

Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,293,441	4,378,601	5,146,523	4,036,054	4,310,647	4,304,641	4,433,053
Transshipments	230,038	120,296	393,390	271,715	200,764	417,812	243,241
Total - Iron Ore	4,523,479	4,498,897	5,539,913	4,307,769	4,511,411	4,722,453	4,676,294
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,127,445	1,714,727	1,283,154	1,303,629	1,096,182	1,284,229	1,305,027
Lake Michigan	313,949	205,767	196,413	60,366	63,113	48,248	167,922
Lake Erie	306,598	514,237	498,720	382,136	288,546	238,558	398,047
Total - Coal	1,747,992	2,434,731	1,978,287	1,746,131	1,447,841	1,571,035	1,870,996
Limestone	2,721,514	2,958,713	2,766,974	3,142,194	2,942,102	3,229,478	2,906,299
Cement	352,656	459,049	462,678	437,710	340,779	390,735	410,574
Salt	35,293	61,936	168,445	151,417	161,927	130,776	115,804
Sand	31,186	14,546	40,515	35,984	29,987	42,785	30,444
Grain	64,410	51,761	42,004	42,487	16,986	26,304	43,530
Totals	9,476,530	10,479,633	10,998,816	9,863,692	9,451,033	10,113,566	10,053,941

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	26,261,535	25,293,414	22,892,758	22,667,921	24,042,164	25,049,422	24,231,558
Transshipments	1,541,350	1,627,513	1,930,034	2,170,143	1,978,801	2,533,608	1,849,568
Total - Iron Ore	27,802,885	26,920,927	24,822,792	24,838,064	26,020,965	27,583,030	26,081,127
Coal							0
Lake Superior	6,283,926	6,969,511	5,889,213	7,261,106	5,649,760	5,827,400	6,410,703
Lake Michigan	1,639,532	1,246,804	836,050	732,896	330,620	248,890	957,180
Lake Erie	1,552,478	1,922,651	2,510,088	2,100,609	1,575,005	1,456,408	1,932,166
Total - Coal	9,475,936	10,138,966	9,235,351	10,094,611	7,555,385	7,532,698	9,300,050
Limestone	14,125,849	13,470,825	12,368,580	14,022,460	13,332,801	12,558,749	13,464,103
Cement*	1,984,257	1,904,140	1,898,513	2,218,682	1,986,634	1,989,793	1,998,445
Salt	588,301	689,960	775,796	797,207	676,226	482,567	705,498
Sand	190,010	180,583	203,963	222,264	148,983	206,829	189,161
Grain	185,271	226,545	91,805	179,590	92,289	94,910	155,100
Totals	54,352,509	53,531,946	49,396,800	52,372,878	49,813,283	50,448,576	51,893,483

* Year-to-date revised.

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