

Lake Carriers' Association

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

Commodity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
Iron Ore							
Direct Shipments	4,617,663	4,293,870	4,952,431	4,292,728	4,330,135	4,536,585	4,497,365
Transshipments	246,268	277,590	406,544	404,203	555,738	376,366	378,069
Total - Iron Ore	4,863,931	4,571,460	5,358,975	4,696,931	4,885,873	4,912,951	4,875,434
Coal							
Lake Superior	1,224,827	1,306,189	1,274,541	1,055,856	1,093,719	1,001,809	1,191,026
Lake Michigan	268,053	133,908	156,091	44,841	31,339	77,232	126,846
Lake Erie	314,032	445,070	500,059	297,750	310,342	326,948	373,451
Total - Coal	1,806,912	1,885,167	1,930,691	1,398,447	1,435,400	1,405,989	1,691,323
Limestone	2,809,526	2,590,284	2,946,370	2,913,532	2,721,121	2,771,320	2,796,167
Cement	380,024	345,909	336,909	324,584	252,116	294,118	327,908
Salt	215,319	185,398	201,573	91,803	127,226	34,645	164,264
Sand	37,500	38,909	54,156	48,412	49,126	67,286	45,621
Grain	23,700	24,901	0	0	25,801	0	14,880
Totals	10,136,912	9,642,028	10,828,674	9,473,709	9,496,663	9,486,309	9,915,597

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	12,220,701	7,987,543	10,314,610	10,932,739	11,502,590	10,285,365	10,591,637
Transshipments	995,745	1,093,669	1,050,489	1,213,161	1,429,951	1,381,675	1,156,603
Total - Iron Ore	13,216,446	9,081,212	11,365,099	12,145,900	12,932,541	11,667,040	11,748,240
Coal							
Lake Superior	2,436,110	1,701,579	2,687,156	2,150,293	2,203,571	1,550,775	2,235,742
Lake Michigan	587,465	344,090	397,098	127,150	93,375	94,950	309,836
Lake Erie	643,786	932,309	926,535	614,430	615,116	596,755	746,435
Total - Coal	3,667,361	2,977,978	4,010,789	2,891,873	2,912,062	2,242,480	3,292,013
Limestone	4,458,843	3,465,052	4,626,091	4,585,210	3,909,497	4,039,560	4,208,939
Cement	774,672	633,762	914,523	933,939	777,889	651,973	806,957
Salt	354,821	349,165	302,946	223,577	200,414	157,283	286,185
Sand	85,843	38,909	54,156	48,412	49,126	98,204	55,289
Grain	70,500	24,901	24,302	25,200	51,601	26,250	39,301
Totals	22,628,486	16,570,979	21,297,906	20,854,111	20,833,130	18,882,790	20,436,922

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