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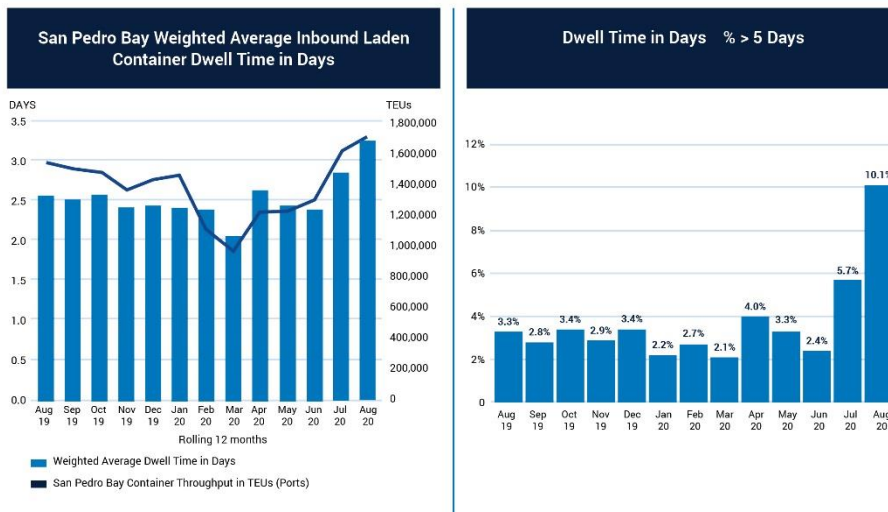
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Highest Container Dwell Time in 18 Months

The San Pedro Bay Ports are experiencing a surge in cargo volumes in recent months, influencing an increase in container dwell time. The San Pedro Bay ports saw 1,687,443 TEUs (Ten foot Equivalent Units) in the month of August, and an average dwell time of 3.25 days. This was the first month with an average container dwell time that reached three or more days since February 2019.

“Container dwell time is on the rise and the amount of containers that remain on a terminal for five or more days is of concern,” explained Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs at the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association. 10.1% of containers at the Port of LA and Long Beach stayed on terminals for five or more days before getting picked up, that is up from 5.7% the month before. “It is critical that the containers be picked up as soon as possible and not use marine terminals as storage facilities in order to avoid congestion and keep the supply chain moving efficiently.”

“As we near the holidays, we urge stakeholders to pick up their containers as soon as they are available,” said Alvarenga. “The San Pedro Bay ports are busy moving a tremendous amount of cargo so it requires all members of the supply chain to work together.”



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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.