



# Lake Carriers' Association

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

| Commodity               | 2009             | 2010              | 2011              | 2012             | 2013              | 2014              | Average 2009-2013* |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Iron Ore</b>         |                  |                   |                   |                  |                   |                   |                    |
| Direct Shipments        | 2,049,093        | 4,297,747         | 4,484,390         | 4,293,441        | 4,378,601         | 5,146,523         | 4,363,545          |
| Transshipments          | 0                | 99,433            | 287,270           | 230,038          | 120,296           | 393,390           | 184,259            |
| <b>Total - Iron Ore</b> | <b>2,049,093</b> | <b>4,397,180</b>  | <b>4,771,660</b>  | <b>4,523,479</b> | <b>4,498,897</b>  | <b>5,539,913</b>  | <b>4,547,804</b>   |
| <b>Coal</b>             |                  |                   |                   |                  |                   |                   |                    |
| Lake Superior           | 1,760,417        | 1,857,930         | 1,400,953         | 1,127,445        | 1,714,727         | 1,283,154         | 1,525,264          |
| Lake Michigan           | 283,850          | 207,934           | 303,624           | 313,949          | 205,767           | 196,413           | 257,819            |
| Lake Erie               | 350,370          | 534,464           | 468,628           | 306,598          | 514,237           | 498,720           | 455,982            |
| <b>Total - Coal</b>     | <b>2,394,637</b> | <b>2,600,328</b>  | <b>2,173,205</b>  | <b>1,747,992</b> | <b>2,434,731</b>  | <b>1,978,287</b>  | <b>2,239,064</b>   |
| Limestone               | 2,172,778        | 2,401,298         | 2,896,743         | 2,721,514        | 2,958,713         | 2,766,974         | 2,744,567          |
| Cement                  | 401,581          | 376,883           | 398,152           | 352,656          | 459,049           | 462,678           | 396,685            |
| Salt                    | 138,795          | 177,207           | 107,593           | 35,293           | 61,936            | 168,445           | 95,507             |
| Sand                    | 26,861           | 31,260            | 26,631            | 31,186           | 14,546            | 40,515            | 25,906             |
| Grain                   | 0                | 22,500            | 0                 | 64,410           | 51,761            | 42,004            | 34,668             |
| <b>Totals</b>           | <b>7,183,745</b> | <b>10,006,656</b> | <b>10,373,984</b> | <b>9,476,530</b> | <b>10,479,633</b> | <b>10,998,816</b> | <b>10,084,201</b>  |

\* Excludes 2009.

## U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage Year-To-Date 2009-2014 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

| Commodity               | 2009              | 2010              | 2011              | 2012              | 2013              | 2014              | Average 2009-2013* |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Iron Ore</b>         |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |
| Direct Shipments        | 11,841,648        | 24,289,528        | 26,506,157        | 26,261,535        | 25,293,414        | 22,892,758        | 25,587,659         |
| Transshipments          | 0                 | 1,617,376         | 1,836,424         | 1,541,350         | 1,627,513         | 1,930,034         | 1,655,666          |
| <b>Total - Iron Ore</b> | <b>11,841,648</b> | <b>25,906,904</b> | <b>28,342,581</b> | <b>27,802,885</b> | <b>26,920,927</b> | <b>24,822,792</b> | <b>27,243,324</b>  |
| <b>Coal</b>             |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |
| Lake Superior           | 9,287,285         | 9,395,293         | 7,515,104         | 6,283,926         | 6,969,511         | 5,889,213         | 7,540,959          |
| Lake Michigan           | 1,069,712         | 1,088,182         | 1,629,688         | 1,639,532         | 1,246,804         | 836,050           | 1,401,052          |
| Lake Erie               | 1,421,321         | 2,036,395         | 2,441,252         | 1,552,478         | 1,922,651         | 2,510,088         | 1,988,194          |
| <b>Total - Coal</b>     | <b>11,778,318</b> | <b>12,519,870</b> | <b>11,586,044</b> | <b>9,475,936</b>  | <b>10,138,966</b> | <b>9,235,351</b>  | <b>10,930,204</b>  |
| Limestone               | 9,292,488         | 12,273,612        | 12,316,910        | 14,125,849        | 13,470,825        | 12,368,580        | 13,046,799         |
| Cement                  | 1,650,173         | 1,634,041         | 1,736,244         | 1,984,257         | 1,904,140         | 1,898,513         | 1,814,671          |
| Salt                    | 722,471           | 871,585           | 863,532           | 588,301           | 689,960           | 775,796           | 753,345            |
| Sand                    | 162,786           | 115,224           | 175,881           | 190,010           | 180,583           | 203,963           | 165,425            |
| Grain                   | 135,966           | 123,188           | 121,991           | 185,271           | 226,545           | 91,805            | 164,249            |
| <b>Totals</b>           | <b>35,583,850</b> | <b>53,444,424</b> | <b>55,143,183</b> | <b>54,352,509</b> | <b>53,531,946</b> | <b>49,396,800</b> | <b>54,118,016</b>  |

\* Excludes 2009.

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