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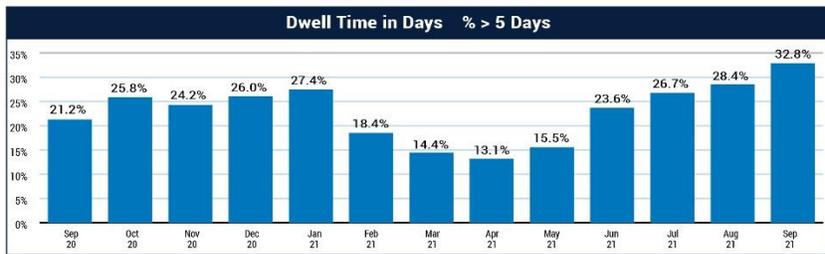
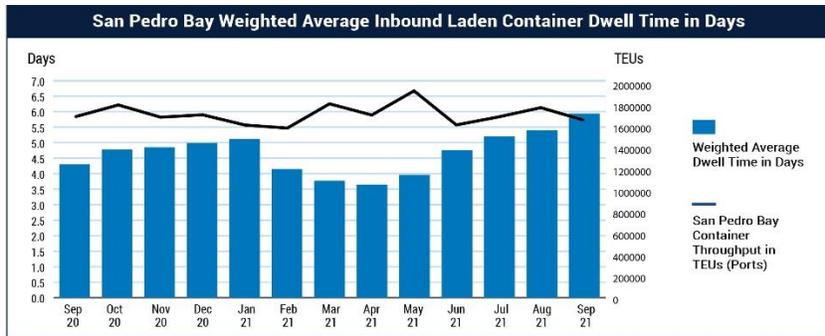
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Container dwell time has reached a new high.

Through September, record volumes of incoming cargo continued to travel into the San Pedro Bay ports. Container dwell time, the amount of time a container stays at a marine terminal after it is unloaded from an ocean carrier and taken off the premises by a truck, also reached a new averaged high of 5.94 days. The September figure is the highest since PMSA began tracking dwell time in May 2016. Prior to the pandemic-related surge in volumes, container dwell time usually remained under three days.

Container dwell time for rail continues to show significant improvement. The average dwell time in September was 5.5 days, down from 8.2 days in August.

“Container dwell time allows us to see how long containers are staying on terminals before getting picked up, and they are staying for too long. While the September figures are alarming, preliminary data for October show some terminals with dwell times of over nine and ten days. Terminals are drowning in imports. The need for cargo owners to pick up their containers in a timely manner is greater now than ever before,” said John McLaurin, President of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association. “With containers staying on our terminals for longer periods of time our terminals are more congested and unable to continue unloading vessels at the usual speed. PMSA members have added additional gate hours and leased out additional space but relief at ports will come when containers are picked up in a timely manner.”



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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.