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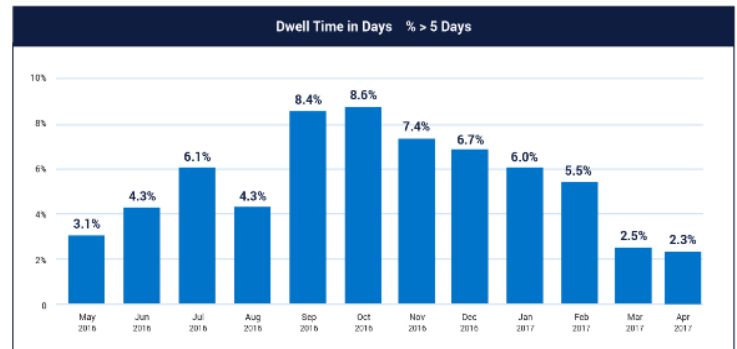
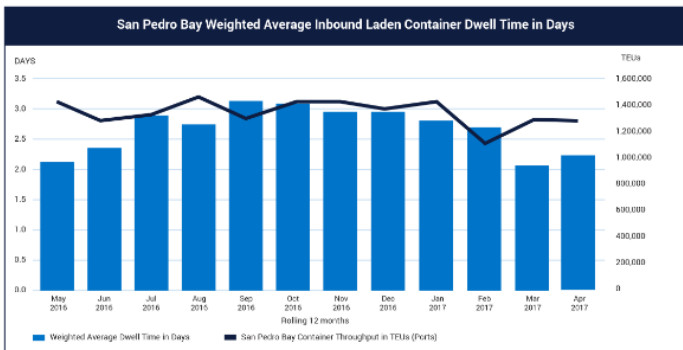
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### Volume Increases and so does Dwell Time

Container dwell time in San Pedro Bay port terminals has been in a consistent downward trend in recent months. Results for the month of April are now in and the dwell time was not far off from the previous month. Average container dwell time in April increased slightly to 3.8 days average dwell time, which could be correlated to a recent increase in container volumes. As for those containers exceeding their stay beyond five days, there was a slight decrease with only 2.3% of containers staying at terminals beyond five days.

It is important to keep dwell time down so containers don't stack up. Efficiency is vital at these busy ports and keeping dwell time down plays a major role in that.

Despite the slight increase in average container dwell time for the month of April, great progress is visible in the number of containers stored at terminals longer than five days. Just a few months ago, over 8% of containers were staying at terminals for longer than five days before being picked up – that's much higher than the 2.3% we saw for the month of April.



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### About the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA)

The Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) is an independent, not-for-profit association focused on global trade. PMSA operates offices in Oakland, Long Beach and Seattle, and represents owners and operators of marine terminals and U.S. and foreign vessels operating throughout the world.