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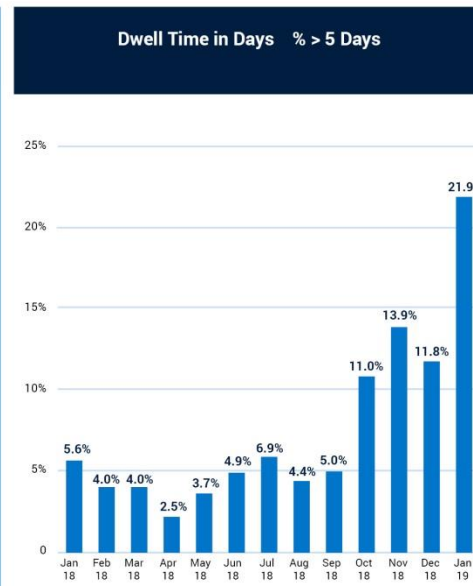
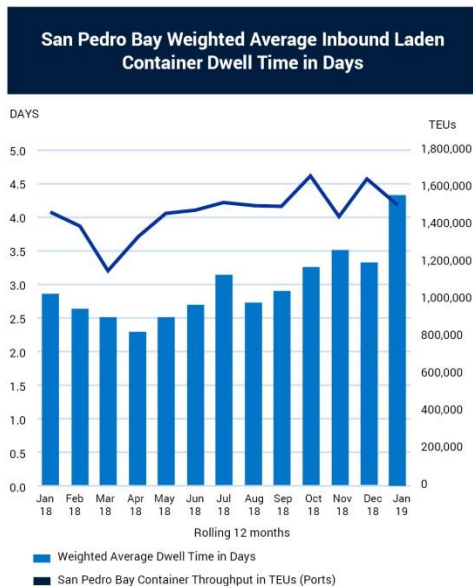
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Highest Container Dwell Time Yet

Dwell times were dramatically higher in January even though container volumes were lower at San Pedro Bay Ports. Container dwell time at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach in January was 4.32 days. That is the longest average dwell time reported since PMSA began tracking data in May 2016. The dwell time is also over a day longer than last month's and approximately a 50% increase from dwell time in January 2018.

The lower cargo volumes did not ease the congestion at San Pedro Bay Ports; in fact, dwell time was at its highest point with 21.9% of containers exceeding five days at terminals. That means one out of every five containers sat at a terminal for longer than five days without getting picked up. "The higher container dwell time is a reflection of the cargo brought in prior to Lunar New Year in anticipation of Trump tariffs resulting in a lack of space at inland destinations, converting marine terminals into open air warehouses," said Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs for the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association.

"The storage of containers at marine terminals is affecting efficiency at the terminals," said Alvarenga.. "Warehouses which are unable to accommodate the large volumes of cargo are affecting efficiency throughout the supply chain."



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.