



# Lake Carriers' Association

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## U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes July 2010-2015 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

Commodity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Average 2010-2014
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,286,856	4,951,308	4,047,075	4,346,563	5,086,475	4,276,673	4,543,655
Transshipments	208,763	304,525	284,704	274,230	211,297	468,264	256,704
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>4,495,619</b>	<b>5,255,833</b>	<b>4,331,779</b>	<b>4,620,793</b>	<b>5,297,772</b>	<b>4,744,937</b>	<b>4,800,359</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	2,240,459	1,557,452	1,233,060	1,436,662	1,424,349	1,716,146	1,578,396
Lake Michigan	250,694	335,180	358,946	262,755	131,830	149,708	267,881
Lake Erie	150,777	448,676	213,695	349,316	576,927	405,230	347,878
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,641,930</b>	<b>2,341,308</b>	<b>1,805,701</b>	<b>2,048,733</b>	<b>2,133,106</b>	<b>2,271,084</b>	<b>2,194,156</b>
Limestone	2,949,596	2,836,583	3,840,596	3,070,431	3,391,253	3,201,829	3,217,692
Cement	280,691	326,052	382,711	346,113	396,350	434,109	346,383
Salt	150,298	236,022	77,004	131,725	87,576	126,941	136,525
Sand	15,640	86,679	52,390	51,279	59,493	64,590	53,096
Grain	16,605	22,501	51,651	40,286	0	48,613	26,209
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,550,379</b>	<b>11,104,978</b>	<b>10,541,832</b>	<b>10,309,360</b>	<b>11,365,550</b>	<b>10,892,103</b>	<b>10,774,420</b>

## U.S.-Flag Carriage Year-To-Date: 2010-2015 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

Commodity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Average 2010-2014
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	19,991,781	22,021,767	21,968,094	20,914,813	17,746,235	18,631,867	20,528,538
Transshipments	1,517,943	1,549,154	1,311,312	1,507,217	1,536,644	1,898,428	1,484,454
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>21,509,724</b>	<b>23,570,921</b>	<b>23,279,406</b>	<b>22,422,030</b>	<b>19,282,879</b>	<b>20,530,295</b>	<b>22,012,992</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	7,537,363	6,114,151	5,156,481	5,254,784	4,606,059	5,957,477	5,733,768
Lake Michigan	880,248	1,326,064	1,325,583	1,041,037	639,637	672,530	1,042,514
Lake Erie	1,501,931	1,972,624	1,245,880	1,408,414	2,011,368	1,718,473	1,628,043
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>9,919,542</b>	<b>9,412,839</b>	<b>7,727,944</b>	<b>7,704,235</b>	<b>7,257,064</b>	<b>8,348,480</b>	<b>8,404,325</b>
Limestone	9,872,314	9,420,167	11,404,335	10,512,112	9,601,606	10,880,266	10,162,107
Cement	1,257,158	1,338,092	1,631,601	1,445,091	1,435,835	1,780,972	1,421,555
Salt	694,378	755,939	553,008	628,024	607,351	645,790	647,740
Sand	83,964	149,250	158,824	166,037	163,448	186,280	144,305
Grain	100,688	121,991	120,861	174,784	49,801	137,103	113,625
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43,437,768</b>	<b>44,769,199</b>	<b>44,875,979</b>	<b>43,052,313</b>	<b>38,397,984</b>	<b>42,509,186</b>	<b>42,906,649</b>

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