludes 2009.

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