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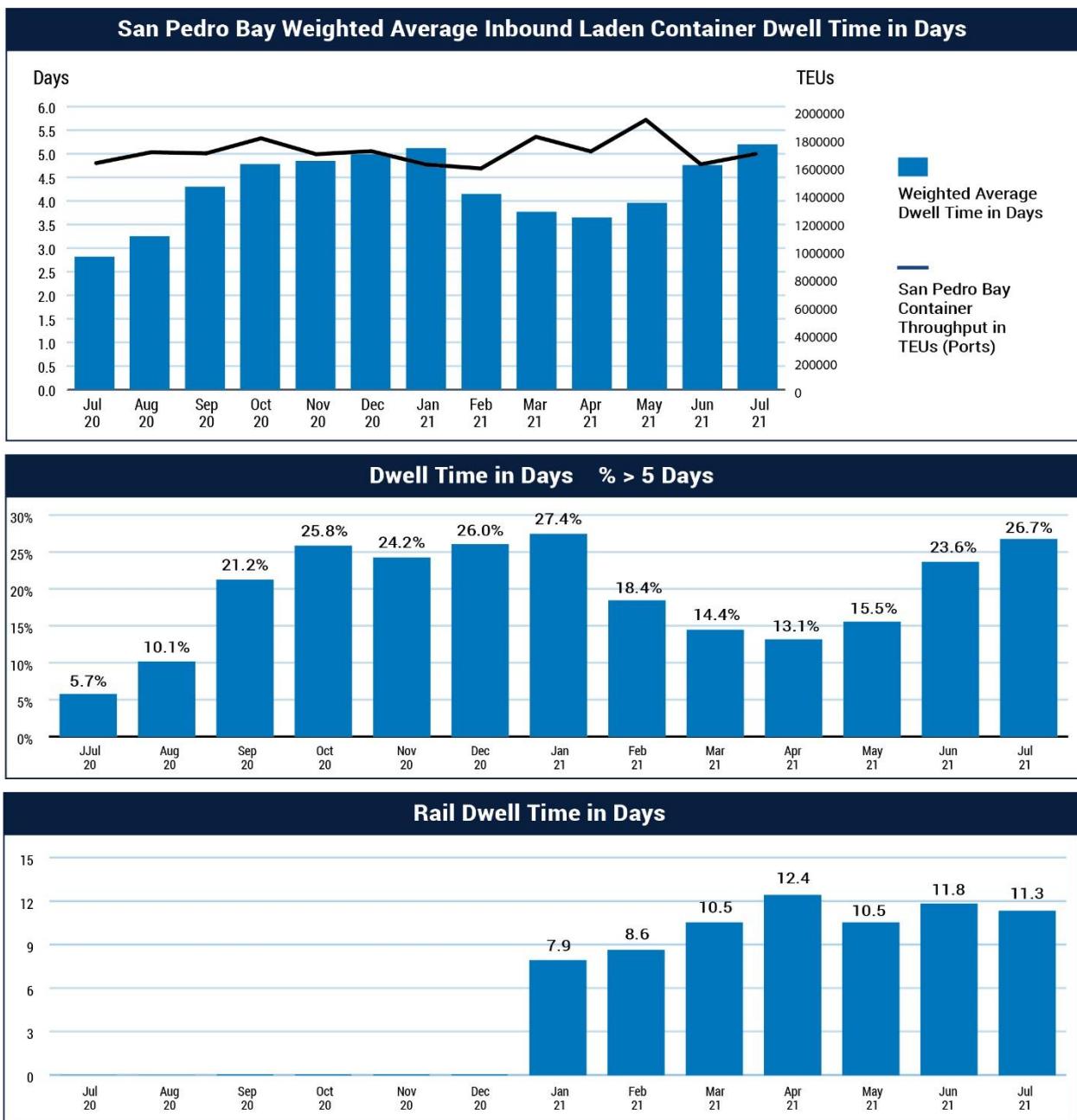
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Container dwell time remains high

Container dwell time at San Pedro Bay ports remained high for the month July. On average, containers leaving by truck remained on terminals for 5.2 days, up from 4.76 days the month before. The number of containers leaving by truck that exceeded a five-day stay was 26.7%, up from 23.6% the month before. “The high cargo volumes continue, warehouses remain at capacity, and cargo owners are not picking up containers in a reasonable time,” shared Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs for the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association.

Additionally, containers leaving on rail experienced a minor dip in dwell time, staying an average of 11.3 days before departing, down from 11.8 the month before. 53.4% of them remained on terminals for more than five days, down from 63.8% the month before but still contributing to delays.

The pandemic related surge in volumes continues with no end in sight for the time being, and containers continue to fill marine terminals. The more containers that are on the terminals, the more unnecessary moves dockworkers must perform to deliver the intended outbound container, and the more terminal space it takes up congesting terminals and limiting the flexibility to handle more containers and unload more vessels. “Despite all of the challenges the entire supply chain has been experiencing with record volumes and related congestion, our terminal operators and dockworkers continue moving cargo in and out of America’s busiest ports,” explained Alvarenga.



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