

# Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,461,487	4,347,549	4,672,217	4,040,584	4,420,031	4,559,149	4,388,374
Transshipments	215,066	237,242	231,678	379,675	360,312	386,312	284,795
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>4,676,553</b>	<b>4,584,791</b>	<b>4,903,895</b>	<b>4,420,259</b>	<b>4,780,343</b>	<b>4,945,461</b>	<b>4,673,168</b>
<b>Coal (By Lake of Loading)</b>							
Lake Superior	957,976	1,382,012	1,480,131	1,554,175	1,119,938	1,260,099	1,298,846
Lake Michigan	371,819	190,817	163,717	125,724	44,579	48,421	179,331
Lake Erie	354,457	415,312	502,132	386,708	328,279	306,180	397,378
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>1,684,252</b>	<b>1,988,141</b>	<b>2,145,980</b>	<b>2,066,607</b>	<b>1,492,796</b>	<b>1,614,700</b>	<b>1,875,555</b>
Limestone	2,996,550	2,982,838	2,745,301	3,052,346	2,919,558	2,609,213	2,939,319
Cement	359,542	324,306	405,723	432,340	284,551	377,723	361,292
Salt	128,472	141,478	170,610	215,903	171,404	101,310	165,573
Sand	30,374	28,915	65,046	67,534	5,994	61,025	39,573
Grain	13,311	63,998	24,900	64,188	0	17,005	33,279
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,889,054</b>	<b>10,114,467</b>	<b>10,461,455</b>	<b>10,319,177</b>	<b>9,654,646</b>	<b>9,726,437</b>	<b>10,087,760</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	17,921,019	16,568,250	12,659,760	14,355,194	15,352,770	16,061,739	15,371,399
Transshipments	1,026,608	1,232,987	1,325,347	1,430,164	1,573,473	1,816,263	1,317,716
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>18,947,627</b>	<b>17,801,237</b>	<b>13,985,107</b>	<b>15,785,358</b>	<b>16,926,243</b>	<b>17,878,002</b>	<b>16,689,114</b>
<b>Coal (By Lake of Loading)</b>							
Lake Superior	3,923,421	3,818,122	3,181,710	4,241,331	3,270,231	3,463,670	3,686,963
Lake Michigan	966,637	778,282	507,807	522,822	171,729	141,796	589,455
Lake Erie	1,032,185	1,059,098	1,434,441	1,313,243	942,709	921,296	1,156,335
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>5,922,243</b>	<b>5,655,502</b>	<b>5,123,958</b>	<b>6,077,396</b>	<b>4,384,669</b>	<b>4,526,762</b>	<b>5,432,754</b>
Limestone	7,563,739	7,441,681	6,210,353	7,678,437	7,504,768	6,518,710	7,279,796
Cement	1,248,890	1,098,978	1,039,485	1,346,863	1,218,490	1,155,612	1,190,541
Salt	476,004	496,299	519,775	518,849	394,981	301,724	481,182
Sand	106,434	114,758	103,955	121,690	54,406	110,151	100,249
Grain	69,210	134,498	49,801	88,490	25,200	68,606	73,440
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34,334,147</b>	<b>32,742,953</b>	<b>27,032,434</b>	<b>31,617,083</b>	<b>30,508,757</b>	<b>30,559,567</b>	<b>31,247,075</b>

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