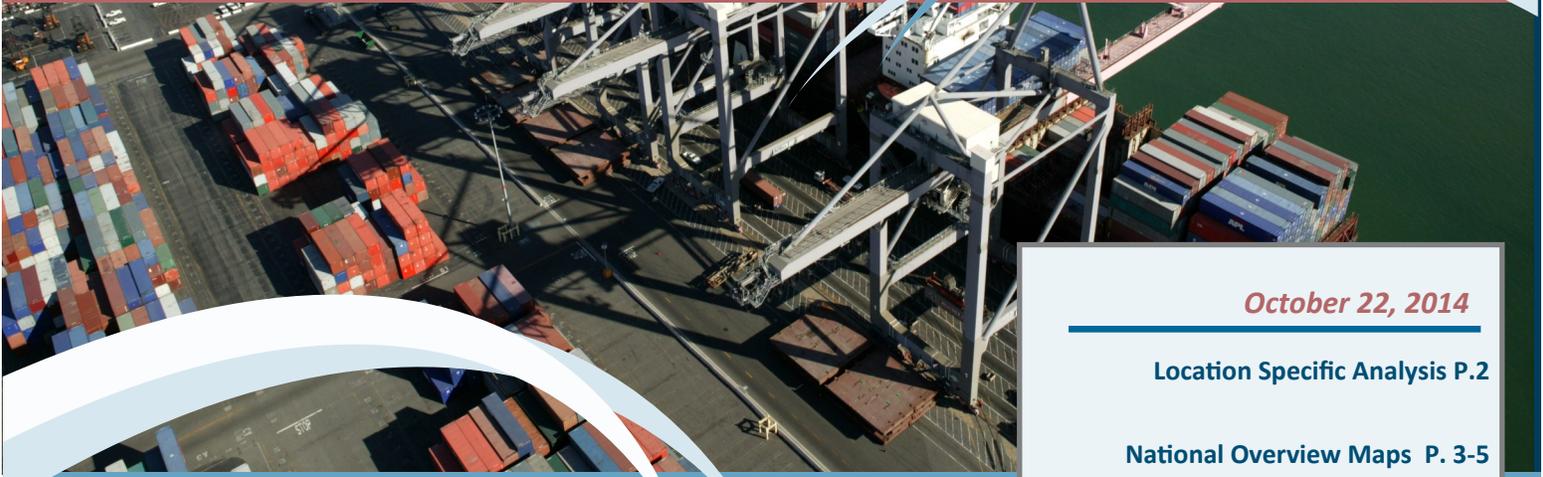




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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).



Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

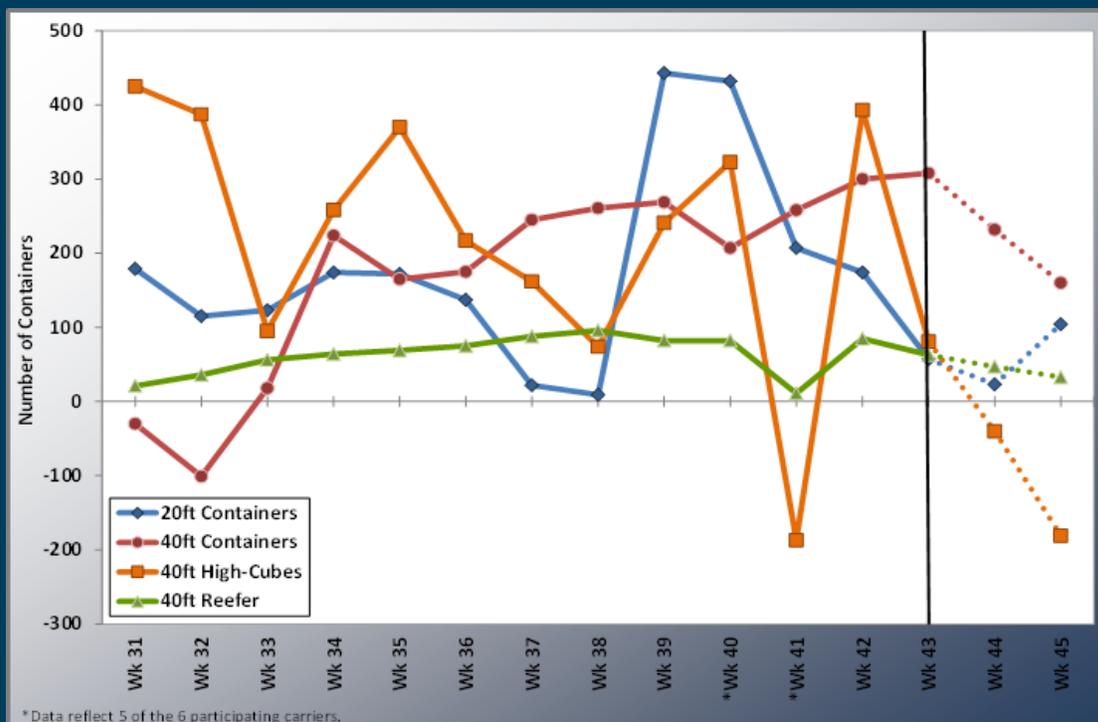
Historical Analysis of New Orleans

The New Orleans Port Region is known for being the top U.S. export region for bulk agricultural commodities. However, the Port of New Orleans also moves containerized, breakbulk, and project cargoes. In terms of tonnage, the region moves more agricultural cargo than any other port region in the country. See [Profiles of Top U.S. Agricultural Ports](#) for more detail on agricultural trade through New Orleans and other top ports. Because of the heavy amounts of grain exported through this region, less than 1 percent of the overall agricultural exports through the region are moved in containers. Between July and September of 2013, New Orleans moved more than 76,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products, 59 percent of which were poultry, followed by grocery items at 7 percent, and feathers/down at 5 percent. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move more than half of these exports. Agricultural exporters used Mediterranean Shipping Company to move 54 percent of these products, followed by Seaboard Marine at 16 percent, and Zim Container Line at 9 percent.¹

The Journal of Commerce recently reported the Port of New Orleans is building an intermodal rail terminal next to the Napoleon Avenue Container Terminal. The article stated, “The \$21 million project will provide a 10,000-foot track and five acres of heavy-duty paving. Completion is scheduled for February 2016.” Additionally, Chiquita announced this year it will shift its banana imports from nearby Gulfport, Mississippi, when the company enters a vessel-sharing agreement with Mediterranean Shipping Co. JOC reported, “The move next year is expected to add 60,000 to 78,000 TEUs a year to New Orleans’ volume, which would amount to a 15-percent increase in the port’s total container traffic.” This will allow for a larger supply of containers for U.S. exporters through this region.

Container availability estimates for dry containers in New Orleans have been volatile over the past several weeks. On average, estimates have been highest for 40ft high-cube containers; however, these estimates have seen the strongest weekly fluctuations as well. Estimates for 40ft standard containers have experienced a steady uptrend over the past several weeks, ranging from -101 units in early August to 308 units this week.² Availability estimates for 40ft reefer containers have also experienced a steady upward trend over the past several weeks reaching a record 96 units during the third week of September. Over the next 2 weeks, availability for 40ft standard, high-cube, and refrigerated containers is expected to fall. Estimates for 20ft standard containers is expected to fall the first week, then rise the second week.

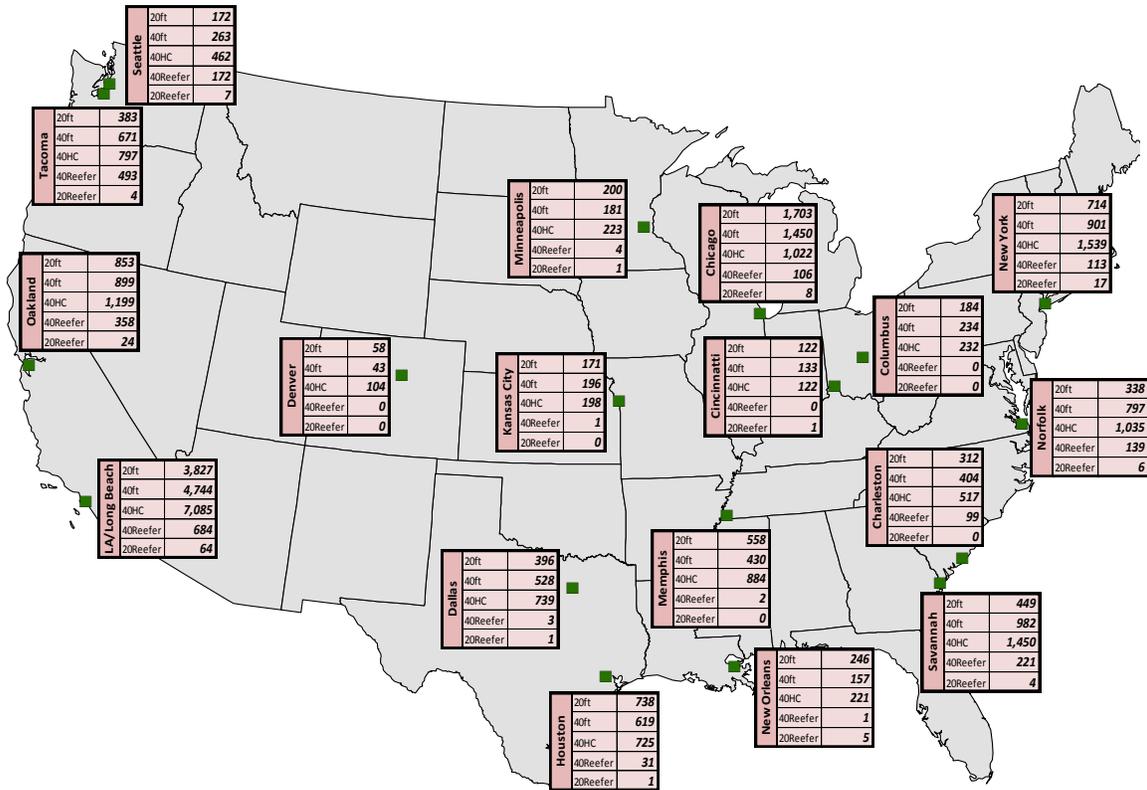
Weekly Container Availability Estimates in New Orleans, 1st week of August (Wk 31) through 4th week of October (Wk 43), with Projections



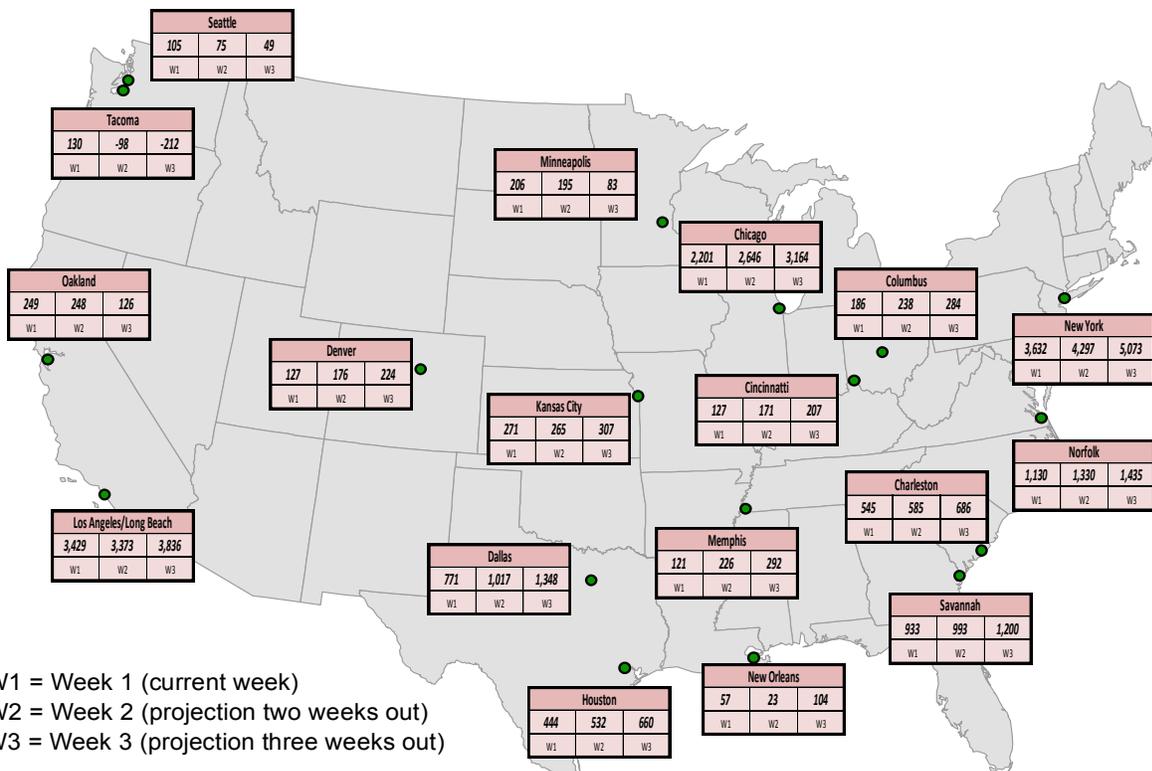
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .
² Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate the demand for containers is greater than the supply. Estimates above zero indicate the supply of containers is greater than the demand.



Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



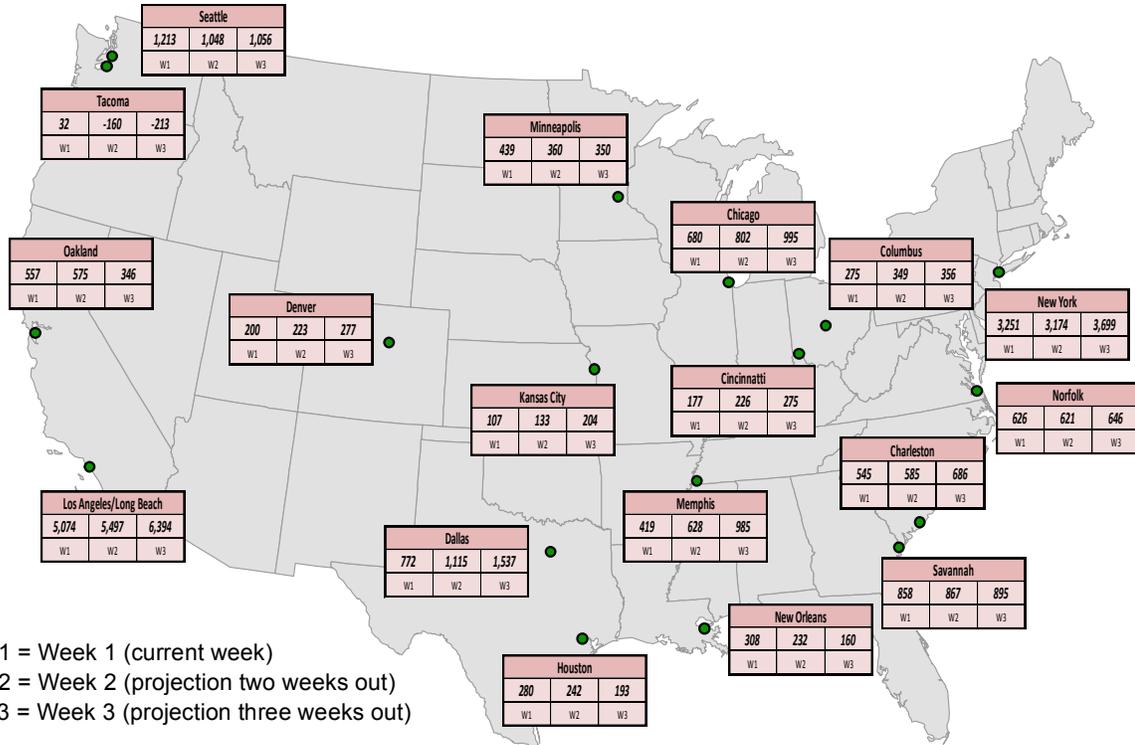
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



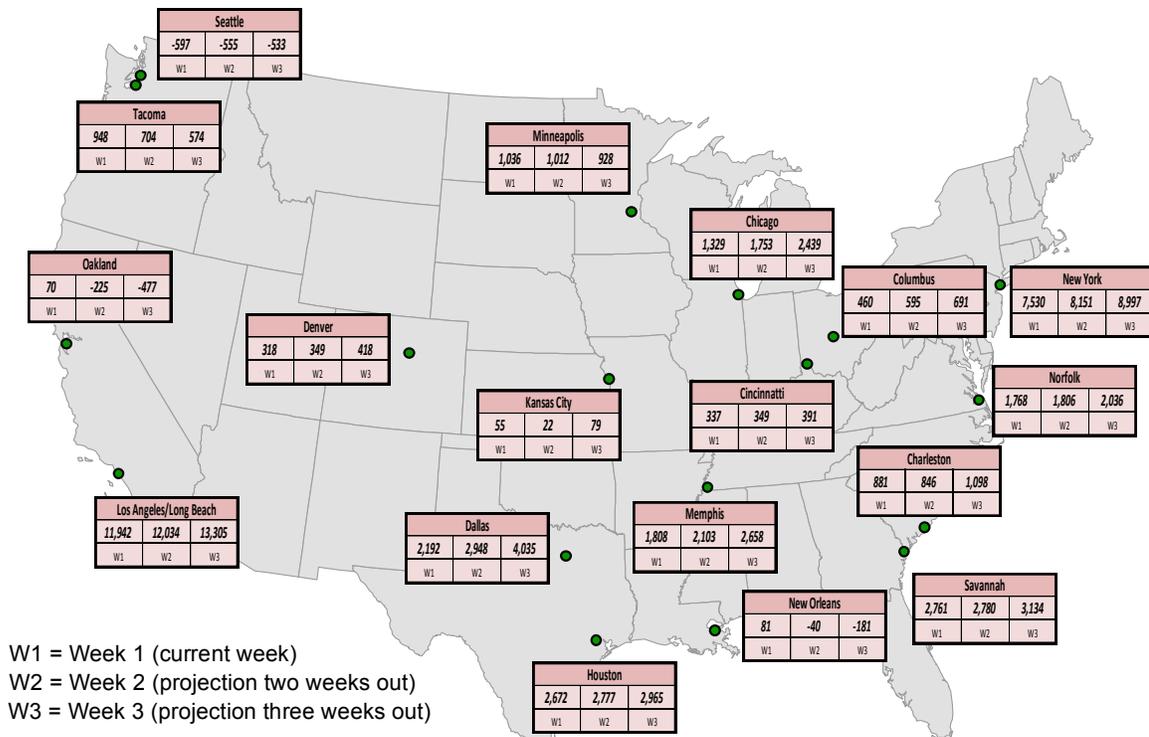
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

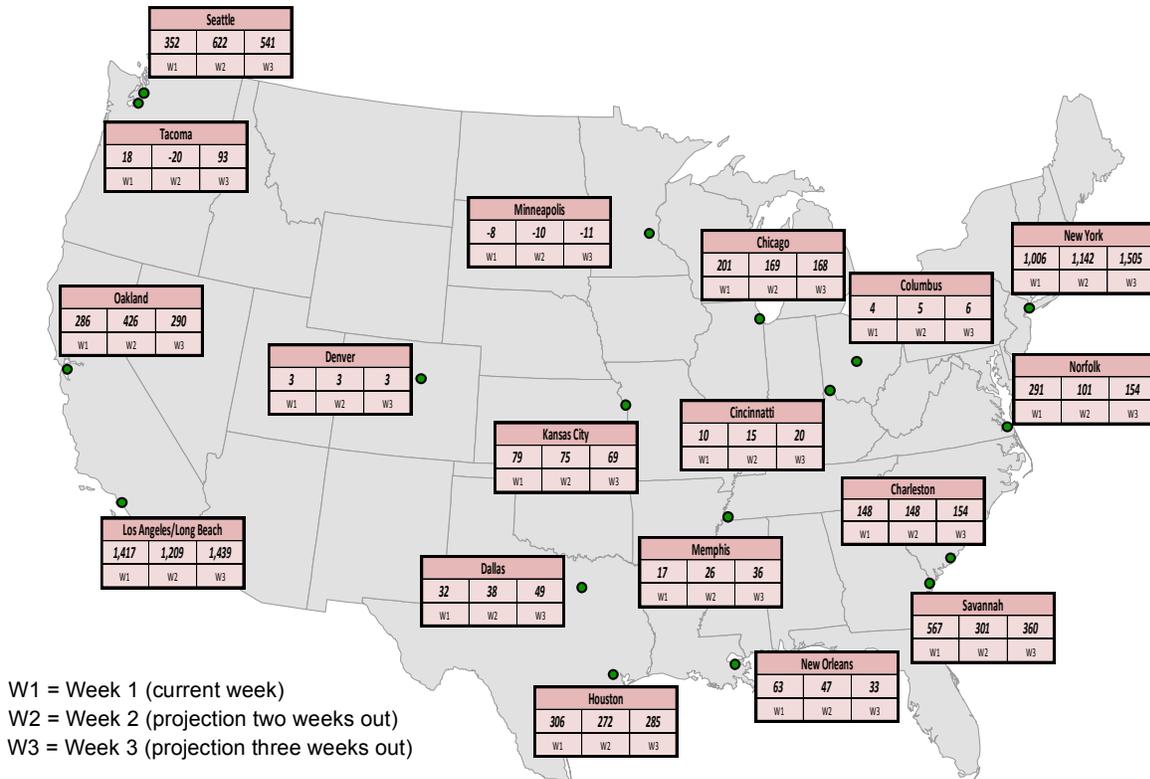


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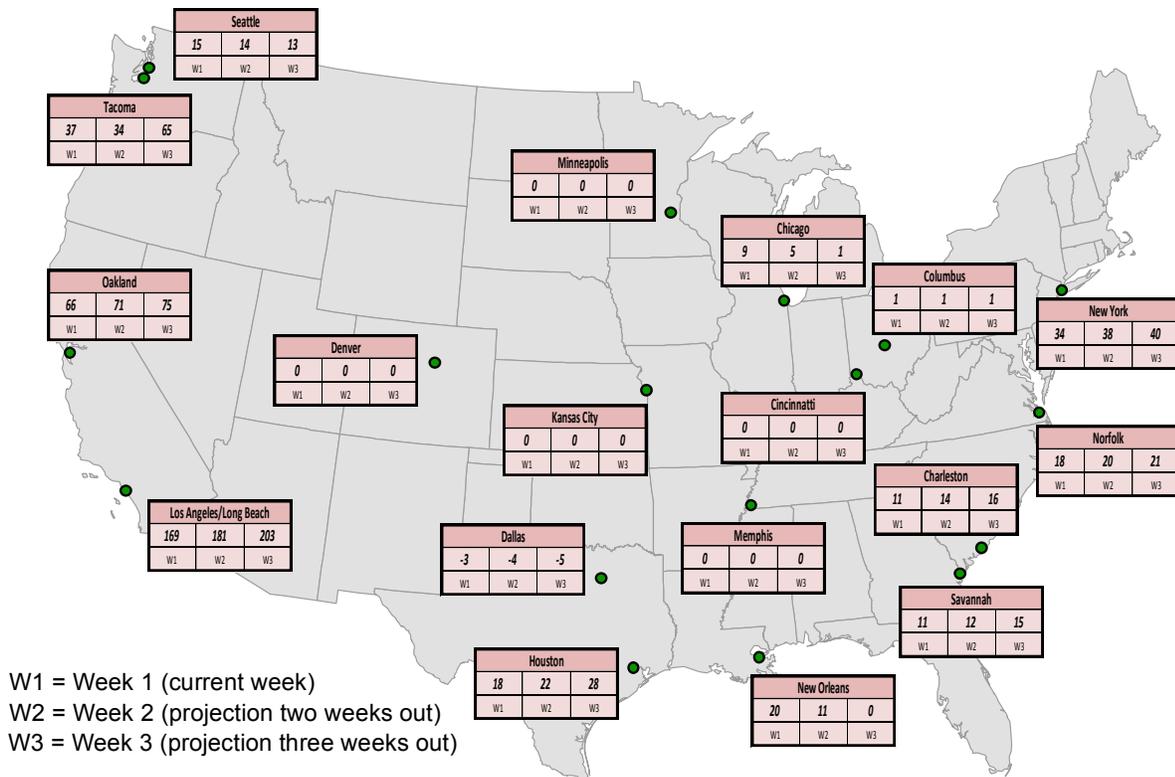
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers



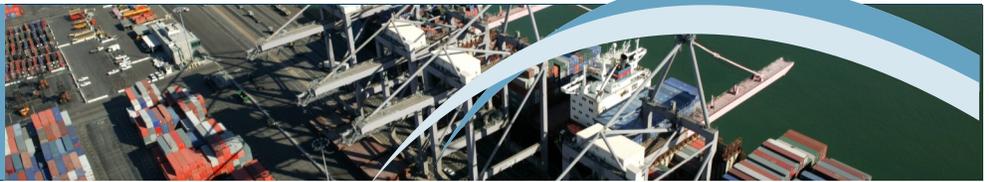


Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	225	90	71	67	57	35	.	.	.	.	545
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	249	85	40	97	57	57	.	.	.	.	585
Week 3: Nov 5-11	288	109	50	132	57	50	.	.	.	.	686
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	140	117	98	87	39	30	.	.	.	.	511
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	181	140	98	75	76	40	.	.	.	.	610
Week 3: Nov 5-11	218	177	98	131	55	40	.	.	.	.	719
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	296	179	167	135	94	10	.	.	.	.	881
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	296	190	117	115	60	68	.	.	.	.	846
Week 3: Nov 5-11	296	286	176	128	80	132	.	.	.	.	1,098
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	113	32	24	7	5	-33	.	.	.	.	148
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	112	45	20	3	5	-37	.	.	.	.	148
Week 3: Nov 5-11	102	58	20	3	5	-34	.	.	.	.	154
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	7	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	9	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Nov 5-11	11	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	2,059	94	89	56	10	-107	.	.	.	.	2,201
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	2,516	22	50	169	-4	-107	.	.	.	.	2,646
Week 3: Nov 5-11	2,967	106	50	157	-9	-107	.	.	.	.	3,164
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	630	381	69	-21	-81	-298	.	.	.	.	680
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	781	533	-184	-30	0	-298	.	.	.	.	802
Week 3: Nov 5-11	920	671	-281	-17	0	-298	.	.	.	.	995
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	1,288	485	405	28	-19	-858	.	.	.	.	1,329
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	1,531	638	421	0	21	-858	.	.	.	.	1,753
Week 3: Nov 5-11	1,770	912	596	0	19	-858	.	.	.	.	2,439
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	129	49	23	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	201
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	143	10	16	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	169
Week 3: Nov 5-11	146	10	12	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	168
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	7	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Nov 5-11	3	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	43	31	31	29	5	-12	127
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	56	31	37	41	14	-8	.	.	.	.	171
Week 3: Nov 5-11	67	31	46	54	14	-5	.	.	.	.	207
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	94	33	27	27	-2	-2	.	.	.	.	177
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	94	54	30	48	0	0	.	.	.	.	226
Week 3: Nov 5-11	94	65	34	65	18	-1	.	.	.	.	275
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	320	21	18	-3	-4	-15	.	.	.	.	337
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	320	22	30	-4	0	-19	.	.	.	.	349
Week 3: Nov 5-11	320	22	51	-2	11	-11	.	.	.	.	391
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	10	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	15	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Nov 5-11	20	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	0
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	0
Week 3: Nov 5-11	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	114	38	19	9	5	1	186
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	142	26	29	9	32	0	.	.	.	.	238
Week 3: Nov 5-11	171	26	45	9	33	0	.	.	.	.	284
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	131	59	56	42	-1	-12	.	.	.	.	275
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	155	74	76	42	2	0	.	.	.	.	349
Week 3: Nov 5-11	177	47	89	42	1	0	.	.	.	.	356
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	256	87	68	27	14	8	.	.	.	.	460
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	256	149	93	50	40	7	.	.	.	.	595
Week 3: Nov 5-11	256	203	111	50	62	9	.	.	.	.	691
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Nov 5-11	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Nov 5-11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	337	124	116	111	81	2	771
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	512	151	122	141	81	10	.	.	.	.	1,017
Week 3: Nov 5-11	701	231	129	196	81	10	.	.	.	.	1,348
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	280	202	179	137	18	-44	.	.	.	.	772
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	290	396	264	209	0	-44	.	.	.	.	1,115
Week 3: Nov 5-11	270	587	446	278	0	-44	.	.	.	.	1,537
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	539	501	406	394	314	38	.	.	.	.	2,192
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	560	734	762	394	498	0	.	.	.	.	2,948
Week 3: Nov 5-11	545	1,149	1,115	394	832	0	.	.	.	.	4,035
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	23	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	30	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Week 3: Nov 5-11	42	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Nov 5-11	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	82	41	21	4	-3	-18	127
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	119	31	26	3	-3	0	.	.	.	.	176
Week 3: Nov 5-11	155	33	34	5	-3	0	.	.	.	.	224
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	81	41	40	26	10	2	.	.	.	.	200
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	112	37	40	33	0	1	.	.	.	.	223
Week 3: Nov 5-11	142	36	40	56	0	3	.	.	.	.	277
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	135	66	58	35	15	9	.	.	.	.	318
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	155	97	58	10	18	11	.	.	.	.	349
Week 3: Nov 5-11	186	129	58	10	27	8	.	.	.	.	418
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Nov 5-11	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	0
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	0
Week 3: Nov 5-11	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	408	60	57	57	-52	-86	444
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	408	34	82	39	0	-31	.	.	.	.	532
Week 3: Nov 5-11	408	43	88	45	50	26	.	.	.	.	660
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	288	136	72	68	16	-300	.	.	.	.	280
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	288	91	111	80	20	-348	.	.	.	.	242
Week 3: Nov 5-11	288	72	118	100	18	-403	.	.	.	.	193
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	2,118	292	243	49	19	-49	.	.	.	.	2,672
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	2,118	380	250	42	15	-28	.	.	.	.	2,777
Week 3: Nov 5-11	2,118	496	250	32	17	52	.	.	.	.	2,965
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	216	50	38	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	306
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	150	48	72	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	272
Week 3: Nov 5-11	150	46	87	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	285
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	22	0	-4	18
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	26	0	-4	22
Week 3: Nov 5-11	30	0	-2	28

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	120	71	40	20	19	1	271
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	100	71	25	39	30	0	.	.	.	.	265
Week 3: Nov 5-11	108	71	25	60	43	0	.	.	.	.	307
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	46	41	15	10	1	-6	.	.	.	.	107
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	42	55	25	16	1	-6	.	.	.	.	133
Week 3: Nov 5-11	91	68	25	24	2	-6	.	.	.	.	204
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	61	38	22	18	4	-88	.	.	.	.	55
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	-19	53	50	24	2	-88	.	.	.	.	22
Week 3: Nov 5-11	6	69	50	42	0	-88	.	.	.	.	79
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	63	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	79
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	57	18	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	75
Week 3: Nov 5-11	49	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	69
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	0
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	0
Week 3: Nov 5-11	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	863	859	767	747	218	-25	.	.	.	.	3,429
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	791	884	450	747	408	93	.	.	.	.	3,373
Week 3: Nov 5-11	973	870	450	747	604	192	.	.	.	.	3,836
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	1,283	1,268	1,037	830	744	-88	.	.	.	.	5,074
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	800	1,517	1,506	830	787	57	.	.	.	.	5,497
Week 3: Nov 5-11	800	2,002	1,831	830	730	201	.	.	.	.	6,394
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	3,920	3,072	2,668	1,855	467	-40	.	.	.	.	11,942
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	3,920	3,357	1,800	1,910	909	138	.	.	.	.	12,034
Week 3: Nov 5-11	3,920	4,703	1,800	1,900	677	305	.	.	.	.	13,305
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	539	409	188	134	75	72	.	.	.	.	1,417
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	300	540	143	81	75	70	.	.	.	.	1,209
Week 3: Nov 5-11	300	718	101	175	75	70	.	.	.	.	1,439
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	107	52	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	169
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	117	54	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	181
Week 3: Nov 5-11	129	64	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	203

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	56	50	35	27	5	-52	121
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	60	50	79	46	6	-15	.	.	.	.	226
Week 3: Nov 5-11	60	50	98	63	2	19	.	.	.	.	292
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	153	80	77	71	41	-3	.	.	.	.	419
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	211	80	122	124	100	-9	.	.	.	.	628
Week 3: Nov 5-11	269	80	348	184	100	4	.	.	.	.	985
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	1,290	164	131	121	92	10	.	.	.	.	1,808
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	1,290	218	199	275	100	21	.	.	.	.	2,103
Week 3: Nov 5-11	1,290	270	505	425	150	18	.	.	.	.	2,658
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	18	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	26	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 3: Nov 5-11	35	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 5-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	93	46	36	18	13	0	206
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	93	52	40	36	14	-40	.	.	.	.	195
Week 3: Nov 5-11	93	-16	30	39	10	-73	.	.	.	.	83
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	216	99	75	31	29	-11	.	.	.	.	439
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	216	40	85	10	46	-37	.	.	.	.	360
Week 3: Nov 5-11	216	40	89	15	26	-36	.	.	.	.	350
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	962	64	59	26	6	-81	.	.	.	.	1,036
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	962	50	92	20	2	-114	.	.	.	.	1,012
Week 3: Nov 5-11	962	34	54	30	2	-154	.	.	.	.	928
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-8
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-10
Week 3: Nov 5-11	0	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-11
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 5-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	69	9	5	3	0	-29	57
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	63	9	10	1	0	-60	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Nov 5-11	55	9	10	1	0	29	.	.	.	.	104
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	138	110	31	25	4	0	.	.	.	.	308
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	95	106	10	20	1	0	.	.	.	.	232
Week 3: Nov 5-11	52	101	10	-4	1	0	.	.	.	.	160
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	50	40	10	-1	-2	-16	.	.	.	.	81
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	46	40	5	0	0	-131	.	.	.	.	-40
Week 3: Nov 5-11	27	40	-9	0	10	-249	.	.	.	.	-181
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	47	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	63
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	37	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47
Week 3: Nov 5-11	29	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	15	5	20
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	6	5	11
Week 3: Nov 5-11	-5	5	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	1,009	823	531	514	472	283	3,632
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	1,115	800	531	953	625	273	.	.	.	.	4,297
Week 3: Nov 5-11	1,286	800	531	1,348	858	250	.	.	.	.	5,073
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	968	817	478	422	341	225	.	.	.	.	3,251
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	968	500	691	163	617	235	.	.	.	.	3,174
Week 3: Nov 5-11	968	500	914	219	878	220	.	.	.	.	3,699
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	3,398	1,598	1,061	645	529	299	.	.	.	.	7,530
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	3,398	1,769	600	1,043	569	772	.	.	.	.	8,151
Week 3: Nov 5-11	3,398	2,173	500	1,201	500	1,225	.	.	.	.	8,997
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	468	159	139	133	97	10	.	.	.	.	1,006
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	586	219	50	205	72	10	.	.	.	.	1,142
Week 3: Nov 5-11	730	277	50	337	101	10	.	.	.	.	1,505
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	24	5	5	34
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	29	4	5	38
Week 3: Nov 5-11	34	1	5	40

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	425	364	116	112	105	8	1,130
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	434	396	187	200	105	8	.	.	.	.	1,330
Week 3: Nov 5-11	452	414	257	200	105	7	.	.	.	.	1,435
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	542	107	82	-2	-44	-59	.	.	.	.	626
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	579	179	-70	0	-44	-23	.	.	.	.	621
Week 3: Nov 5-11	614	240	-129	0	-44	-35	.	.	.	.	646
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	503	496	443	203	88	35	.	.	.	.	1,768
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	458	496	400	295	153	4	.	.	.	.	1,806
Week 3: Nov 5-11	648	496	300	373	206	13	.	.	.	.	2,036
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	112	103	49	16	10	1	.	.	.	.	291
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	30	74	38	-32	10	-19	.	.	.	.	101
Week 3: Nov 5-11	30	69	49	-15	10	11	.	.	.	.	154
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	15	2	1	18
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	16	3	1	20
Week 3: Nov 5-11	17	3	1	21

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	143	136	109	50	-9	-180	249
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	100	136	145	0	50	-183	.	.	.	.	248
Week 3: Nov 5-11	50	136	139	-68	68	-199	.	.	.	.	126
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	311	139	77	51	20	-41	.	.	.	.	557
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	300	-14	238	53	20	-22	.	.	.	.	575
Week 3: Nov 5-11	300	-224	283	45	20	-78	.	.	.	.	346
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	443	241	89	-61	-250	-392	.	.	.	.	70
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	52	200	138	-63	-250	-302	.	.	.	.	-225
Week 3: Nov 5-11	-159	200	217	-55	-250	-430	.	.	.	.	-477
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	199	39	31	30	-2	-11	.	.	.	.	286
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	174	52	100	30	-5	75	.	.	.	.	426
Week 3: Nov 5-11	140	65	100	30	-52	7	.	.	.	.	290
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	54	10	2	66
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	58	10	3	71
Week 3: Nov 5-11	62	10	3	75

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	397	275	127	102	35	-3	933
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	200	290	212	102	169	20	.	.	.	.	993
Week 3: Nov 5-11	200	330	259	102	287	22	.	.	.	.	1,200
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	308	191	164	129	83	-17	.	.	.	.	858
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	308	150	271	-24	158	4	.	.	.	.	867
Week 3: Nov 5-11	308	150	329	-151	249	10	.	.	.	.	895
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	1,474	771	239	157	89	31	.	.	.	.	2,761
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	1,474	775	287	100	60	84	.	.	.	.	2,780
Week 3: Nov 5-11	1,474	1,033	315	100	67	145	.	.	.	.	3,134
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	309	145	70	33	10	0	.	.	.	.	567
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	100	87	72	54	10	-22	.	.	.	.	301
Week 3: Nov 5-11	100	94	86	74	10	-4	.	.	.	.	360
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	9	1	1	11
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	11	0	1	12
Week 3: Nov 5-11	12	2	1	15

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	212	54	37	-198	105
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	200	41	32	-198	.	.	.	.	.	.	75
Week 3: Nov 5-11	200	31	16	-198	.	.	.	.	.	.	49
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	600	469	98	46	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,213
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	600	300	100	48	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,048
Week 3: Nov 5-11	600	300	104	52	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,056
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	629	376	116	-1,718	.	.	.	.	.	.	-597
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	670	400	93	-1,718	.	.	.	.	.	.	-555
Week 3: Nov 5-11	712	400	73	-1,718	.	.	.	.	.	.	-533
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	187	150	20	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	352
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	200	412	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	622
Week 3: Nov 5-11	200	321	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	541
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	14	1	15
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	13	1	14
Week 3: Nov 5-11	12	1	13

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	131	65	49	10	-125	130
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	80	41	51	10	-280	.	.	.	.	.	-98
Week 3: Nov 5-11	80	60	64	10	-426	.	.	.	.	.	-212
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	151	39	1	-39	-120	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	80	-70	1	-42	-129	.	.	.	.	.	-160
Week 3: Nov 5-11	80	-117	1	-40	-137	.	.	.	.	.	-213
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	926	123	29	20	-150	.	.	.	.	.	948
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	806	43	25	20	-190	.	.	.	.	.	704
Week 3: Nov 5-11	751	-42	25	20	-180	.	.	.	.	.	574
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	294	162	14	5	-457	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	273	119	50	5	-467	.	.	.	.	.	-20
Week 3: Nov 5-11	281	239	50	5	-482	.	.	.	.	.	93
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 22-28	36	1	37
Week 2: Oct 29-Nov 4	33	1	34
Week 3: Nov 5-11	64	1	65

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
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