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Editorial: Yo-Yo Economy

Trying to forecast in an environment that resembles a yo-yo in terms of economic data and policy is becoming an extreme challenge. What are the fundamental drivers pushing the economic growth and sales? We are seeing that the traditional methodology of forecasting is becoming unreliable. Perhaps we should focus more on White House tweets, which appear to determine short-term economic factors whether they are true or not.

Interest rates were on the rise recently, suggesting that the Federal Reserve was inclined to slow down economic activity, then a few tweets later the Fed indicated that no more increases were in the pipeline for the moment. Tariff discussions between Presidents Trump and Xi of China suggested a temporary agreement had been reached, according to White House tweets, but this was not supported by China's silence on the matter. Were both at the same meeting? The stock market initially rose on news of the agreement, then tanked after Trump tweeted "I am a tariff man" the next day.

U.S. industrial production remains high, at levels last seen in late 2014 and previously in late 2007. The Purchasing Manager's Index from IHS/Markit was down marginally in October but new orders rose the most since May and job creation was also stronger. On the other hand, business confidence was the lowest since September 2017.

Expect fourth-quarter gross domestic product to be strong thanks to the pre-tariff rush of imports, which contribute around two-thirds to GDP. The consumer has helped the economy, with retail purchases well up. Yet there are warning signs. Externally, Chinese production and exports are declining and domestically, short-term bonds have seen higher yields than long-term bonds. Historically that phenomenon has been a leading indicator of slowdowns in the economy. The only reliable thing is that the stock market is a totally unreliable indicator of the economy.

Our models remain in line. When taking into account economic activity overseas that impacts the United States, we see a significant slowdown in import growth in 2019 as the market adjusts to higher prices due to the Trump tariffs and the impact on consumer and industry confidence going forward. We project that imports at our monitored ports will have grown significantly in 2018, but that there will be no import growth in the first half of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018.

In the meantime, carriers continue to put the squeeze on their capacity, causing freight rates to remain high on the Transpacific inbound trade route. For a change, they have not yet resorted to market-share strategies.

-Ben Hackett



Executive Summary

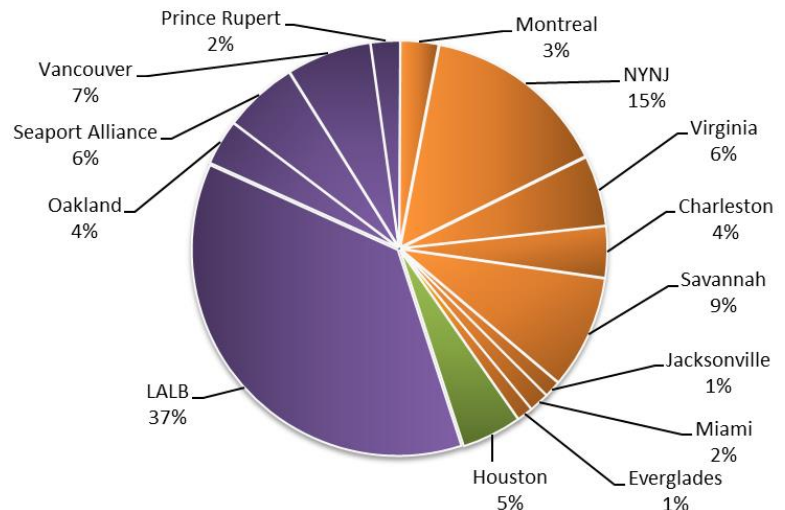
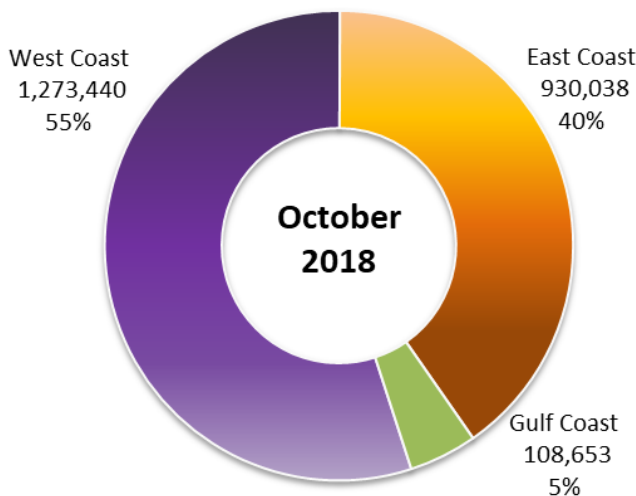
- The total volume of loaded imports at the tracked ports increased by 161,000 TEUs in October to 2.31 million TEUs. This represents a 7.5 percent increase over September for a 13.4 percent year-on-year surge and is a record high. The forecast for loaded imports in 2018 is a 6.5 percent increase over 2017.
- The combined loaded import volume at the monitored West Coast ports increased by 46,000 TEUs between September and October, which equates to a 3.8 percent gain and is a record high. The total import volume was 1.27 million TEUs, which equates to a 16.1 percent increase over the same month of last year. The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach were the only locations to experience an increase over September, although every port recorded year-on-year growth, with double digit gains at all but Oakland and Prince Rupert. The forecast for loaded imports in 2018 is a 4.8 percent increase over 2017.
- The combined loaded import volume at the monitored East Coast ports surged by an estimated 109,000 TEUs between September and October, which equates to a 13.2 percent jump. The import volume of 930,000 TEUs is a record high and equates to a 10.3 percent gain year-on-year. The loaded volume increased at every port except Jacksonville and Everglades, with double-digit percentage gains at five. Every port posted year-on-year growth, with Montreal, New York-New Jersey, Charleston, and Jacksonville experiencing double-digit percentage gains. The forecast for loaded imports in 2018 is an 8.4 percent increase over 2017.
- Loaded imports at Houston increased by 5.3 percent in October (or 5,000 TEUs) to 109,000 TEUs for a 9.0 percent year-on-year gain.

Change in Import Volume, October 2018 versus:

		Sep-18	Oct-17
West Coast	LALB	↑ 10.2%	↑ 17.7%
	Oakland	↓ -0.2%	↔ 7.4%
	Seaport Alliance	↓ -10.9%	↑ 22.3%
	Vancouver	↓ -7.7%	↑ 10.5%
	Prince Rupert	↓ -4.2%	↔ 8.8%
Coast Total		↔ 3.8%	↑ 16.1%
East Coast	Montreal	↑ 11.7%	↑ 15.5%
	NYNJ	↑ 11.7%	↑ 11.1%
	Virginia	↑ 17.2%	↔ 2.1%
	Charleston	↑ 15.9%	↑ 15.1%
	Savannah	↑ 18.5%	↔ 9.3%
	Jacksonville*	↓ -0.1%	↑ 28.3%
	Everglades	↓ -0.1%	↔ 7.8%
	Miami	↔ 7.7%	↔ 8.9%
	Coast Total	↑ 13.2%	↑ 10.3%
Gulf	Houston	↔ 5.3%	↔ 9.0%

* forecast

- The North Europe edition of the Global Port Tracker reported that total container volumes across the six-port range decreased by 31,000 TEUs or 0.8 percent in September with 3.75 million TEUs, for a 3.0 percent year-on-year gain. For loaded incoming volumes, the north range posted a 1.7 percent decrease from August and was up 3.3 percent year-on-year, while loaded outgoing volumes were up 0.1 percent for a 2.7 percent gain year-on-year. Loaded imports to Europe posted a 3.4 percent decrease (for a 7.0 percent gain year-on-year) while total exports were down 1.2 percent (for a 4.8 percent gain year-on-year). The forecast for 2018 projects a 2.8 percent increase in loaded imports to the six-port range, while loaded exports are projected to increase by 2.4 percent.

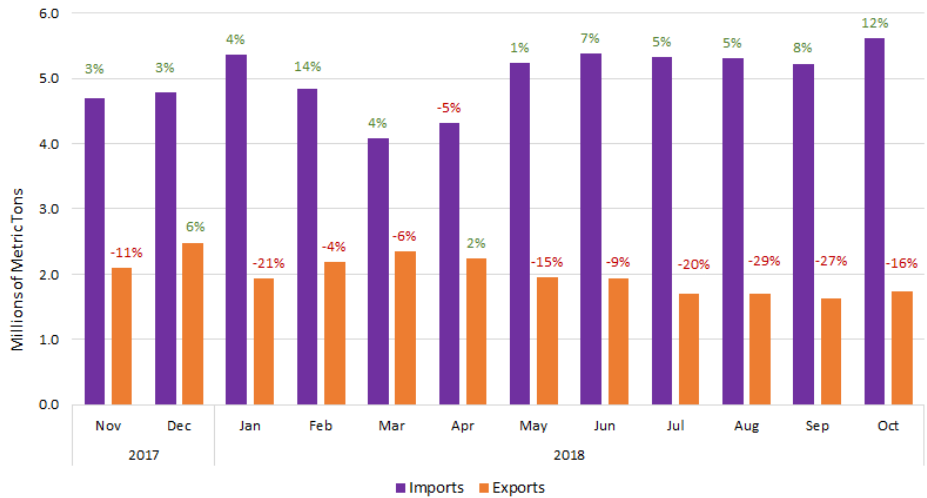


Global Economic Overview

➤ The US Commerce Department reported that the trade deficit with China had increased by 1.7 percent in October to reach \$55.5 billion: the value of imports were up, the value of exports were down. Containerized tonnage recorded increases in both directions of trade in October versus September, but from a year on year perspective it's a different story: imports are up 12 percent while exports are down 16 percent. In fact, year-on-year import tonnage has been up in 11 of the past 12 months, while exports have been down in all but two months.

➤ Alphaliner reported that the capacity of the idle fleet, as of November 26th, stood at 600,172 TEUs (up from 531,868 TEUs at around the same point of last month) spread across 194 vessels (versus 188 last month). A total of 14 vessels had a capacity of at least 7,500 TEUs (compared to 9 last month), including 11 with a capacity of 12,500 TEU and greater. The idle fleet accounts for 2.7 per cent of the total available capacity, up from 2.4 percent last month.

Containerized Trade between the US and China



Percentage values indicate change versus same month of previous year.

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- In China, the National Bureau of Statistics reported that the Manufacturing PMI decreased to find itself on the line demarcating an expansion and contraction in manufacturing activity as the reading slid from 50.2 in October to 50.0.
- IHS Markit reported that the Eurozone Manufacturing PMI for November decreased to its lowest level since August 2016 as the reading slid from 52.0 in October to 51.8.

The Only Certainty is Uncertainty

Our forecast is driven by a series of econometric models that project volume growth along the primary trade routes that connect the ports in the United States and Canada with the rest of the world. In turn, these models are driven by factors that measure the economic health of both domestic and foreign nations, including industrial production and Purchasing Manager Indices. Unfortunately, there is no “tariff button” that we can toggle.

We had anticipated that shippers would transport some of their cargo ahead of schedule in an effort to avoid the increase from 10 percent to 25 percent tariffs on \$200 billion worth of goods from China that was scheduled to go into place on January 1st (now postponed while new negotiations take place). But we were surprised with quite how much cargo was shifted. Both the West and East Coasts reached new record highs for imports, and nearly every port tracked by the GPT experienced either a record high or a high for the month of October. Imports at the Port of Los Angeles increased by 26.7 percent year-on-year in October.

Alphaliner recently suggested that this is not a one-month deal, either, noting that additional vessels have been pulled into service (see the first bullet on the next page). We have heard that vessels leaving the Far East are still full, but we have also heard of chassis shortages as BCOs temporarily retain them as they store containers. Are distribution centers and warehouses reaching capacity? Will the strong Black Friday weekend sales that came in above expectations encourage retailers to take advantage of the extended window before the specter of increased tariffs returns? Or will the turbulent stock market spook consumers and result in reduced spending over the holidays? Will October end up being the peak month for imports (August has been the busiest month for containerized imports in seven of the last ten years)?

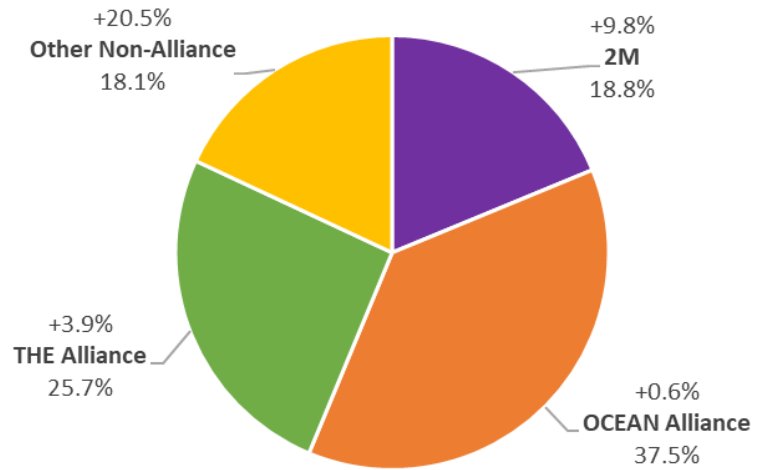
Our forecast has assumed for some time that a portion of the growth in imports this year has been “borrowed” from future months as BCOs navigate their way through the shifting threats of tariffs. The result, then, is that 2018 will look great on paper, possibly at the expense of 2019. But it's important to note that declines from record highs is not itself a sign of weakness in the economy.

Wishing all our readers a wonderful holiday season and a joyful 2019!

North America Economic Overview

- Alphaliner reported that the weekly capacity on the Far East – North America trade stood at 466,784 TEU in November, a 0.5 percent increase over October and a 6.3 percent gain year-on-year. That proved to be insufficient for the additional cargo that was shipped ahead of the proposed increase in US tariffs on Chinese imports that had been set to take effect on January 1st. The consultancy noted that 22 extra-loaders have been added to ferry cargo from China to the US since mid-October, supplementing the route’s capacity by 177,000 TEU. The extra-loaders include 16 vessels serving the West Coast and six vessels serving the East Coast; a further three West Coast-bound vessels were ‘up-sized’.
- The US Manufacturing PMI reading from ISM rebounded in November as it increased by 1.6 percentage points over October, growing from 57.7 to 59.3. The New Orders index also grew, increasing 4.7 percentage points to 62.1, as did the Production index which gained 0.7 points to 60.6. The Inventories sub-index posted growth of 2.2 percentage points to reach 52.9.
- IHS Markit reported that Canada’s Manufacturing PMI rebounded as it increased from 53.9 in October to 54.9 in November, while in Mexico the Manufacturing PMI reading shifted into contraction for the first time since October 2017 as the reading decreased from 50.7 in October to 49.7.
- The Michigan Index of US Consumer Sentiment declined again as it shed 1.1 percent from October’s reading of 98.6 to slide to 97.5 in November. This is down 1.0 percent year-on-year. The Index of Consumer Expectations also declined with a 1.3 percent dip month-on-month for a 0.9 percent decrease year-on-year. The Ipsos Consumer

Far East – North America Weekly Capacity in Nominal TEU, November 2018

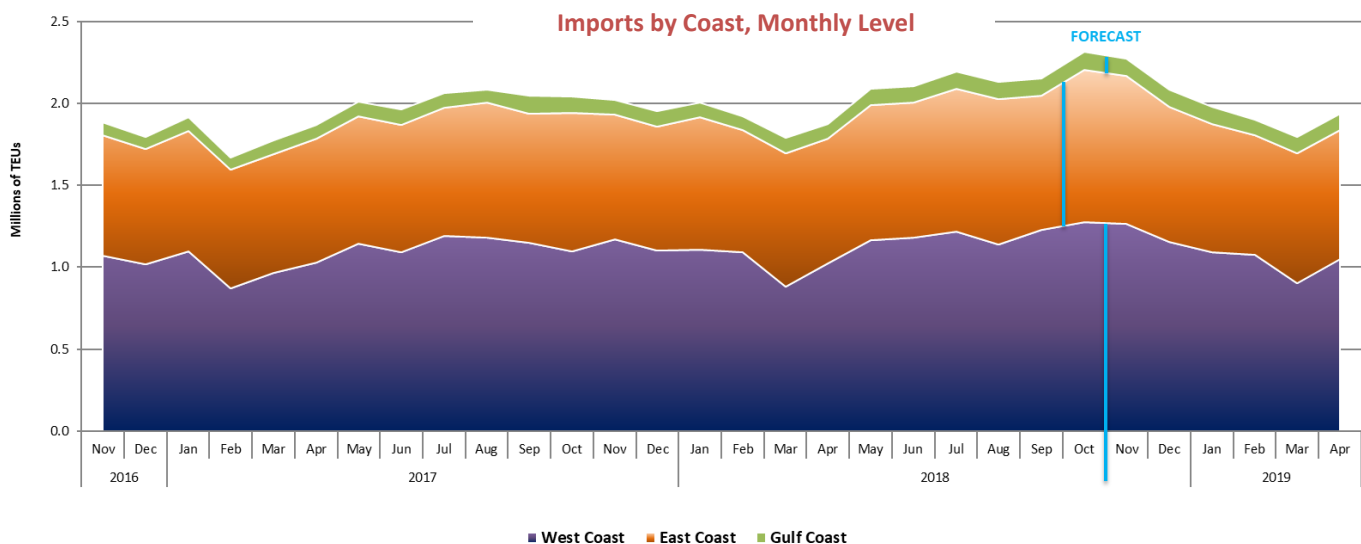


Upper percentage is change from November 2017, lower percentage is share of total.

Data courtesy of Alphaliner

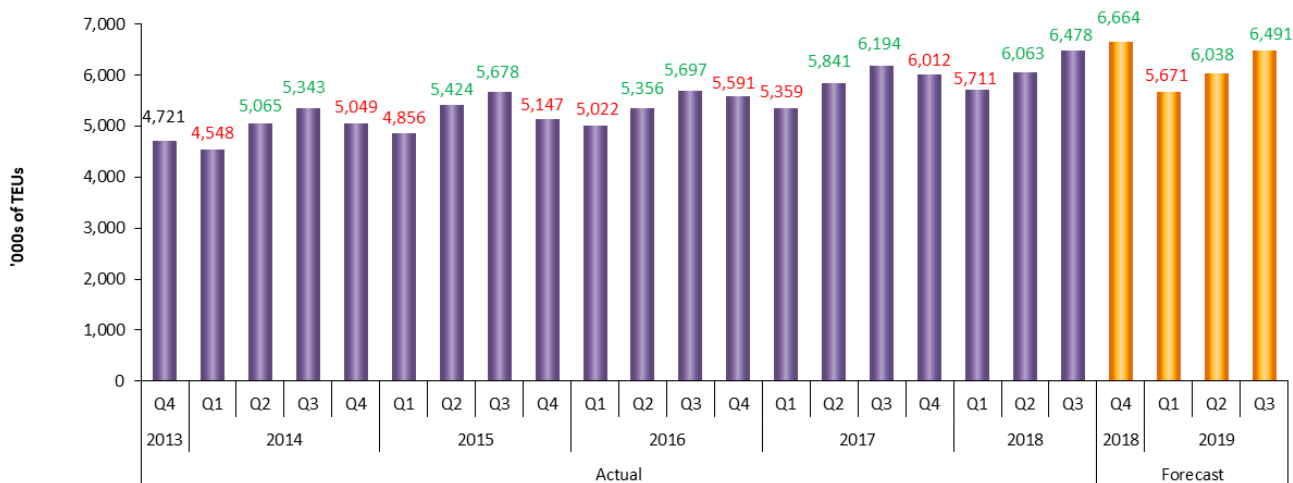
Confidence Index for November reported a reading of 62.7 in the US (unchanged from last month and up from 60.4 a year ago); 56.2 in Canada (up from 55.5 last month and 54.9 year-on-year); and 50.0 in Mexico (down from 51.7 last month and up from 46.2 one year ago).

- The Association of American Railroads reported that intermodal traffic for the month of November totaled 1.10 million containers and trailers, an increase of 2.5 percent year-on-year. US intermodal volumes for the first 48 weeks of 2018, through December 1st, are up 5.5 percent (down from a 5.8 percent gain last month) with 13.38 million units. Year-to-date Canadian intermodal volumes through the same period are up 4.1 percent (versus 4.4 percent last month) with 3.32 million units, while Mexico’s total reached 866,000 units.



Global Port Tracker Overview

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 6.6%	↘ -1.3%
		Q3	↗ 6.4%	↘ 0.3%
		Q4	↘ -1.9%	↗ 8.6%
		Q1	↘ -4.1%	↗ 6.7%
	2017	Q2	↗ 9.0%	↗ 9.1%
		Q3	↗ 6.0%	↗ 8.7%
		Q4	↘ -2.9%	↗ 7.5%
		Q1	↘ -5.0%	↗ 6.6%
	2018	Q2	↗ 6.2%	↗ 3.8%
		Q3	↗ 6.9%	↗ 4.6%
		Q4	↗ 2.9%	↗ 10.8%
		Q1	↘ -14.9%	↘ -0.7%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 6.5%	↘ -0.4%
		Q3	↗ 7.5%	↘ 0.2%

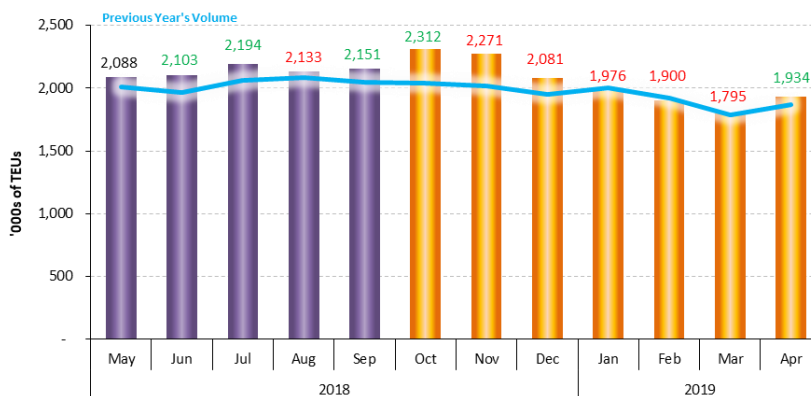
Headlines

- Imports to the ports tracked by the North American edition of the Global Port Tracker increased by an estimated 7.5 percent in October. The 61,000 TEU gain to 2.31 million TEUs equates to a 13.4 percent jump over the same month of 2017 and is a record high.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 151.7. This is 17.9 points higher than the 133.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 20.56 million TEUs for a 5.8 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from a 4.9 percent gain last month).
- The forecast projects a 7.9 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 5.3 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in half of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 7.7 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 13.14 million TEUs. The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.5 percent from the equivalent period of 2018, with 11.71 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 24.92 million TEUs, which would be a 6.5 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

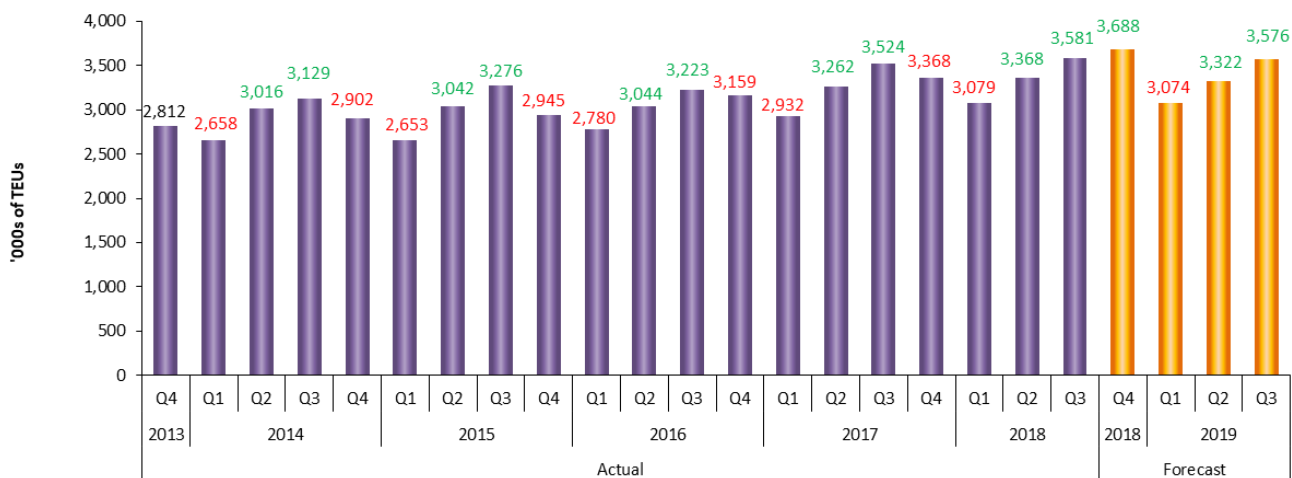
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Sep	↘ -1.7%	↗ 11.3%
		Oct	↘ -0.4%	↗ 6.7%
		Nov	↘ -0.9%	↗ 7.2%
		Dec	↘ -3.4%	↗ 8.8%
	2018	Jan	↗ 2.7%	↗ 4.7%
		Feb	↘ -4.2%	↗ 15.0%
		Mar	↘ -6.9%	↗ 0.7%
		Apr	↗ 4.7%	↗ 0.2%
		May	↗ 11.6%	↗ 4.0%
		Jun	↗ 0.7%	↗ 7.1%
		Jul	↗ 4.3%	↗ 6.3%
		Aug	↘ -2.8%	↗ 2.4%
FORECAST	2018	Sep	↗ 0.9%	↗ 5.0%
		Oct	↗ 7.5%	↗ 13.4%
		Nov	↘ -1.8%	↗ 12.4%
		Dec	↘ -8.4%	↗ 6.6%
2019	Jan	↘ -5.0%	↘ -1.4%	
	Feb	↘ -3.8%	↘ -1.0%	
	Mar	↘ -5.6%	↗ 0.4%	
	Apr	↗ 7.7%	↗ 3.3%	

Monthly Import Volumes



West Coast Port Activity

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 9.5%	↗ 0.1%
		Q3	↘ 5.9%	↘ -1.6%
		Q4	↘ -2.0%	↘ 7.2%
		Q1	↘ -7.2%	↘ 5.5%
	2017	Q2	↗ 11.2%	↘ 7.1%
		Q3	↘ 8.0%	↘ 9.3%
		Q4	↘ -4.4%	↘ 6.6%
		Q1	↘ -8.6%	↘ 5.0%
	2018	Q2	↘ 9.4%	↘ 3.3%
		Q3	↘ 6.3%	↘ 1.6%
		Q4	↘ 3.0%	↘ 9.5%
		Q1	↘ -16.7%	↘ -0.2%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↘ 8.0%	↘ -1.4%
		Q3	↘ 7.7%	↘ -0.1%

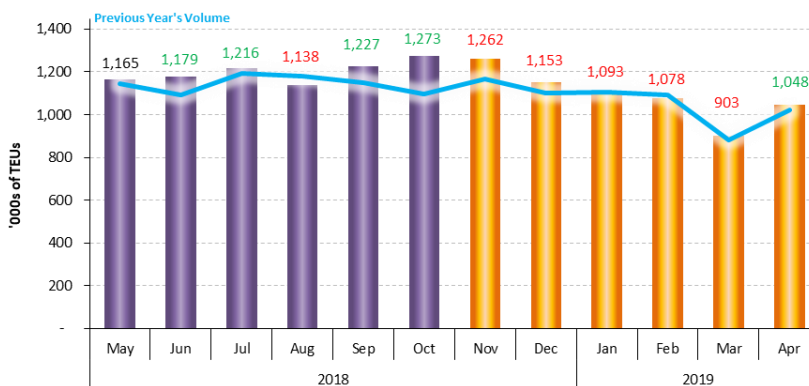
Headlines

- Imports increased by 3.8 percent in October to 1.27 million TEUs. The 46,000 TEU gain equates to a 16.1 percent jump over the same month of 2017 and is an all-time high.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 139.5. This is 19.3 points higher than the 120.2 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 11.30 million TEUs for a 4.5 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 3.2 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 9.2 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 7.0 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in just one of the four upcoming quarters, with all changes anticipated to be in the single-digit percentage range.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 5.5 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 7.27 million TEUs. The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.8 percent versus the equivalent period of 2018, with 6.40 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 13.72 million TEUs, which would be a 4.8 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

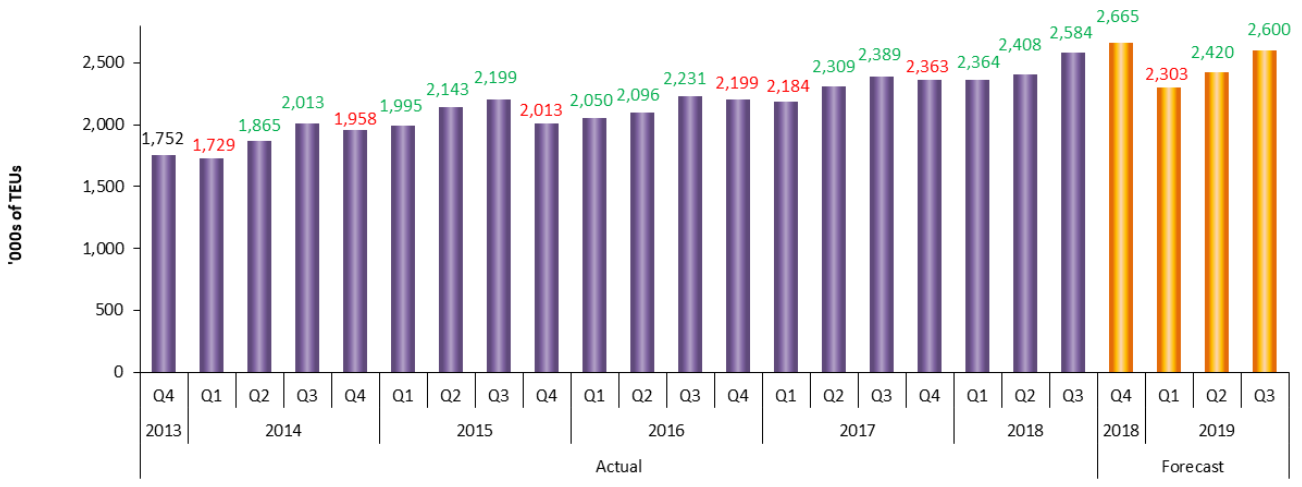
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Sep	↘ -2.6%	↘ 9.8%
		Oct	↘ -4.7%	↘ 2.6%
		Nov	↘ 6.5%	↘ 9.1%
		Dec	↘ -5.6%	↘ 8.2%
	2018	Jan	↘ 0.2%	↘ 1.0%
		Feb	↘ -1.2%	↘ 25.2%
		Mar	↘ -19.2%	↘ -8.7%
		Apr	↘ 16.0%	↘ -0.3%
		May	↘ 13.8%	↘ 1.9%
		Jun	↘ 1.1%	↘ 8.1%
		Jul	↘ 3.1%	↘ 2.0%
		Aug	↘ -6.3%	↘ -3.6%
2018	Sep	↘ 7.8%	↘ 6.6%	
	Oct	↘ 3.8%	↘ 16.1%	
	Nov	↘ -0.9%	↘ 8.1%	
	Dec	↘ -8.6%	↘ 4.5%	
2019	Jan	↘ -5.2%	↘ -1.1%	
	Feb	↘ -1.4%	↘ -1.3%	
	Mar	↘ -16.2%	↘ 2.4%	
	Apr	↘ 16.0%	↘ 2.3%	

Monthly Import Volumes



East Coast Port Activity

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Quarter	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016 Q2	↗ 2.2%	↘ -2.2%
	2016 Q3	↗ 6.4%	↗ 1.4%
	2016 Q4	↘ -1.4%	↗ 9.2%
	2017 Q1	↘ -0.7%	↗ 6.5%
	2017 Q2	↗ 5.7%	↗ 10.1%
	2017 Q3	↘ 3.5%	↗ 7.1%
	2017 Q4	↘ -1.1%	↗ 7.5%
	2018 Q1	↔ 0.0%	↗ 8.3%
	2018 Q2	↗ 1.8%	↗ 4.3%
	2018 Q3	↗ 7.3%	↗ 8.1%
	2018 Q4	↗ 3.1%	↗ 12.7%
	FORECAST	2019 Q1	↘ -13.6%
2019 Q2		↗ 5.1%	↗ 0.5%
2019 Q3		↗ 7.4%	↗ 0.6%

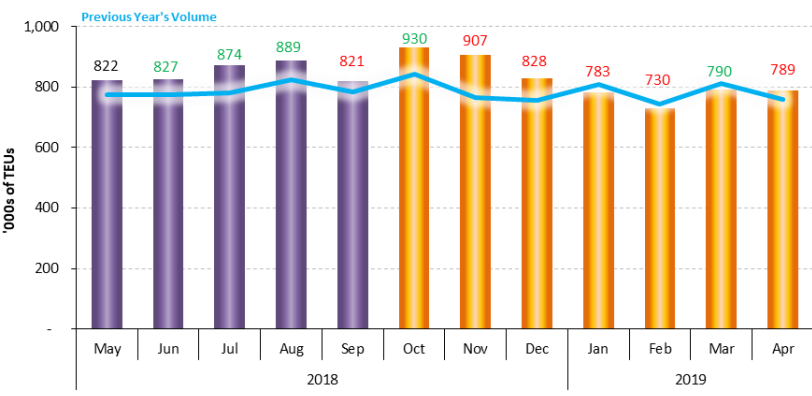
Headlines

- Imports are projected to have surged by 13.2 percent in October to 930,000 TEUs (the Port of Jacksonville had not reported October statistics at the time of publication). The 109,000 TEU gain would equate to a 10.3 percent jump over the same month of 2017 and is a record high.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 165.7. This is 15.6 points higher than the 150.1 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 8.29 million TEUs for a 7.3 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 6.9 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 6.5 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 2.9 percent decline between the same two periods of last year.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 10.4 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 5.25 million TEUs.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.0 percent versus the equivalent period of 2018, with 4.72 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 10.02 million TEUs, which would be an 8.4 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

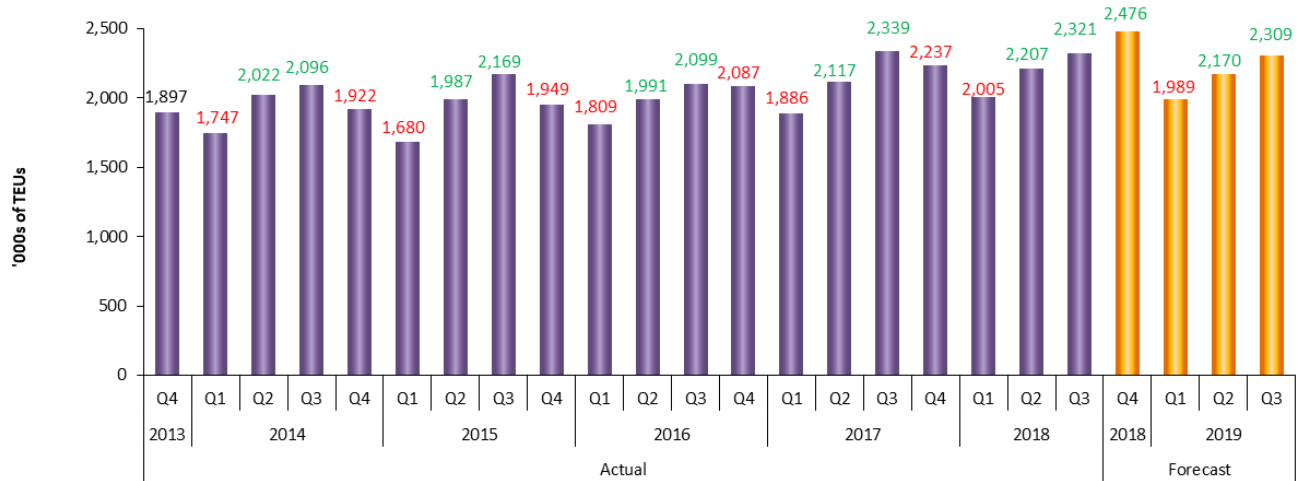
	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Sep	↘ -5.1%	↗ 10.6%
	2017 Oct	↗ 7.6%	↗ 10.6%
	2017 Nov	↘ -9.2%	↗ 4.0%
	2017 Dec	↘ -1.3%	↗ 7.8%
	2018 Jan	↗ 7.2%	↗ 10.0%
	2018 Feb	↘ -8.2%	↗ 2.7%
	2018 Mar	↗ 9.1%	↗ 12.0%
	2018 Apr	↘ -6.5%	↗ 0.2%
	2018 May	↗ 8.4%	↗ 6.1%
	2018 Jun	↗ 0.5%	↗ 6.5%
	2018 Jul	↗ 5.7%	↗ 11.9%
	2018 Aug	↗ 1.7%	↗ 7.7%
FORECAST	2018 Sep	↘ -7.6%	↗ 4.8%
	2018 Oct	↗ 13.2%	↗ 10.3%
	2018 Nov	↘ -2.5%	↗ 18.5%
	2018 Dec	↘ -8.8%	↗ 9.6%
2019	2019 Jan	↘ -5.4%	↘ -3.4%
	2019 Feb	↘ -6.8%	↘ -1.8%
	2019 Mar	↗ 8.3%	↘ -2.5%
2019 Apr	↘ -0.1%	↗ 4.1%	

Monthly Import Volumes



Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change		
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↑ 10.1%	↔ 0.2%	
		Q3	↔ 5.4%	↓ -3.2%	
		Q4	↔ -0.6%	↔ 7.1%	
	2017	Q1	↔ -9.6%	↔ 4.3%	
		Q2	↑ 12.3%	↔ 6.3%	
		Q3	↑ 10.5%	↑ 11.4%	
	2018	Q4	↔ -4.4%	↔ 7.1%	
		Q1	↓ -10.3%	↔ 6.3%	
		Q2	↑ 10.1%	↔ 4.2%	
	FORECAST	2018	Q3	↔ 5.2%	↔ -0.8%
			Q4	↔ 6.7%	↑ 10.7%
		2019	Q1	↓ -19.6%	↔ -0.8%
Q2			↔ 9.1%	↔ -1.7%	
Q3			↔ 6.4%	↔ -0.5%	

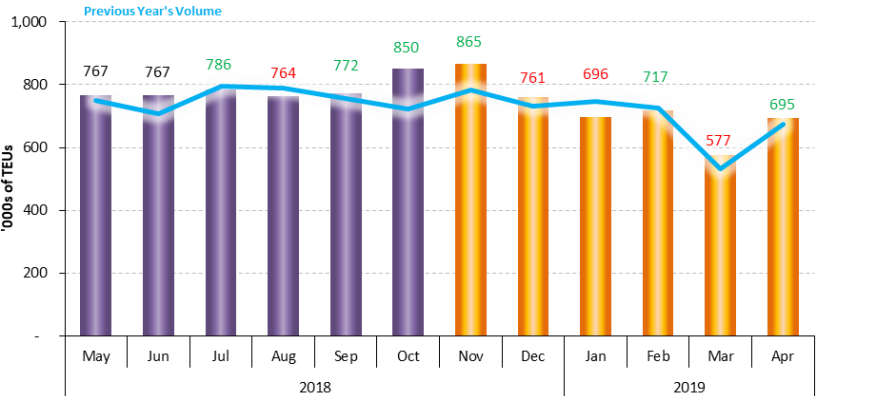
Headlines

- Imports surged by 10.2 percent in October to 850,000 TEUs. The 78,000 TEU gain equates to a 17.7 percent jump over the same month of 2017 and is a record high.
- Imports at the Port of Los Angeles surged by 17.3 percent over September, while the volume at the Port of Long Beach increased by 1.9 percent. In terms of year-on-year change, the two ports experienced a 26.7 percent gain and a 7.4 percent increase respectively.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 142.5. This is 21.3 points higher than the 121.2 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 7.38 million TEUs for a 4.5 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 3.0 percent gain).
- The forecast projects an 8.4 percent slide in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 7.2 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 4.8 percent while the first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.3 percent versus the equivalent period of 2018. The forecast volume for 2018 is 9.01 million TEUs, which would be a 5.0 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

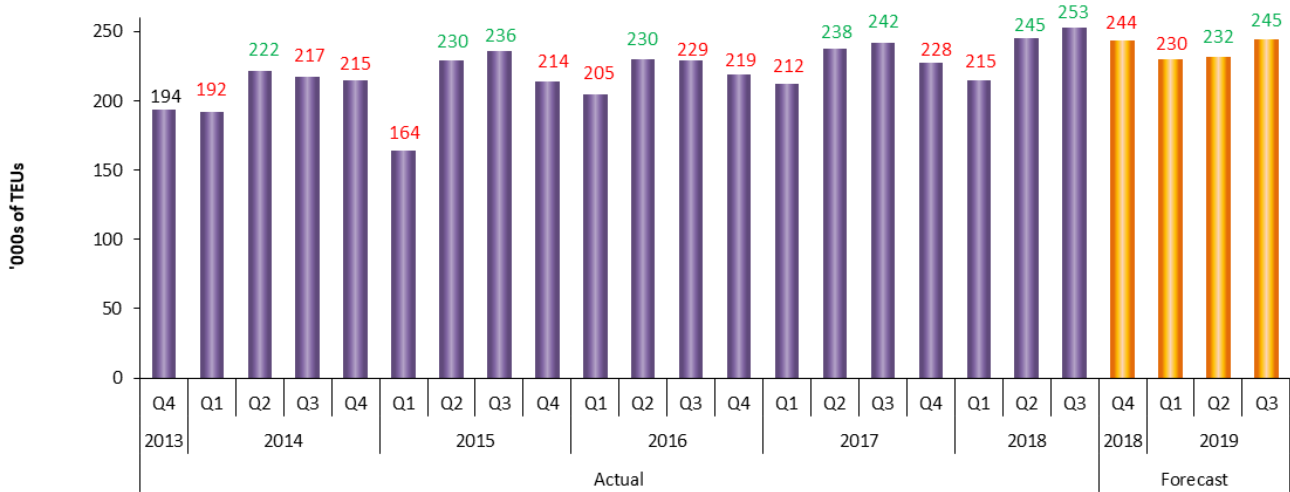
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Sep	↔ -4.2%	↑ 12.4%
		Oct	↔ -4.3%	↔ 1.2%
		Nov	↔ 8.4%	↑ 10.6%
		Dec	↔ -6.6%	↔ 9.8%
	2018	Jan	↔ 2.2%	↔ 4.6%
		Feb	↔ -3.0%	↑ 32.2%
		Mar	↓ -26.6%	↓ -14.6%
		Apr	↑ 26.5%	↔ 2.0%
		May	↑ 13.8%	↔ 2.3%
		Jun	↔ 0.1%	↔ 8.4%
		Jul	↔ 2.5%	↔ -1.3%
		Aug	↔ -2.8%	↔ -3.1%
2018	Sep	↔ 1.0%	↔ 2.2%	
	Oct	↑ 10.2%	↑ 17.7%	
	Nov	↔ 1.8%	↑ 10.5%	
	Dec	↓ -12.0%	↔ 4.0%	
FORECAST	2019	Jan	↔ -8.5%	↔ -6.9%
		Feb	↔ 3.0%	↔ -1.2%
	2019	Mar	↓ -19.5%	↔ 8.4%
		Apr	↑ 20.5%	↔ 3.2%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Oakland

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Quarter	Percent Change		
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016 Q2	↑ 12.2%	↑ 0.2%	
	2016 Q3	↓ -0.3%	↓ -2.7%	
	2016 Q4	↓ -4.3%	↑ 2.7%	
	2017 Q1	↓ -3.4%	↑ 3.5%	
	2017 Q2	↑ 12.1%	↑ 3.4%	
	2017 Q3	↑ 1.8%	↑ 5.5%	
	2017 Q4	↓ -5.9%	↑ 3.8%	
	2018 Q1	↓ -5.5%	↑ 1.4%	
	2018 Q2	↑ 13.9%	↑ 3.1%	
	2018 Q3	↑ 3.1%	↑ 4.4%	
	FORECAST	2018 Q4	↓ -3.6%	↑ 6.9%
		2019 Q1	↓ -5.7%	↑ 6.8%
2019 Q2		↑ 0.9%	↓ -5.4%	
2019 Q3	↑ 5.6%	↓ -3.1%		

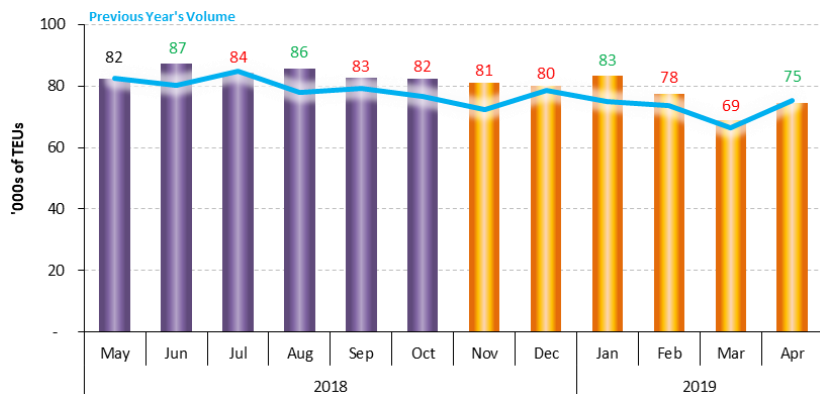
Headlines

- Imports dipped by 0.2 percent in October to 82,000 TEUs. The less than 500 TEU slide is up 7.4 percent over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of October.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 124.8. This is 8.6 points higher than the 116.2 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 795,000 TEUs for a 3.5 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 3.0 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 7.8 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to an 8.3 percent fall between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in half of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 5.6 percent (to 496,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 0.3 percent (to 461,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 956,000 TEUs, which would be a 4.0 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

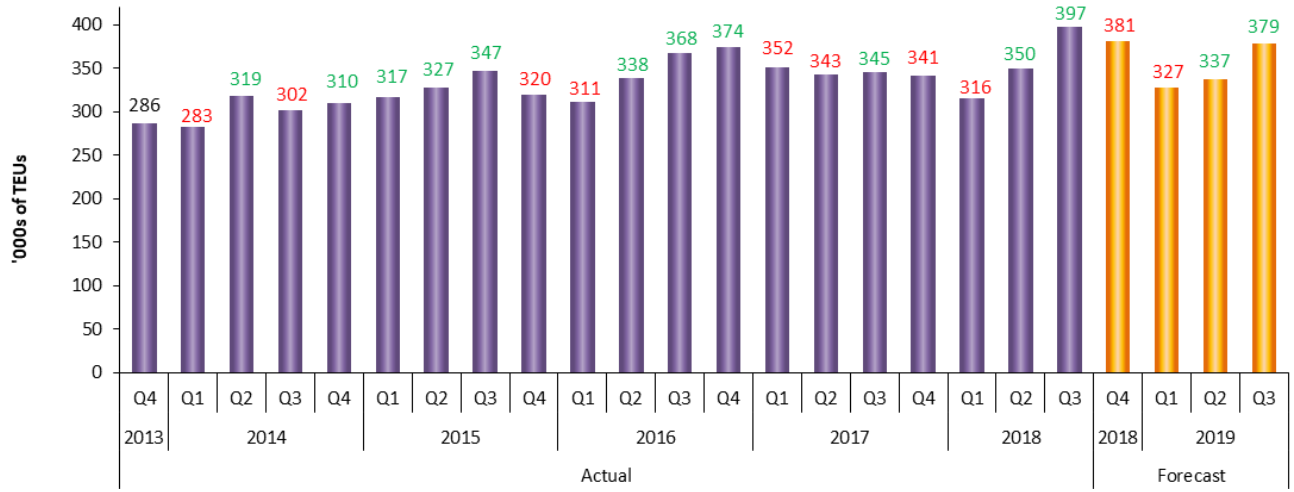
	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Sep	↑ 1.5%	↑ 12.6%
	2017 Oct	↓ -3.1%	↑ 6.4%
	2017 Nov	↓ -5.7%	↓ -1.6%
	2017 Dec	↑ 8.8%	↑ 6.4%
	2018 Jan	↓ -4.5%	↓ -6.6%
	2018 Feb	↓ -2.0%	↑ 14.9%
	2018 Mar	↓ -10.0%	↓ -1.8%
	2018 Apr	↑ 13.7%	↑ 0.5%
	2018 May	↑ 9.4%	↑ 0.0%
	2018 Jun	↑ 5.8%	↑ 8.7%
	2018 Jul	↓ -3.3%	↓ -0.6%
	2018 Aug	↑ 1.7%	↑ 9.9%
FORECAST	2018 Sep	↓ -3.6%	↑ 4.4%
	2018 Oct	↓ -0.2%	↑ 7.4%
	2018 Nov	↓ -1.7%	↑ 12.0%
	2018 Dec	↓ -1.1%	↑ 1.8%
	2019 Jan	↑ 3.9%	↑ 10.8%
	2019 Feb	↓ -6.8%	↑ 5.3%
	2019 Mar	↓ -11.1%	↑ 4.0%
	2019 Apr	↑ 8.1%	↓ -1.1%

Monthly Import Volumes



NW Seaport Alliance (Tacoma & Seattle)

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Quarter	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016 Q2	8.7%	3.3%
	2016 Q3	8.8%	6.1%
	2016 Q4	1.8%	17.2%
	2017 Q1	-6.1%	13.1%
	2017 Q2	-2.6%	1.3%
	2017 Q3	0.8%	-6.2%
	2017 Q4	-1.2%	-8.9%
	2018 Q1	-7.5%	-10.2%
	2018 Q2	10.9%	2.2%
	2018 Q3	13.4%	15.0%
	2018 Q4	-4.0%	11.7%
	FORECAST	2019 Q1	-14.1%
2019 Q2		3.0%	-3.8%
2019 Q3		12.5%	-4.5%

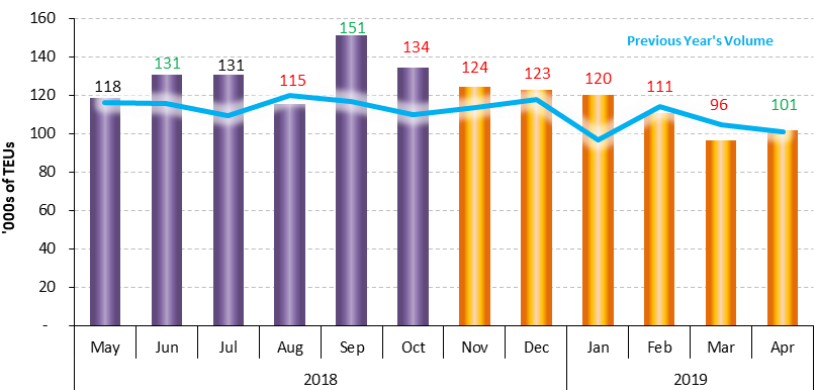
Headlines

- Imports decreased by 10.9 percent in October to 134,000 TEUs. The 16,000 TEU slide equates to a 22.3 percent jump over the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 120.0. This is 21.9 points higher than the 98.1 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 1.20 million TEUs for a 4.2 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 2.2 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 13.5 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 5.7 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in half of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to surge by 13.3 percent (to 778,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.2 percent (to 664,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.44 million TEUs, which would be a 4.6 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

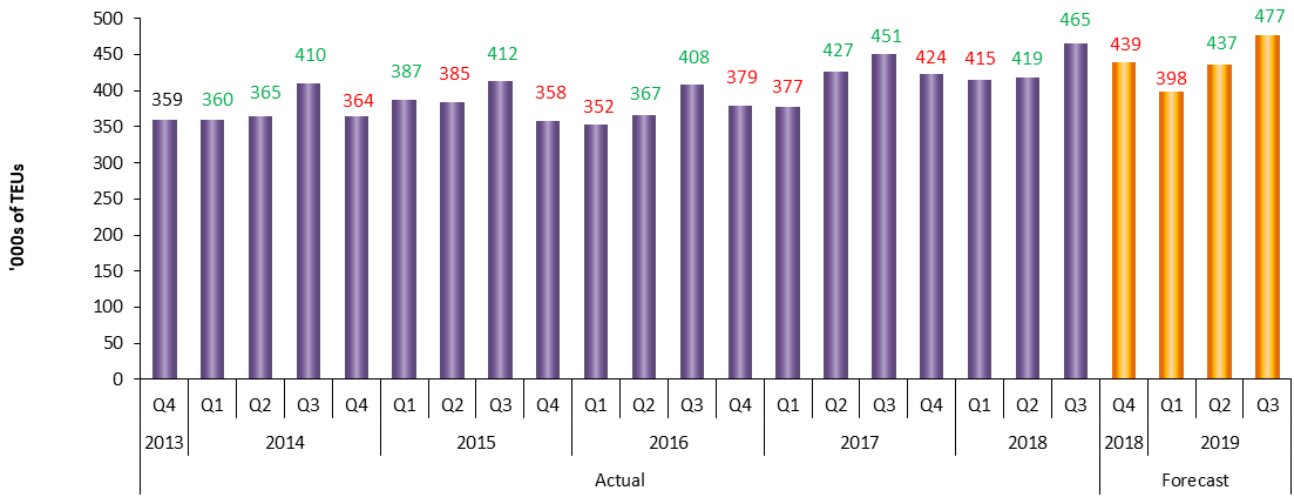
	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Sep	-2.5%	-15.4%
	2017 Oct	-5.7%	-6.5%
	2017 Nov	3.2%	-14.8%
	2017 Dec	3.8%	-4.7%
	2018 Jan	-17.8%	-24.9%
	2018 Feb	17.9%	11.2%
	2018 Mar	-8.5%	-12.9%
	2018 Apr	-3.3%	-8.8%
	2018 May	17.2%	2.1%
	2018 Jun	10.3%	12.8%
	2018 Jul	0.1%	19.8%
	2018 Aug	-11.8%	-3.5%
FORECAST	2018 Sep	30.9%	29.4%
	2018 Oct	-10.9%	22.3%
	2018 Nov	-7.8%	9.3%
	2018 Dec	-1.2%	4.1%
	2019 Jan	-1.9%	24.2%
	2019 Feb	-7.9%	-3.0%
	2019 Mar	-13.2%	-8.0%
	2019 Apr	5.4%	0.3%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Vancouver

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Quarter	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016 Q2	4.1%	-4.7%
	2016 Q3	11.1%	-1.2%
	2016 Q4	-6.9%	6.0%
	2017 Q1	-0.6%	7.0%
	2017 Q2	13.1%	16.3%
	2017 Q3	5.7%	10.6%
	2017 Q4	-6.0%	11.6%
	2018 Q1	-1.9%	10.2%
	2018 Q2	0.7%	-1.9%
	2018 Q3	11.2%	3.3%
	2018 Q4	-5.7%	3.6%
	FORECAST	2019 Q1	-9.2%
2019 Q2		9.6%	4.3%
2019 Q3		9.3%	2.6%

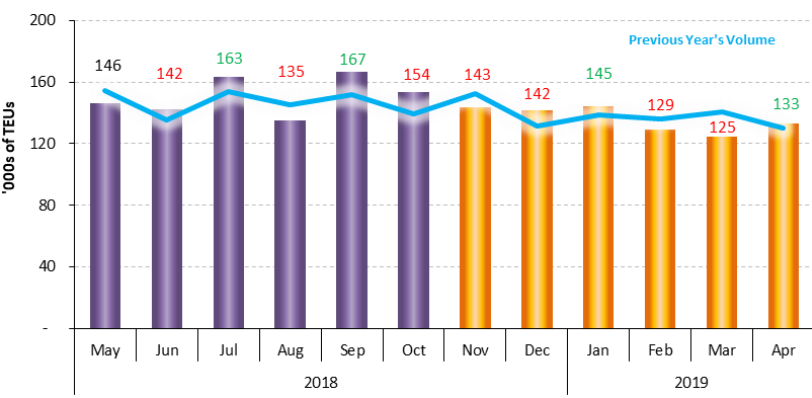
Headlines

- Imports decreased by 7.7 percent in October to 154,000 TEUs, which is a record high for the month of October. The 13,000 TEU slide equates to a 10.5 percent jump over the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 136.7. This is 13.0 points higher than the 123.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 1.45 million TEUs for a 4.3 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 3.6 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 10.0 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 5.6 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in three of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.4 percent (to 904,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 0.1 percent (to 835,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.74 million TEUs, which would be a 3.6 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

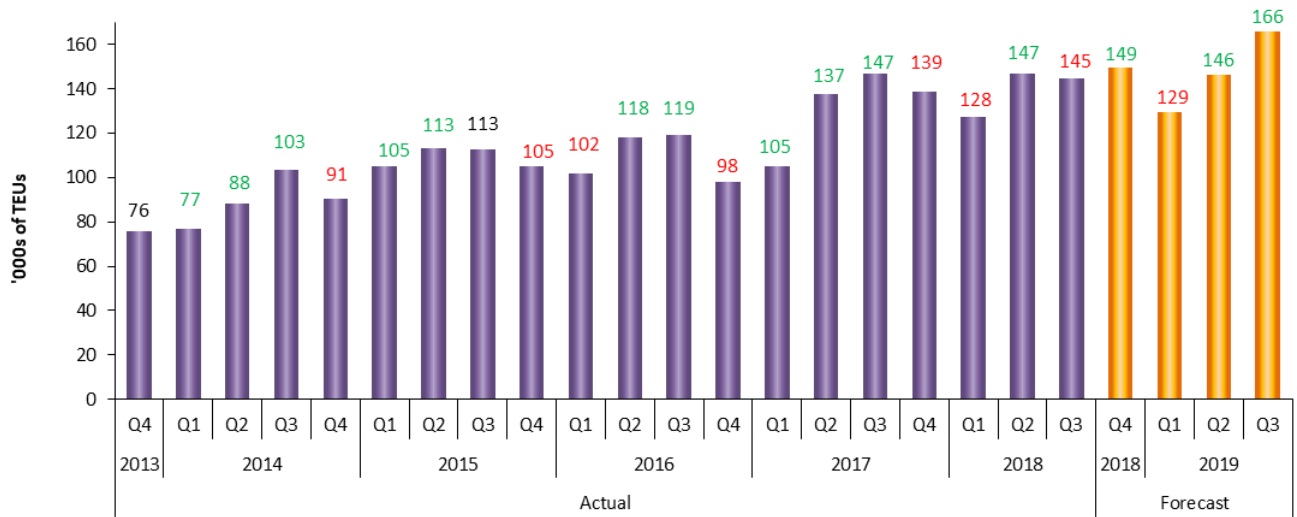
	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Sep	4.2%	14.5%
	2017 Oct	-8.3%	6.1%
	2017 Nov	9.8%	19.1%
	2017 Dec	-13.7%	9.7%
	2018 Jan	5.4%	7.6%
	2018 Feb	-2.3%	7.2%
	2018 Mar	3.5%	16.1%
	2018 Apr	-7.3%	-4.8%
	2018 May	12.1%	-5.4%
	2018 Jun	-2.6%	5.1%
	2018 Jul	15.0%	6.5%
	2018 Aug	-17.2%	-7.0%
FORECAST	2018 Sep	23.0%	9.9%
	2018 Oct	-7.7%	10.5%
	2018 Nov	-6.7%	-6.1%
	2018 Dec	-1.3%	7.5%
	2019 Jan	2.1%	4.0%
	2019 Feb	-10.7%	-5.0%
	2019 Mar	-3.5%	-11.4%
	2019 Apr	6.9%	2.1%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Prince Rupert

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Quarter	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016 Q2	↑ 15.8%	↑ 4.4%
	2016 Q3	↓ 0.8%	↑ 5.8%
	2016 Q4	↓ -17.8%	↓ -6.8%
	2017 Q1	↓ 7.6%	↓ 3.2%
	2017 Q2	↑ 30.5%	↑ 16.3%
	2017 Q3	↓ 6.9%	↑ 23.3%
	2017 Q4	↓ -5.5%	↑ 41.8%
	2018 Q1	↓ -8.1%	↑ 21.1%
	2018 Q2	↑ 15.3%	↓ 7.0%
	2018 Q3	↓ -1.6%	↓ -1.4%
	2018 Q4	↓ 3.3%	↓ 7.7%
	FORECAST	2019 Q1	↓ -13.4%
2019 Q2		↑ 13.2%	↓ -0.4%
2019 Q3		↑ 13.3%	↑ 14.7%

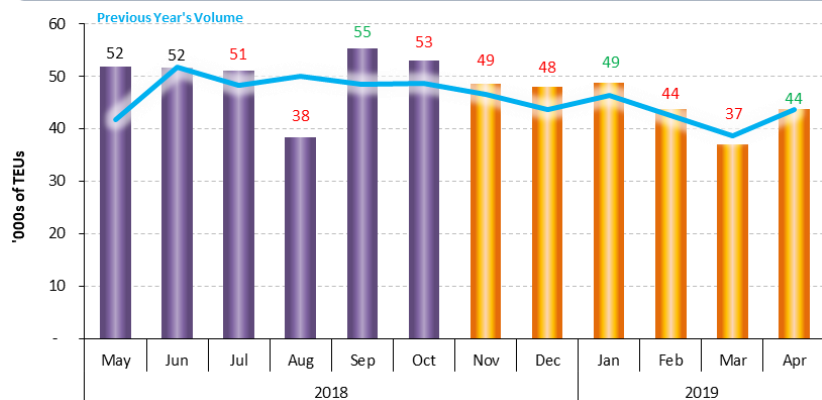
Headlines

- Imports decreased by 4.2 percent in October to 53,000 TEUs. The 2,000 TEUs slide equates to an 8.8 percent gain over the same month of 2017 and is a high for the month of October.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 199.9. This is 16.2 points higher than the 183.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 472,000 TEUs for a 7.8 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 7.7 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 10.4 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 9.6 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year increases are projected in three of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.0 percent (to 294,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 0.5 percent (to 276,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 569,000 TEUs, which would be a 7.7 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

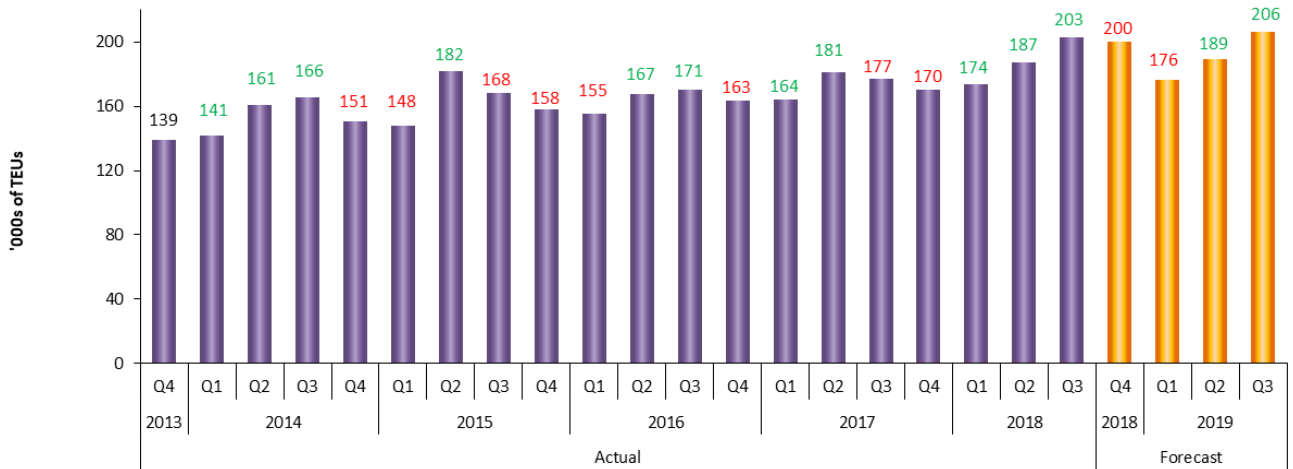
	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Sep	↓ -2.9%	↑ 37.2%
	2017 Oct	↓ 0.3%	↑ 42.1%
	2017 Nov	↓ -4.5%	↑ 68.5%
	2017 Dec	↓ -6.3%	↑ 21.0%
	2018 Jan	↓ 6.4%	↑ 13.1%
	2018 Feb	↓ -8.3%	↑ 42.8%
	2018 Mar	↓ -9.1%	↑ 11.9%
	2018 Apr	↑ 12.9%	↓ -0.4%
	2018 May	↑ 18.6%	↑ 24.0%
	2018 Jun	↓ -0.3%	↓ -0.4%
	2018 Jul	↓ -1.0%	↓ 5.7%
	2018 Aug	↓ -24.9%	↓ -23.2%
FORECAST	2018 Sep	↑ 44.1%	↑ 13.9%
	2018 Oct	↓ -4.2%	↓ 8.8%
	2018 Nov	↓ -8.3%	↓ 4.5%
	2018 Dec	↓ -1.4%	↓ 9.9%
	2019 Jan	↓ 1.9%	↓ 5.2%
	2019 Feb	↓ -10.4%	↓ 2.8%
	2019 Mar	↓ -15.5%	↓ -4.4%
	2019 Apr	↑ 18.5%	↓ 0.3%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Montreal

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Quarter	Percent Change		
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016 Q2	↗ 7.7%	↘ -8.1%	
	2016 Q3	↗ 1.9%	↗ 1.3%	
	2016 Q4	↘ -4.2%	↗ 3.2%	
	2017 Q1	↗ 0.6%	↗ 5.8%	
	2017 Q2	↗ 10.1%	↗ 8.2%	
	2017 Q3	↘ -2.3%	↗ 3.6%	
	2017 Q4	↘ -3.6%	↗ 4.3%	
	2018 Q1	↗ 2.1%	↗ 5.9%	
	2018 Q2	↗ 7.6%	↗ 3.4%	
	2018 Q3	↗ 8.3%	↗ 14.7%	
	FORECAST	2018 Q4	↘ -1.3%	↗ 17.4%
		2019 Q1	↘ -11.9%	↗ 1.4%
2019 Q2		↗ 7.3%	↗ 1.1%	
2019 Q3	↗ 9.1%	↗ 1.8%		

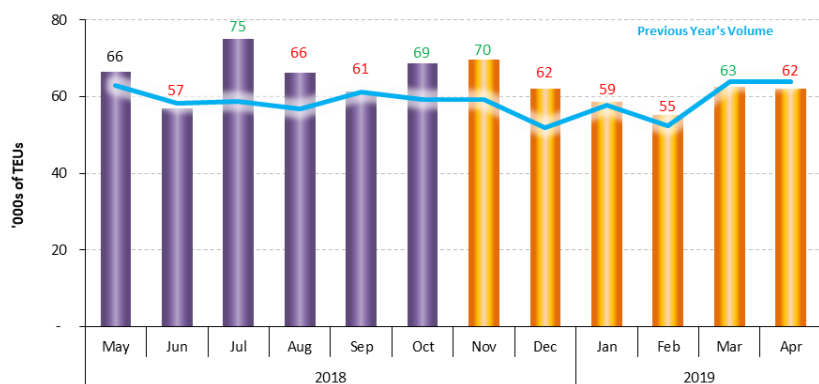
Headlines

- Imports rebounded by 11.7 percent in October to 69,000 TEUs. The 7,000 TEU gain equates to a 15.5 percent jump over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of October.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 141.1. This is 19.0 points higher than the 122.1 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 633,000 TEUs for an 8.8 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 8.0 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 6.3 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 2.4 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to surge by 16.0 percent (to 403,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017. The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 1.2 percent (to 366,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 764,000 TEUs, which would be a 10.3 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

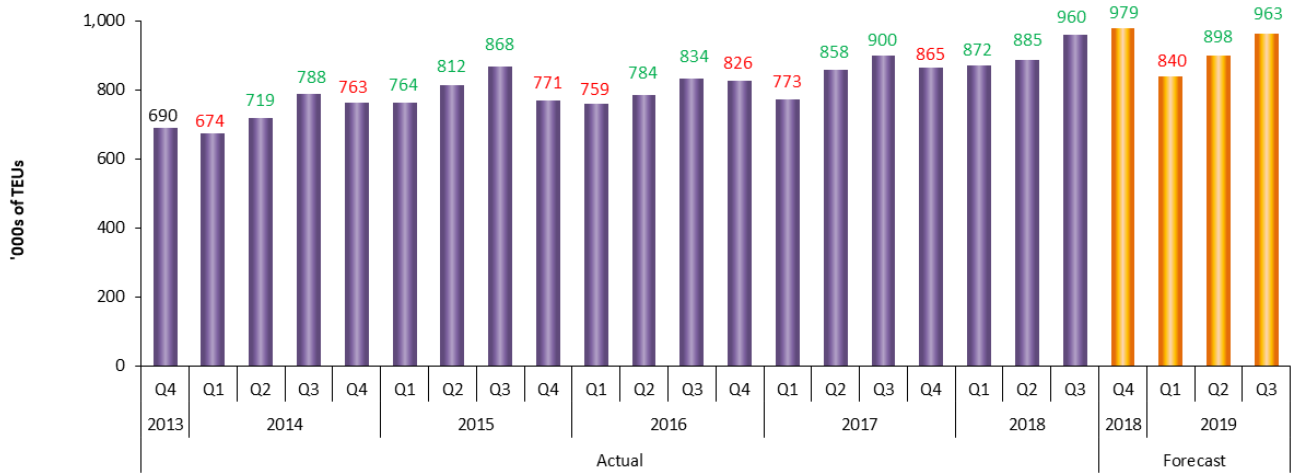
	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Sep	↗ 7.8%	↗ 20.7%
	2017 Oct	↘ -3.0%	↗ 12.7%
	2017 Nov	↘ -0.3%	↘ -6.7%
	2017 Dec	↘ -12.3%	↗ 9.7%
	2018 Jan	↗ 11.1%	↗ 25.0%
	2018 Feb	↘ -9.0%	↘ -2.6%
	2018 Mar	↗ 21.8%	↘ -0.7%
	2018 Apr	↘ -0.2%	↗ 6.9%
	2018 May	↗ 4.2%	↗ 5.5%
	2018 Jun	↘ -14.3%	↘ -2.4%
	2018 Jul	↗ 31.8%	↗ 27.7%
	2018 Aug	↘ -11.7%	↗ 16.8%
FORECAST	2018 Sep	↘ -7.4%	↗ 0.3%
	2018 Oct	↗ 11.7%	↗ 15.5%
	2018 Nov	↗ 1.4%	↗ 17.5%
	2018 Dec	↘ -10.7%	↗ 19.6%
	2019 Jan	↘ -5.6%	↗ 1.6%
	2019 Feb	↘ -5.7%	↗ 5.4%
	2019 Mar	↗ 13.0%	↘ -2.2%
	2019 Apr	↘ -0.8%	↘ -2.8%

Monthly Import Volumes



Ports of New York and New Jersey

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 3.3%	↘ -3.4%
		Q3	↗ 6.3%	↘ -4.0%
		Q4	↘ -1.0%	↗ 7.1%
		Q1	↘ -6.3%	↗ 1.9%
	2017	Q2	↗ 10.9%	↗ 9.4%
		Q3	↗ 5.0%	↗ 8.0%
		Q4	↘ -3.9%	↗ 4.8%
		Q1	↗ 0.8%	↗ 12.8%
	2018	Q2	↗ 1.5%	↗ 3.3%
		Q3	↗ 8.4%	↗ 6.6%
		Q4	↗ 2.0%	↗ 13.2%
		Q1	↘ -14.3%	↘ -3.7%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 6.9%	↗ 1.4%
		Q3	↗ 7.3%	↗ 0.4%

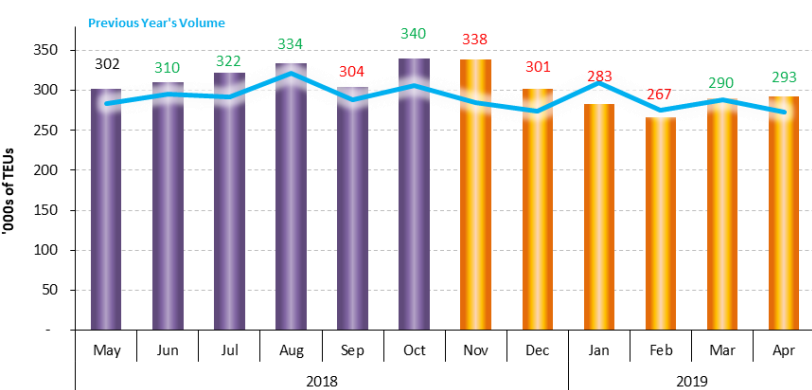
Headlines

- Imports surged by 11.7 percent in October to 340,000 TEUs. The 35,000 TEU gain equates to an 11.1 percent jump over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the port.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 148.2. This is 14.8 points higher than the 133.4 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 3.06 million TEUs for a 7.8 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 7.3 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 7.3 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 4.5 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in three of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 9.8 percent (to 1.94 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.1 percent (to 1.74 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 3.70 million TEUs, which would be an 8.8 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

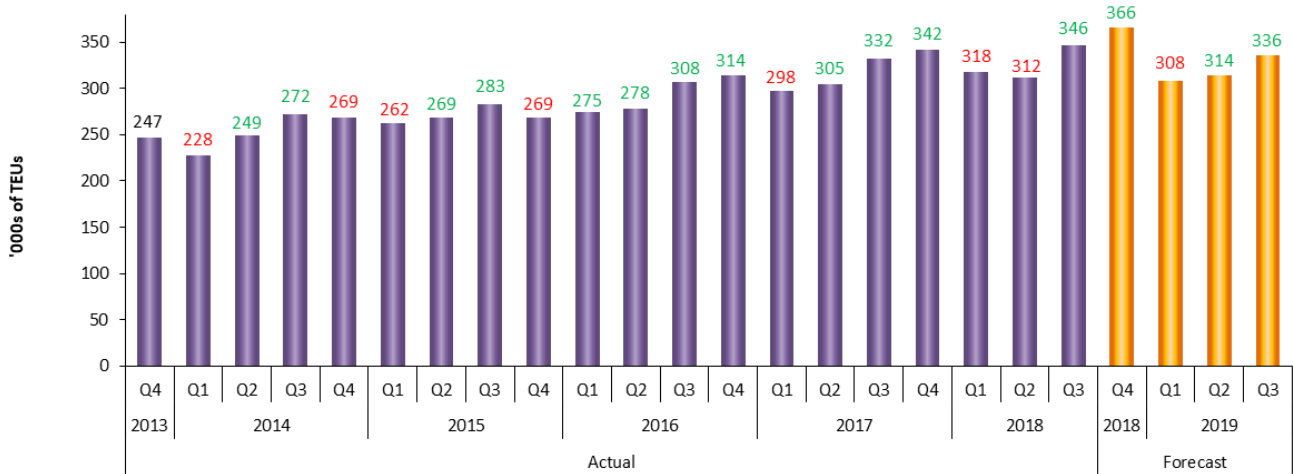
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Sep	↘ -10.3%	↗ 13.3%
		Oct	↗ 6.2%	↗ 5.8%
		Nov	↘ -6.8%	↗ 4.9%
		Dec	↘ -3.8%	↗ 3.6%
	2018	Jan	↗ 12.6%	↗ 18.5%
		Feb	↘ -11.1%	↗ 4.5%
		Mar	↗ 5.0%	↗ 15.5%
		Apr	↘ -5.4%	↘ -2.1%
		May	↗ 10.7%	↗ 6.6%
		Jun	↗ 2.8%	↗ 5.2%
		Jul	↗ 3.7%	↗ 10.4%
		Aug	↗ 3.6%	↗ 4.0%
2018	Sep	↘ -8.8%	↗ 5.7%	
	Oct	↗ 11.7%	↗ 11.1%	
	Nov	↘ -0.4%	↗ 18.7%	
	Dec	↘ -11.0%	↗ 9.8%	
FORECAST	2019	Jan	↘ -6.1%	↘ -8.5%
		Feb	↘ -5.7%	↘ -2.9%
		Mar	↗ 8.8%	↗ 0.6%
		Apr	↗ 0.9%	↗ 7.2%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Virginia

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Quarter	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016 Q2	↔ 1.2%	↔ 3.6%
	2016 Q3	↑ 10.5%	↔ 8.8%
	2016 Q4	↔ 2.0%	↑ 16.8%
	2017 Q1	↔ -5.0%	↔ 8.3%
	2017 Q2	↔ 2.3%	↔ 9.4%
	2017 Q3	↔ 9.0%	↔ 8.0%
	2017 Q4	↔ 2.9%	↔ 8.9%
	2018 Q1	↔ -7.0%	↔ 6.6%
	2018 Q2	↔ -1.7%	↔ 2.4%
	2018 Q3	↑ 10.9%	↔ 4.2%
	2018 Q4	↔ 5.6%	↔ 7.0%
	FORECAST	2019 Q1	↔ -15.8%
2019 Q2		↔ 1.9%	↔ 0.5%
2019 Q3		↔ 7.2%	↔ -2.8%

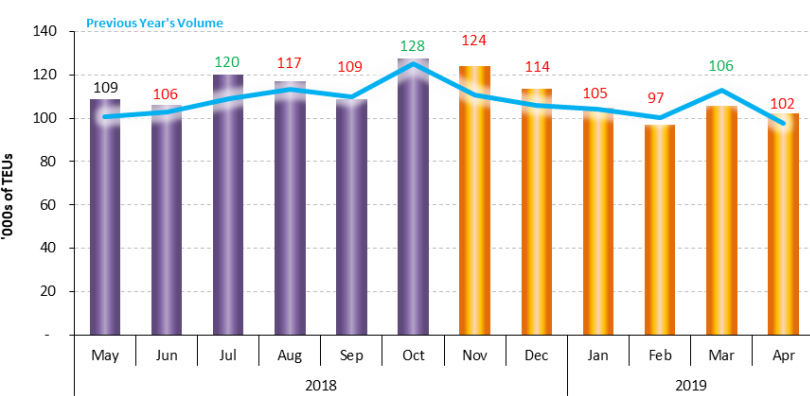
Headlines

- Imports surged by 17.2 percent in October to 128,000 TEUs, which is a record high for the port. The 19,000 TEU gain equates to a 2.1 percent increase over the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 176.0. This is 3.5 point higher than the 172.5 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 1.10 million TEUs for a 4.1 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 4.4 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 5.9 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 4.4 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is projected in two of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 5.6 percent (to 712,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.3 percent (to 622,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.34 million TEUs, which would be a 5.1 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

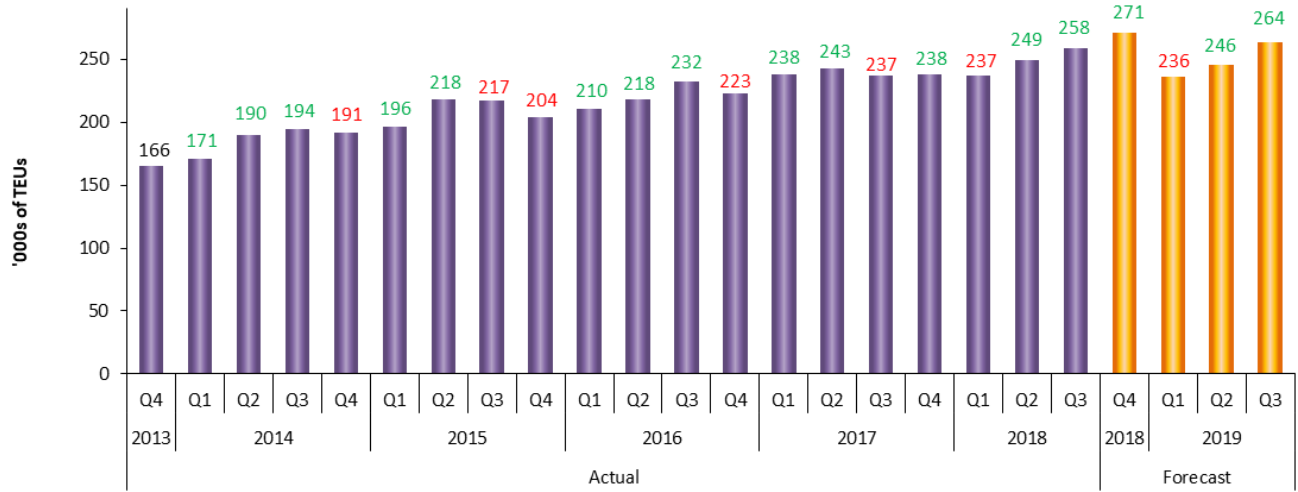
	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Sep	↔ -3.1%	↔ 9.5%
	2017 Oct	↑ 14.0%	↔ 9.6%
	2017 Nov	↔ -11.5%	↔ 8.7%
	2017 Dec	↔ -4.3%	↔ 8.3%
	2018 Jan	↔ -1.6%	↔ 2.8%
	2018 Feb	↔ -3.6%	↔ 3.6%
	2018 Mar	↑ 12.7%	↑ 13.5%
	2018 Apr	↔ -13.7%	↔ -3.5%
	2018 May	↑ 11.3%	↔ 8.0%
	2018 Jun	↔ -2.4%	↔ 2.9%
	2018 Jul	↑ 13.4%	↑ 10.0%
	2018 Aug	↔ -2.6%	↔ 3.4%
FORECAST	2018 Sep	↔ -6.9%	↔ -0.7%
	2018 Oct	↑ 17.2%	↔ 2.1%
	2018 Nov	↔ -2.7%	↑ 12.2%
	2018 Dec	↔ -8.5%	↔ 7.4%
	2019 Jan	↔ -7.7%	↔ 0.8%
	2019 Feb	↔ -7.5%	↔ -3.2%
	2019 Mar	↔ 9.0%	↔ -6.4%
	2019 Apr	↔ -3.4%	↔ 4.8%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Charleston

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Quarter	Percent Change		
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016 Q2	3.7%	-0.2%	
	2016 Q3	6.7%	7.1%	
	2016 Q4	-4.0%	9.4%	
	2017 Q1	6.7%	13.3%	
	2017 Q2	1.9%	11.4%	
	2017 Q3	-2.4%	1.9%	
	2017 Q4	0.4%	6.6%	
	2018 Q1	-0.3%	-0.4%	
	2018 Q2	5.0%	2.6%	
	2018 Q3	3.7%	9.1%	
	FORECAST	2018 Q4	4.9%	13.9%
		2019 Q1	-13.0%	-0.6%
2019 Q2		4.3%	-1.4%	
2019 Q3	7.3%	2.0%		

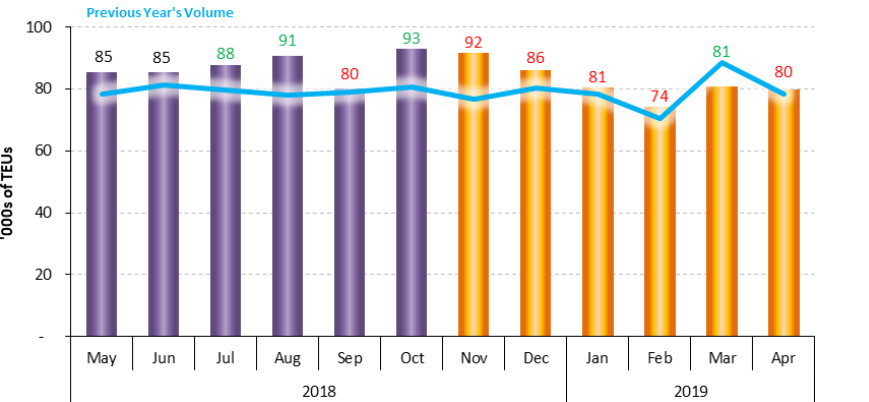
Monthly Change

	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Sep	1.4%	6.9%
	2017 Oct	2.0%	3.0%
	2017 Nov	-5.1%	3.6%
	2017 Dec	5.0%	13.6%
	2018 Jan	-2.8%	-5.9%
	2018 Feb	-9.9%	-4.7%
	2018 Mar	25.7%	9.1%
	2018 Apr	-11.5%	-5.6%
	2018 May	8.9%	8.8%
	2018 Jun	0.2%	5.1%
	2018 Jul	2.5%	9.9%
	2018 Aug	3.4%	16.0%
FORECAST	2018 Sep	-11.5%	1.3%
	2018 Oct	15.9%	15.1%
	2018 Nov	-1.3%	19.8%
	2018 Dec	-6.0%	7.2%
	2019 Jan	-6.5%	3.1%
	2019 Feb	-7.8%	5.5%
	2019 Mar	8.7%	-8.8%
	2019 Apr	-0.9%	2.1%

Headlines

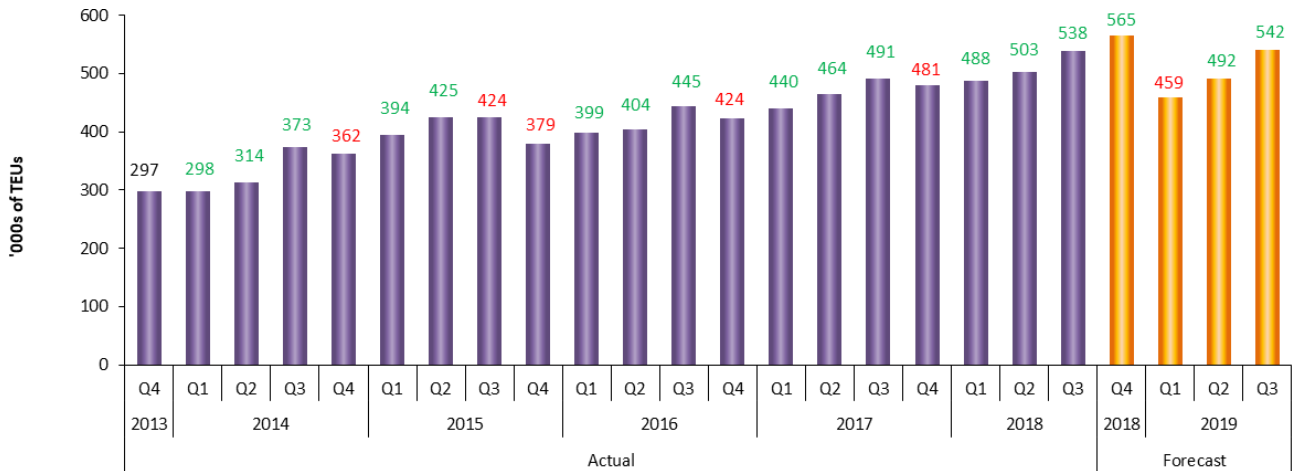
- Imports surged by 15.9 percent in October to 93,000 TEUs. The 13,000 TEU increase equates to a 15.1 percent jump over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the port.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 172.4. This is 22.7 points higher than the 149.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 837,000 TEUs for a 4.9 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 3.7 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 5.5 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 1.0 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year increases are projected in half of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to surge by 11.5 percent (to 529,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.0 percent (to 481,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.02 million TEUs, which would be a 6.3 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Savannah

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 1.3%	↘ -5.1%
		Q3	↗ 10.2%	↗ 4.8%
		Q4	↘ -4.6%	↗ 11.9%
		Q1	↗ 3.8%	↗ 10.4%
	2017	Q2	↗ 5.4%	↗ 15.0%
		Q3	↗ 5.8%	↗ 10.4%
		Q4	↘ -2.1%	↗ 13.3%
		Q1	↗ 1.6%	↗ 11.0%
	2018	Q2	↗ 3.0%	↗ 8.4%
		Q3	↗ 7.0%	↗ 9.7%
		Q4	↗ 5.0%	↗ 17.6%
		Q1	↘ -18.8%	↘ -6.0%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 7.2%	↘ -2.3%
		Q3	↗ 10.2%	↘ 0.6%

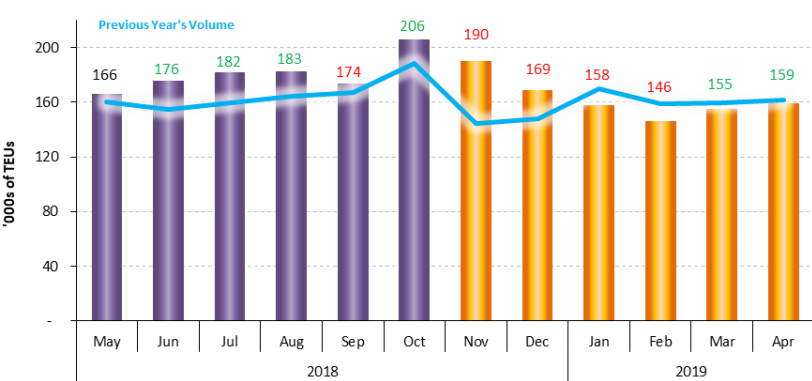
Headlines

- Imports surged by 18.5 percent in October to 206,000 TEUs. The 32,000 TEU gain equates to a 9.3 percent increase over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the port.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 227.0. This is 19.3 points higher than the 207.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 1.74 million TEUs for a 9.6 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 9.7 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 9.9 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 5.2 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in half of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to surge by 13.6 percent (to 1.10 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 4.1 percent (to 950,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 2.10 million TEUs, which would be an 11.7 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

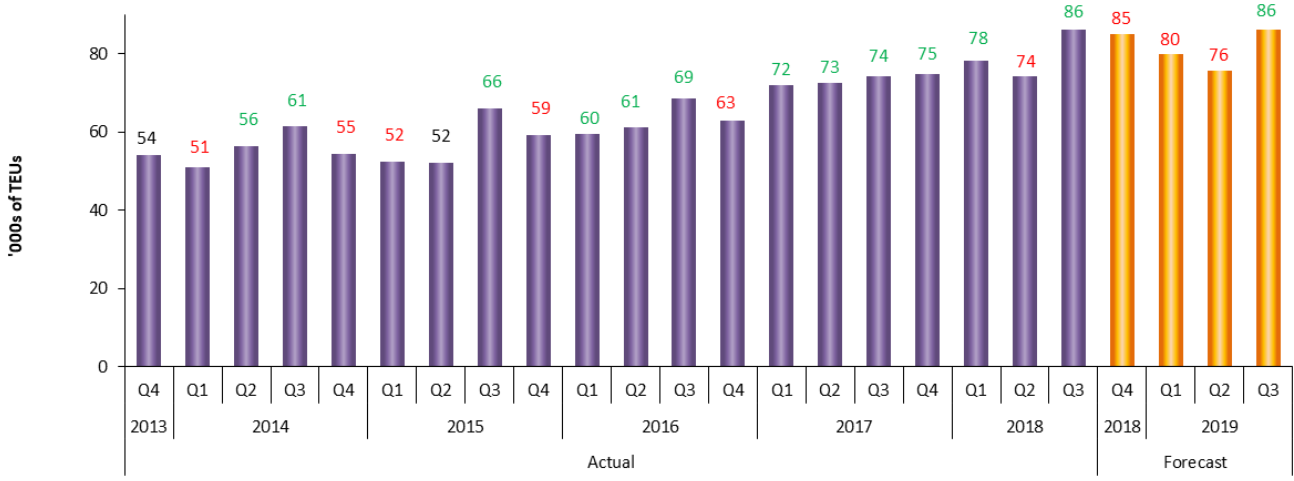
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Sep	↗ 1.5%	↗ 13.9%
		Oct	↗ 12.9%	↗ 24.8%
		Nov	↘ -23.5%	↗ 3.2%
		Dec	↗ 2.7%	↗ 11.0%
	2018	Jan	↗ 14.6%	↗ 10.0%
		Feb	↘ -6.4%	↗ 7.1%
		Mar	↗ 0.5%	↗ 16.2%
		Apr	↗ 1.2%	↗ 8.3%
		May	↗ 2.6%	↗ 3.6%
		Jun	↗ 5.9%	↗ 13.5%
		Jul	↗ 3.6%	↗ 14.0%
		Aug	↗ 0.6%	↗ 11.2%
Sep		↘ -5.0%	↗ 4.1%	
Oct		↗ 18.5%	↗ 9.3%	
2018		Nov	↘ -7.5%	↗ 32.0%
		Dec	↘ -11.1%	↗ 14.2%
	Jan	↘ -6.9%	↘ -7.2%	
	Feb	↘ -7.1%	↘ -7.9%	
2019	Mar	↗ 5.8%	↘ -3.0%	
	Apr	↗ 2.9%	↘ -1.4%	

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Jacksonville

Quarterly Import Volumes



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Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↘ 2.7%	↗ 17.6%
		Q3	↗ 12.2%	↘ 4.0%
		Q4	↘ -8.3%	↘ 6.2%
		Q1	↗ 14.3%	↗ 20.9%
	2017	Q2	↘ 0.8%	↗ 18.6%
		Q3	↘ 2.4%	↘ 8.2%
		Q4	↘ 0.5%	↗ 18.6%
		Q1	↘ 4.7%	↘ 8.6%
	2018	Q2	↘ -5.3%	↘ 2.0%
		Q3	↗ 16.1%	↗ 15.7%
		Q4	↘ -1.2%	↗ 13.8%
	FORECAST	2019	Q1	↘ -6.1%
Q2			↘ -5.4%	↘ 1.9%
Q3			↗ 13.9%	↘ 0.0%

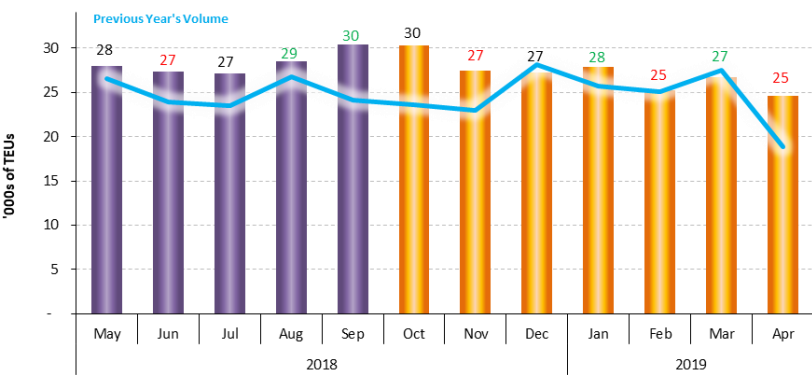
Headlines

- Imports are projected to have remained level at 30,000 TEUs in October (the Port of Jacksonville had not reported October statistics at the time of publication). The 0.1 percent dip from September would be 28.3 percent higher than the same month of 2017 and is a record for the month of October.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 189.2. This is 41.7 points higher than the 147.5 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 269,000 TEUs for a 10.8 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 8.9 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 7.3 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 0.2 percent dip between the same two periods of last year.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 14.7 percent (to 171,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 2.0 percent (to 155,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 323,000 TEUs, which would be a 10.1 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

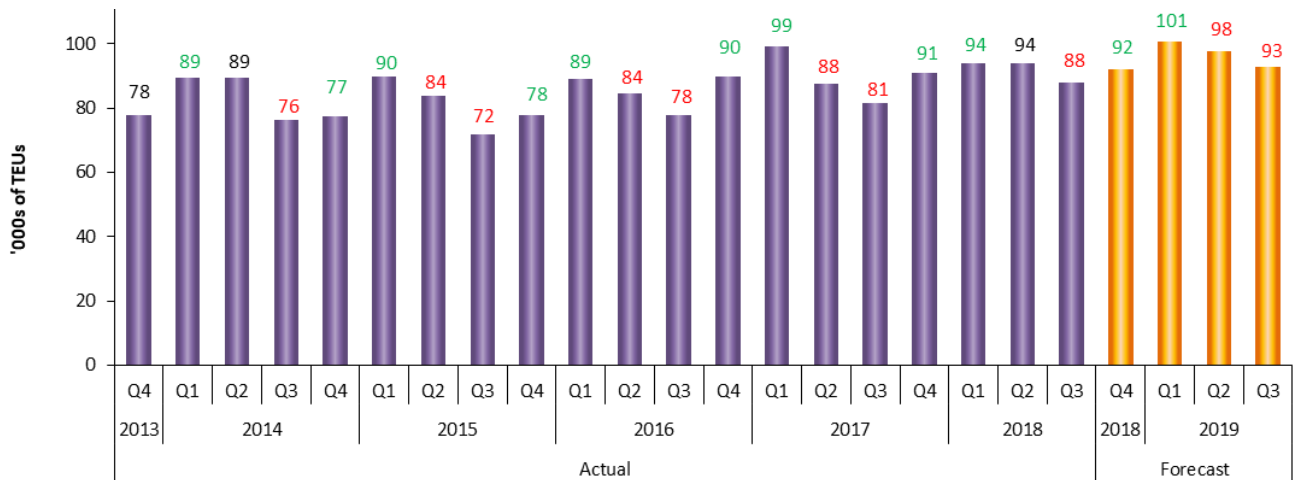
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Sep	↘ -10.1%	↘ -6.6%
		Oct	↘ -1.9%	↗ 12.3%
		Nov	↘ -2.7%	↘ 2.0%
		Dec	↗ 22.4%	↗ 44.6%
	2018	Jan	↘ -8.5%	↘ 2.9%
		Feb	↘ -2.7%	↘ 5.1%
		Mar	↗ 9.7%	↗ 18.5%
		Apr	↘ -31.5%	↘ -14.9%
		May	↗ 48.4%	↘ 5.1%
		Jun	↘ -2.0%	↗ 14.4%
		Jul	↘ -0.8%	↗ 15.5%
		Aug	↗ 5.0%	↘ 6.6%
Sep		↗ 6.4%	↗ 26.1%	
2018		Oct	↘ -0.1%	↗ 28.3%
		Nov	↘ -9.4%	↗ 19.6%
		Dec	↘ -1.0%	↘ -3.2%
	Jan	↗ 2.5%	↘ 8.4%	
2019	Feb	↘ -9.4%	↘ 0.9%	
	Mar	↗ 5.6%	↘ -2.9%	
	Apr	↘ -7.9%	↗ 30.6%	

Monthly Import Volumes



Port Everglades

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Quarter	Percent Change		
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016 Q2	↓ -5.4%	↑ 0.7%	
	2016 Q3	↓ -7.9%	↑ 8.4%	
	2016 Q4	↑ 15.5%	↑ 15.3%	
	2017 Q1	↑ 10.4%	↑ 11.1%	
	2017 Q2	↓ -11.5%	↑ 4.0%	
	2017 Q3	↓ -7.1%	↑ 4.9%	
	2017 Q4	↑ 11.7%	↑ 1.4%	
	2018 Q1	↑ 3.1%	↓ -5.3%	
	2018 Q2	↔ 0.0%	↑ 7.0%	
	2018 Q3	↓ -6.2%	↑ 8.0%	
	FORECAST	2018 Q4	↑ 4.5%	↑ 1.1%
		2019 Q1	↑ 9.3%	↑ 7.2%
2019 Q2		↓ -2.7%	↑ 4.3%	
2019 Q3	↓ -5.2%	↑ 5.4%		

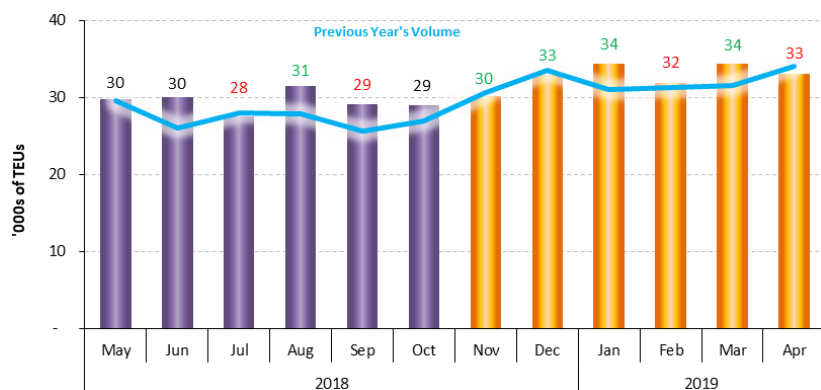
Monthly Change

	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Sep	↓ -7.7%	↓ -4.6%
	2017 Oct	↓ 4.9%	↑ 3.7%
	2017 Nov	↑ 13.6%	↑ 5.0%
	2017 Dec	↑ 9.6%	↓ -3.2%
	2018 Jan	↓ -7.6%	↔ 0.0%
	2018 Feb	↑ 1.1%	↓ -0.5%
	2018 Mar	↑ 0.6%	↓ -13.9%
	2018 Apr	↑ 8.1%	↑ 5.9%
	2018 May	↓ -12.7%	↑ 0.6%
	2018 Jun	↑ 0.9%	↑ 15.5%
	2018 Jul	↓ -8.2%	↓ -1.7%
	2018 Aug	↑ 14.0%	↑ 13.0%
FORECAST	2018 Sep	↓ -7.5%	↑ 13.2%
	2018 Oct	↓ -0.1%	↑ 7.8%
	2018 Nov	↑ 3.8%	↓ -1.5%
	2018 Dec	↑ 9.0%	↓ -2.0%
	2019 Jan	↑ 4.4%	↑ 10.7%
	2019 Feb	↓ -7.2%	↑ 1.6%
	2019 Mar	↑ 8.1%	↑ 9.3%
	2019 Apr	↓ -3.9%	↓ -2.9%

Headlines

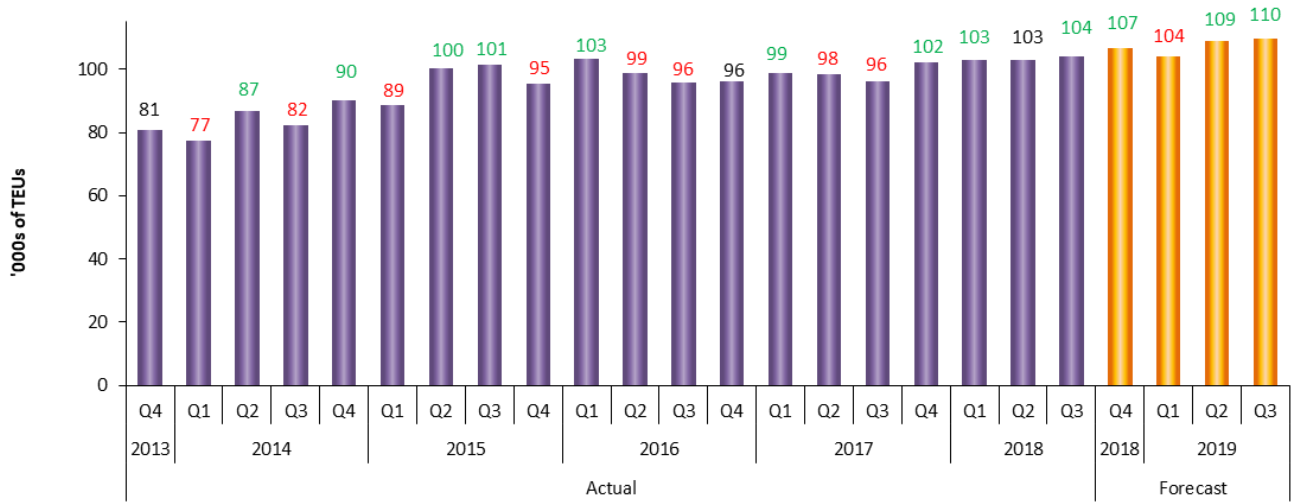
- Imports were almost unchanged between September and October with a total of 29,000 TEUs. The 0.1 percent dip from September equates to a 7.8 percent gain year-on-year and is a record high for the month of October.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 133.8. This is 9.7 points higher than the 124.1 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 305,000 TEUs for a 3.2 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 2.7 percent increase).
- The forecast projects an 11.2 percent increase in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 17.1 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 4.3 percent (to 180,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017. The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 5.7 percent (at 198,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 368,000 TEUs, which would be a 2.3 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Import Volumes



Port Miami

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Quarter	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016 Q2	-4.3%	-1.4%
	2016 Q3	-3.2%	-5.5%
	2016 Q4	0.5%	0.7%
	2017 Q1	2.8%	-4.3%
	2017 Q2	-0.6%	-0.6%
	2017 Q3	-2.0%	0.6%
	2017 Q4	6.0%	6.2%
	2018 Q1	0.8%	4.1%
	2018 Q2	0.0%	4.8%
	2018 Q3	1.1%	8.1%
	2018 Q4	2.4%	4.4%
	FORECAST	2019 Q1	-2.3%
2019 Q2		4.8%	6.0%
2019 Q3		0.6%	5.4%

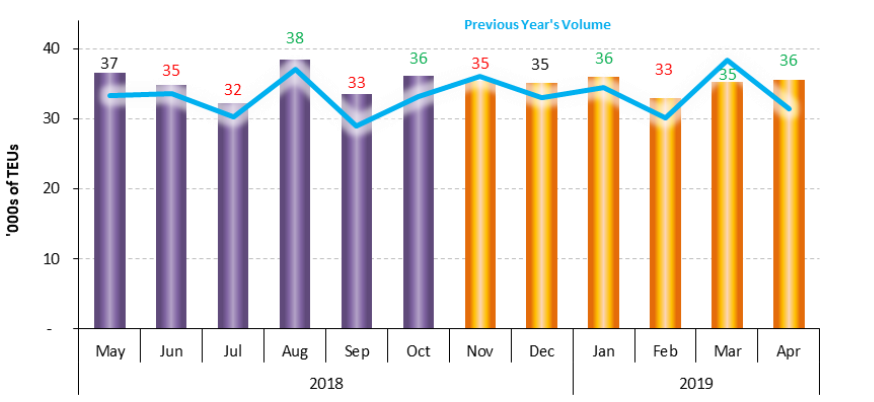
Headlines

- Imports rebounded by 7.7 percent in October to 36,000 TEUs. The 3,000 TEU gain equates to an 8.9 percent increase over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of October.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 125.0. This is 10.2 points higher than the 114.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 346,000 TEUs for a 6.0 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 5.6 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 0.7 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 3.6 percent increase between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 6.2 percent (to 211,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017. The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 3.6 percent (to 213,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 416,000 TEUs, which would be a 5.3 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

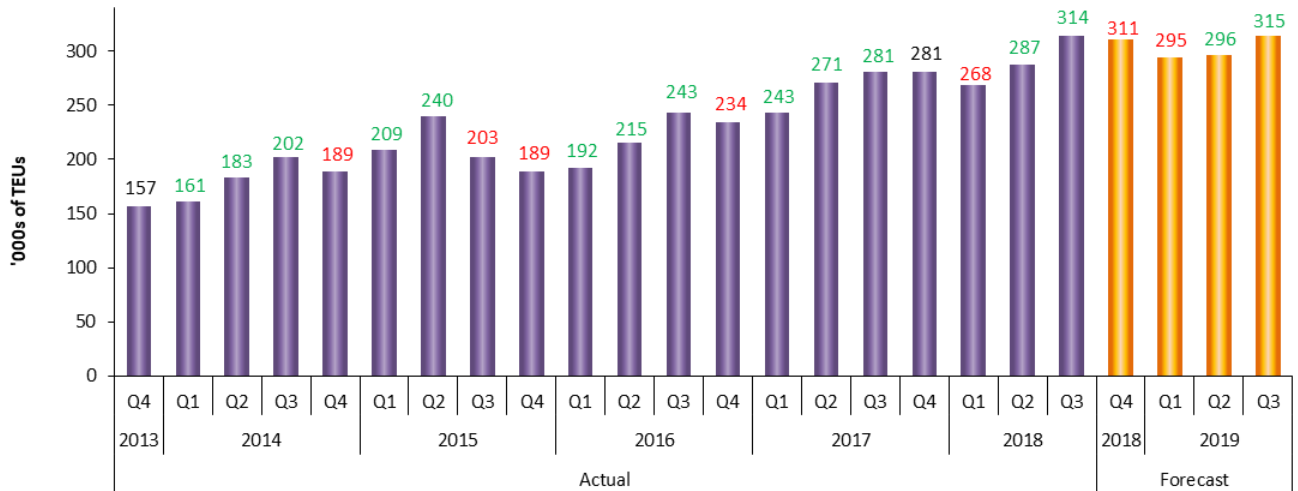
	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Sep	-22.0%	-4.8%
	2017 Oct	14.5%	10.6%
	2017 Nov	8.7%	7.1%
	2017 Dec	-8.5%	1.1%
	2018 Jan	4.6%	-0.7%
	2018 Feb	-12.5%	-6.9%
	2018 Mar	27.1%	20.6%
	2018 Apr	-17.8%	0.3%
	2018 May	16.1%	10.0%
	2018 Jun	-4.7%	3.7%
	2018 Jul	-7.5%	6.7%
	2018 Aug	19.0%	3.4%
FORECAST	2018 Sep	-12.7%	15.6%
	2018 Oct	7.7%	8.9%
	2018 Nov	-1.8%	-1.6%
	2018 Dec	-1.0%	6.5%
	2019 Jan	2.5%	4.4%
	2019 Feb	-8.4%	9.2%
	2019 Mar	7.0%	-8.0%
	2019 Apr	1.0%	12.9%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port Houston

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Quarter	Percent Change		
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016 Q2	↑ 12.1%	↓ -10.1%	
	2016 Q3	↑ 12.9%	↑ 20.1%	
	2016 Q4	↓ -3.8%	↑ 23.9%	
	2017 Q1	↓ 4.0%	↑ 26.5%	
	2017 Q2	↑ 11.4%	↑ 25.8%	
	2017 Q3	↓ 3.8%	↑ 15.6%	
	2017 Q4	↓ -0.2%	↑ 20.0%	
	2018 Q1	↓ -4.4%	↑ 10.4%	
	2018 Q2	↑ 7.0%	↓ 6.0%	
	2018 Q3	↑ 9.2%	↑ 11.6%	
	FORECAST	2018 Q4	↓ -0.9%	↑ 10.7%
		2019 Q1	↓ -5.2%	↑ 9.8%
2019 Q2		↓ 0.5%	↓ 3.1%	
	2019 Q3	↑ 6.2%	↓ 0.3%	

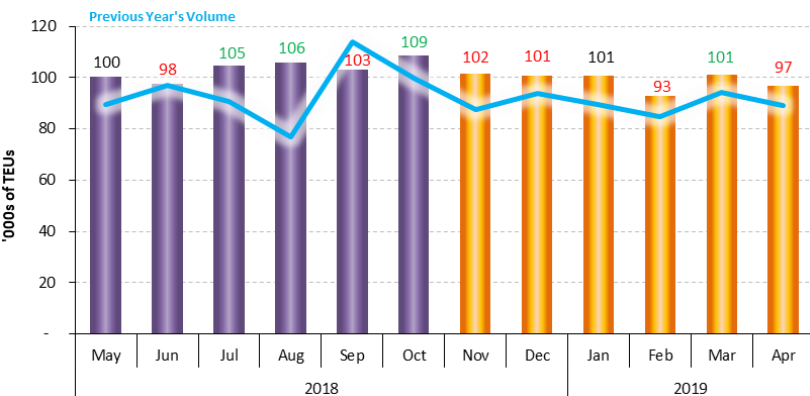
Headlines

- Imports rebounded by 5.3 percent in October to 109,000 TEUs, which is a record for the month of October. The 5,000 TEU gain equates to a 9.0 percent increase over the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for October is 216.3. This is 17.9 points higher than the 198.4 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first ten months totals 978,000 TEUs for a 9.3 percent increase year-on-year (which is unchanged from last month).
- The forecast projects a 4.4 percent decrease in imports between November and April versus the past six months (May through October), compared to a 5.1 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to surge by 11.1 percent (to 625,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 6.3 percent (to 591,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.18 million TEUs, which would be a 5.3 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Sep	↑ 48.0%	↑ 36.5%
	2017 Oct	↓ -12.4%	↑ 24.1%
	2017 Nov	↓ -12.4%	↑ 10.1%
	2017 Dec	↑ 7.4%	↑ 26.1%
	2018 Jan	↓ -4.6%	↑ 5.7%
	2018 Feb	↓ -5.2%	↑ 15.5%
	2018 Mar	↑ 11.1%	↑ 10.5%
	2018 Apr	↓ -5.4%	↑ 5.5%
	2018 May	↑ 12.7%	↑ 12.2%
	2018 Jun	↓ -2.7%	↑ 0.7%
	2018 Jul	↑ 7.0%	↑ 15.6%
	2018 Aug	↑ 1.3%	↑ 37.8%
FORECAST	2018 Sep	↓ -2.6%	↓ -9.3%
	2018 Oct	↑ 5.3%	↑ 9.0%
	2018 Nov	↓ -6.4%	↑ 16.4%
	2018 Dec	↓ -1.1%	↑ 7.2%
	2019 Jan	↑ 0.1%	↑ 12.5%
	2019 Feb	↓ -7.7%	↑ 9.5%
	2019 Mar	↑ 8.8%	↑ 7.3%
	2019 Apr	↓ -4.4%	↑ 8.5%

Monthly Import Volumes



Year to Date Totals

Values are Import Loaded TEUs. Purple indicates reported numbers, orange indicates forecast numbers.
The totals cover through October.

	West Coast	East Coast	All Ports (incl. Gulf)
2017	10,814,559	7,724,397	19,433,911
2018	11,301,055	8,285,433	20,564,464
Percent Change	4.5%	7.3%	5.8%

	LA&LB	Oakland	NW Seaport Alliance	Vancouver	Prince Rupert
2017	7,065,164	768,409	1,149,459	1,393,314	438,213
2018	7,383,288	795,132	1,197,163	1,453,171	472,302
Percent Change	4.5%	3.5%	4.2%	4.3%	7.8%

	Montreal	NYNJ	Virginia	Charleston	Savannah
2017	581,605	2,837,033	1,059,796	798,283	1,583,531
2018	632,655	3,056,955	1,103,627	837,264	1,735,768
Percent Change	8.8%	7.8%	4.1%	4.9%	9.6%

	Jacksonville	Port Everglades	Port Miami	Port Houston
2017	242,600	295,151	326,398	894,956
2018	268,687	304,619	345,858	977,976
Percent Change	10.8%	3.2%	6.0%	9.3%

Raw Monthly Data

Values are Import Loaded TEUs. Purple indicates reported numbers, orange indicates forecast numbers.

		NW Seaport				Prince	Montreal	NYNJ
		LA&LB	Oakland	Alliance	Vancouver	Rupert		
2017	Nov	782,900	72,330	113,451	152,686	46,493	59,188	285,070
	Dec	731,213	78,703	117,743	131,803	43,581	51,926	274,366
2018	Jan	747,488	75,136	96,842	138,977	46,371	57,678	309,003
	Feb	725,337	73,666	114,218	135,844	42,533	52,459	274,638
	Mar	532,284	66,302	104,526	140,640	38,656	63,906	288,462
	Apr	673,484	75,369	101,067	130,313	43,658	63,796	272,903
	May	766,643	82,465	118,449	146,018	51,759	66,489	302,081
	Jun	767,059	87,207	130,605	142,202	51,617	56,950	310,481
	Jul	785,901	84,301	130,766	163,499	51,091	75,077	322,093
	Aug	763,602	85,703	115,317	135,398	38,355	66,308	333,567
	Sep	771,583	82,586	150,902	166,591	55,287	61,406	304,125
	Oct	849,908	82,397	134,471	153,689	52,975	68,586	339,602
	Nov	864,890	81,009	124,029	143,441	48,569	69,549	338,358
Dec	760,735	80,134	122,577	141,647	47,902	62,090	301,245	
2019	Jan	696,005	83,224	120,274	144,584	48,794	58,615	282,823
	Feb	716,566	77,545	110,826	129,108	43,736	55,303	266,654
	Mar	576,805	68,971	96,156	124,554	36,939	62,516	290,101
	Apr	695,007	74,564	101,383	133,099	43,791	61,986	292,575

		Virginia	Charleston	Savannah	Jacksonville	Port Everglades	Port Miami	Port Houston
2017	Nov	110,673	76,580	144,181	22,972	30,580	36,006	87,306
	Dec	105,867	80,423	148,121	28,111	33,514	32,939	93,771
2018	Jan	104,150	78,169	169,758	25,727	30,978	34,439	89,443
	Feb	100,368	70,397	158,890	25,044	31,315	30,134	84,799
	Mar	113,123	88,483	159,699	27,477	31,496	38,295	94,185
	Apr	97,607	78,275	161,691	18,812	34,062	31,485	89,063
	May	108,592	85,277	165,828	27,923	29,736	36,559	100,392
	Jun	105,955	85,416	175,617	27,372	30,008	34,830	97,727
	Jul	120,132	87,549	181,875	27,160	27,544	32,235	104,594
	Aug	117,042	90,569	182,883	28,519	31,408	38,355	105,937
	Sep	108,981	80,182	173,691	30,346	29,048	33,467	103,183
	Oct	127,677	92,947	205,836	30,307	29,024	36,059	108,653
	Nov	124,194	91,725	190,327	27,471	30,124	35,426	101,661
Dec	113,671	86,218	169,176	27,206	32,848	35,068	100,546	
2019	Jan	104,938	80,577	157,577	27,887	34,297	35,940	100,663
	Feb	97,117	74,267	146,352	25,265	31,829	32,915	92,884
	Mar	105,840	80,703	154,882	26,668	34,419	35,218	101,057
	Apr	102,281	79,954	159,413	24,559	33,074	35,556	96,634

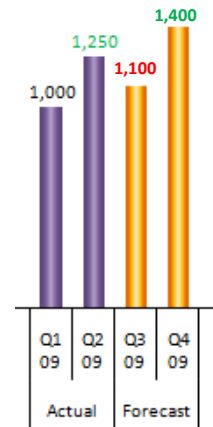
How to Read the Tables and Charts

The North American edition of the Global Port Tracker provides details on import volumes at 16 ports at the monthly and quarterly level. Each port is examined on a separate page, with information on actual and forecast import volumes, key pieces of news, and an analysis of any trends. Furthermore, a table and graphs that depict detailed information accompany each port page.

Quarterly and annual change for each port is indicated in a table. In addition to the actual percentage changes, a series of icons are included to help make trends apparent. A quarter or year with a 10 percent decrease or more has a downward red arrow; between negative ten and zero a downward yellow arrow; between zero and positive ten an upward yellow arrow; and an increase greater than 10 percent has an upward green arrow.

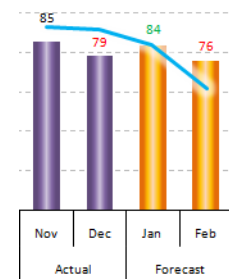
	Percent Change			
	vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
Q1	↓	-10.0%	↓	-10.0%
Q2	↘	-5.0%	↘	-5.0%
Q3	↗	5.0%	↗	5.0%
Q4	↑	10.0%	↑	10.0%

The quarterly bar chart depicts actual and forecast import levels for each port at the quarterly level, measured in thousands of TEUs. The chart details five and a half years of historical data and forecasts one year of future activity. Each bar represents the volume of imports for a single quarter and is one of either two colors: a purple bar indicates the value is based on actual data, while an orange bar indicates that the data is based on forecast estimates.



The exact value of trade each quarter is indicated above each bar in thousands of TEUs, and is color coded to assist in viewing trends in the data. A green number indicates an increase from the prior quarter, while a red quarter indicates a decrease. A black value is used for the first quarter's data and reflects no change.

The monthly bar chart depicts actual and forecast import levels for each port at the monthly level, measured in thousands of TEUs. The chart details one year of activity, of which between seven and eight months are projections (depending on the port). As with the quarterly chart, each bar represents the volume of imports, with a purple bar for actual data and an orange bar for estimated data.



The exact value of trade each month is indicated above each bar in thousands of TEUs and is again color coded to assist in viewing trends in the data. The blue line indicates the volume of trade in the same month one year earlier.

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