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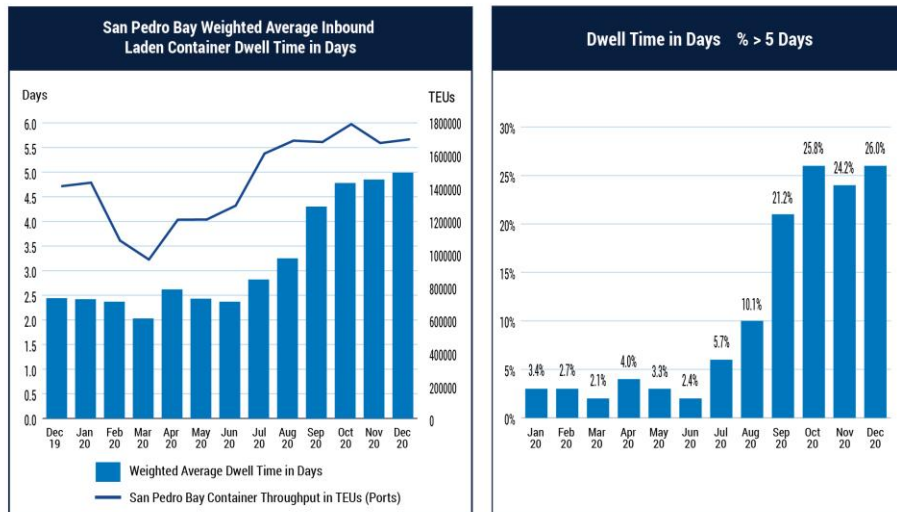
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Average Dwell Time Remains High

Container dwell time at San Pedro Bay Ports continued the alarming rising trend we have witnessed in recent months. Volumes at the two ports were up in December and container dwell time followed suit with a 4.99-day average stay, Up from 4.85 days in November and 4.78 days in October.

The number of containers that exceeded five days was among the highest recorded by PMSA. 26% of containers stayed at terminals for more than five days before getting picked up. Leaving containers on terminals for that long perpetuates delays and congestion.

“The longer containers stay at a terminal, the more congestion they create, said Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs for PMSA. “Congestion creates the need for extra and unproductive moves when containers pile up more than they should, in turn resulting in longer delays. While terminal operators and the ILWU have done a great job handling a surge of millions of containers in recent months, containers need to get picked up under three days in order to enhance efficiency at our seaports.”



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