

# Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	4,830,008	3,704,263	4,997,500	3,702,938	4,345,936	4,036,094	4,316,129
Transshipments	247,458	294,537	427,561	206,653	331,618	432,707	301,565
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>5,077,466</b>	<b>3,998,800</b>	<b>5,425,061</b>	<b>3,909,591</b>	<b>4,677,554</b>	<b>4,468,801</b>	<b>4,617,694</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	1,247,493	1,096,419	1,419,228	1,104,472	792,403	951,180	1,132,003
Lake Michigan	198,828	190,179	308,650	28,361	48,425	58,434	154,889
Lake Erie	234,358	444,850	710,590	601,412	315,505	287,981	461,343
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>1,680,679</b>	<b>1,731,448</b>	<b>2,438,468</b>	<b>1,734,245</b>	<b>1,156,333</b>	<b>1,297,595</b>	<b>1,748,235</b>
Limestone	680,120	1,117,522	1,226,354	1,254,399	828,343	1,028,062	1,021,348
Cement	191,535	174,831	261,362	218,393	167,731	205,410	202,770
Salt	173,823	41,069	118,386	244,135	172,567	120,393	149,996
Sand	27,674	16,978	52,426	0	18,034	16,633	23,022
Grain	46,059	53,101	68,004	46,650	24,006	64,361	47,564
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,877,356</b>	<b>7,133,749</b>	<b>9,590,061</b>	<b>7,407,413</b>	<b>7,044,568</b>	<b>7,201,255</b>	<b>7,810,629</b>

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

Commodity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Average 2012-2016
<b>Iron Ore</b>							
Direct Shipments	42,700,840	41,218,215	41,924,590	37,397,501	41,094,539	41,924,553	40,867,137
Transshipments	2,488,187	2,633,826	3,699,617	3,467,452	2,980,293	4,064,262	3,053,875
<b>Total - Iron Ore</b>	<b>45,189,027</b>	<b>43,852,041</b>	<b>45,624,207</b>	<b>40,864,953</b>	<b>44,074,832</b>	<b>45,988,815</b>	<b>43,921,012</b>
<b>Coal</b>							
Lake Superior	11,947,617	12,216,668	11,325,509	12,867,046	9,609,901	10,254,462	11,593,348
Lake Michigan	2,654,506	2,314,161	1,870,773	1,093,993	526,568	369,327	1,692,000
Lake Erie	2,977,825	3,706,811	4,576,207	3,693,275	2,828,408	2,708,708	3,556,505
<b>Total - Coal</b>	<b>17,579,948</b>	<b>18,237,640</b>	<b>17,772,489</b>	<b>17,654,314</b>	<b>12,964,877</b>	<b>13,332,497</b>	<b>16,841,854</b>
Limestone	21,794,394	22,111,494	21,459,429	23,142,584	21,193,845	21,553,131	21,940,349
Cement	3,183,388	3,129,748	3,248,033	3,451,989	3,246,471	3,182,636	3,251,926
Salt	1,020,157	1,004,837	1,400,068	1,411,169	1,259,409	1,067,836	1,219,128
Sand	336,316	371,279	376,456	319,891	265,220	375,638	333,832
Grain	371,406	447,653	259,461	356,268	249,999	237,331	336,957
<b>Totals</b>	<b>89,474,636</b>	<b>89,154,692</b>	<b>90,140,143</b>	<b>87,201,168</b>	<b>83,254,653</b>	<b>85,737,884</b>	<b>87,845,058</b>

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