



Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average 2009-2013*
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	3,288,633	3,843,416	4,382,112	3,867,174	3,544,534	4,319,422	3,909,309
Transshipments	301,659	268,565	302,745	265,392	237,099	308,599	268,450
Total - Iron Ore	3,590,292	4,111,981	4,684,857	4,132,566	3,781,633	4,628,021	4,177,759
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,628,377	1,498,900	1,429,636	1,539,351	1,401,031	1,236,016	1,467,230
Lake Michigan	317,889	227,671	318,717	283,608	319,468	209,611	287,366
Lake Erie	538,494	485,755	493,153	466,173	505,499	410,958	487,645
Total - Coal	2,484,760	2,212,326	2,241,506	2,289,132	2,225,998	1,856,585	2,242,241
Limestone	2,415,733	2,157,234	2,597,868	2,223,876	2,273,141	2,318,721	2,313,030
Cement	329,464	291,529	271,072	323,617	287,600	302,830	293,455
Salt	127,064	112,658	140,289	68,271	54,960	126,371	94,045
Sand	13,801	55,900	75,249	60,526	47,170	23,356	59,711
Grain	56,979	22,500	16,139	61,027	58,708	16,380	39,594
Totals	9,018,093	8,964,128	10,026,980	9,159,015	8,729,210	9,272,264	9,219,833

* Excludes 2009.

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: 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	19,966,281	35,676,348	39,395,672	37,870,832	37,513,952	36,927,090	37,614,201
Transshipments	494,424	2,118,175	2,540,031	2,240,729	2,339,289	3,272,056	2,309,556
Total - Iron Ore	20,460,705	37,794,523	41,935,703	40,111,561	39,853,241	40,199,146	39,923,757
Coal							
Lake Superior	14,268,418	14,342,487	11,896,374	10,700,124	11,120,249	9,906,281	12,014,809
Lake Michigan	1,866,206	1,776,412	2,668,521	2,455,678	2,123,982	1,562,123	2,256,148
Lake Erie	2,890,994	3,318,391	3,735,169	2,743,467	3,261,961	3,865,617	3,264,747
Total - Coal	19,025,618	19,437,290	18,300,064	15,899,269	16,506,192	15,334,021	17,535,704
Limestone	16,487,816	19,751,472	20,366,145	21,114,274	20,993,972	20,233,075	20,556,466
Cement	2,695,027	2,615,613	2,636,999	2,991,853	2,954,917	2,986,671	2,799,846
Salt	1,132,968	1,205,539	1,292,998	846,334	963,768	1,281,682	1,077,160
Sand	262,805	212,032	300,859	308,642	354,301	324,030	293,959
Grain	287,777	246,161	214,497	325,347	394,552	191,457	295,139
Totals	60,352,716	81,262,630	85,047,265	81,597,280	82,020,943	80,550,082	82,482,030

* Excludes 2009.

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