

Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,616,076	4,617,663	4,293,870	4,952,431	4,292,728	4,330,135	4,554,554
Transshipments	225,565	246,268	277,590	406,544	404,203	555,738	312,034
Total - Iron Ore	4,841,641	4,863,931	4,571,460	5,358,975	4,696,931	4,885,873	4,866,588
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,286,009	1,224,827	1,306,189	1,274,541	1,055,856	1,093,719	1,229,484
Lake Michigan	320,601	268,053	133,908	156,091	44,841	31,339	184,699
Lake Erie	318,682	314,032	445,070	500,059	297,750	310,342	375,119
Total - Coal	1,925,292	1,806,912	1,885,167	1,930,691	1,398,447	1,435,400	1,789,302
Limestone	2,477,358	2,809,526	2,590,284	2,946,370	2,913,532	2,721,121	2,747,414
Cement	380,684	380,024	345,909	336,909	324,584	252,116	353,622
Salt	102,935	215,319	185,398	201,573	91,803	127,226	159,406
Sand	59,678	37,500	38,909	54,156	48,412	49,126	47,731
Grain	23,701	23,700	24,901	0	0	25,801	14,460
Totals	9,811,289	10,136,912	9,642,028	10,828,674	9,473,709	9,496,663	9,978,522

U.S.-Flag Carriage: Year-To-Date 2012-2017 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

Commodity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	13,459,532	12,220,701	7,987,543	10,314,610	10,932,739	11,502,590	10,983,025
Transshipments	811,542	995,745	1,093,669	1,050,489	1,213,161	1,429,951	1,032,921
Total - Iron Ore	14,271,074	13,216,446	9,081,212	11,365,099	12,145,900	12,932,541	12,015,946
Coal							0
Lake Superior	2,965,445	2,436,110	1,701,579	2,687,156	2,150,293	2,203,571	2,388,117
Lake Michigan	594,818	587,465	344,090	397,098	127,150	93,375	410,124
Lake Erie	677,728	643,786	932,309	926,535	614,430	615,116	758,958
Total - Coal	4,237,991	3,667,361	2,977,978	4,010,789	2,891,873	2,912,062	3,557,198
Limestone	4,567,189	4,458,843	3,465,052	4,626,091	4,585,210	3,909,497	4,340,477
Cement	889,348	774,672	633,762	914,523	933,939	777,889	829,249
Salt	347,532	354,821	349,165	302,946	223,577	200,414	315,608
Sand	76,060	85,843	38,909	54,156	48,412	49,126	60,676
Grain	55,899	70,500	24,901	24,302	25,200	51,601	40,160
Totals	24,445,093	22,628,486	16,570,979	21,297,906	20,854,111	20,833,130	21,159,315

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