

Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Dry-Bulk Cargo Carriage on the Great Lakes: April 2013-2018 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

Commodity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	3,892,519	1,761,962	3,079,872	4,038,237	4,147,671	3,509,697	3,384,052
Transshipments	170,999	195,259	317,689	383,644	361,276	429,612	285,773
Total - Iron Ore	4,063,518	1,957,221	3,397,561	4,421,881	4,508,947	3,939,309	3,669,826
Coal							
Lake Superior	987,538	189,435	869,130	895,124	898,460	548,966	767,937
Lake Michigan	218,636	130,361	128,275	82,309	62,036	0	124,323
Lake Erie	285,848	312,683	312,928	192,861	212,238	193,640	263,312
Total - Coal	1,492,022	632,479	1,310,333	1,170,294	1,172,734	742,606	1,155,572
Limestone	1,372,828	874,768	1,482,455	1,423,199	1,139,088	1,065,627	1,258,468
Cement	178,136	176,771	347,996	216,257	255,539	186,393	234,940
Salt	115,482	118,000	101,373	54,702	0	99,498	77,911
Sand	34,451	0	0	0	0	30,918	6,890
Grain	46,800	0	24,302	25,200	25,800	26,250	24,420
Totals	7,303,237	3,759,239	6,664,020	7,311,533	7,102,108	6,090,601	6,428,027

Year-To-Date 2013-2018 and Long-Term Average (net tons)

Commodity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	7,603,038	3,693,673	5,362,179	6,640,011	7,172,455	5,748,780	6,094,271
Transshipments	749,477	816,079	643,945	808,958	874,213	1,005,309	778,534
Total - Iron Ore	8,352,515	4,509,752	6,006,124	7,448,969	8,046,668	6,754,089	6,872,806
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,211,283	395,390	1,412,615	1,094,437	1,109,852	548,966	1,044,715
Lake Michigan	319,412	210,182	241,007	82,309	62,036	17,718	182,989
Lake Erie	329,754	487,239	426,476	316,680	304,774	269,807	372,985
Total - Coal	1,860,449	1,092,811	2,080,098	1,493,426	1,476,662	836,491	1,600,689
Limestone	1,649,317	874,768	1,679,721	1,671,678	1,188,376	1,268,240	1,412,772
Cement	394,648	287,853	577,614	609,355	525,773	357,855	479,049
Salt	139,502	163,767	101,373	131,774	73,188	122,638	121,921
Sand	48,343	0	0	0	0	30,918	9,669
Grain	46,800	0	24,302	25,200	25,800	26,250	24,420
Totals	12,491,574	6,928,951	10,469,232	11,380,402	11,336,467	9,396,481	10,521,325

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