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

Commodity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	3,867,174	3,544,534	4,319,422	3,256,938	4,367,999	3,940,341	3,871,213
Transshipments	265,392	237,099	308,599	358,692	317,019	296,442	297,360
Total - Iron Ore	4,132,566	3,781,633	4,628,021	3,615,630	4,685,018	4,236,783	4,168,574
Coal							0
Lake Superior	1,539,351	1,401,031	1,236,016	1,037,576	863,911	990,084	1,215,577
Lake Michigan	283,608	319,468	209,611	137,470	46,299	17,529	199,291
Lake Erie	466,173	505,499	410,958	388,929	329,537	261,976	420,219
Total - Coal	2,289,132	2,225,998	1,856,585	1,563,975	1,239,747	1,269,589	1,835,087
Limestone	2,223,876	2,273,141	2,318,721	2,196,422	1,989,650	2,536,496	2,200,362
Cement	323,617	287,600	302,830	314,062	336,764	290,215	312,975
Salt	68,271	54,960	126,371	129,592	139,936	144,025	103,826
Sand	60,526	47,170	23,356	45,638	0	52,585	35,338
Grain	61,027	58,708	16,380	24,402	24,600	0	37,023
Totals	9,159,015	8,729,210	9,272,264	7,889,721	8,415,715	8,529,693	8,693,185

U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: 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	37,870,832	37,513,952	36,927,090	33,694,563	36,748,603	37,888,459	36,551,008
Transshipments	2,240,729	2,339,289	3,272,056	3,260,799	2,648,675	3,631,555	2,752,310
Total - Iron Ore	40,111,561	39,853,241	40,199,146	36,955,362	39,397,278	41,520,014	39,303,318
Coal							0
Lake Superior	10,700,124	11,120,249	9,906,281	11,762,574	8,817,498	9,303,282	10,461,345
Lake Michigan	2,455,678	2,123,982	1,562,123	1,065,632	478,143	310,893	1,537,112
Lake Erie	2,743,467	3,261,961	3,865,617	3,091,863	2,512,903	2,420,727	3,095,162
Total - Coal	15,899,269	16,506,192	15,334,021	15,920,069	11,808,544	12,034,902	15,093,619
Limestone	21,114,274	20,993,972	20,233,075	21,888,185	20,365,502	20,525,069	20,919,002
Cement	2,991,853	2,954,917	2,986,671	3,233,596	3,078,740	2,977,226	3,049,155
Salt	846,334	963,768	1,281,682	1,167,034	1,086,842	947,443	1,069,132
Sand	308,642	354,301	324,030	319,891	247,186	359,005	310,810
Grain	325,347	394,552	191,457	309,618	225,993	172,970	289,393
Totals	81,597,280	82,020,943	80,550,082	79,793,755	76,210,085	78,536,629	80,034,429

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