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Editorial:

Change is in the Air

The North America edition of the Global Port Tracker has a couple of new additions to its format. We have added an overview page that provides the reader with a total of all the ports covered by the newsletter. This combines the West and East Coast summaries plus Houston. We hope that readers will find it helpful to see this combined coverage on the same page.

We have also added Jacksonville as one of the ports we cover thanks to the Port Authority's agreement to allow us to share their monthly data. Why add Jacksonville? The sharp growth in volumes there over the last three years resulting from an increase in direct calls by carriers has brought this port into competition with Miami and Port Everglades in terms of volume.

It's clear that 2017 turned out to be a remarkable year in terms of import container volume, with 8.1 percent growth over 2016 to reach 23.4 million TEU. The West Coast had a 7.4 percent increase while the East Coast had a 9.7 percent increase.

That level of growth is difficult to sustain, however, and our models suggest that 2018 will continue to expand but only at about half that pace despite solid fundamentals that indicate a healthy economy and continued growth in consumer spending. We expect an additional one million TEU this year.

The U.S. stock market has seen a hiccup recently, but we hope that it is temporary and does not lead to a lack of confidence that could put a damper on consumer spending and industry investment. Europe and Asia are in a similar position – strong economic fundamentals but a degree of nervousness that led markets to collapse globally, not just in America. Despite concern about the impact of political disunity and populism on world trade, participants at last month's Davos Economic Forum were extremely upbeat about the future and very excited in particular about artificial intelligence. Ironically, experts say it was algorithms that played a large role in the stock market reversal.

Everyone was overjoyed about the rising stock market, and President Trump was glad to claim credit for growth that took place on his watch. We hope that the growth returns but can only wait to see who holds the trump card for the global economy.

-Ben Hackett



Executive Summary

- The total volume of loaded imports at the tracked ports decreased by 50,000 TEUs in December to 2.00 million TEUs. This represents a 2.5 percent decrease from November but a 9.8 percent year-on-year gain.
- The combined loaded import volume at the monitored West Coast ports decreased by an estimated 46,000 TEUs between November and December, which equates to a 4.0 percent slide. The total import volume was 1.12 million TEUs, which equates to a 10.0 percent increase over last year and is a record high for the month. The Port of Oakland and the Northwest Seaport Alliance posted an increase over November. All monthly changes were in the single-digit percentage range. From a year-on-year perspective, every port except the Northwest Seaport Alliance posted growth. The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 13.10 million TEUs, which equates to a 7.4 percent increase over 2016.
- The combined loaded import volume at the monitored East Coast ports decreased by 10,000 TEUs between November and December, which equates to a 1.3 percent drop. The import volume of 755,000 TEUs is a record high for the month and equates to a 7.8 percent gain year-on-year. Every port except Everglades posted year-on-year growth, with the ports of Charleston, Savannah, and Jacksonville experiencing double-digit percentage gains. The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 9.25 million TEUs, which equates to a 7.8 percent increase over 2016.
- Loaded imports at Houston rebounded in December by 6,000 TEUs for a 7.4 percent gain over November and a 26.1 percent year-on-year surge. For 2017 as a whole, the port posted a 21.6 percent gain in loaded imports over 2016.

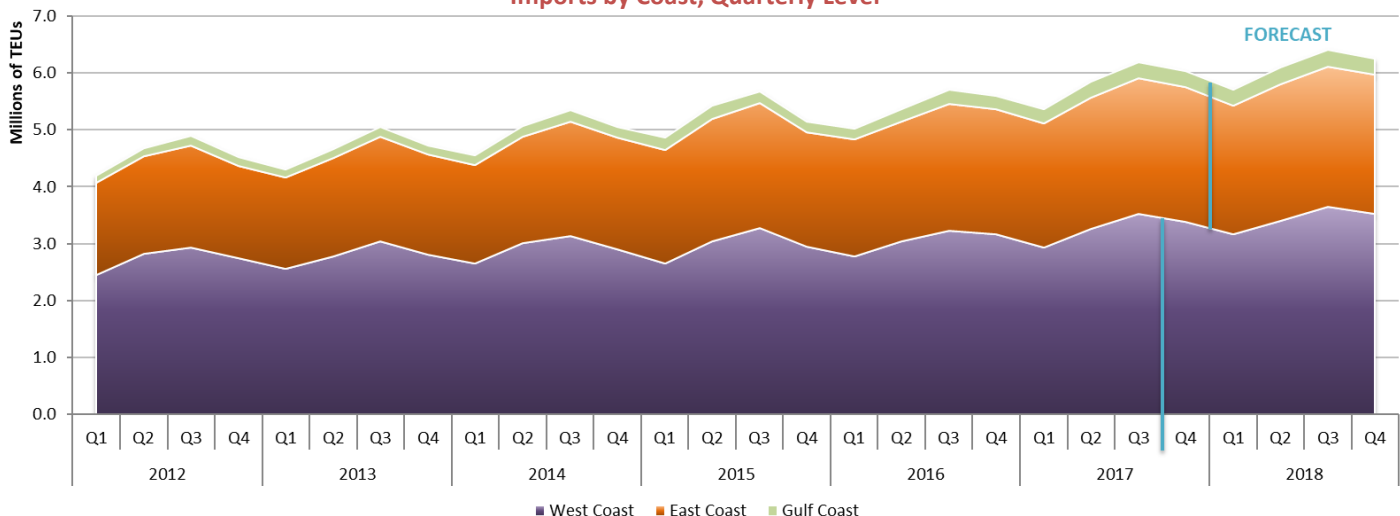
Change in Import Volume, December 2017 versus:

		Nov-17	Dec-16
West Coast	LALB	↘ -6.6%	↗ 9.8%
	Oakland	↗ 8.8%	↗ 6.4%
	Seaport Alliance	↗ 3.8%	↘ -4.7%
	Vancouver*	↘ -1.6%	↗ 25.0%
	Prince Rupert	↘ -6.3%	↗ 21.0%
Coast Total		↘ -4.0%	↗ 10.0%
East Coast	Montreal	↘ -12.3%	↗ 9.7%
	NYNJ	↘ -3.8%	↗ 3.6%
	Virginia	↘ -4.3%	↗ 8.3%
	Charleston	↗ 5.0%	↗ 13.6%
	Savannah	↗ 2.7%	↗ 11.0%
	Jacksonville	↗ 22.4%	↗ 44.6%
	Everglades	↗ 9.6%	↘ -3.2%
	Miami	↘ -8.5%	↗ 1.1%
Coast Total		↘ -1.3%	↗ 7.8%
Gulf	Houston	↗ 7.4%	↗ 26.1%

December figures for Vancouver are estimated.

- The North Europe edition of the Global Port Tracker reported that total container volumes across the six-port range decreased by 268,000 TEUs or 7.0 percent in November with 3.58 million TEUs, for a 7.0 percent year-on-year increase. For loaded incoming volumes, the north range posted a 7.0 percent decrease from October but was up 7.3 percent year-on-year, while loaded outgoing volumes were down 6.9 percent for a 6.8 percent gain year-on-year. Loaded imports to Europe posted a 0.4 percent decrease (for a 4.7 percent gain year-on-year) while total exports were down 1.8 percent (for a 13.2 percent increase year-on-year). The forecast for 2017 projects loaded incoming volumes in the North Range will increase by 7.9 percent while loaded outgoing volume post a 5.7 percent increase.

Imports by Coast, Quarterly Level



Global Economic Overview

- Alphaliner reported that as of 22nd January, the capacity of the idle fleet stood at just 301,114 TEUs spread across 82 vessels. A total of 14 vessels had a capacity of at least 7,500 TEUs, of which five had a capacity greater than 12,500 TEUs. The idle vessels represented 1.6 of the total containership fleet in terms of TEU capacity. The consultancy noted that January was a record month for containership deliveries, with the active fleet standing at 20.98 million TEUs, for a 10.8 percent year-on-year gain.
- In China, the official Manufacturing PMI decreased more than anticipated in January as the reading slid from 51.6 in December to 51.3.
- IHS Markit reported that the January reading of the Eurozone Manufacturing PMI decreased from December’s record high of 60.1 to 59.6.
- IHS Markit also reported that the rate of growth of the European Retail PMI slowed to a five-month low in January as the reading decreased 2.2 points from 53.0 in December to 50.8. Italy, France, and Germany all experienced declines, sinking to six-, five- and three-month lows respectively. Italy remained in contraction territory with a reading of 47.3, while Germany recorded a 53.0 and France posted a reading of 51.0.

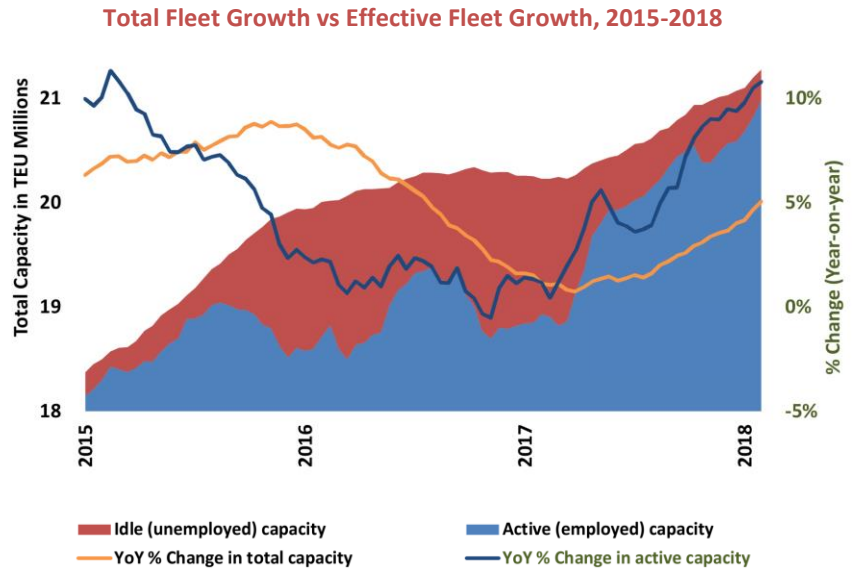


Chart courtesy of Alphaliner

- The EU’s Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs reported that the euro area posted growth of 2.4 percent in 2017, with 2.3 percent and 2.0 percent growth forecast in 2018 and 2019 respectively. The rates for all three years have been increased since November, which the DG stated was due to “a result of both stronger cyclical momentum in Europe...and a stronger than expected pick-up in global economic activity and trade.” The department reported that the flash consumer confidence indicator for the euro area was up 0.8 points to +1.3 compared to December.

Expanded Coverage for the Global Port Tracker

This month features two new additions to the North America Global Port Tracker. The first is an overview page of all the ports covered by this report (found on page 5), adding to the West and East Coast summary pages, and the second is the inclusion of the Port of Jacksonville (page 18).

JAXPORT joins Port Everglades and PortMiami as the third port from the State of Florida tracked in this report, and together they accounted for over 11 percent of the loaded imports handled by the East Coast ports in 2017. While the port remains the smallest of the three in terms of loaded imports, that volume has increased by 42.6 percent over the past five years, growing from 206,000 TEU in 2013 to 294,000 TEU in 2017. The most recent month of data available, December 2017, also marked a record-high for the port.

The growing volumes are accompanied by expansion plans. In early February, contractors for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers commenced the Jacksonville Harbor Deepening project, which will take the federal shipping channel to a depth of 47 feet from its current 40 feet. Dredging of the first three mile segment should be completed in approximately two years.

Data from the Foreign Trade Division of the US Census Bureau details that China was the largest trade partner (by weight) for containerized imports in 2017, although the markets of Southeast Asia, Central and South America, and Western Europe all play a significant role in the inbound flow of cargo to the port.

The other two Floridian ports are also looking to the future. Port Everglades recently signed leases with Sol Shipping Services (fruit-focused cargo) and Horizon Terminal Services (vehicle-focused cargo). PortMiami meanwhile strengthened its connections to Central and South America with expanded service from Seaboard Marine.

North America Economic Overview

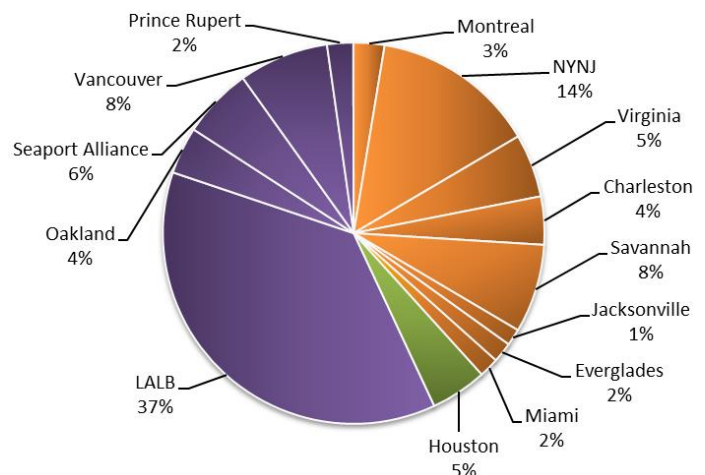
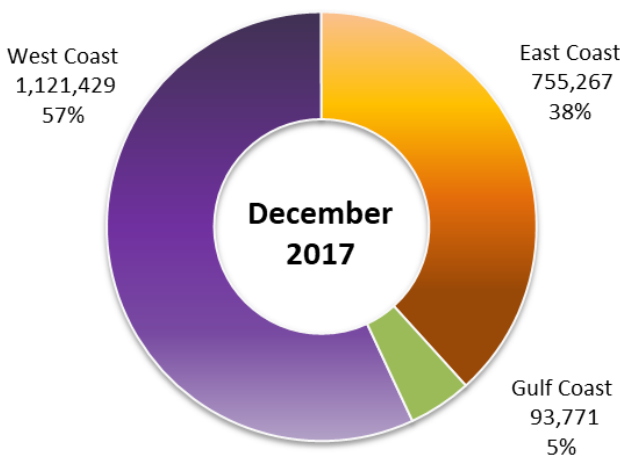
- This past year saw more change in the market share between ports than in 2016, but that is to be expected given that the ports covered by this report posted an increase of 8.1 percent over 2017, compared to the 2.7 percent growth of 2016. No port gained or lost more than a half percentage point of market share between 2016 and 2017, with three of the tracked ports posting zero change and a further six gaining or losing no more than 0.2 percentage points of the market. With the exception of the Seaport Alliance, every port posted growth over 2016, with double-digit percentage growth at five ports. At the coastal level, the gain for the Gulf region is understated, as Mobile also had a strong year. When comparing just the West and East Coast ports, though, the picture is more stable: in 2016, the West Coast had 58.7 percent of the total compared to the East's 41.3 percent, while in 2017 this changed by just 0.1 percent with the east increasing to 41.4 percent. This past year was certainly evidence that a rising tide floats (almost) all boats.
- The Manufacturing PMI reading for the US from ISM retreated in January as it slipped by 0.2 percentage points to shrink from 59.3 in December to 59.1. The New Orders index also retreated, sliding 2.0 percentage points to 65.4, while the Production index decreased 0.7 points to 64.5. Inventories shifted from contraction to growth as the index increased by 3.8 points to reach 52.3 in January.
- In the US, the Michigan Index of Consumer Sentiment dipped in January as it slipped 0.2 percent from December's reading of 95.9 to 95.7. This is down 2.8 percent year on year.

2017 Loaded Import Growth and Market Share Change

		2017 Growth vs 2016	2017 Market Share	Share Change vs 2016
West Coast	LALB	▲ 7.4%	36.6%	▼ -0.2%
	Oakland	▲ 4.1%	3.9%	▼ -0.2%
	Seaport Alliance	▼ -0.8%	5.9%	▼ -0.5%
	Vancouver*	▲ 12.6%	7.2%	▲ 0.3%
	Prince Rupert	▲ 20.9%	2.3%	▲ 0.2%
East Coast	Montreal	▲ 5.5%	3.0%	▼ -0.1%
	NYNJ	▲ 6.1%	14.5%	▼ -0.3%
	Virginia	▲ 8.6%	5.4%	■ 0.0%
	Charleston	▲ 8.1%	4.1%	■ 0.0%
	Savannah	▲ 12.3%	8.0%	▲ 0.3%
	Jacksonville	▲ 16.3%	1.3%	▲ 0.1%
	Everglades	▲ 0.4%	1.5%	■ 0.0%
	Miami	▲ 5.4%	1.7%	▼ -0.1%
Gulf	Houston	▲ 21.6%	4.6%	▲ 0.5%
Coast Totals	West	▲ 7.4%	55.9%	▼ -0.4%
	East	▲ 7.8%	39.5%	▼ -0.1%
	Gulf	▲ 21.6%	4.6%	▲ 0.5%

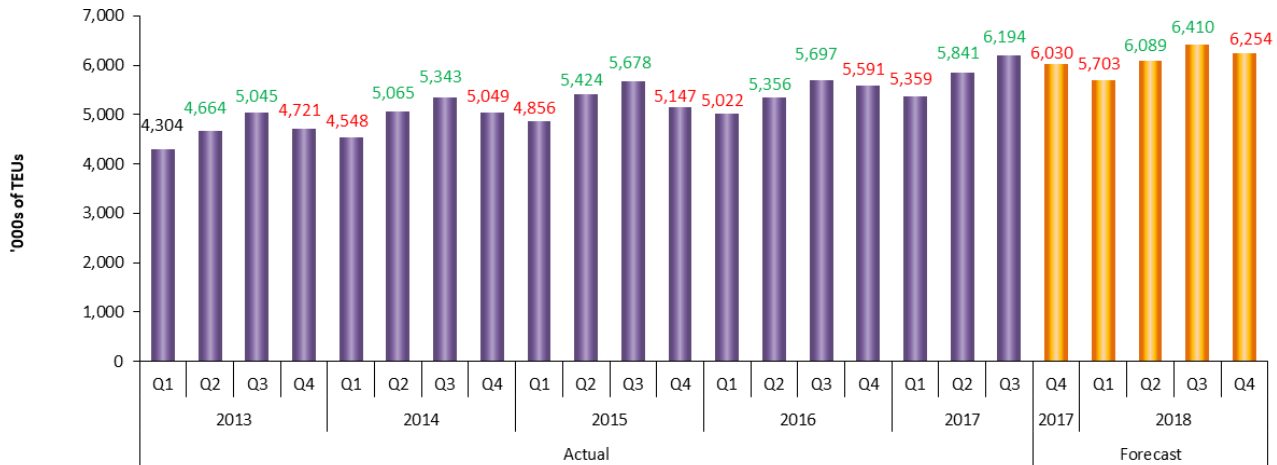
December figures for Vancouver are estimated

- The IPSOS Consumer Confidence Index for Canada stood at 55.0 in January 2018, up from 50.8 in January 2017. In contrast, the reading for Mexico stood at 47.5 (up from 38.0) while the US posted a 61.1 (up from 57.6).
- IHS Markit stated that Canada's Manufacturing PMI increased to 55.9 in January from 54.7 in December (a nine-month high). IHS Markit also reported that the Manufacturing PMI reading in Mexico increased, growing from 51.7 in December to 52.6 (a four-month high).
- The Association of American Railroads reported that intermodal traffic for the month of January totaled 1.31 million containers and trailers, an increase of 3.5 percent year-on-year. Canadian intermodal volumes through the same period are up 5.0 percent year-on-year with 320,000, while Mexico's total of 86,000 units is up 1.4 percent versus 2016.



Global Port Tracker Overview

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↗ 4.7%	↗ 6.3%
		Q4	↘ -9.3%	↘ 1.9%
		Q1	↘ -2.4%	↗ 3.4%
		Q2	↗ 6.6%	↘ -1.3%
	2016	Q3	↗ 6.4%	↘ 0.3%
		Q4	↘ -1.9%	↗ 8.6%
		Q1	↘ -4.1%	↗ 6.7%
		Q2	↗ 9.0%	↗ 9.1%
	2017	Q3	↗ 6.0%	↗ 8.7%
		Q4	↘ -2.6%	↗ 7.9%
		Q1	↘ -5.4%	↗ 6.4%
		Q2	↗ 6.8%	↘ 4.2%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↗ 5.3%	↗ 3.5%
		Q4	↘ -2.4%	↗ 3.7%

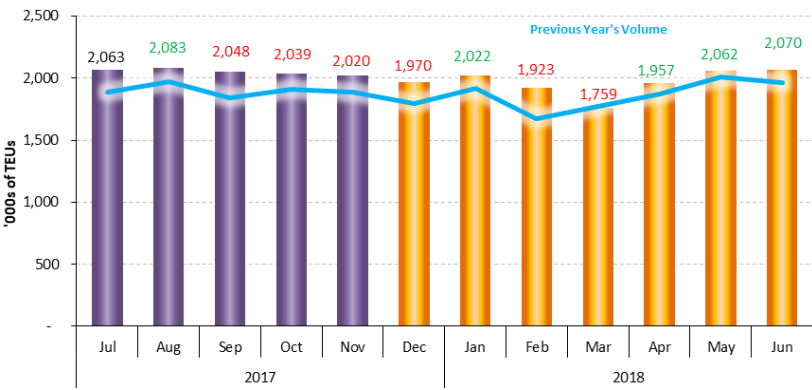
Headlines

- Imports to the ports tracked by the North American edition of the Global Port Tracker decreased by an estimated 2.5 percent in December (the Port of Vancouver did not release figures in time for publication). The 50,000 TEU decrease to 1.97 million TEUs equates to a 9.8 percent gain over the same month of 2016 and is a record high for the month of December.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 23.42 million TEUs for an 8.1 percent increase over the 21.67 million TEUs imported in 2016.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 129.3. This is 11.6 points higher than the 117.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 3.5 percent decrease in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 0.8 percent dip between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 5.3 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.6 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 24.46 million TEUs, which would be a 4.4 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

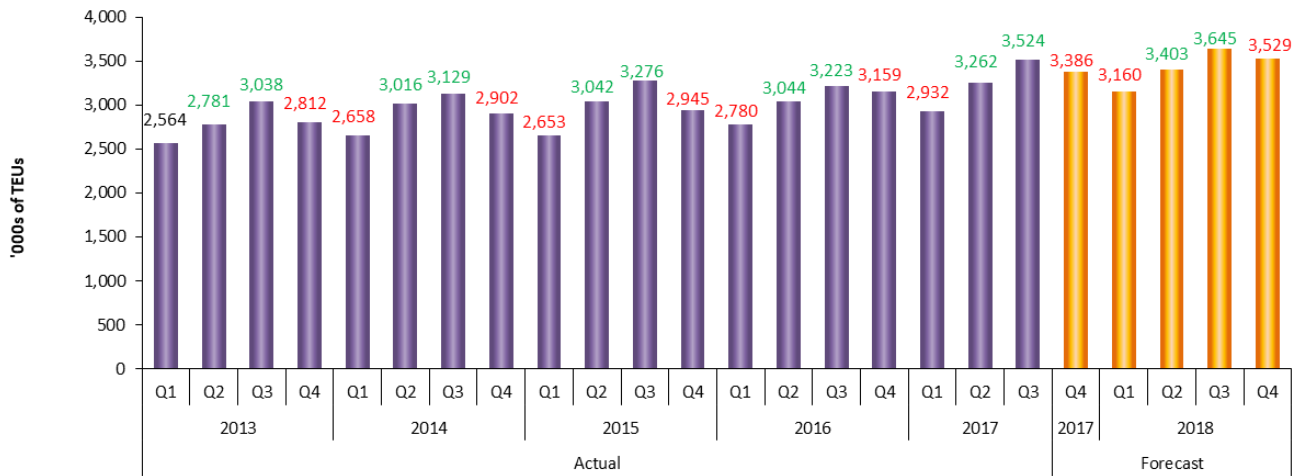
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↘ -1.4%	↗ 10.9%
		Dec	↘ -4.8%	↘ 8.4%
	2017	Jan	↗ 6.7%	↗ 11.0%
		Feb	↘ -12.8%	↘ -6.0%
		Mar	↗ 6.4%	↗ 16.7%
		Apr	↗ 5.3%	↗ 11.2%
		May	↗ 7.5%	↗ 7.7%
		Jun	↘ -2.2%	↗ 8.5%
		Jul	↗ 5.0%	↗ 9.5%
		Aug	↗ 1.0%	↗ 5.6%
		Sep	↘ -1.7%	↗ 11.3%
		Oct	↘ -0.4%	↗ 6.7%
Nov	↘ -0.9%	↗ 7.2%		
FORECAST	2017	Dec	↘ -2.5%	↗ 9.8%
		Jan	↗ 2.6%	↗ 5.6%
	2018	Feb	↘ -4.9%	↗ 15.2%
		Mar	↘ -8.5%	↘ -0.9%
		Apr	↗ 11.3%	↗ 4.7%
		May	↗ 5.4%	↗ 2.7%
Jun	↗ 0.4%	↗ 5.4%		

Monthly Import Volumes



West Coast Port Activity

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↗ 7.7%	↗ 4.7%
		Q4	↘ -10.1%	↗ 1.5%
		Q1	↘ -5.6%	↗ 4.8%
		Q2	↗ 9.5%	↔ 0.1%
	2016	Q3	↗ 5.9%	↘ -1.6%
		Q4	↘ -2.0%	↗ 7.2%
		Q1	↘ -7.2%	↗ 5.5%
		Q2	↗ 11.2%	↗ 7.1%
	2017	Q3	↗ 8.0%	↗ 9.3%
		Q4	↘ -3.9%	↗ 7.2%
		Q1	↘ -6.7%	↗ 7.8%
		Q2	↗ 7.7%	↗ 4.3%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↗ 7.1%	↗ 3.4%
		Q4	↘ -3.2%	↗ 4.2%

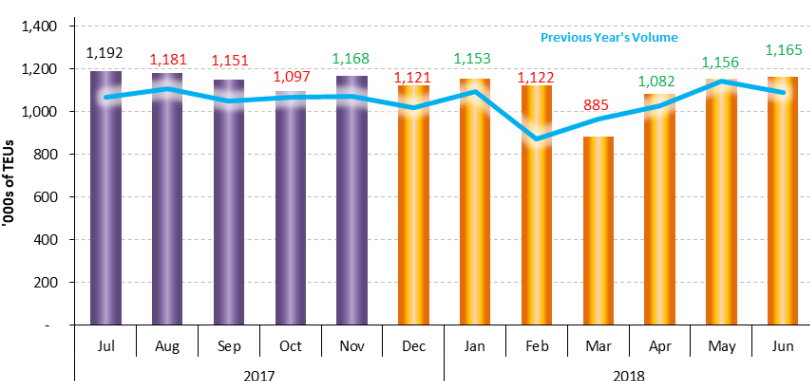
Headlines

- Imports decreased by an estimated 4.0 percent in December to 1.12 million TEUs (the Port of Vancouver did not release figures in time for publication). The 46,000 TEU decrease equates to a 10.0 percent gain over the same month of 2016 and is a record high for the month of December. The fourth quarter of 2017 is projected to post a 7.2 percent year-on-year gain.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 13.10 million TEUs for a 7.4 percent increase over the 12.21 million TEUs imported in 2016.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 122.8. This is 11.1 points higher than the 111.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 5.0 percent decrease in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 2.9 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 6.0 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.8 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 13.74 million TEUs, which would be a 4.8 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

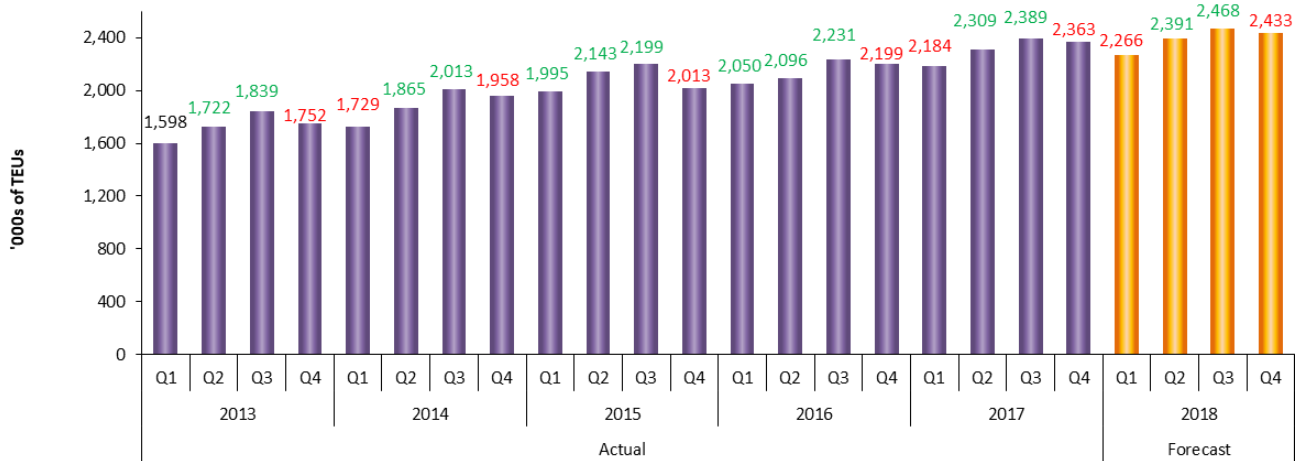
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			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
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		Dec	↘ -4.7%	↗ 8.0%
	2017	Jan	↗ 7.3%	↗ 8.6%
		Feb	↘ -20.3%	↘ -12.8%
		Mar	↗ 10.8%	↗ 25.1%
		Apr	↗ 6.3%	↗ 10.3%
		May	↗ 11.4%	↗ 5.4%
		Jun	↘ -4.7%	↗ 6.1%
		Jul	↗ 9.3%	↗ 11.7%
		Aug	↘ -0.9%	↗ 6.6%
		Sep	↘ -2.6%	↗ 9.8%
		Oct	↘ -4.7%	↗ 2.6%
Nov	↗ 6.5%	↗ 9.1%		
FORECAST	2018	Dec	↘ -4.0%	↗ 10.0%
		Jan	↗ 2.8%	↗ 5.4%
		Feb	↘ -2.7%	↗ 28.7%
		Mar	↘ -21.1%	↘ -8.4%
		Apr	↗ 22.2%	↗ 5.4%
		May	↗ 6.9%	↗ 1.1%

Monthly Import Volumes



East Coast Port Activity

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↗ 2.6%	↗ 9.3%
		Q4	↘ -8.5%	↘ 2.8%
		Q1	↗ 1.9%	↗ 2.8%
		Q2	↗ 2.2%	↘ -2.2%
	2016	Q3	↗ 6.4%	↗ 1.4%
		Q4	↘ -1.4%	↗ 9.2%
		Q1	↘ -0.7%	↗ 6.5%
		Q2	↗ 5.7%	↗ 10.1%
	2017	Q3	↗ 3.5%	↗ 7.1%
		Q4	↘ -1.1%	↗ 7.5%
		Q1	↘ -4.1%	↗ 3.7%
		Q2	↗ 5.5%	↗ 3.6%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↗ 3.2%	↗ 3.3%
		Q4	↘ -1.4%	↗ 2.9%

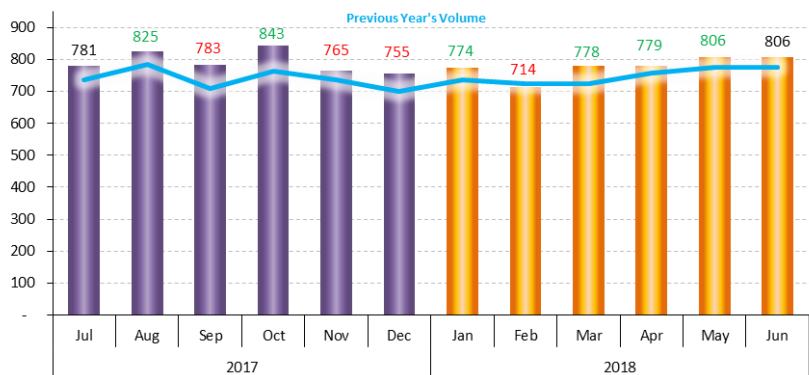
Headlines

- Imports dipped by 1.3 percent in December to 755,000 TEUs. The 10,000 TEU decrease equates to a 7.8 percent gain over the same month of 2016 and is a record high for the month of December.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 9.24 million TEUs for a 7.8 percent increase over the 8.58 million TEUs imported in 2016.
- The fourth quarter of 2017 posted a 7.5 percent year-on-year gain with 2.36 million TEUs.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 134.5. This is 9.7 points higher than the 124.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 2.0 percent decrease in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 1.4 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.6 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.1 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 9.56 million TEUs, which would be a 3.4 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

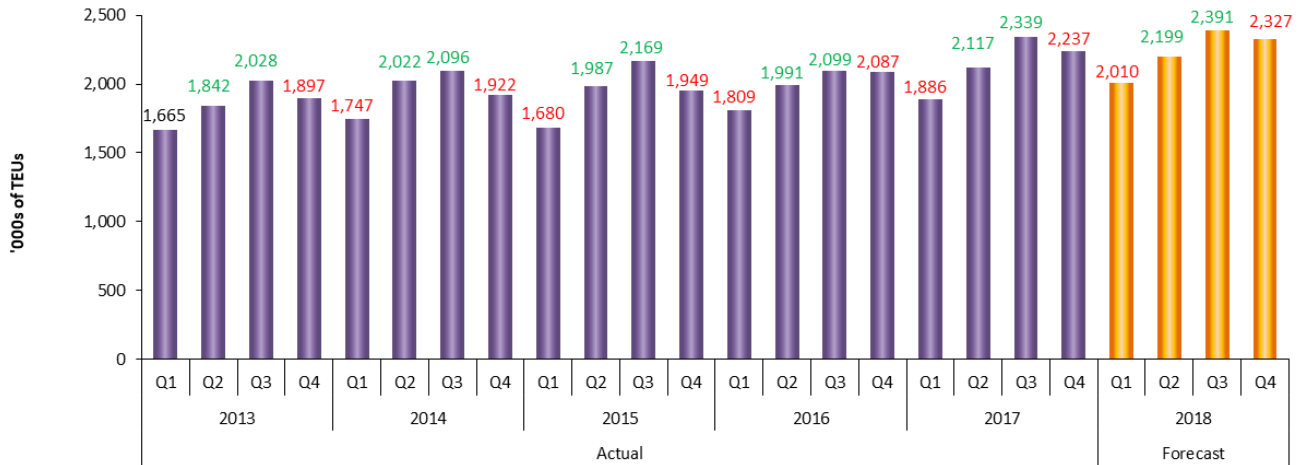
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			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
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		Dec	↘ -4.8%	↘ 8.0%
	2017	Jan	↗ 5.1%	↗ 12.8%
		Feb	↘ -1.7%	↗ 1.8%
		Mar	↔ 0.0%	↗ 5.4%
		Apr	↗ 4.6%	↗ 12.3%
		May	↗ 2.3%	↗ 8.1%
		Jun	↗ 0.2%	↗ 10.1%
		Jul	↗ 0.6%	↗ 5.9%
		Aug	↗ 5.7%	↗ 5.1%
		Sep	↘ -5.1%	↗ 10.6%
		Oct	↗ 7.6%	↗ 10.6%
Nov	↘ -9.2%	↘ 4.0%		
Dec	↘ -1.3%	↗ 7.8%		
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↗ 2.4%	↗ 5.1%
		Feb	↘ -7.7%	↘ -1.4%
		Mar	↗ 9.1%	↗ 7.5%
		Apr	↔ 0.0%	↗ 2.8%
		May	↗ 3.5%	↗ 4.0%
		Jun	↘ -0.1%	↗ 3.8%

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	2015	Q3	↗ 9.1%	↗ 3.4%
		Q4	↘ -10.1%	↗ 1.4%
		Q1	↘ -7.2%	↗ 7.7%
		Q2	↗ 10.1%	↔ 0.2%
	2016	Q3	↗ 5.4%	↘ -3.2%
		Q4	↘ -0.6%	↗ 7.1%
		Q1	↘ -9.6%	↗ 4.3%
		Q2	↗ 12.3%	↗ 6.3%
	2017	Q3	↗ 10.5%	↗ 11.4%
		Q4	↘ -4.4%	↗ 7.1%
		Q1	↘ -10.1%	↗ 6.6%
		Q2	↗ 9.4%	↗ 3.9%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↗ 8.7%	↗ 2.2%
		Q4	↘ -2.7%	↗ 4.1%

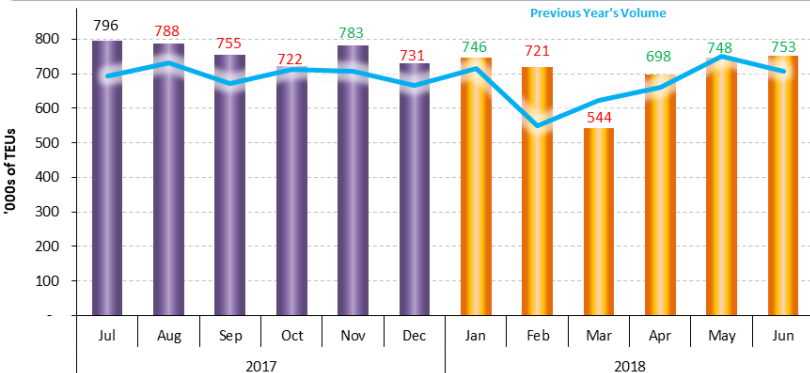
Headlines

- Imports decreased by 6.6 percent in December to 731,000 TEUs. The 52,000 TEU decrease equates to a 9.8 percent gain over the same month of 2016 and is a record high for the month of December.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 8.58 million TEUs for a 7.4 percent increase over the 7.99 million TEUs imported in 2016.
- Imports at the Port of Los Angeles decreased by 16.9 percent from November, while the volume at the Port of Long Beach increased by 8.3 percent. In terms of year-on-year change, the two ports experienced a 2.2 percent dip and a 27.3 percent surge respectively. For 2017 as a whole, the Port of Los Angeles posted a 3.8 percent gain over 2016 while the Port of Long Beach experienced a 12.2 percent increase.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 122.6. This is 10.9 points higher than the 111.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects an 8.0 percent decrease in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 4.4 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 8.93 million TEUs, which would be a 4.1 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

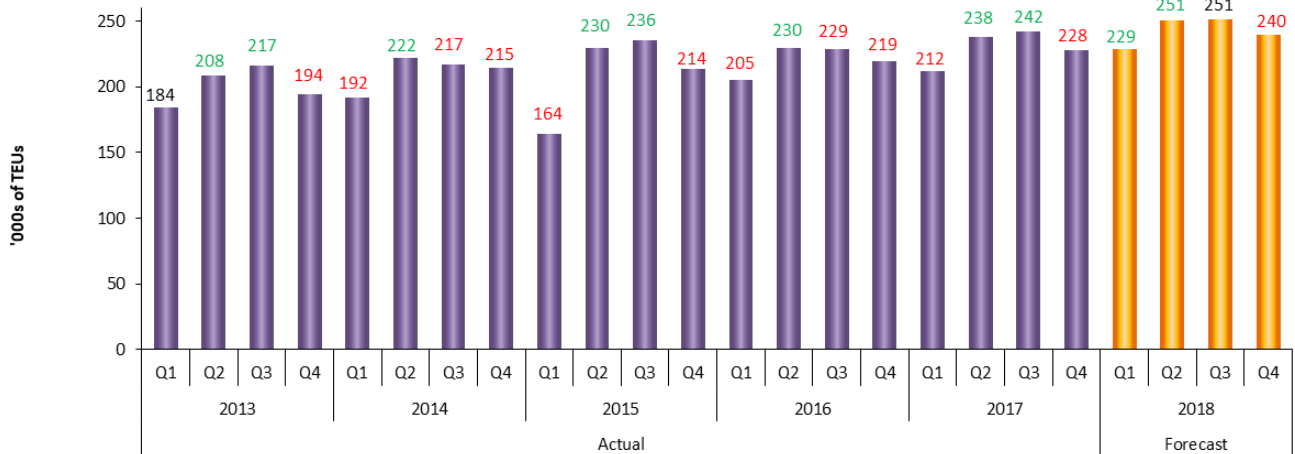
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↘ -0.9%	↗ 6.4%
		Dec	↘ -5.9%	↗ 7.8%
	2017	Jan	↗ 7.3%	↗ 10.6%
		Feb	↘ -23.2%	↘ -17.9%
		Mar	↗ 13.5%	↗ 25.9%
		Apr	↗ 6.0%	↗ 11.7%
		May	↗ 13.5%	↗ 2.5%
		Jun	↘ -5.6%	↗ 5.7%
		Jul	↗ 12.5%	↗ 14.6%
		Aug	↘ -1.0%	↗ 7.5%
		Sep	↘ -4.2%	↗ 12.4%
		Oct	↘ -4.3%	↗ 1.2%
Nov	↗ 8.4%	↗ 10.6%		
Dec	↘ -6.6%	↗ 9.8%		
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↗ 2.0%	↗ 4.4%
		Feb	↘ -3.4%	↗ 31.3%
		Mar	↘ -24.5%	↘ -12.7%
		Apr	↗ 28.4%	↗ 5.8%
		May	↗ 7.1%	↘ -0.2%
		Jun	↗ 0.7%	↗ 6.4%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Oakland

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↗ 2.7%	↗ 8.5%
		Q4	↘ -9.3%	↘ -0.6%
		Q1	↘ -4.1%	↗ 24.9%
		Q2	↗ 12.2%	↘ 0.2%
	2016	Q3	↘ -0.3%	↘ -2.7%
		Q4	↘ -4.3%	↗ 2.7%
		Q1	↘ -3.4%	↗ 3.5%
		Q2	↗ 12.1%	↗ 3.4%
	2017	Q3	↗ 1.8%	↗ 5.5%
		Q4	↘ -5.9%	↗ 3.8%
		Q1	↗ 0.4%	↗ 7.8%
		Q2	↗ 9.7%	↗ 5.5%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↘ 0.2%	↘ 3.9%
		Q4	↘ -4.5%	↗ 5.5%

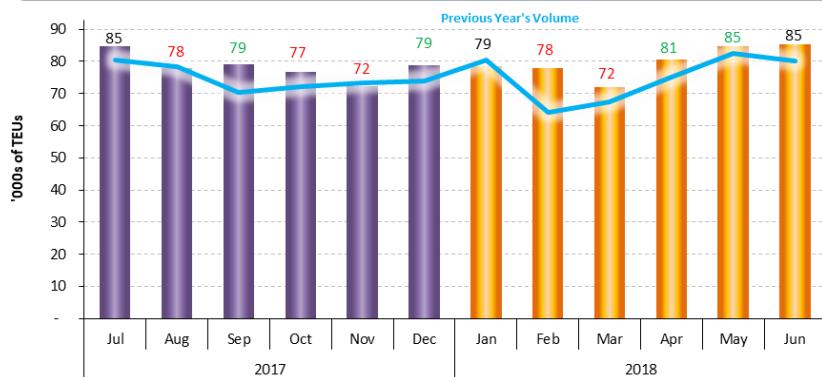
Headlines

- Imports increased by 8.8 percent in December to 79,000 TEUs. The 6,000 TEU gain equates to a 6.4 percent increase over the same month of 2016 and is a record high for the month of December.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 919,000 TEUs for a 4.1 percent increase over the 884,000 TEUs imported in 2016.
- The fourth quarter of 2017 posted a 3.8 percent year-on-year gain with 228,000 TEUs
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 119.2. This is 7.2 points higher than the 112.0 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 2.1 percent increase in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 0.2 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 6.6 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 4.7 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 971,000 TEUs, which would be a 5.6 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

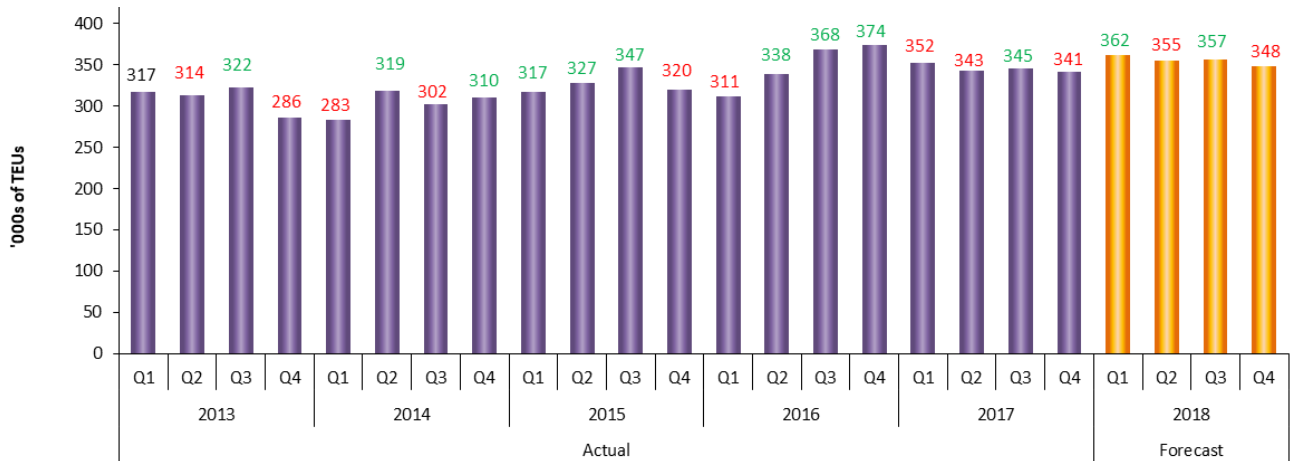
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↗ 1.9%	↗ 0.2%
		Dec	↗ 0.6%	↗ 6.1%
	2017	Jan	↗ 8.8%	↗ 3.6%
		Feb	↘ -20.3%	↘ -9.2%
		Mar	↗ 5.3%	↗ 19.1%
		Apr	↗ 11.1%	↗ 3.7%
		May	↗ 9.9%	↗ 1.4%
		Jun	↘ -2.7%	↗ 5.1%
		Jul	↗ 5.7%	↗ 5.4%
		Aug	↘ -8.1%	↘ -0.6%
		Sep	↗ 1.5%	↗ 12.6%
		Oct	↘ -3.1%	↗ 6.4%
Nov	↘ -5.7%	↘ -1.6%		
Dec	↗ 8.8%	↗ 6.4%		
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↘ -0.1%	↘ -2.3%
		Feb	↘ -0.8%	↗ 21.6%
		Mar	↘ -7.5%	↗ 6.8%
		Apr	↗ 11.8%	↗ 7.5%
		May	↗ 5.3%	↗ 2.9%
		Jun	↗ 0.6%	↗ 6.3%

Monthly Import Volumes



NW Seaport Alliance (Tacoma & Seattle)

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↗ 5.9%	↗ 14.9%
		Q4	↘ -7.8%	↘ 3.1%
		Q1	↘ -2.7%	↘ -1.8%
		Q2	↗ 8.7%	↗ 3.3%
	2016	Q3	↗ 8.8%	↗ 6.1%
		Q4	↗ 1.8%	↗ 17.2%
		Q1	↘ -6.1%	↗ 13.1%
		Q2	↘ -2.6%	↗ 1.3%
	2017	Q3	↗ 0.8%	↘ -6.2%
		Q4	↘ -1.2%	↘ -8.9%
		Q1	↗ 6.0%	↗ 2.9%
		Q2	↘ -1.8%	↗ 3.7%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↗ 0.4%	↗ 3.3%
		Q4	↘ -2.4%	↗ 2.0%

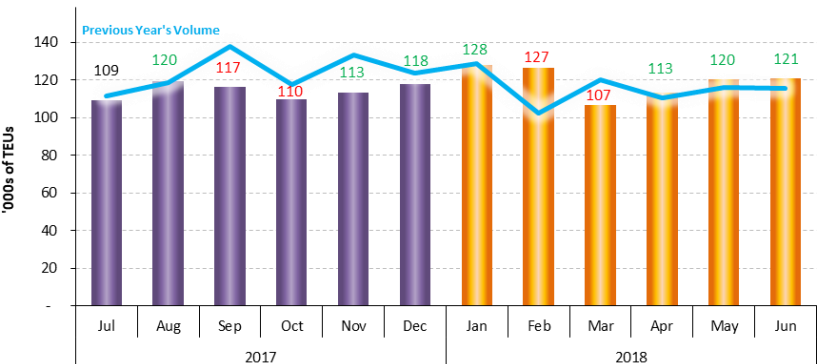
Headlines

- Imports increased by 3.8 percent in December to 118,000 TEUs. The 4,000 TEU gain equates to a 4.7 percent decrease from the same month of 2016.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 1.38 million TEUs for a 0.8 percent decrease from the 1.39 million TEUs imported in 2016.
- The fourth quarter of 2017 posted an 8.9 percent year-on-year decrease with 341,000 TEUs
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 105.0. This is 5.2 points lower than the 110.2 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 4.4 percent increase in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 6.5 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.3 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 2.6 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.42 million TEUs, which would be a 3.0 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

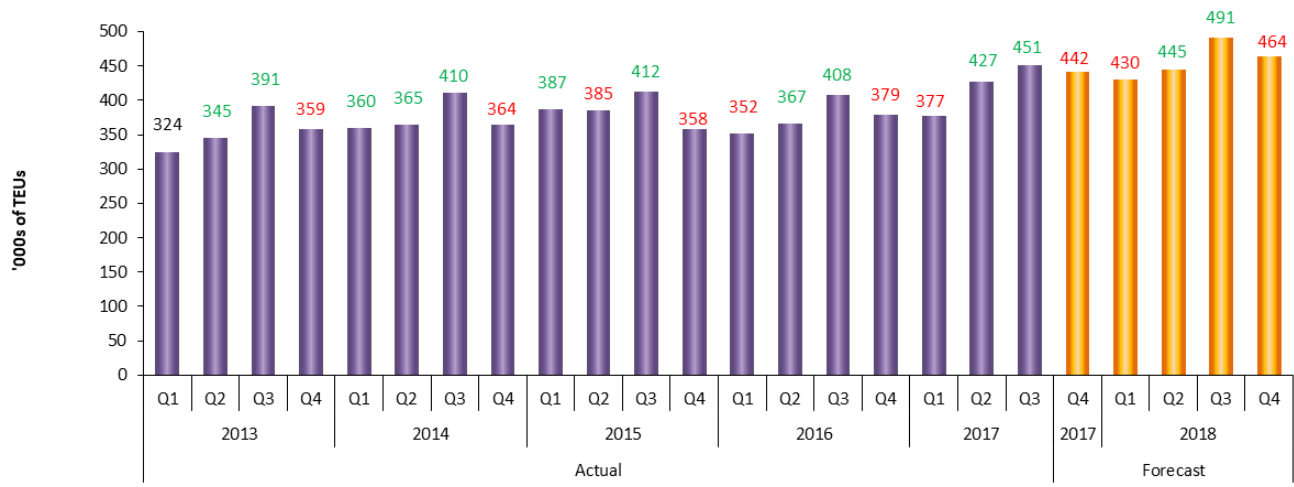
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↗ 13.2%	↗ 27.5%
		Dec	↘ -7.3%	↗ 13.6%
	2017	Jan	↗ 4.3%	↗ 18.9%
		Feb	↘ -20.3%	↘ -4.2%
		Mar	↗ 16.9%	↗ 25.9%
		Apr	↘ -7.7%	↗ 6.2%
		May	↗ 4.6%	↗ 10.3%
		Jun	↘ -0.1%	↘ -10.0%
		Jul	↘ -5.7%	↘ -2.3%
		Aug	↗ 9.5%	↗ 0.9%
		Sep	↘ -2.5%	↘ -15.4%
		Oct	↘ -5.7%	↘ -6.5%
Nov	↗ 3.2%	↘ -14.8%		
Dec	↗ 3.8%	↘ -4.7%		
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↗ 8.8%	↘ -0.6%
		Feb	↘ -1.1%	↗ 23.4%
		Mar	↘ -15.7%	↘ -11.0%
		Apr	↗ 6.2%	↗ 2.4%
		May	↗ 6.2%	↗ 3.9%
		Jun	↗ 0.6%	↗ 4.7%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Vancouver

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↗	7.2%	↗	0.5%
		Q4	↘	-13.2%	↘	-1.7%
		Q1	↘	-1.6%	↘	-9.0%
		Q2	↘	4.1%	↘	-4.7%
	2016	Q3	↗	11.1%	↘	-1.2%
		Q4	↘	-6.9%	↘	6.0%
		Q1	↘	-0.6%	↘	7.0%
		Q2	↗	13.1%	↗	16.3%
	2017	Q3	↘	5.7%	↗	10.6%
		Q4	↘	-1.9%	↗	16.5%
		Q1	↘	-2.7%	↗	14.1%
		Q2	↘	3.6%	↘	4.4%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↗	10.2%	↘	8.9%
		Q4	↘	-5.5%	↘	4.9%

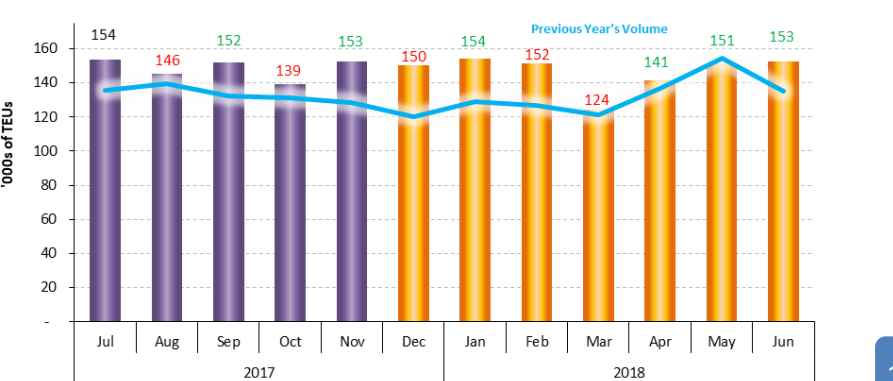
Headlines

- The Port of Vancouver did not release data in time for inclusion in this month's report.
- Imports are projected to have slipped by 1.6 percent in December to 150,000 TEUs. The 2,000 TEU decrease would equate to a 25.0 percent gain over the same month of 2016.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 is projected to total 1.70 million TEUs for a 12.6 percent increase over the 1.51 million TEUs imported in 2016.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 133.6. This is 26.7 points higher than the 106.9 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 1.9 percent decrease in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 2.1 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 8.9 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 7.0 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.83 million TEUs, which would be a 7.9 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

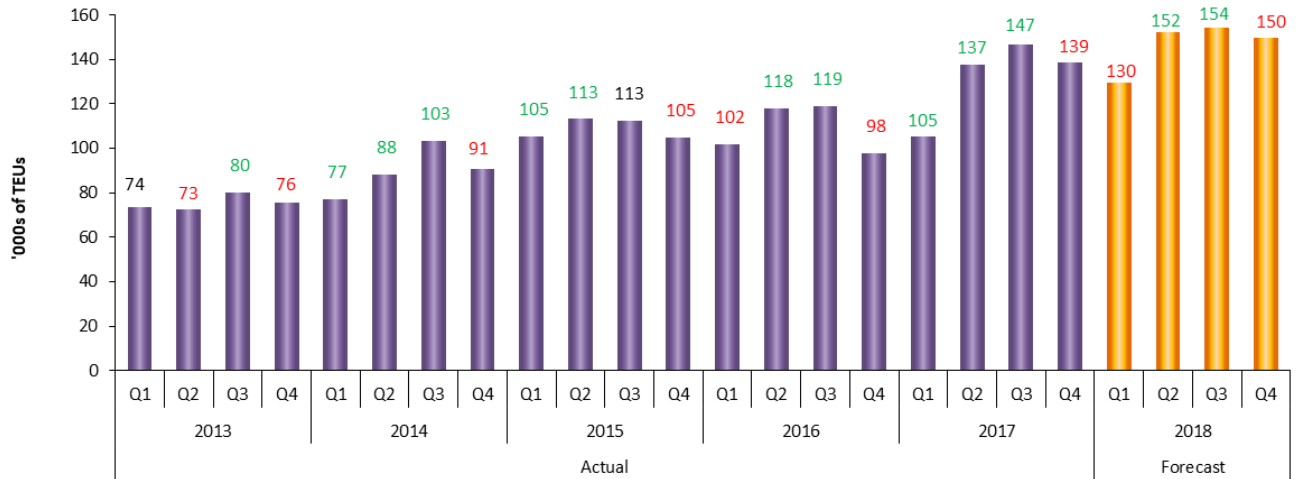
	Year	Month	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↘	-2.2%	↘	5.8%
		Dec	↘	-6.2%	↘	6.1%
	2017	Jan	↘	7.5%	↘	-4.7%
		Feb	↘	-1.8%	↘	7.6%
		Mar	↘	-4.4%	↗	22.3%
		Apr	↗	13.0%	↗	13.0%
		May	↗	12.7%	↗	21.1%
		Jun	↘	-12.3%	↗	14.5%
		Jul	↗	13.5%	↗	13.3%
		Aug	↘	-5.2%	↘	4.2%
		Sep	↘	4.2%	↗	14.5%
		Oct	↘	-8.3%	↘	6.1%
Nov	↘	9.8%	↗	19.1%		
FORECAST	2018	Dec	↘	-1.6%	↗	25.0%
		Jan	↘	2.7%	↗	19.4%
		Feb	↘	-1.7%	↗	19.5%
		Mar	↘	-18.0%	↘	2.6%
		Apr	↗	13.8%	↘	3.3%
		May	↘	7.0%	↘	-1.9%
Jun	↘	0.8%	↗	12.8%		

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Prince Rupert

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↘ -0.6%	↘ 9.0%
		Q4	↘ -6.6%	↗ 15.9%
		Q1	↘ -2.9%	↘ -3.0%
		Q2	↗ 15.8%	↘ 4.4%
	2016	Q3	↗ 0.8%	↗ 5.8%
		Q4	↘ -17.8%	↘ -6.8%
		Q1	↗ 7.6%	↘ 3.2%
		Q2	↗ 30.5%	↗ 16.3%
	2017	Q3	↗ 6.9%	↗ 23.3%
		Q4	↘ -5.5%	↗ 41.8%
		Q1	↘ -6.7%	↗ 23.0%
		Q2	↗ 17.6%	↗ 10.8%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↗ 1.3%	↘ 5.0%
		Q4	↘ -2.9%	↗ 7.9%

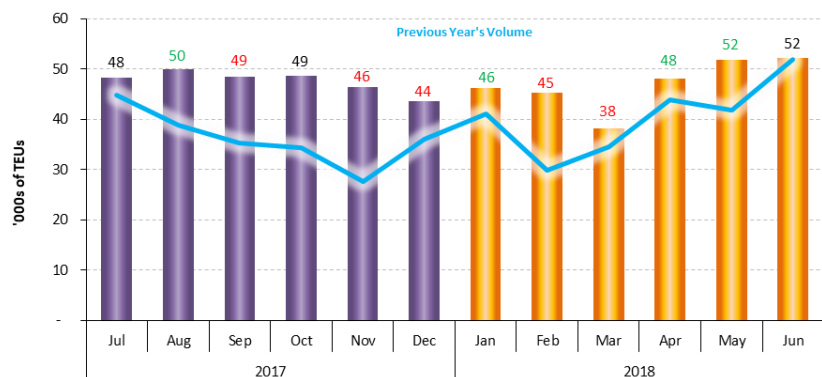
Headlines

- Imports decreased by 6.3 percent in December to 44,000 TEUs. The 3,000 TEU decrease equates to a 21.0 percent surge over the same month of 2016 and is a record high for the month of December.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 528,000 TEUs for a 20.9 percent surge over the 437,000 TEUs imported in 2016.
- The fourth quarter of 2017 posted a 41.8 percent year-on-year surge with 139,000 TEUs.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 164.4. This is 28.5 points higher than the 135.9 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 1.3 percent dip in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to an 11.9 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 16.1 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 6.4 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 586,000 TEUs, which would be a 10.8 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

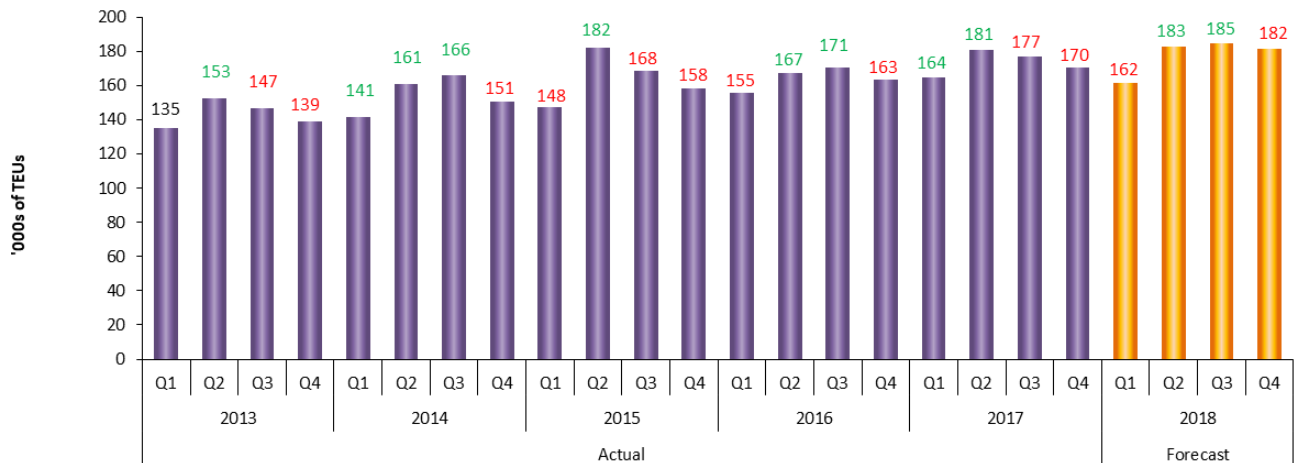
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↘ -19.5%	↘ -15.1%
		Dec	↗ 30.6%	↘ 4.2%
	2017	Jan	↗ 13.8%	↘ 3.7%
		Feb	↘ -27.3%	↘ -17.7%
		Mar	↗ 15.9%	↗ 31.5%
		Apr	↗ 26.9%	↘ 3.5%
		May	↘ -4.7%	↘ 3.1%
		Jun	↗ 24.2%	↗ 46.8%
	2018 (Forecast)	Jul	↘ -6.7%	↗ 7.8%
		Aug	↗ 3.3%	↗ 28.5%
		Sep	↘ -2.9%	↗ 37.2%
		Oct	↗ 0.3%	↗ 42.1%
Nov		↘ -4.5%	↗ 68.5%	
Dec		↘ -6.3%	↗ 21.0%	

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Montreal

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↘ -7.5%	↗ 1.7%
		Q4	↘ -6.0%	↗ 5.1%
		Q1	↘ -1.9%	↗ 5.3%
		Q2	↗ 7.7%	↘ -8.1%
	2016	Q3	↗ 1.9%	↗ 1.3%
		Q4	↘ -4.2%	↗ 3.2%
		Q1	↗ 0.6%	↗ 5.8%
		Q2	↗ 10.1%	↗ 8.2%
	2017	Q3	↘ -2.3%	↗ 3.6%
		Q4	↘ -3.6%	↗ 4.3%
		Q1	↘ -5.2%	↘ -1.7%
		Q2	↗ 13.2%	↗ 1.1%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↗ 0.9%	↗ 4.4%
		Q4	↘ -1.7%	↗ 6.5%

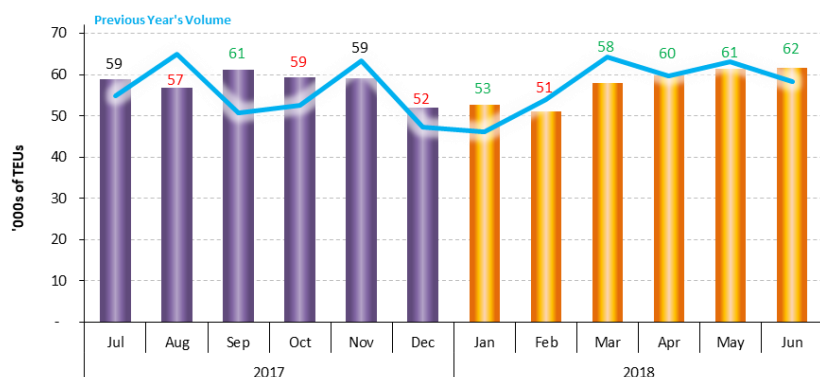
Headlines

- Imports fell by 12.3 percent in December to 52,000 TEUs. The 7,000 TEU decrease equates to a 9.7 percent gain over the same month of 2016.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 693,000 TEUs for a 5.5 percent increase over the 657,000 TEUs imported in 2016.
- The fourth quarter of 2017 posted a 4.3 percent year-on-year gain with 170,000 TEUs
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 106.8. This is 9.4 points higher than the 97.4 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 0.8 percent decrease in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 3.4 percent increase between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to decrease by 0.2 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 5.4 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 711,000 TEUs, which would be a 2.6 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

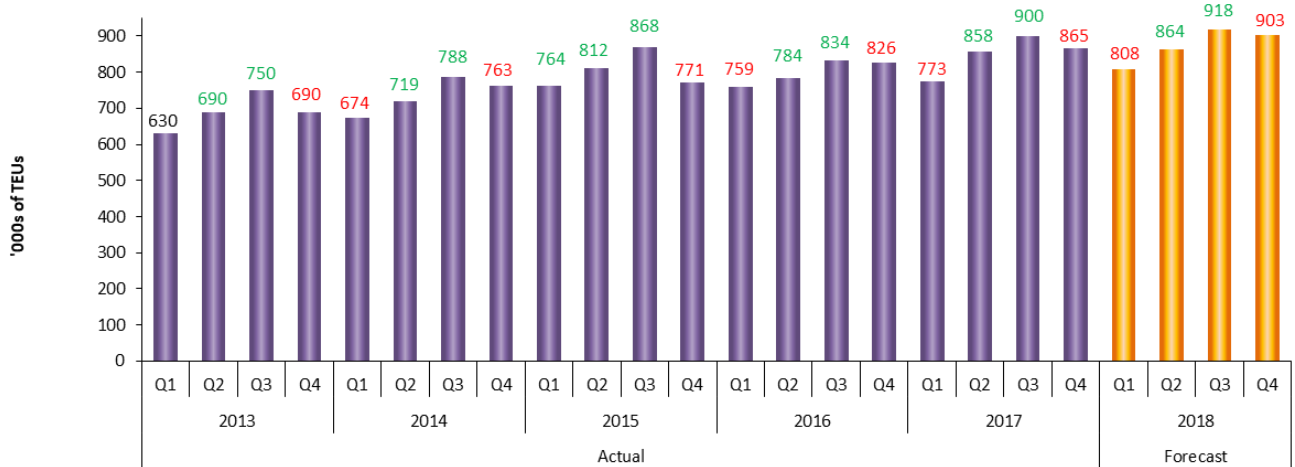
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↗ 20.4%	↗ 24.6%
		Dec	↘ -25.4%	↘ -10.3%
	2017	Jan	↘ -2.5%	↗ 14.7%
		Feb	↗ 16.7%	↘ -12.4%
		Mar	↗ 19.5%	↗ 20.0%
		Apr	↘ -7.3%	↗ 9.6%
		May	↗ 5.7%	↗ 15.5%
		Jun	↘ -7.4%	↗ 0.1%
		Jul	↗ 0.7%	↗ 7.3%
		Aug	↘ -3.4%	↘ -12.7%
		Sep	↗ 7.8%	↗ 20.7%
		Oct	↘ -3.0%	↗ 12.7%
Nov	↘ -0.3%	↘ -6.7%		
Dec	↘ -12.3%	↗ 9.7%		
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↗ 1.6%	↗ 14.3%
		Feb	↘ -3.2%	↘ -5.2%
		Mar	↗ 13.3%	↘ -10.1%
		Apr	↗ 3.5%	↗ 0.4%
		May	↗ 2.6%	↘ -2.6%
		Jun	↗ 0.4%	↗ 5.7%

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	2015	Q3	↗ 6.9%	↕ 10.1%
		Q4	↘ -11.2%	↔ 1.0%
		Q1	↘ -1.5%	↘ -0.5%
		Q2	↗ 3.3%	↘ -3.4%
	2016	Q3	↗ 6.3%	↘ -4.0%
		Q4	↘ -1.0%	↗ 7.1%
		Q1	↘ -6.3%	↗ 1.9%
		Q2	↗ 10.9%	↗ 9.4%
	2017	Q3	↗ 5.0%	↗ 8.0%
		Q4	↘ -3.9%	↗ 4.8%
		Q1	↘ -6.6%	↗ 4.5%
		Q2	↗ 6.8%	↗ 0.7%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↗ 6.3%	↗ 1.9%
		Q4	↘ -1.6%	↗ 4.3%

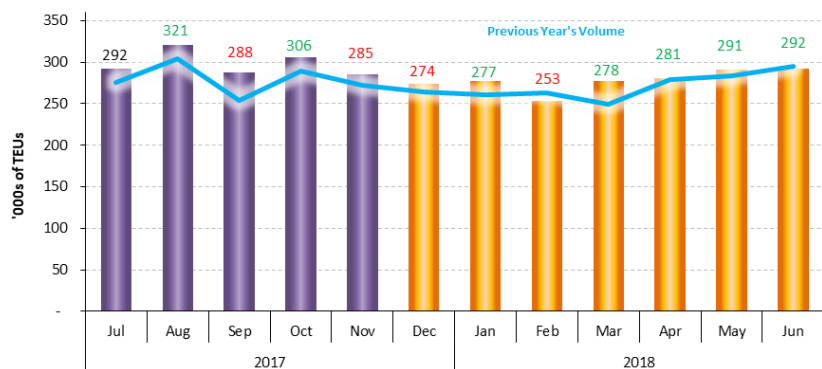
Headlines

- Imports decreased by 3.8 percent in December to 274,000 TEUs. The 11,000 TEU decrease equates to a 3.6 percent gain over the same month of 2016 and is a record high for the month of December.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 3.40 million TEUs for a 6.1 percent increase over the 3.20 million TEUs imported in 2016.
- The fourth quarter of 2017 posted a 4.8 percent year-on-year gain with 865,000 TEUs
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 119.7. This is 4.2 points higher than the 115.5 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 5.3 percent decrease in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 1.7 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 2.5 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.1 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 3.49 million TEUs, which would be a 2.8 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

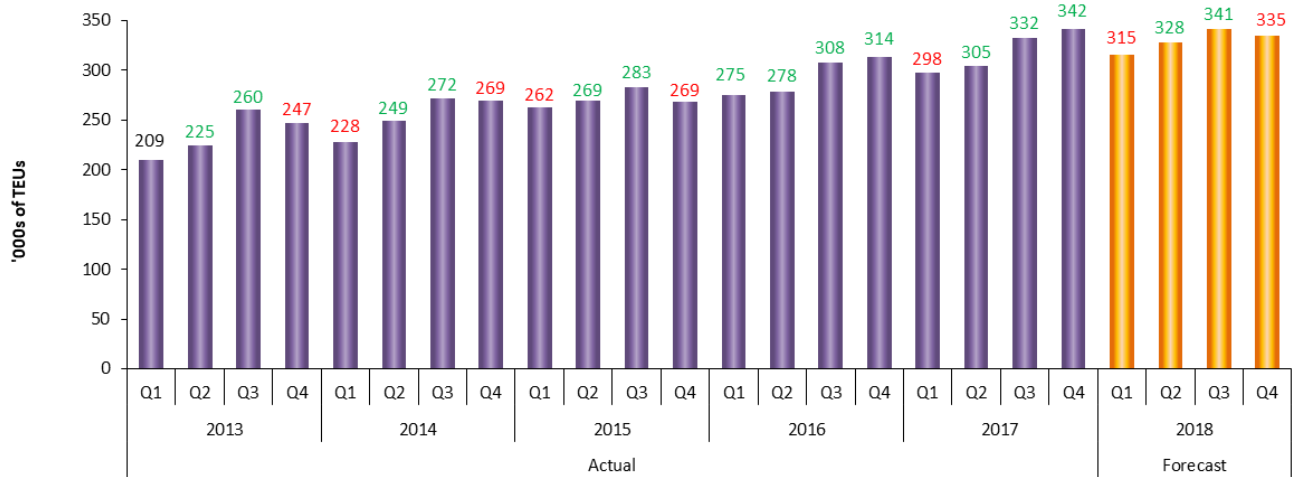
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↘ -6.0%	↗ 9.1%
		Dec	↘ -2.6%	↗ 5.1%
	2017	Jan	↘ -1.5%	↗ 5.5%
		Feb	↗ 0.8%	↗ 1.8%
		Mar	↘ -5.0%	↘ -1.6%
		Apr	↗ 11.6%	↗ 14.0%
		May	↗ 1.6%	↗ 5.4%
		Jun	↗ 4.1%	↗ 9.1%
		Jul	↘ -1.2%	↗ 6.0%
		Aug	↗ 10.0%	↗ 5.4%
		Sep	↘ -10.3%	↗ 13.3%
		Oct	↗ 6.2%	↗ 5.8%
Nov	↘ -6.8%	↗ 4.9%		
Dec	↘ -3.8%	↗ 3.6%		
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↗ 1.1%	↗ 6.3%
		Feb	↘ -8.7%	↘ -3.7%
		Mar	↗ 9.7%	↗ 11.2%
		Apr	↗ 1.0%	↗ 0.6%
		May	↗ 3.7%	↗ 2.6%
		Jun	↗ 0.4%	↘ -1.1%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Virginia

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change		
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↗ 5.1%	↘ 4.0%	
		Q4	↘ -5.0%	↘ -0.1%	
		2016	Q1	↗ 2.4%	↗ 4.9%
			Q2	↗ 1.2%	↗ 3.6%
	Q3		↗ 10.5%	↗ 8.8%	
	Q4		↗ 2.0%	↗ 16.8%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -5.0%	↗ 8.3%	
		Q2	↗ 2.3%	↗ 9.4%	
		Q3	↗ 9.0%	↗ 8.0%	
		Q4	↗ 2.9%	↗ 8.9%	
	FORECAST	2018	Q1	↘ -7.7%	↗ 5.8%
			Q2	↗ 3.9%	↗ 7.5%
Q3			↗ 4.2%	↗ 2.7%	
Q4			↘ -1.9%	↘ -2.0%	

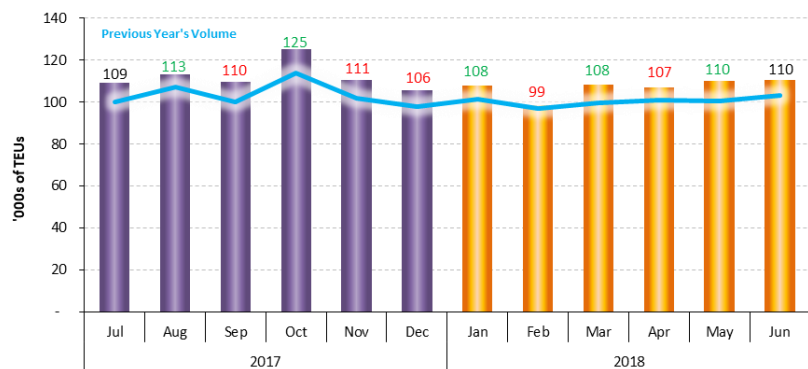
Headlines

- Imports decreased by 4.3 percent in December to 106,000 TEUs. The 5,000 TEU decrease equates to an 8.3 percent gain over the same month of 2016 and is a record high for the month of December.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 1.28 million TEUs for an 8.6 percent increase over the 1.17 million TEUs imported in 2016.
- The fourth quarter of 2017 posted an 8.9 percent year-on-year gain with 342,000 TEUs
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 146.0. This is 11.3 points higher than the 134.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 4.6 percent decrease in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 3.0 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 6.6 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 0.3 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.32 million TEUs, which would be a 3.3 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

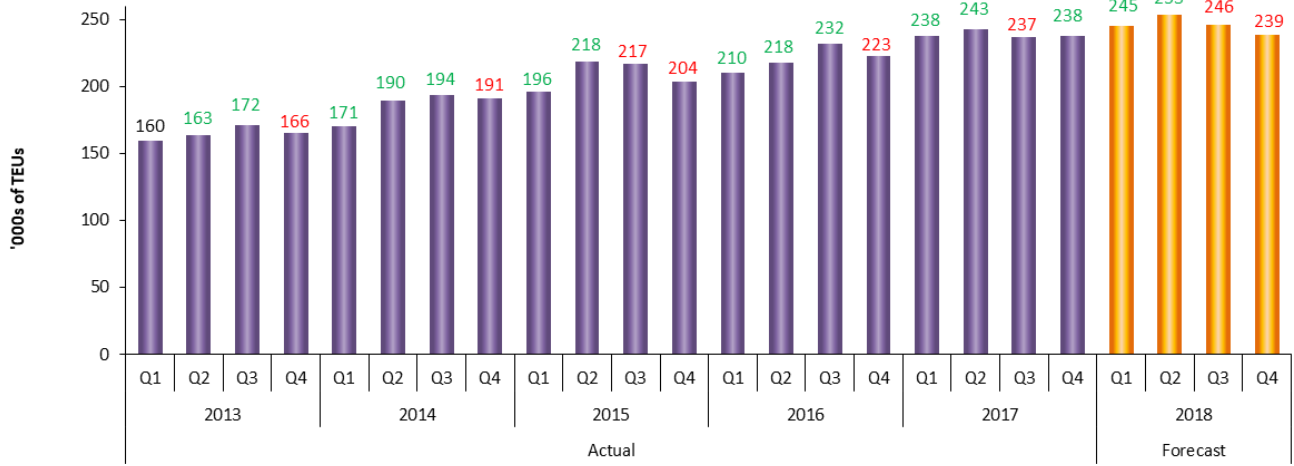
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			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↘ -10.7%	↗ 19.3%
		Dec	↘ -4.1%	↗ 17.7%
	2017	Jan	↗ 3.7%	↗ 20.3%
		Feb	↘ -4.3%	↘ -3.0%
		Mar	↗ 2.8%	↗ 9.5%
		Apr	↗ 1.5%	↗ 9.4%
		May	↘ -0.5%	↗ 8.8%
		Jun	↗ 2.4%	↗ 10.0%
		Jul	↗ 6.0%	↗ 9.1%
		Aug	↗ 3.6%	↗ 5.5%
		Sep	↘ -3.1%	↗ 9.5%
		Oct	↗ 14.0%	↗ 9.6%
Nov	↘ -11.5%	↗ 8.7%		
Dec	↘ -4.3%	↗ 8.3%		
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↗ 2.0%	↗ 6.6%
		Feb	↘ -8.6%	↗ 1.8%
		Mar	↗ 9.9%	↗ 8.8%
		Apr	↘ -1.2%	↗ 6.0%
		May	↗ 2.6%	↗ 9.3%
		Jun	↗ 0.4%	↗ 7.2%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Charleston

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↓ -0.7%	↑ 11.8%
		Q4	↓ -6.0%	↑ 6.6%
		Q1	↑ 3.0%	↑ 7.2%
		Q2	↑ 3.7%	↓ -0.2%
	2016	Q3	↑ 6.7%	↑ 7.1%
		Q4	↓ -4.0%	↑ 9.4%
		Q1	↑ 6.7%	↑ 13.3%
		Q2	↑ 1.9%	↑ 11.4%
	2017	Q3	↓ -2.4%	↑ 1.9%
		Q4	↑ 0.4%	↑ 6.6%
		Q1	↑ 3.2%	↑ 3.1%
		Q2	↑ 3.2%	↑ 4.4%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↓ -2.7%	↑ 4.0%
	Q4	↓ -3.0%	↑ 0.5%	

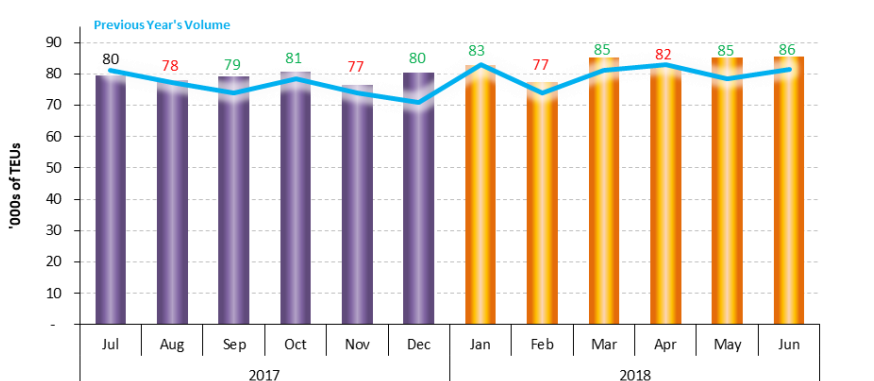
Headlines

- Imports increased by five percent in December to 80,000 TEUs. The 4,000 TEU gain equates to a 13.6 percent surge over the same month of 2016 and is a record high for the month of December.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 955,000 TEUs for an 8.1 percent increase over the 883,000 TEUs imported in 2016.
- The fourth quarter of 2017 posted a 6.6 percent year-on-year gain with 238,000 TEUs.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 149.2. This is 17.9 points higher than the 131.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 5.1 percent increase in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 5.6 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.8 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 2.3 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 984,000 TEUs, which would be a 3.0 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

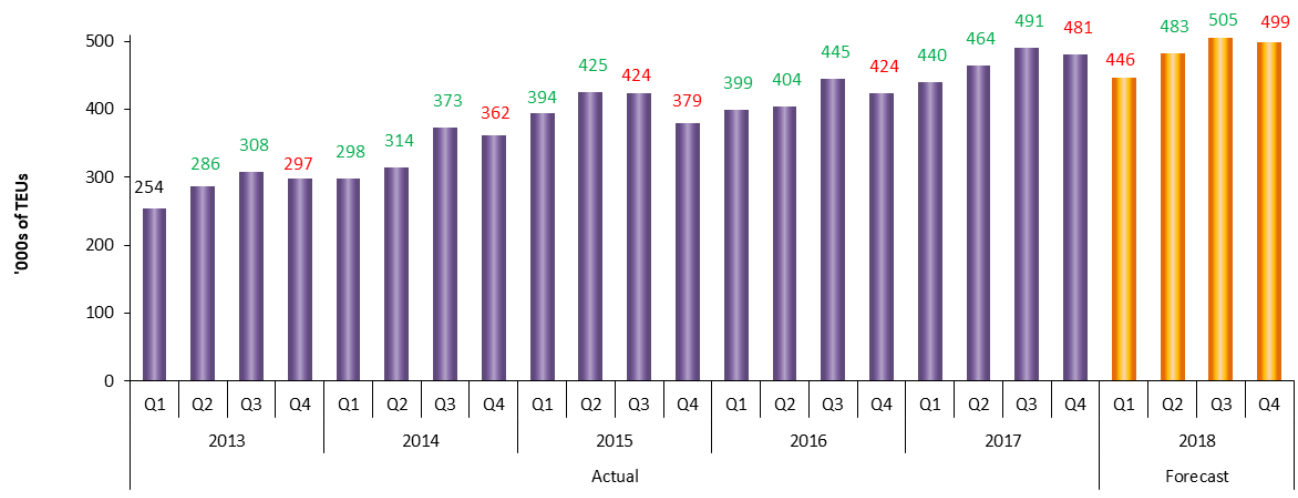
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↓ -5.7%	↑ 16.4%
		Dec	↓ -4.2%	↑ 6.7%
	2017	Jan	↑ 17.3%	↑ 25.3%
		Feb	↓ -11.1%	↑ 6.3%
		Mar	↑ 9.9%	↑ 9.2%
		Apr	↑ 2.2%	↑ 20.5%
		May	↓ -5.4%	↑ 1.5%
		Jun	↑ 3.7%	↑ 13.2%
		Jul	↓ -2.1%	↓ -1.8%
		Aug	↓ -1.9%	↑ 1.1%
		Sep	↑ 1.4%	↑ 6.9%
		Oct	↑ 2.0%	↑ 3.0%
Nov	↓ -5.1%	↑ 3.6%		
Dec	↑ 5.0%	↑ 13.6%		
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↑ 3.0%	↓ -0.3%
		Feb	↓ -6.6%	↑ 4.8%
		Mar	↑ 10.0%	↑ 4.9%
		Apr	↓ -3.3%	↓ -0.7%
		May	↑ 3.6%	↑ 8.9%
		Jun	↑ 0.4%	↑ 5.4%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Savannah

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change		
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↘ -0.2%	↗ 13.7%	
		Q4	↘ -10.7%	↘ 4.6%	
		2016	Q1	↗ 5.2%	↘ 1.1%
			Q2	↗ 1.3%	↘ -5.1%
	Q3		↗ 10.2%	↗ 4.8%	
	Q4		↘ -4.6%	↗ 11.9%	
	2017	Q1	↗ 3.8%	↗ 10.4%	
		Q2	↗ 5.4%	↗ 15.0%	
		Q3	↗ 5.8%	↗ 10.4%	
		Q4	↘ -2.1%	↗ 13.3%	
	FORECAST	2018	Q1	↘ -7.1%	↘ 1.4%
			Q2	↗ 8.1%	↘ 4.0%
Q3			↗ 4.7%	↘ 2.9%	
Q4			↘ -1.2%	↘ 3.9%	

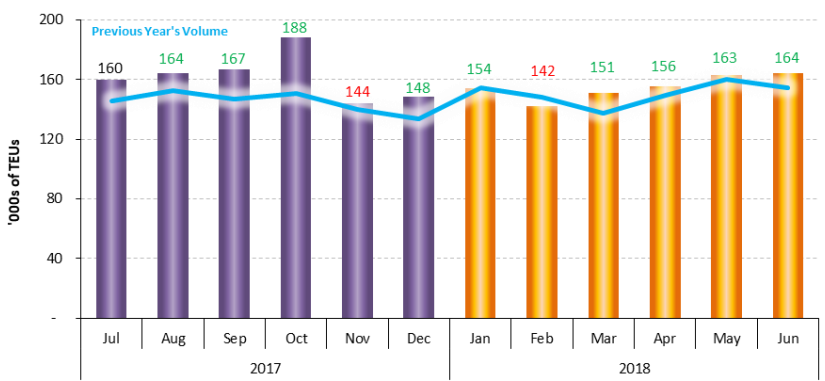
Headlines

- Imports increased by 2.7 percent in December to 148,000 TEUs. The 4,000 TEU gain equates to an 11.0 percent surge over the same month of 2016 and is a record high for the month of December.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 1.88 million TEUs for a 12.3 percent increase over the 1.67 million TEUs imported in 2016.
- The fourth quarter of 2017 posted a 13.3 percent year-on-year gain with 481,000 TEUs
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 163.3. This is 16.2 points higher than the 147.1 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 4.4 percent decrease in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 4.1 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 2.8 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.4 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.93 million TEUs, which would be a 3.1 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

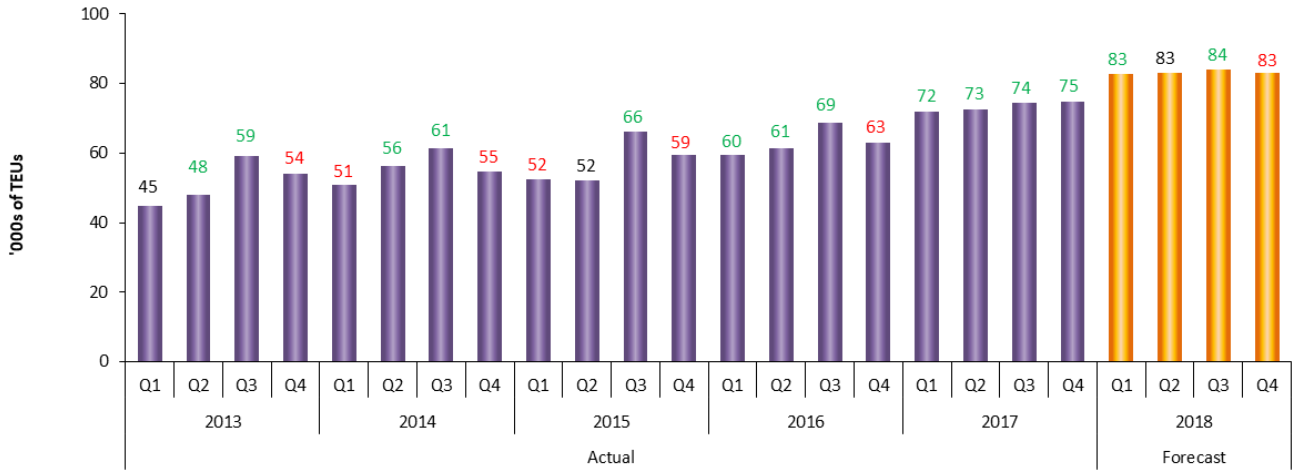
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↘ -7.4%	↗ 12.0%
		Dec	↘ -4.5%	↗ 19.8%
	2017	Jan	↗ 15.7%	↗ 19.1%
		Feb	↘ -3.9%	↘ 5.5%
		Mar	↘ -7.4%	↘ 7.0%
		Apr	↗ 8.6%	↗ 14.6%
		May	↗ 7.3%	↗ 13.5%
		Jun	↘ -3.3%	↗ 17.0%
		Jul	↗ 3.1%	↘ 9.5%
		Aug	↗ 3.1%	↘ 8.0%
		Sep	↗ 1.5%	↗ 13.9%
		Oct	↗ 12.9%	↗ 24.8%
Nov	↘ -23.5%	↘ 3.2%		
Dec	↗ 2.7%	↗ 11.0%		
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↗ 3.9%	↘ -0.3%
		Feb	↘ -7.8%	↘ -4.4%
		Mar	↗ 6.4%	↗ 9.8%
		Apr	↗ 3.2%	↘ 4.3%
		May	↗ 4.8%	↘ 1.9%
		Jun	↗ 0.5%	↗ 6.0%

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	2015	Q3	↑ 26.9%	↔ 7.7%
		Q4	↓ -10.2%	↔ 8.9%
		Q1	↔ 0.4%	↑ 13.9%
		Q2	↑ 2.7%	↑ 17.6%
	2016	Q3	↑ 12.2%	↔ 4.0%
		Q4	↓ -8.3%	↔ 6.2%
		Q1	↑ 14.3%	↑ 20.9%
		Q2	↔ 0.8%	↑ 18.6%
	2017	Q3	↔ 2.4%	↔ 8.2%
		Q4	↔ 0.5%	↑ 18.6%
		Q1	↑ 10.7%	↑ 14.8%
		Q2	↔ 0.3%	↑ 14.2%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↔ 1.2%	↑ 12.9%
	Q4	↓ -1.1%	↑ 11.1%	

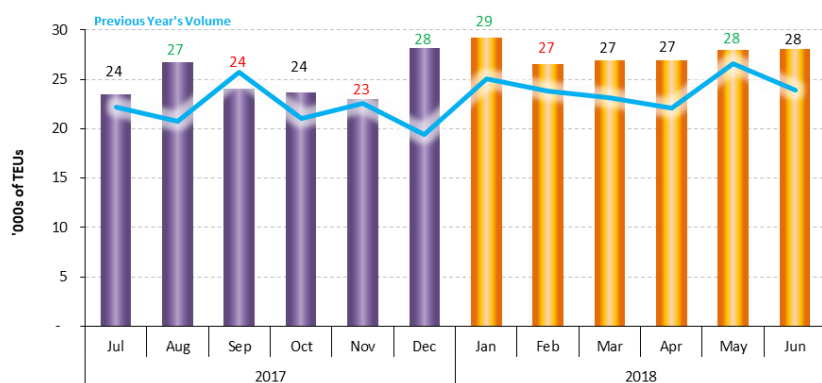
Headlines

- Imports surged to an all-time high in December, gaining 5,000 TEUs to reach a total of 28,000 TEUs. The 22.4 percent increase over November is 44.6 percent higher than the same month of 2016.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 294,000 TEUs for a 16.3 percent increase over the 252,000 TEUs imported in 2016.
- The fourth quarter of 2017 posted an 18.6 percent year-on-year gain with 75,000 TEUs.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 175.5. This is 54.1 points higher than the 121.4 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects an 11.1 percent increase in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 9.9 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 14.5 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 12.0 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 332,000 TEUs, which would be a 13.2 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

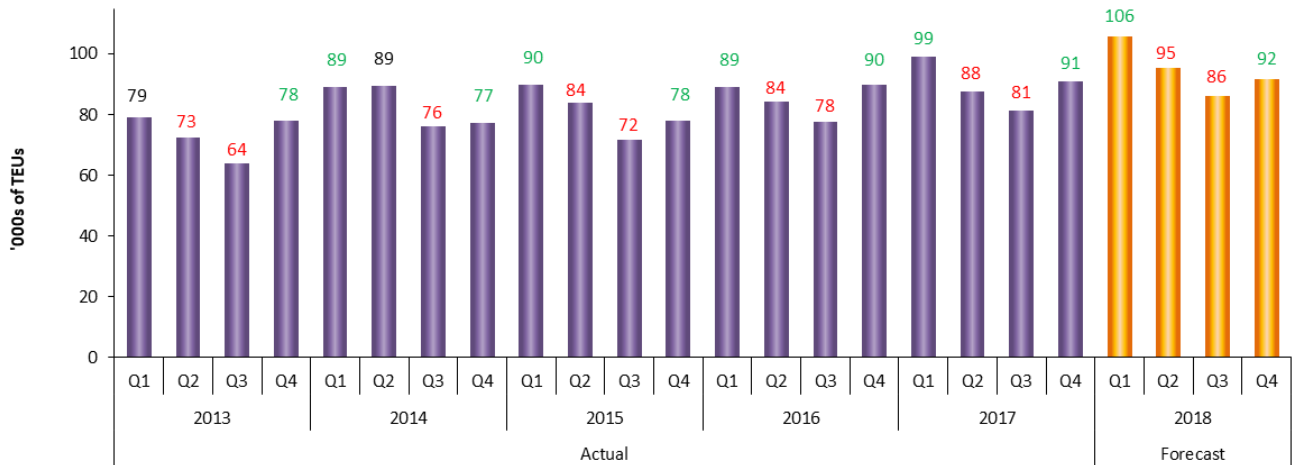
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↔ 7.2%	↑ 26.7%
		Dec	↓ -13.7%	↓ -4.9%
	2017	Jan	↑ 28.6%	↑ 15.1%
		Feb	↓ -4.7%	↑ 29.9%
		Mar	↔ -2.8%	↑ 18.8%
		Apr	↔ -4.6%	↑ 14.1%
		May	↑ 20.2%	↑ 26.8%
		Jun	↔ -9.9%	↑ 14.6%
		Jul	↔ -1.8%	↔ 6.1%
		Aug	↑ 13.9%	↑ 28.9%
		Sep	↓ -10.1%	↔ -6.6%
		Oct	↔ -1.9%	↑ 12.3%
Nov	↔ -2.7%	↔ 2.0%		
Dec	↑ 22.4%	↑ 44.6%		
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↔ 3.8%	↑ 16.7%
		Feb	↔ -9.2%	↑ 11.2%
		Mar	↔ 1.7%	↑ 16.3%
		Apr	↔ -0.2%	↑ 21.6%
		May	↔ 4.1%	↔ 5.3%
		Jun	↔ 0.1%	↑ 17.1%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port Everglades

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↓ -14.5%	↓ -6.0%
		Q4	↔ 8.7%	↔ 0.6%
		Q1	↑ 14.5%	↔ -0.7%
		Q2	↔ -5.4%	↔ 0.7%
	2016	Q3	↔ -7.9%	↔ 8.4%
		Q4	↑ 15.5%	↑ 15.3%
		Q1	↑ 10.4%	↑ 11.1%
		Q2	↓ -11.5%	↔ 4.0%
	2017	Q3	↔ -7.1%	↔ 4.9%
		Q4	↑ 11.7%	↔ 1.4%
		Q1	↑ 16.2%	↔ 6.7%
		Q2	↔ -9.8%	↔ 8.7%
FORECAST	Q3	↔ -9.9%	↔ 5.5%	
	Q4	↔ 6.7%	↔ 0.8%	

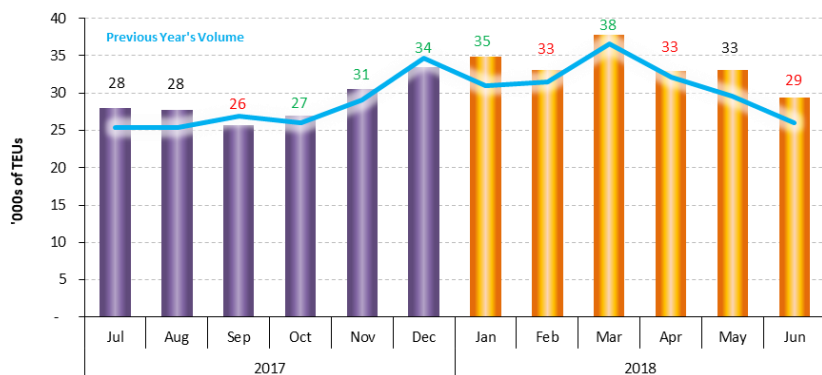
Headlines

- Imports increased by 9.6 percent in December to 34,000 TEUs. The 3,000 TEU gain equates to a 3.2 percent decrease from the same month of 2016.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 359,000 TEUs for a 5.4 percent increase over the 341,000 TEUs imported in 2016.
- The fourth quarter of 2017 posted a 1.4 percent year-on-year gain with 91,000 TEUs.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 154.5. This is 5.1 points lower than the 159.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 16.6 percent increase in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to an 11.6 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 7.7 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.0 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 379,000 TEUs, which would be a 5.4 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

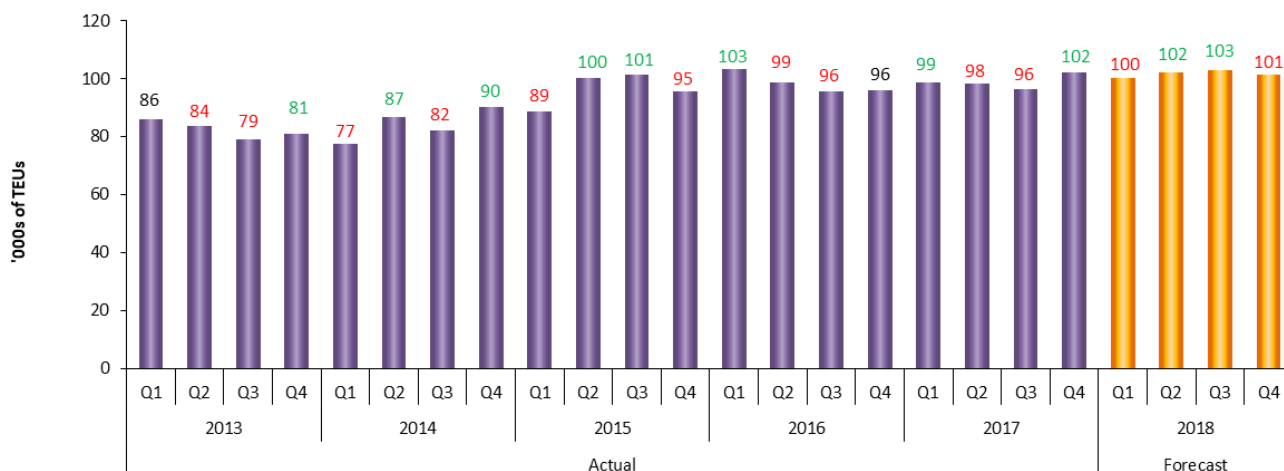
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↑ 12.2%	↑ 15.0%
		Dec	↑ 18.9%	↑ 16.1%
	2017	Jan	↓ -10.5%	↔ 8.7%
		Feb	↔ 1.6%	↔ 7.3%
		Mar	↑ 16.3%	↑ 16.9%
		Apr	↓ -12.1%	↔ -3.9%
		May	↔ -8.1%	↔ 7.0%
		Jun	↓ -12.1%	↑ 11.8%
		Jul	↔ 7.9%	↑ 10.2%
		Aug	↔ -0.8%	↔ 9.7%
		Sep	↔ -7.7%	↔ -4.6%
		Oct	↔ 4.9%	↔ 3.7%
Nov	↑ 13.6%	↔ 5.0%		
Dec	↔ 9.6%	↔ -3.2%		
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↔ 4.2%	↑ 12.7%
		Feb	↔ -5.3%	↔ 5.0%
		Mar	↑ 14.2%	↔ 3.1%
		Apr	↓ -12.8%	↔ 2.4%
		May	↔ 0.4%	↑ 11.9%
		Jun	↓ -11.2%	↑ 13.0%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port Miami

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↘ 1.1%	↗ 23.2%
		Q4	↘ -5.8%	↘ 5.7%
		Q1	↘ 8.2%	↗ 16.3%
		Q2	↘ -4.3%	↘ -1.4%
	2016	Q3	↘ -3.2%	↘ -5.5%
		Q4	↘ 0.5%	↘ 0.7%
		Q1	↘ 2.8%	↘ -4.3%
		Q2	↘ -0.6%	↘ -0.6%
	2017	Q3	↘ -2.0%	↘ 0.6%
		Q4	↘ 6.0%	↘ 6.2%
		Q1	↘ -1.7%	↘ 1.6%
		Q2	↘ 1.9%	↘ 4.1%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↘ 0.5%	↘ 6.8%
		Q4	↘ -1.5%	↘ -0.8%

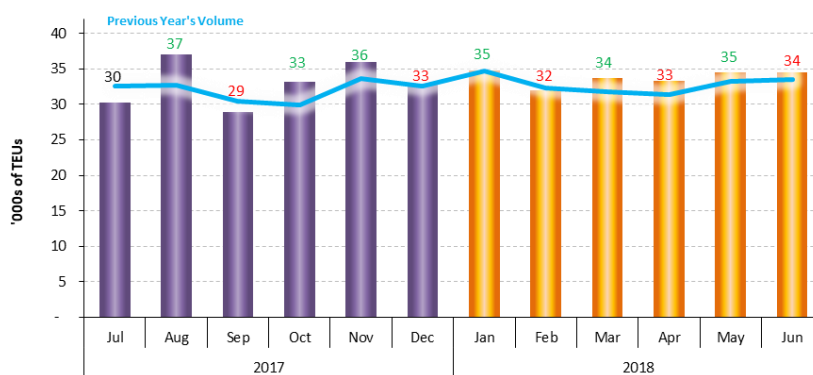
Headlines

- Imports decreased by 8.5 percent in December to 33,000 TEUs. The 3,000 TEU slide equates to a 1.1 percent gain over the same month of 2016.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 395,000 TEUs for a 0.4 percent increase over the 394,000 TEUs imported in 2016.
- The fourth quarter of 2017 posted a 6.2 percent year-on-year gain with 102,000 TEUs.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 114.2. This is 1.3 points higher than the 112.9 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 2.2 percent increase in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 2.7 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 2.8 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 2.9 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 407,000 TEUs, which would be a 2.8 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

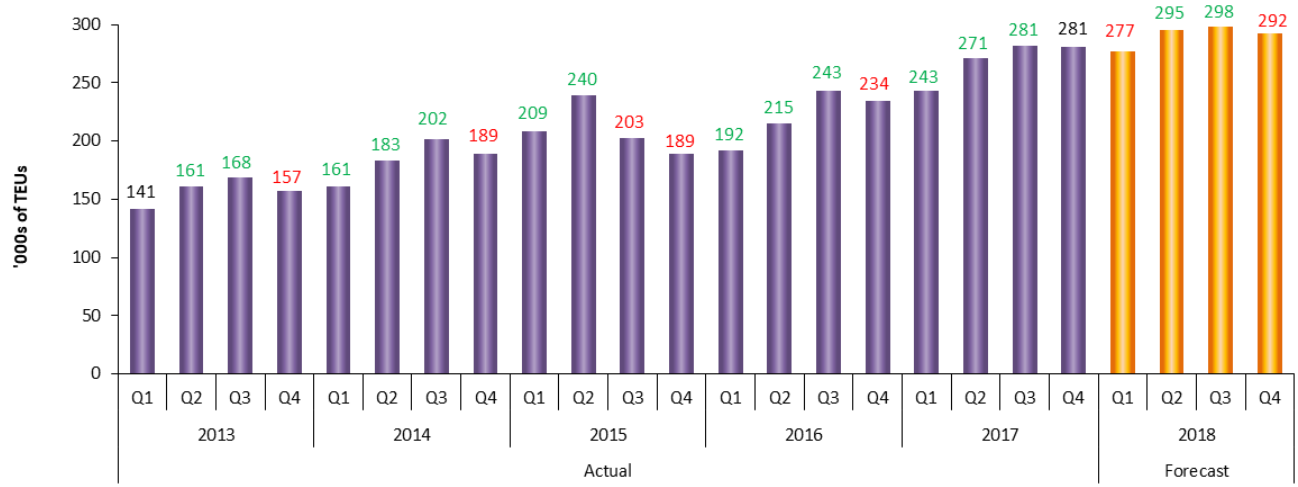
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↗ 12.2%	↗ 10.9%
		Dec	↘ -3.1%	↘ -1.6%
	2017	Jan	↘ 6.5%	↘ -0.8%
		Feb	↘ -6.7%	↘ -3.7%
		Mar	↘ -1.9%	↘ -8.4%
		Apr	↘ -1.1%	↘ 1.5%
		May	↘ 5.8%	↘ -2.5%
		Jun	↘ 1.1%	↘ -0.8%
		Jul	↘ -10.0%	↘ -7.3%
		Aug	↗ 22.8%	↗ 13.5%
		Sep	↘ -22.0%	↘ -4.8%
		Oct	↗ 14.5%	↗ 10.6%
Nov	↘ 8.7%	↘ 7.1%		
Dec	↘ -8.5%	↘ 1.1%		
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↘ 5.4%	↘ 0.1%
		Feb	↘ -8.0%	↘ -1.2%
		Mar	↘ 5.3%	↘ 6.0%
		Apr	↘ -1.1%	↘ 5.9%
		May	↘ 3.8%	↘ 3.9%
		Jun	↘ -0.2%	↘ 2.6%

Monthly Import Volumes



Port Houston

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015	Q3	↓ -15.4%	↔ 0.4%
		Q4	↘ -6.8%	↘ -0.1%
		Q1	↗ 1.8%	↘ -7.8%
		Q2	↗ 12.1%	↘ -10.1%
	2016	Q3	↗ 12.9%	↗ 20.1%
		Q4	↘ -3.8%	↗ 23.9%
		Q1	↗ 4.0%	↗ 26.5%
		Q2	↗ 11.4%	↗ 25.8%
	2017	Q3	↘ 3.8%	↗ 15.6%
		Q4	↘ -0.2%	↗ 20.0%
		Q1	↘ -1.3%	↗ 14.0%
		Q2	↗ 6.4%	↗ 8.9%
FORECAST	2018	Q3	↗ 0.9%	↗ 5.9%
		Q4	↘ -1.8%	↗ 4.1%

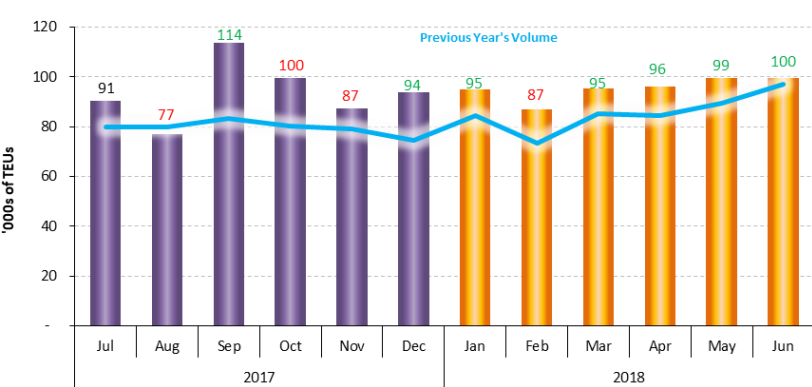
Headlines

- Imports increased by 7.4 percent in December to 94,000 TEUs. The 6,000 TEU gain equates to a 26.1 percent surge over the same month of 2016 and is a record high for the month of December.
- The loaded volume imported in 2017 totaled 1.08 million TEUs for a 21.6 percent increase over the 885,000 TEUs imported in 2016.
- The fourth quarter of 2017 posted a 20.0 percent year-on-year surge with 281,000 TEUs.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for December is 186.7. This is 38.6 points higher than the 148.1 that was recorded in the same month of 2016.
- The forecast projects a 1.8 percent increase in imports between January and June versus the past six months (July through December), compared to a 7.7 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 11.3 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 5.0 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.16 million TEUs, which would be an 8.0 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Nov	↘ -1.3%	↗ 39.8%
		Dec	↘ -6.2%	↗ 16.9%
	2017	Jan	↗ 13.7%	↗ 29.7%
		Feb	↘ -13.2%	↗ 14.0%
		Mar	↗ 16.1%	↗ 36.1%
		Apr	↘ -1.0%	↗ 12.0%
		May	↗ 6.0%	↗ 42.8%
		Jun	↗ 8.4%	↗ 25.4%
		Jul	↘ -6.7%	↗ 13.1%
		Aug	↘ -15.0%	↘ -3.7%
		Sep	↗ 48.0%	↗ 36.5%
		Oct	↘ -12.4%	↗ 24.1%
Nov	↘ -12.4%	↗ 10.1%		
Dec	↗ 7.4%	↗ 26.1%		
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↗ 1.2%	↗ 12.2%
		Feb	↘ -8.2%	↗ 18.7%
		Mar	↗ 9.3%	↗ 11.7%
		Apr	↗ 0.9%	↗ 13.8%
		May	↗ 3.5%	↗ 11.1%
		Jun	↗ 0.1%	↗ 2.5%

Monthly Import Volumes



Year to Date Totals

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

	West Coast	East Coast	All Ports (incl. Gulf)
2016	12,205,615	8,575,840	21,666,286
2017	13,103,848	9,244,914	23,424,794
Percent Change	7.4%	7.8%	8.1%

	LA&LB	Oakland	NW Seaport Alliance	Vancouver	Prince Rupert
2016	7,987,323	883,645	1,391,595	1,505,943	437,109
2017	8,579,277	919,442	1,380,653	1,696,189	528,287
Percent Change	7.4%	4.1%	-0.8%	12.6%	20.9%

	Montreal	NYNJ	Virginia	Charleston	Savannah
2016	656,771	3,202,690	1,174,895	883,336	1,670,871
2017	692,719	3,396,469	1,276,336	955,286	1,875,833
Percent Change	5.5%	6.1%	8.6%	8.1%	12.3%

	Jacksonville	Port Everglades	Port Miami	Port Houston
2016	252,488	340,877	393,912	884,831
2017	293,683	359,245	395,343	1,076,033
Percent Change	16.3%	5.4%	0.4%	21.6%

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	Jan	714,413	80,441	128,892	129,139	40,989	46,156	260,725
	Feb	548,734	64,106	102,697	126,759	29,789	53,857	262,875
	Mar	623,083	67,517	120,018	121,139	34,535	64,384	249,788
	Apr	660,248	74,991	110,821	136,935	43,819	59,661	278,868
	Jun	749,615	82,440	115,960	154,291	41,747	63,035	283,466
	Jun	707,600	80,253	115,788	135,290	51,834	58,347	295,221
	Jul	795,911	84,835	109,182	153,554	48,343	58,784	291,760
	Aug	788,194	77,985	119,529	145,523	49,949	56,783	320,848
	Sep	754,968	79,135	116,589	151,635	48,521	61,225	287,753
	Oct	722,398	76,706	109,983	139,049	48,688	59,373	305,729
	Nov	782,900	72,330	113,451	152,686	46,493	59,188	285,070
	Dec	731,213	78,703	117,743	150,189	43,581	51,926	274,366
2018	Jan	745,987	78,623	128,136	154,220	46,177	52,743	277,281
	Feb	720,603	77,955	126,756	151,540	45,231	51,063	253,167
	Mar	543,899	72,107	106,874	124,296	38,093	57,877	277,757
	Apr	698,236	80,618	113,490	141,491	48,149	59,897	280,575
	May	747,868	84,854	120,493	151,330	51,868	61,426	290,906
	Jun	753,225	85,327	121,219	152,564	52,237	61,660	292,062

		Virginia	Charleston	Savannah	Jacksonville	Port Everglades	Port Miami	Port Houston
2017	Jan	101,302	83,098	154,363	25,010	30,982	34,684	84,589
	Feb	96,921	73,855	148,374	23,838	31,474	32,361	73,389
	Mar	99,665	81,137	137,392	23,181	36,601	31,757	85,214
	Apr	101,114	82,897	149,258	22,111	32,163	31,403	84,399
	Jun	100,594	78,398	160,086	26,576	29,550	33,227	89,483
	Jun	103,006	81,307	154,738	23,932	25,972	33,578	97,042
	Jul	109,215	79,630	159,570	23,505	28,025	30,218	90,506
	Aug	113,188	78,083	164,496	26,765	27,798	37,107	76,889
	Sep	109,716	79,150	166,885	24,064	25,668	28,940	113,804
	Oct	125,075	80,728	188,369	23,618	26,918	33,122	99,641
	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	108,007	82,861	153,839	29,190	34,918	34,729	94,915
	Feb	98,672	77,369	141,812	26,519	33,063	31,963	87,103
	Mar	108,467	85,143	150,825	26,959	37,751	33,654	95,166
	Apr	107,191	82,343	155,636	26,898	32,935	33,267	96,041
	May	109,952	85,347	163,084	27,992	33,057	34,519	99,441
	Jun	110,383	85,659	163,967	28,033	29,353	34,466	99,513

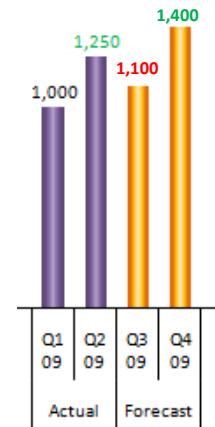
How to Read the Tables and Charts

The North American edition of the Global Port Tracker provides details on import volumes at 14 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.

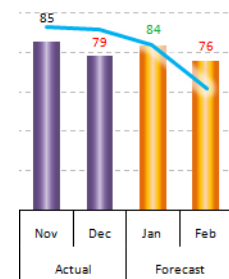
	Percent Change	
	vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
Q1	↓ -10.0%	↓ -10.0%
Q2	↘ -5.0%	↘ -5.0%
Q3	↗ 5.0%	↗ 5.0%
Q4	↑ 10.0%	↑ 10.0%

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 number 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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