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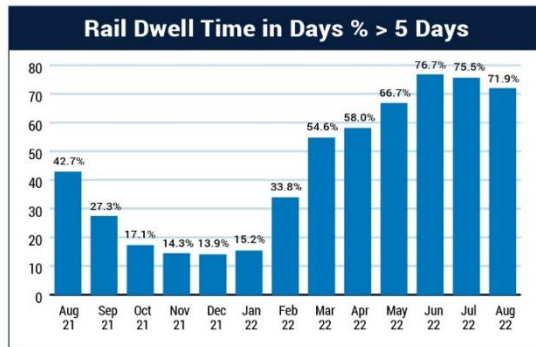
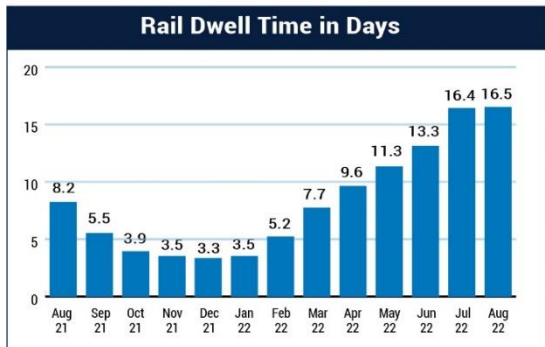
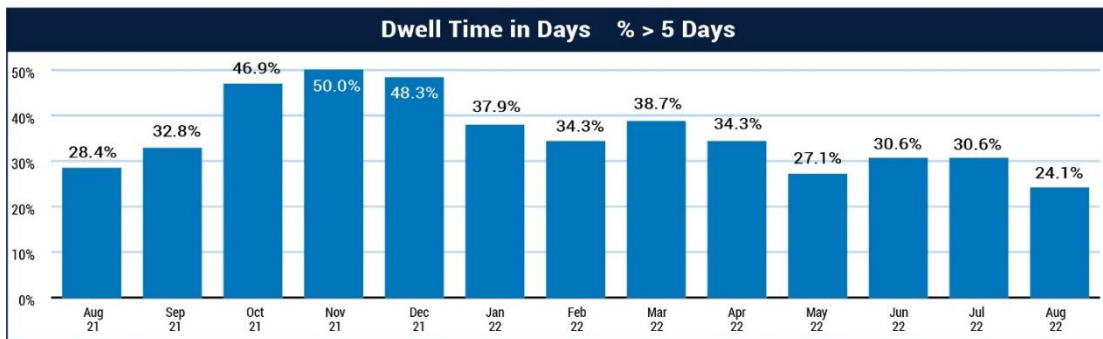
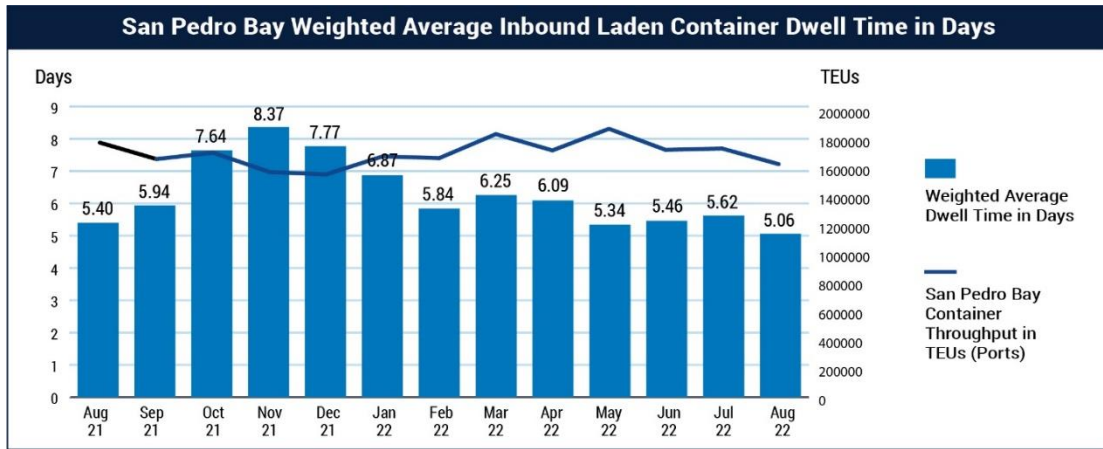
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Container dwell time record high for rail-bound cargo; remains high for local truck bound cargo

Container dwell time through the month of August remained very high for rail cargo at the San Pedro ports, reaching an average dwell time of 16.5 days. The August figures were up slightly from July's average of 16.4 days. Cargo leaving marine terminals by truck remained on terminals for an average of 5.1 days during the month of August, down from the average of 5.6 days recorded through July.

In total, 24.1% of local, containers moving by truck exceeded five days on terminals, while 71.9% of containers departing on rail exceeded five days on terminals.

The container dwell time tells us how long containers stay at a terminal after being unloaded from vessels, and it is a good indicator of efficiency. "August container dwell time data infers local containers are getting picked up and making a dent in the backlog. Meanwhile, containers leaving on rail were sitting on terminals for too long and negatively affect the goods flowing through the ports," explained Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs at the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association.



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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.