

# Lake Carriers' Association

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### U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: April 2012-2017 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

Commodity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,288,206	3,892,519	1,761,962	3,079,872	4,038,237	4,147,671	3,412,159
Transshipments	188,950	170,999	195,259	317,689	383,644	361,276	251,308
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>4,477,156</b>	<b>4,063,518</b>	<b>1,957,221</b>	<b>3,397,561</b>	<b>4,421,881</b>	<b>4,508,947</b>	<b>3,663,467</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,087,126	987,538	189,435	869,130	895,124	898,460	805,671
Lake Michigan	162,277	218,636	130,361	128,275	82,309	62,036	144,372
Lake Erie	288,051	285,848	312,683	312,928	192,861	212,238	278,474
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>1,537,454</b>	<b>1,492,022</b>	<b>632,479</b>	<b>1,310,333</b>	<b>1,170,294</b>	<b>1,172,734</b>	<b>1,228,516</b>
Limestone	1,917,856	1,372,828	874,768	1,482,455	1,423,199	1,139,088	1,414,221
Cement	250,986	178,136	176,771	347,996	216,257	255,539	234,029
Salt	30,504	115,482	118,000	101,373	54,702	0	84,012
Sand	16,382	34,451	0	0	0	0	10,167
Grain	16,434	46,800	0	24,302	25,200	25,800	22,547
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,246,772</b>	<b>7,303,237</b>	<b>3,759,239</b>	<b>6,664,020</b>	<b>7,311,533</b>	<b>7,102,108</b>	<b>6,656,960</b>

### Year-To-Date 2012-2017 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

Commodity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	8,843,456	7,603,038	3,693,673	5,362,179	6,640,011	7,172,455	6,428,471
Transshipments	585,977	749,477	816,079	643,945	808,958	874,213	720,887
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>9,429,433</b>	<b>8,352,515</b>	<b>4,509,752</b>	<b>6,006,124</b>	<b>7,448,969</b>	<b>8,046,668</b>	<b>7,149,359</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,679,436	1,211,283	395,390	1,412,615	1,094,437	1,109,852	1,158,632
Lake Michigan	274,217	319,412	210,182	241,007	82,309	62,036	225,425
Lake Erie	359,046	329,754	487,239	426,476	316,680	304,774	383,839
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>2,312,699</b>	<b>1,860,449</b>	<b>1,092,811</b>	<b>2,080,098</b>	<b>1,493,426</b>	<b>1,476,662</b>	<b>1,767,897</b>
Limestone	2,089,831	1,649,317	874,768	1,679,721	1,671,678	1,188,376	1,593,063
Cement	508,664	394,648	287,853	577,614	609,355	525,773	475,627
Salt	244,597	139,502	163,767	101,373	131,774	73,188	156,203
Sand	16,382	48,343	0	0	0	0	12,945
Grain	32,198	46,800	0	24,302	25,200	25,800	25,700
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14,633,804</b>	<b>12,491,574</b>	<b>6,928,951</b>	<b>10,469,232</b>	<b>11,380,402</b>	<b>11,336,467</b>	<b>11,180,793</b>

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