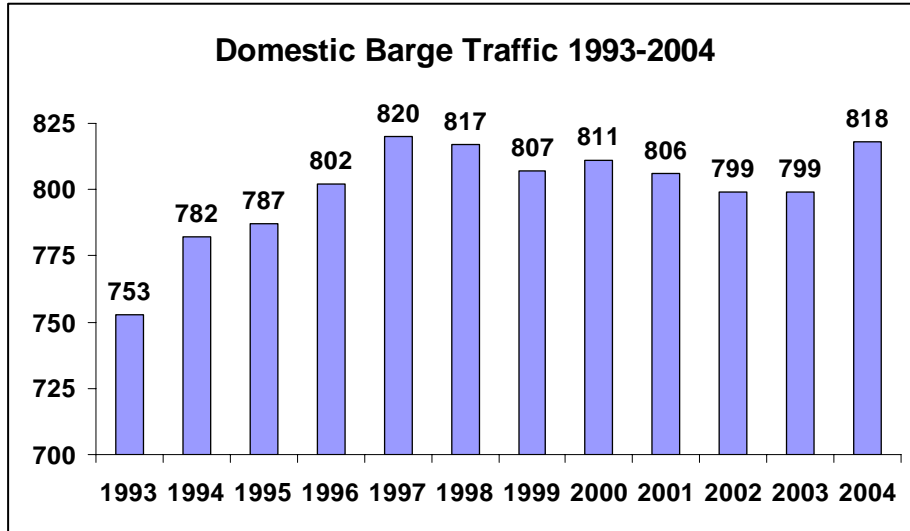


Domestic Barge Traffic 1980-2004

The towing industry transported 818 million tons of cargo in 2004, the highest level since 1997. In seven out of the past nine years the volume has exceed 800 million tons. A review of the data since 1980 shows a general upward until 1996 then a leveling off to an average of 809 million tons per year.



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
2004	818

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