

NOTES

U.S. Department of Transportation

Maritime Administration

U.S.-Flag Privately-Owned Merchant Fleet, 1946-Present*

Oceangoing Self-Propelled Vessels of 1,000 Gross Tons and Above

(Tonnages in Thousands)

Coverage

This Report Contains Summary Statistics on the U.S.-Flag Fleet which includes oceangoing, self-propelled, privately-owned, merchant vessels of 1,000 gross tons or greater (Cargo-carrying only from 2000 to Present). This report excludes Government-owned vessels and those operating strictly on the Great Lakes and Inland Waterways.

Vessel Types

The vessel categories used for this report include the following types:

Freighters: General Cargo Carriers, Fully Cellular Containerships, Partial Containerships, Refrigerated Ships, Ro-Ro Vessels,

Ro-Ro/Containerships, Vehicle Carriers, ITBs*

1946 - 1955: Includes General Cargo, Containership, Ro-Ro, and Dry Bulk vessels.

1956 - 1977: General Cargo, Containership, and Ro-Ro vessels

1978 - Present: General Cargo, Containership, Ro-Ro and ITBs*

Tankers: Petroleum Tankers, Chemical Carriers, LNG Carriers, LNG/LPG Carriers, LPG Carriers.

Container: Fully Cellular Containerships

Dry Bulk: Bulk Vessels, Bulk Containerships, Cement Carriers, Wood Chip Carriers, Ore/Bulk/Oil Carriers, and Bulk/Oil Carriers.

Ro-Ro: Ro-Ro Vessels, Ro-Ro/Containerships, Vehicle Carriers.

General Cargo: General Cargo Carriers, Partial Containerships, Refrigerated Ships.

Capacities

Vessel capacities are expressed in gross tons (GT) and deadweight tons (DWT).

Gross Tonnage is volume of all ship's enclosed spaces (from keel to funnel) measured to the outside of the hull framing. 1 GT = 100 cubic feet.

Deadweight is the total weight (metric tons) of: Cargo, fuel, fresh water, stores and crew which a ship can carry when immersed to its load line.

Source

IHS Maritime, Sea-Web. www.sea-web.com

Maritime Administration Vessel Inventory Lists

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Note: While efforts have been made to ensure consistency throughout the time series, please note, sources and methodologies have changed from year to year. For instance, an increase in freighter numbers in 2000 can be attributed to the inclusion of privately-owned vessels operating under charter to the Military Sealift Command (MSC). This is consistent going forward.

