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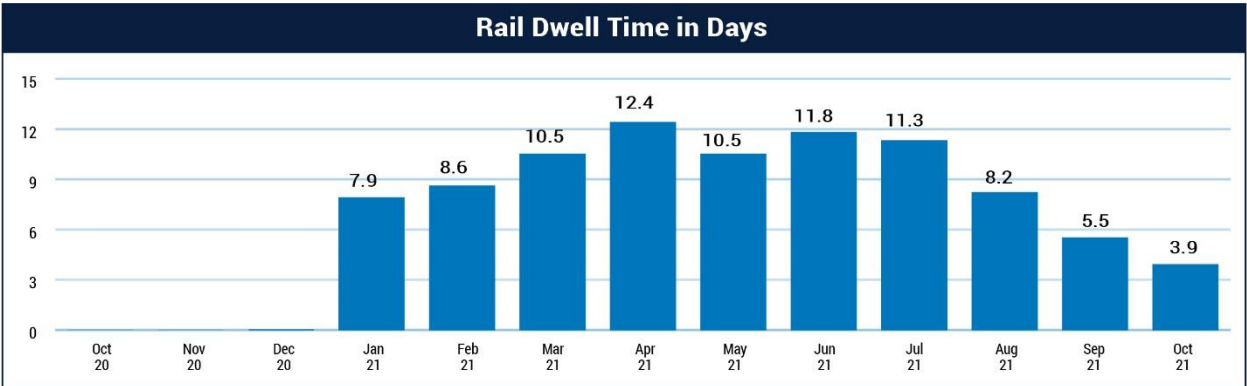
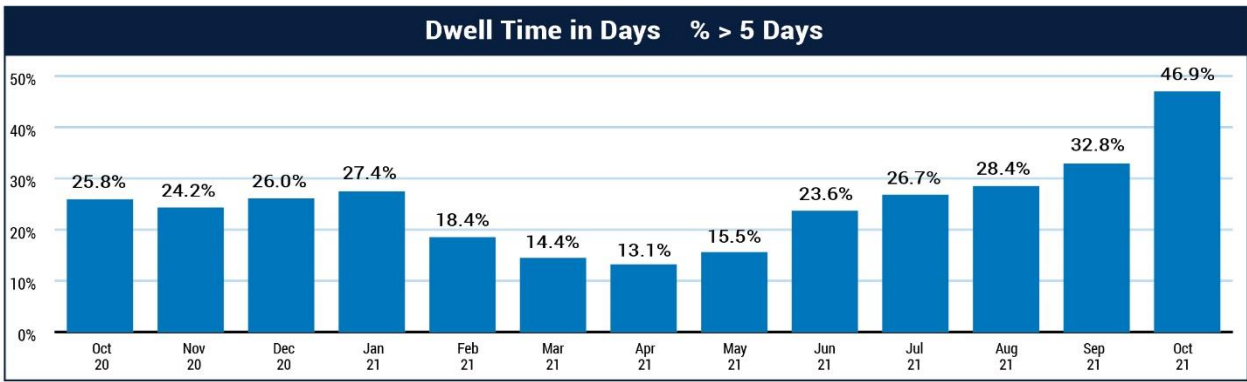
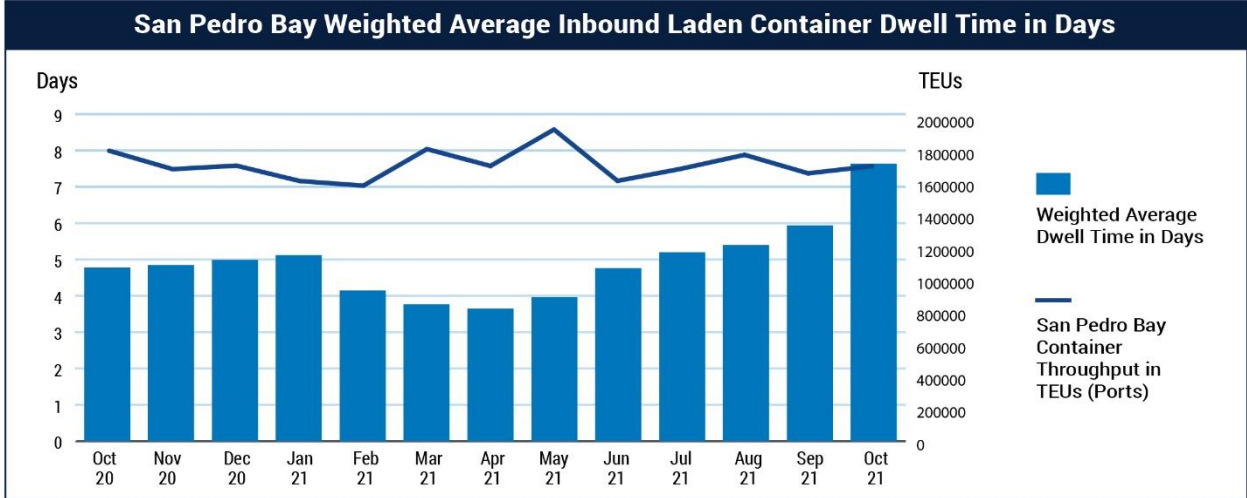
### **October Record Dwell Time at San Pedro Ports**

Container dwell time at San Pedro Bay ports broke a record once again. For the month of October, containers departing the marine terminals by trucks dwelled at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach for 7.64 days, up from the previous record of 5.9 days the month before.

Containers leaving the terminals by rail continued to show significant improvement. On average for the month of October containers remained on terminals for 3.9 days down from 5.5 days the month before.

“Terminals are not designed to be a long-term storage facility for cargo,” stated Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs at the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association. “It is vital for containers to be picked up in a timely manner in order to ensure cargo fluidity and velocity.”

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach announced their intent to impose a new fee for import cargo that dwelled for longer than nine days in an effort to reduce dwell time.



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