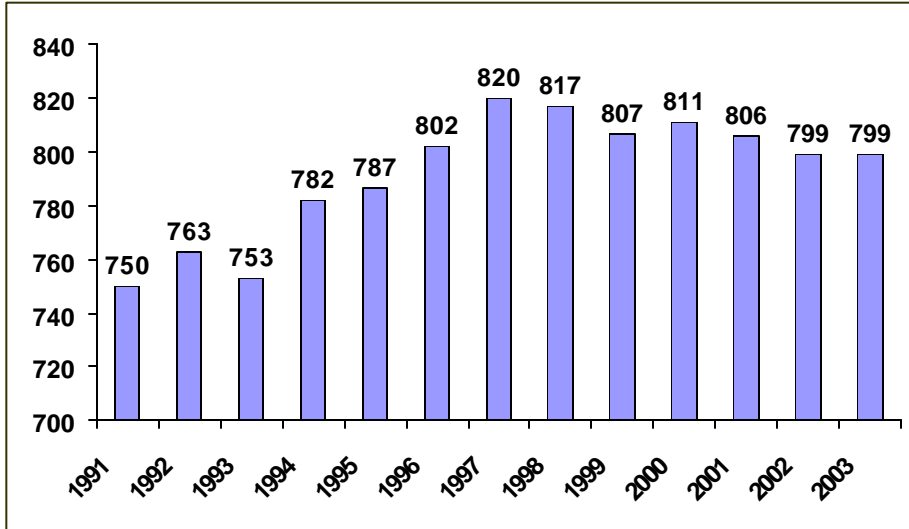


## Domestic Barge Traffic 1980-2003

The towing industry transported 799 million tons of cargo in 2003, the second consecutive year at this level. The average for the last eight years is 808 million tons. A review of the data since 1980 shows a general upward trend in tons transported, interspersed with short periods of small declines.



| Year | Millions of Tons |
|------|------------------|
| 1980 | 667              |
| 1981 | 658              |
| 1982 | 618              |
| 1983 | 614              |
| 1984 | 684              |
| 1985 | 667              |
| 1986 | 697              |
| 1987 | 713              |
| 1988 | 741              |
| 1989 | 743              |
| 1990 | 776              |
| 1991 | 750              |
| 1992 | 765              |
| 1993 | 753              |
| 1994 | 782              |
| 1995 | 787              |
| 1996 | 802              |
| 1997 | 820              |
| 1998 | 817              |
| 1999 | 807              |
| 2000 | 811              |
| 2001 | 806              |
| 2002 | 799              |
| 2003 | 799              |

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, *Waterborne Commerce of the U.S.*