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## Editorial:

### Strong Economy Despite a Yo-Yo Stock Market, But Imports Could Decline

We have entered 2019 with some good economic indicators: jobs, wages, gross domestic product and retail sales all saw strong growth during 2018. The stock market has defied all rationale behavior in recent weeks, dropping dramatically, then regrouping and then dropping some more, but that can be laid at the door of tweets that lambasted all and sundry rather than economic fundamentals.

Even though there were some good economic indicators, the latest manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index reading of 53.8 in December, down from 55.3 the previous month, pointed to the weakest pace of expansion in the manufacturing sector since September 2017. There have been record-high levels of imports over the past several months, primarily due to raised inventories ahead of expected tariff increases. But we are projecting declining volumes in the coming months and an overall weakness in imports for the first half of the year.

This is supported by weak manufacturing output in China and the rest of Asia, where exports are beginning to decrease in the face of U.S. tariffs. China recently reported the weakest manufacturing growth in more than two years and China's PMI for October was 50.2, just above recessionary levels. The Xi government has seen that the trade war is causing it more harm than expected. The PMI's drop adds to concerns that the world's second-largest economy will continue its slowdown in the coming months. China's GDP grew 6.5 percent year-over-year in the third quarter. That was nearly twice U.S. GDP growth but the weakest for China since the first quarter of 2009. China's growth rate for the year is expected to be closer to six percent.

Consumer debt continues to rise, perhaps in anticipation of higher prices due to tariffs. Any slowdown in the economy could be sharp as efforts are made to reduce debt, and that will hit imports. The big question, of course, is timing. The impact come in the next 18 months as we are already seeing weaker import volumes.

Carriers are doing their best to manage capacity in an effort to keep freight rates – and their income – up but the optimism they held in 2018 appears to be evaporating. New capacity has been delayed but shipyards will only agree to this for a limited time. Freight rates will suffer.

-Ben Hackett



# Executive Summary

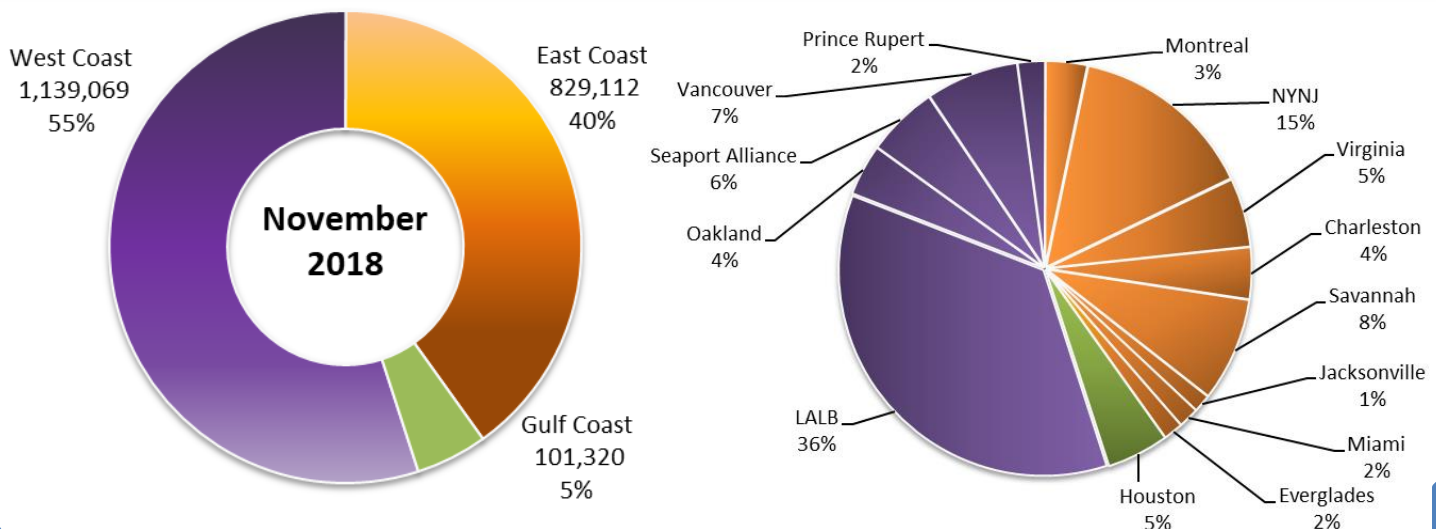
- The total volume of loaded imports at the tracked ports fell by 243,000 TEUs in November to 2.07 million TEUs. This represents a 10.5 percent decrease from October and a 2.4 percent year-on-year gain, and is a record high for the month of November. The forecast for loaded imports in 2018 is a 5.5 percent increase over 2017.
- The combined loaded import volume at the monitored West Coast ports decreased by 134,000 TEUs between October and November, which equates to a 10.6 percent drop. The total import volume was 1.14 million TEUs, which equates to a 2.5 percent decrease from the same month of last year. The Port of Oakland was the only location to experience an increase over October, although year-on-year growth was recorded at both Oakland and the Northwest Seaport Alliance. The forecast for loaded imports in 2018 is a 3.7 percent increase over 2017.
- The combined loaded import volume at the monitored East Coast ports fell by an estimated 101,000 TEUs between October and November, which equates to a 10.8 percent drop. The import volume of 829,000 TEUs is a record high for the month of November and equates to an 8.3 percent gain year-on-year. The loaded volume decreased at every port except Everglades. Every port posted year-on-year growth except Miami, with Montreal, Savannah, and Jacksonville experiencing double-digit percentage gains. The forecast for loaded imports in 2018 is a 7.4 percent increase over 2017.
- Loaded imports at Houston decreased by 6.7 percent in November (or 7,000 TEUs) to 101,000 TEUs for a 16.1 percent year-on-year jump.

**Change in Import Volume, November 2018 versus:**

		Oct-18	Nov-17
West Coast	LALB	↓ -12.6%	↘ -5.1%
	Oakland	↗ 1.2%	↑ 15.3%
	Seaport Alliance	↓ -13.3%	↗ 2.8%
	Vancouver	↘ -1.4%	↘ -0.7%
	Prince Rupert	↓ -15.4%	↘ -3.5%
<b>Coast Total</b>		↓ -10.6%	↘ -2.5%
East Coast	Montreal	↘ -1.4%	↑ 14.3%
	NYNJ	↓ -11.1%	↗ 5.9%
	Virginia	↓ -12.1%	↗ 1.4%
	Charleston	↘ -9.5%	↗ 9.9%
	Savannah	↓ -17.8%	↑ 17.3%
	Jacksonville*	↘ -0.1%	↑ 31.8%
	Everglades	↗ 9.7%	↗ 4.1%
	Miami	↘ -7.1%	↘ -7.0%
<b>Coast Total</b>		↓ -10.8%	↗ 8.3%
Gulf	Houston	↘ -6.7%	↑ 16.1%

\* forecast

- The North Europe edition of the Global Port Tracker reported that total container volumes across the six-port range increased by 89,000 TEUs or 2.4 percent in October with 3.82 million TEUs, for a 1.3 percent year-on-year gain. For loaded incoming volumes, the north range posted a 1.6 percent increase over September and was up 0.7 percent year-on-year, while loaded outgoing volumes were up 3.2 percent for a 2.0 percent gain year-on-year. Loaded imports to Europe posted a 5.9 percent decrease (for an 8.0 percent gain year-on-year) while total exports were up 9.7 percent (for a 3.2 percent gain year-on-year). The forecast for 2018 projects a 2.9 percent increase in loaded imports to the six-port range, while loaded exports are projected to increase by 2.5 percent.

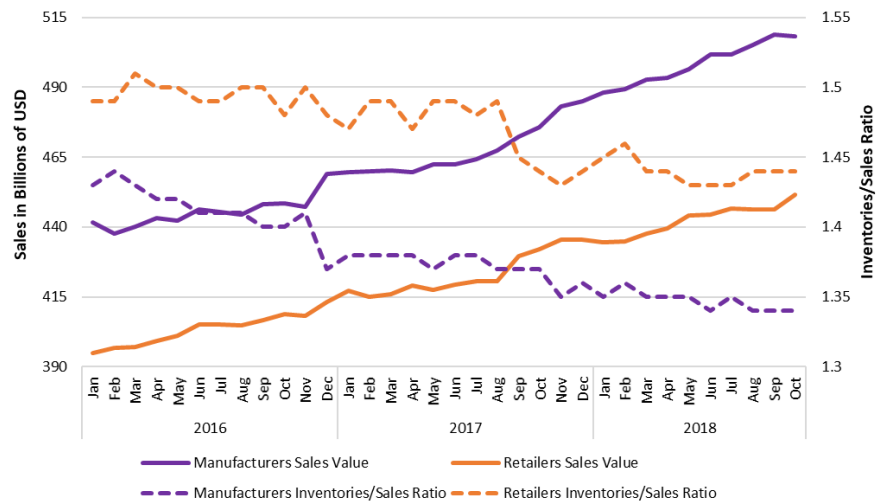


# Global Economic Overview

➤ The US Census Bureau reported that the seasonally adjusted value of sales by retailers was up 4.5 percent year-on-year in October, while the value of sales by manufactures was up 6.9 percent. The ratio of inventories to sales have trended down since 2016 with a reading of 1.44 for retailers and 1.34 for manufacturers, although the stocking up of distribution centers ahead of a potential increase in tariffs on imports from China that occurred in November and December may result in a bump in the ratio in the next data release.

➤ Alphaliner reported that the capacity of the idle fleet, as of December 24<sup>th</sup>, stood at 627,937 TEUs (up from 600,172 TEUs at around the same point of last month) spread across 205 vessels (versus 194 last month). A total of 13 vessels had a capacity of at least 7,500 TEUs (compared to 14 last month), all of which had a capacity of 12,500 TEU and greater. The idle fleet accounts for 2.8 per cent of the total available capacity, up from 2.7 percent last month.

**Retailers and Manufacturers Sales vs Inventories/Sales Ratio, 2016-2018**



Seasonally adjusted. Data Source: US Census Bureau: Economic Indicators Division

➤ In China, the National Bureau of Statistics reported that the Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index moved into contraction territory in December for the first time in more than two years. The reading dipped from 50.0 in November to 49.9.

## Communicate Now, Perfect the Tools Later by Dan Smith

There are far too many surprises in container shipping. The last quarter of 2018 was huge. Pre-tariff inventory buildup has stressed carriers, ports, truckers, chassis pools, and DC operators. We've seen a stream of "extra loaders", vessels inserted into a rotation to add short-term capacity. Extra loaders ease congestion at Asian ports by moving it to U.S. ports.

This unforeseen pressure has left everyone involved coping, instead of managing. We may or may not be able to manage what we can't measure, but we definitely can't manage what we don't even know about.

Terminal operators see vessels arriving off schedule and "random" truck arrivals, while truckers see *ad hoc* changes to terminal operations, cut off times, and empty return rules. Everyone involved, from hostler drivers to carrier CEOs, can turn in a good performance when given a chance to plan and execute, but things break down under feast-and famine volume fluctuations and pervasive uncertainty.

Appointment systems are becoming common, although there are a lot of growing pains. An appointment is an implicit contract between trucker and terminal to conduct a specific transaction at a specific time. That's a key starting point, allowing each party to plan more and cope less.

Port communications ports are coming, and ideally they should let everyone see what is happening, and what will happen, so everyone can plan on a common basis. Block chain is over-hyped; while it may secure the information we have, it will not make any new information available.

There are already plenty of communication tools out there. Websites, emails, texts, twitter, phones, and faxes may be awkward or downright archaic, but they work if used intelligently.

Surprises were fine on Christmas morning, but not under the crane or at the terminal gate. How much chaos are we willing to endure while we wait for the perfect communications tool? Better communication is not the answer to every problem but telling each other what we are trying to do and when *will* reduce the number of unwelcome surprises. Don't expect the other guys to turn their operations upside down for you, but give them a chance to plan for your needs as you plan for theirs.



# North America Economic Overview

- Alphaliner reported that 165 cellular containerships with a combined capacity of 1.30 million TEUs were delivered in 2018, while just 66 vessels with a capacity of 0.11 million TEUs were deleted. At the end of the year, the total cellular fleet stood at 22.32 million TEUs (up 5.7 percent year-on-year) spread across 5,284 vessels, with a further 2.75 million TEU (down 1.0 percent year-on-year) spread across 418 vessels on order.
- The US Manufacturing PMI reading from ISM decreased sharply in December as it fell by 5.2 percentage points from November, from 59.3 to 54.1. The New Orders index plunged, falling 11.0 percentage points to 51.1, while the Production index decreased by 6.3 points to 54.3. The Inventories sub-index declined at a slower pace, sliding 1.7 percentage points to 51.2.
- IHS Markit reported that Canada's Manufacturing PMI decreased to its lowest level since January 2017 as it slid from 54.9 in November to 53.6 in December, while in Mexico the Manufacturing PMI reading remained in contraction as the reading did not shift from last month's 49.7.
- The Association of American Railroads reported that intermodal traffic for the month of December totaled 1.10 million containers and trailers, an increase of 5.0 percent year-on-year. US intermodal volumes for all 52 weeks of 2018, through December 29th, are up 5.5 percent (unchanged from last month) with 14.47 million units. Year-to-date Canadian intermodal volumes through the same period are up 4.2 percent (versus 4.1 percent last month) with 3.59 million units, while Mexico's total reached 936,000 units.

Growth of Global Containership Fleet Capacity, 2010 - 2019

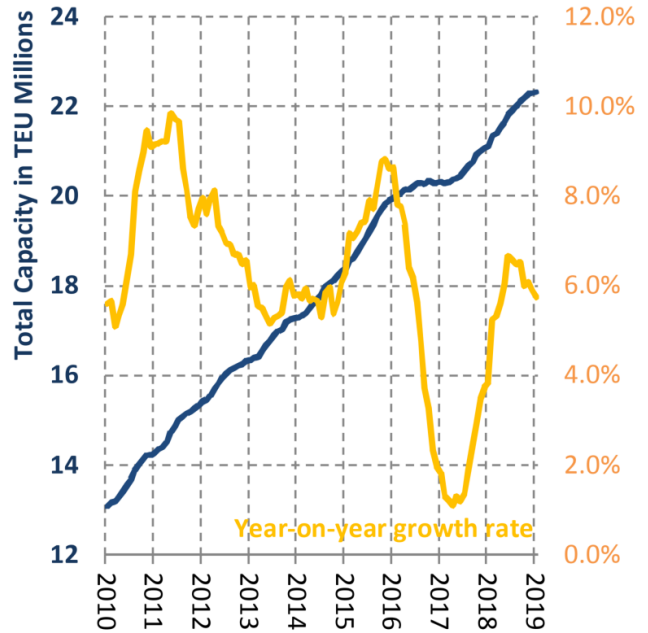
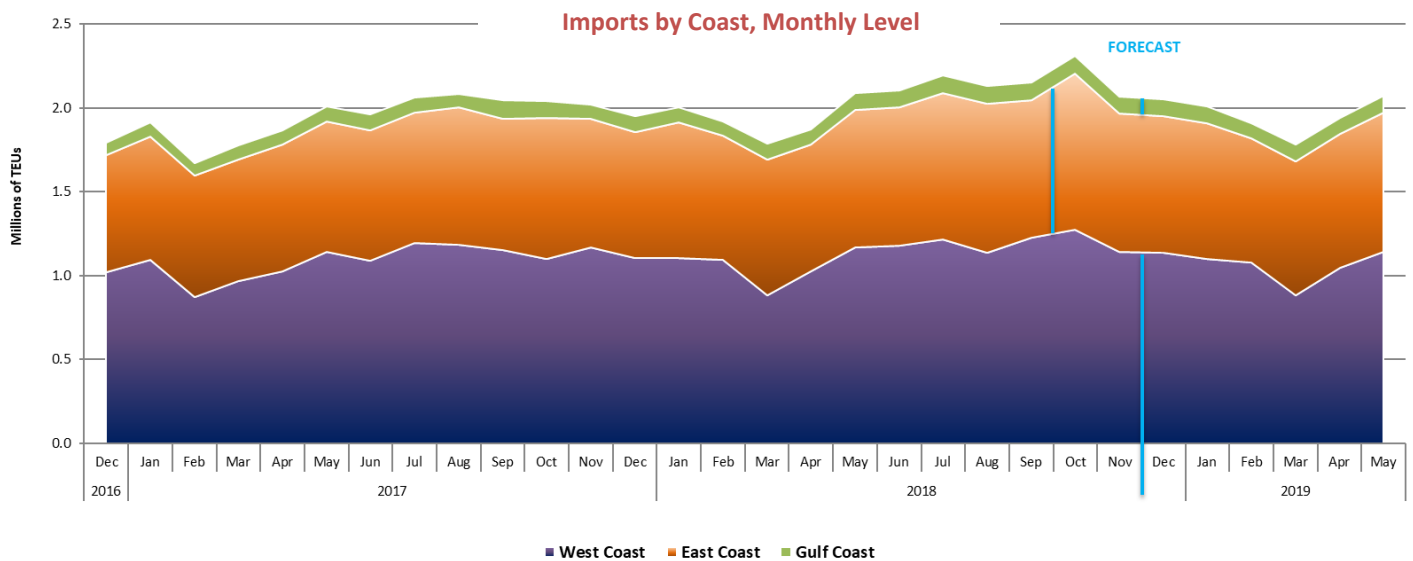


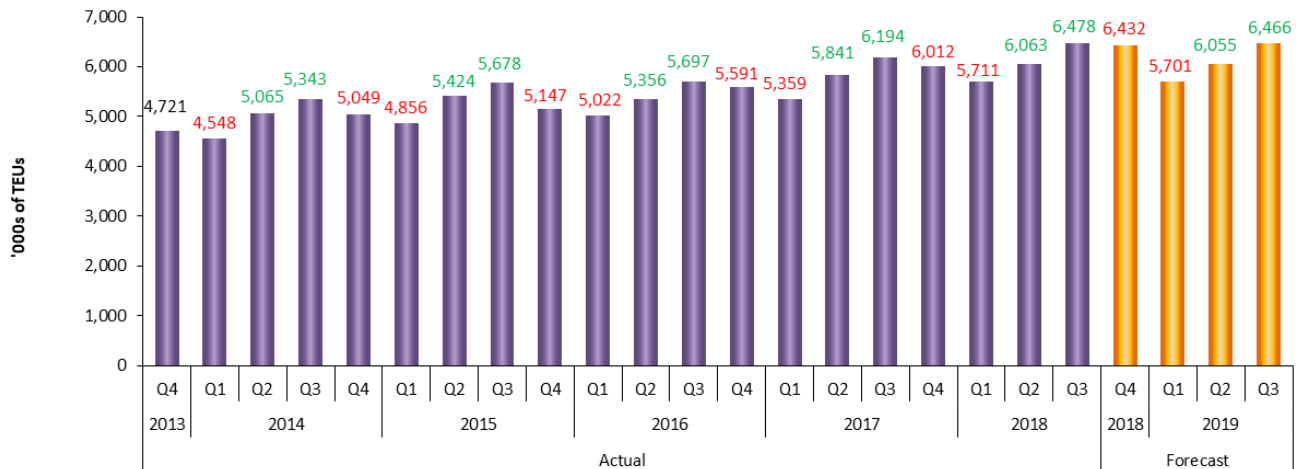
Chart courtesy of Alphaliner

- The Michigan Index of US Consumer Sentiment increased in December as it gained 0.8 percent over November's reading of 97.5 to reach 98.3. This is up 2.5 percent year-on-year. The Index of Consumer Expectations declined with a 1.2 percent dip month-on-month for a 3.2 percent increase year-on-year. The Ipsos Consumer Confidence Index for December reported a reading of 62.1 in the US (down from 62.7 last month and up from 60.5 a year ago); 54.6 in Canada (down from 56.2 last month and 54.9 year-on-year); and 52.4 in Mexico (up from 50.0 last month and up from 45.9 one year ago).



# 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	↘ -0.7%	↗ 7.0%
		Q1	↘ -11.4%	↘ -0.2%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 6.2%	↘ -0.1%
		Q3	↗ 6.8%	↘ -0.2%

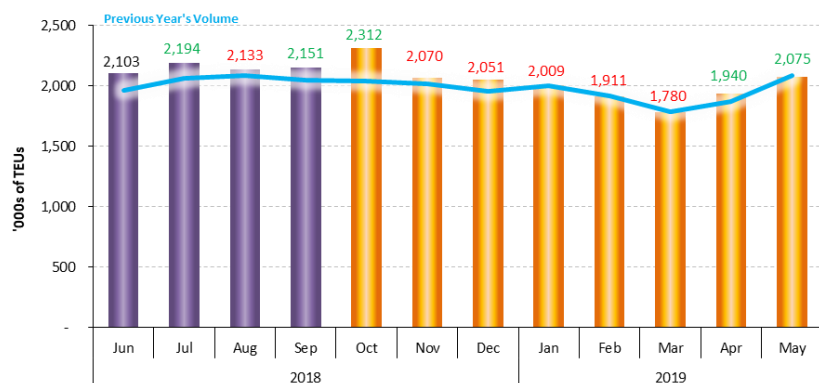
## Headlines

- Imports to the ports tracked by the North American edition of the Global Port Tracker decreased by an estimated 10.5 percent in November (Jacksonville had not released data in time for publication). The 243,000 TEU drop to 2.07 million TEUs equates to a 2.4 percent gain over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of November.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 135.7. This is 3.2 points higher than the 132.5 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 22.63 million TEUs for a 5.5 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from a 5.8 percent gain last month).
- The forecast projects a 9.2 percent decrease in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 4.9 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 5.8 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 12.91 million TEUs. The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.2 percent from the equivalent period of 2018, with 11.76 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 24.69 million TEUs, which would be a 5.5 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

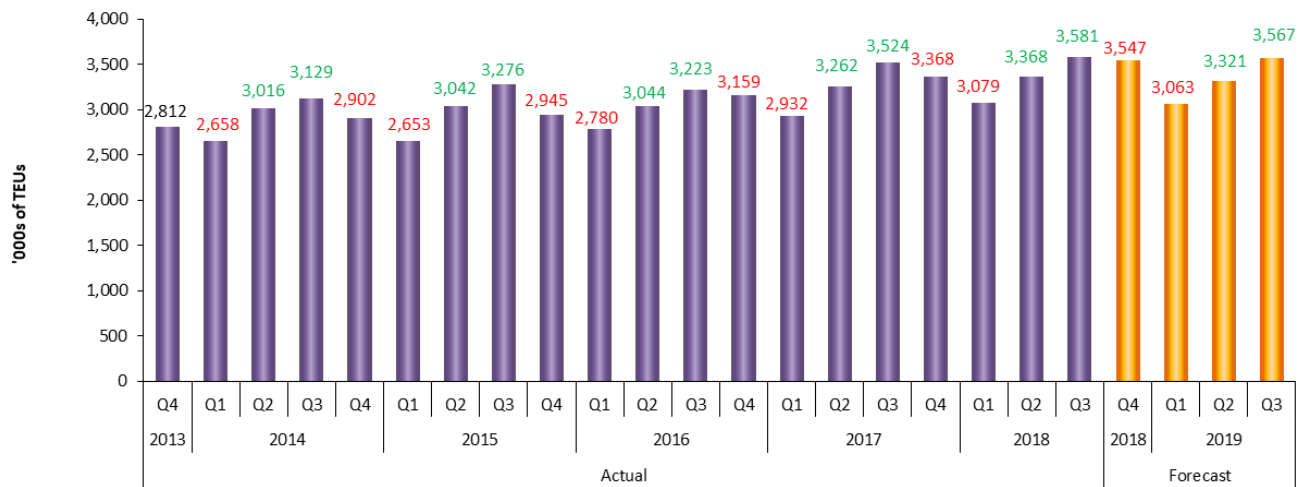
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Oct	↘ -0.4%	↗ 6.7%
		Nov	↘ -0.9%	↗ 7.2%
		Dec	↘ -3.4%	↗ 8.8%
	2018	Jan	↗ 2.7%	↗ 4.7%
		Feb	↘ -4.2%	↗ 15.0%
		Mar	↘ -6.9%	↗ 0.7%
		Apr	↗ 4.7%	↗ 0.2%
		May	↗ 11.6%	↗ 4.0%
		Jun	↗ 0.7%	↗ 7.1%
		Jul	↗ 4.3%	↗ 6.3%
		Aug	↘ -2.8%	↗ 2.4%
		Sep	↗ 0.9%	↗ 5.0%
FORECAST	2018	Oct	↗ 7.5%	↗ 13.4%
		Nov	↘ -10.5%	↗ 2.4%
		Dec	↘ -0.9%	↗ 5.1%
	2019	Jan	↘ -2.0%	↗ 0.2%
		Feb	↘ -4.9%	↘ -0.4%

## Monthly Import Volumes



# West Coast Port Activity

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

	Quarter	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016 Q2	↗ 9.5%	↗ 0.1%
	2016 Q3	↘ 5.9%	↘ -1.6%
	2016 Q4	↘ -2.0%	↗ 7.2%
	2017 Q1	↘ -7.2%	↗ 5.5%
ACTUAL	2017 Q2	↗ 11.2%	↗ 7.1%
	2017 Q3	↘ 8.0%	↗ 9.3%
	2017 Q4	↘ -4.4%	↗ 6.6%
ACTUAL	2018 Q1	↘ -8.6%	↗ 5.0%
	2018 Q2	↗ 9.4%	↗ 3.3%
	2018 Q3	↗ 6.3%	↗ 1.6%
FORECAST	2018 Q4	↘ -0.9%	↗ 5.3%
	2019 Q1	↘ -13.7%	↘ -0.5%
	2019 Q2	↗ 8.4%	↘ -1.4%
	2019 Q3	↗ 7.4%	↘ -0.4%

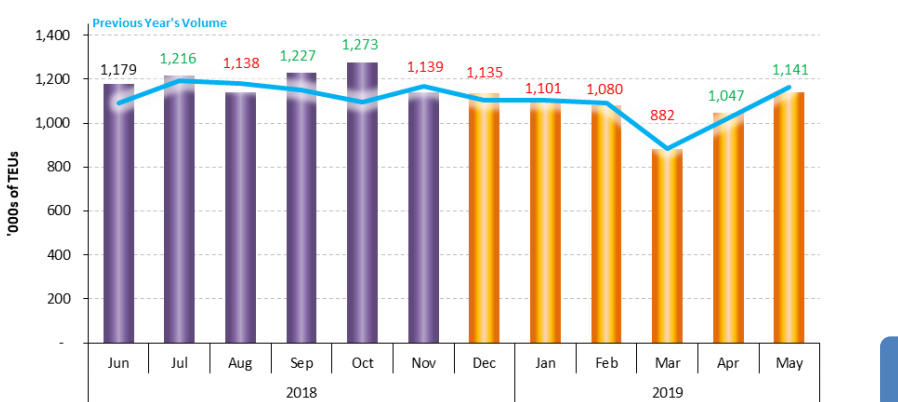
## Headlines

- Imports decreased by 10.6 percent in November to 1.14 million TEUs. The 134,000 TEU fall equates to a 2.5 percent slide from the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 124.8. This is 3.1 points lower than the 127.9 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 12.44 million TEUs for a 3.8 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 4.5 percent gain).
- The forecast projects an 11.0 percent decrease in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 7.4 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 3.4 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 7.13 million TEUs. The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.0 percent versus the equivalent period of 2018, with 6.38 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 13.58 million TEUs, which would be a 3.7 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

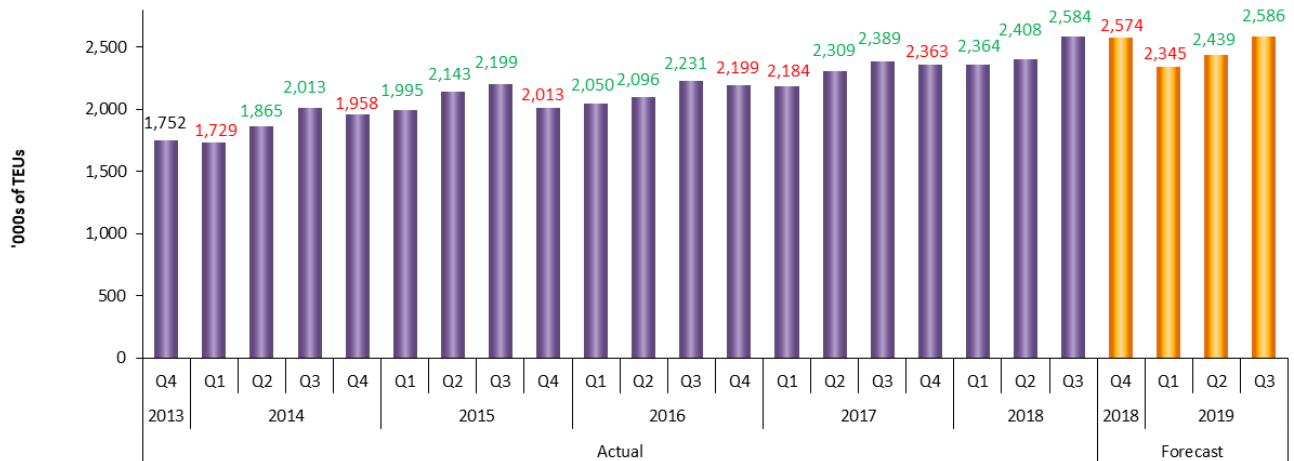
	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Oct	↘ -4.7%	↗ 2.6%
	2017 Nov	↗ 6.5%	↗ 9.1%
	2017 Dec	↘ -5.6%	↗ 8.2%
	2018 Jan	↗ 0.2%	↗ 1.0%
	2018 Feb	↘ -1.2%	↗ 25.2%
	2018 Mar	↘ -19.2%	↘ -8.7%
	2018 Apr	↗ 16.0%	↘ -0.3%
	2018 May	↗ 13.8%	↗ 1.9%
	2018 Jun	↗ 1.1%	↗ 8.1%
	2018 Jul	↗ 3.1%	↗ 2.0%
	2018 Aug	↘ -6.3%	↘ -3.6%
	2018 Sep	↗ 7.8%	↗ 6.6%
ACTUAL	2018 Oct	↗ 3.8%	↗ 16.1%
	2018 Nov	↘ -10.6%	↘ -2.5%
	2018 Dec	↘ -0.4%	↗ 2.9%
	2019 Jan	↘ -3.0%	↘ -0.3%
	2019 Feb	↘ -1.9%	↘ -1.1%
FORECAST	2019 Mar	↘ -18.4%	↘ -0.1%
	2019 Apr	↗ 18.7%	↗ 2.2%
	2019 May	↗ 9.0%	↘ -2.1%

## Monthly Import Volumes



# East Coast Port Activity

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↔ 2.2%	↘ -2.2%
		Q3	↗ 6.4%	↗ 1.4%
		Q4	↘ -1.4%	↗ 9.2%
		Q1	↘ -0.7%	↗ 6.5%
	2017	Q2	↗ 5.7%	↗ 10.1%
		Q3	↗ 3.5%	↗ 7.1%
		Q4	↘ -1.1%	↗ 7.5%
		Q1	↔ 0.0%	↗ 8.3%
	2018	Q2	↗ 1.8%	↗ 4.3%
		Q3	↗ 7.3%	↗ 8.1%
		Q4	↘ -0.4%	↗ 8.9%
	FORECAST	2019	Q1	↘ -8.9%
Q2			↗ 4.0%	↗ 1.3%
Q3			↗ 6.0%	↗ 0.1%

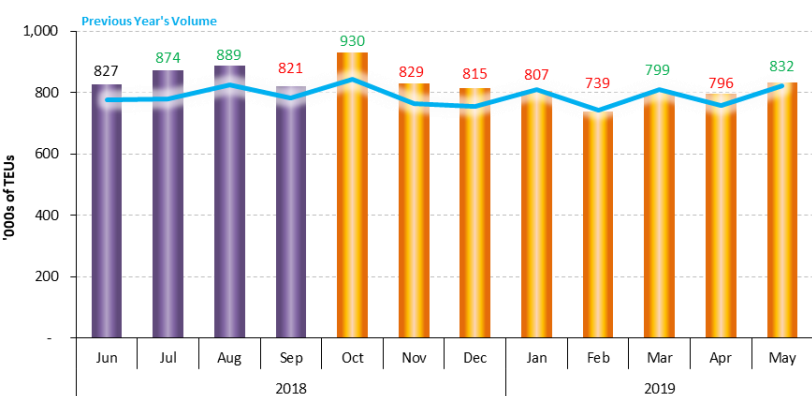
## Headlines

- Imports are projected to have decreased by 10.8 percent in November to 829,000 TEUs (the Port of Jacksonville has not reported October or November statistics at the time of publication). The 101,000 TEU drop would equate to an 8.3 percent gain over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of November.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 147.7. This is 11.4 points higher than the 136.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 9.11 million TEUs for a 7.4 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 7.3 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 7.4 percent decrease in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 1.5 percent decline between the same two periods of last year.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 8.5 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 5.16 million TEUs.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 0.3 percent versus the equivalent period of 2018, with 4.78 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 9.93 million TEUs, which would be a 7.4 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Oct	↗ 7.6%	↗ 10.6%
		Nov	↘ -9.2%	↗ 4.0%
		Dec	↘ -1.3%	↗ 7.8%
	2018	Jan	↗ 7.2%	↗ 10.0%
		Feb	↘ -8.2%	↗ 2.7%
		Mar	↗ 9.1%	↗ 12.0%
		Apr	↘ -6.5%	↗ 0.2%
		May	↗ 8.4%	↗ 6.1%
		Jun	↗ 0.5%	↗ 6.5%
		Jul	↗ 5.7%	↗ 11.9%
		Aug	↗ 1.7%	↗ 7.7%
		Sep	↘ -7.6%	↗ 4.8%
FORECAST	2018	Oct	↗ 13.2%	↗ 10.3%
		Nov	↘ -10.8%	↗ 8.3%
		Dec	↘ -1.7%	↗ 8.0%
	2019	Jan	↘ -1.0%	↘ -0.4%
		Feb	↘ -8.4%	↘ -0.6%
		Mar	↗ 8.0%	↘ -1.5%
Apr	↘ -0.3%	↗ 4.9%		
May	↗ 4.5%	↗ 1.2%		

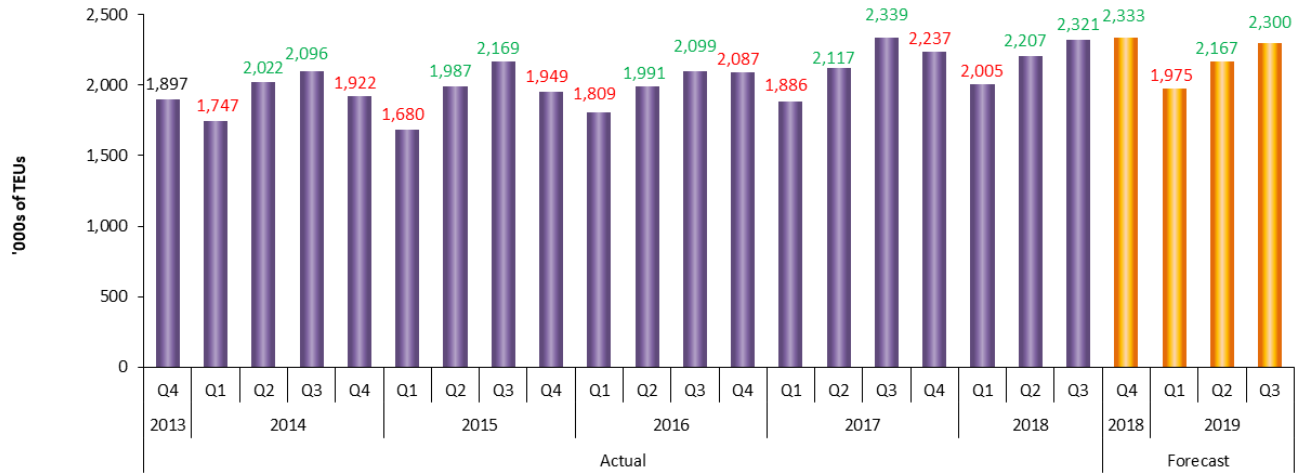
## Monthly Import Volumes





# 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%	
		Q4	↓ -4.4%	↔ 7.1%	
	2018	Q1	↓ -10.3%	↔ 6.3%	
		Q2	↑ 10.1%	↔ 4.2%	
		Q3	↔ 5.2%	↓ -0.8%	
	FORECAST	2018	Q4	↔ 0.5%	↔ 4.3%
		2019	Q1	↓ -15.3%	↓ -1.5%
Q2			↔ 9.7%	↓ -1.8%	
		Q3	↔ 6.1%	↓ -0.9%	

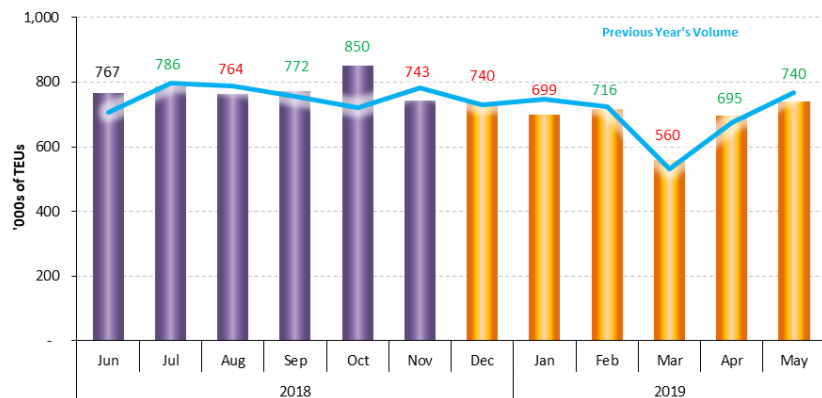
## Headlines

- Imports dropped by 12.6 percent in November to 743,000 TEUs. The 107,000 TEU fall equates to a 5.1 percent decrease from the same month of 2017.
- Imports at the Port of Los Angeles dropped by 13.0 percent from October, while the volume at the Port of Long Beach decreased by 12.1 percent. In terms of year-on-year change, the two ports experienced an 8.8 percent slide and a 0.2 percent increase respectively.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 124.6. This is 6.7 points lower than the 131.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 8.13 million TEUs for a 3.5 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 4.5 percent gain).
- The forecast projects an 11.3 percent slide in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to an 8.2 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 1.7 percent while the first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.7 percent versus the equivalent period of 2018. The forecast volume for 2018 is 8.87 million TEUs, which would be a 3.3 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

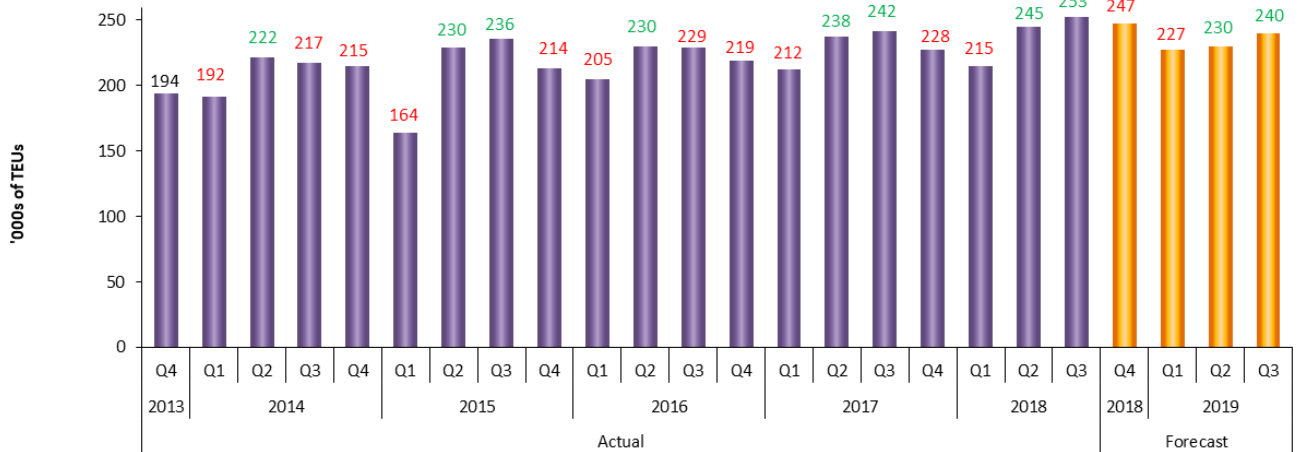
	Year	Month	Percent Change		
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Oct	↔ -4.3%	↔ 1.2%	
		Nov	↔ 8.4%	↑ 10.6%	
		Dec	↔ -6.6%	↔ 9.8%	
	2018	Jan	↔ 2.2%	↔ 4.6%	
		Feb	↓ -3.0%	↑ 32.2%	
		Mar	↓ -26.6%	↓ -14.6%	
		Apr	↑ 26.5%	↔ 2.0%	
		May	↑ 13.8%	↔ 2.3%	
		2018	Jun	↔ 0.1%	↔ 8.4%
		Jul	↔ 2.5%	↓ -1.3%	
		Aug	↔ -2.8%	↓ -3.1%	
		Sep	↔ 1.0%	↔ 2.2%	
Oct		↑ 10.2%	↑ 17.7%		
Nov		↓ -12.6%	↔ -5.1%		
2018		Dec	↔ -0.3%	↔ 1.2%	
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↔ -5.6%	↔ -6.5%	
		Feb	↔ 2.5%	↔ -1.3%	
	2019	Mar	↓ -21.8%	↔ 5.2%	
		Apr	↑ 24.1%	↔ 3.2%	
		May	↔ 6.4%	↓ -3.5%	

## 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%
	2018 Q4	↘ -2.1%	↗ 8.6%
	FORECAST	2019 Q1	↘ -8.1%
2019 Q2		↗ 1.0%	↘ -6.2%
2019 Q3		↗ 4.6%	↘ -4.9%

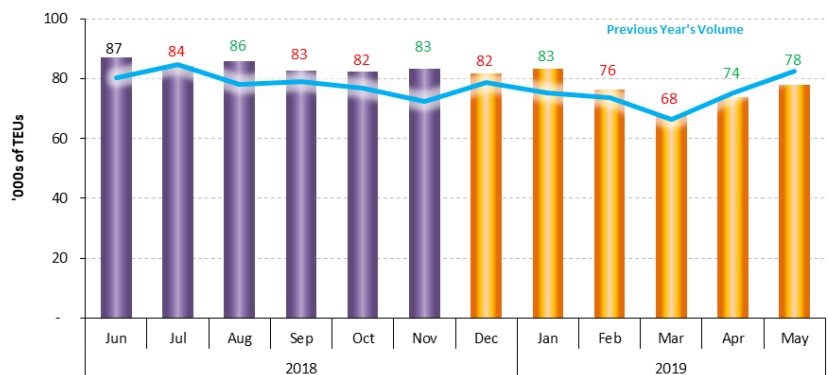
## Headlines

- Imports increased by 1.2 percent in November to 83,000 TEUs. The less than 1,000 TEU gain is up 15.3 percent over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of November.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 126.3. This is 16.7 points higher than the 109.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 878,000 TEUs for a 4.5 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 3.5 percent increase).
- The forecast projects an 8.9 percent decrease in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 4.2 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 increase by 6.4 percent (to 500,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.6 percent (to 457,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 960,000 TEUs, which would be a 4.4 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

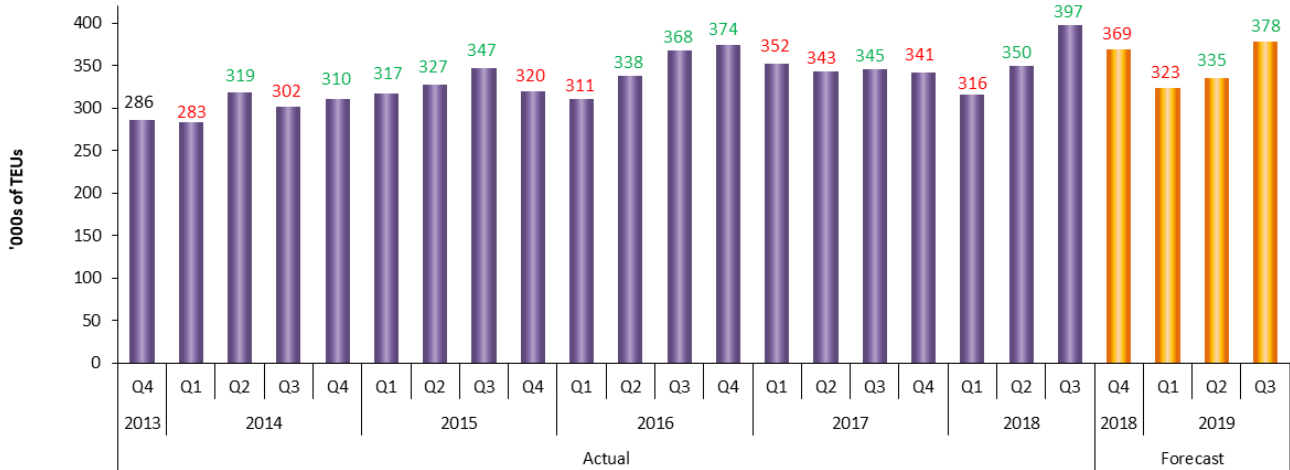
	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Oct	↘ -3.1%	↗ 6.4%
	2017 Nov	↘ -5.7%	↘ -1.6%
	2017 Dec	↗ 8.8%	↗ 6.4%
	2018 Jan	↘ -4.5%	↘ -6.6%
	2018 Feb	↘ -2.0%	↑ 14.9%
	2018 Mar	↘ -10.0%	↘ -1.8%
	2018 Apr	↑ 13.7%	↗ 0.5%
	2018 May	↗ 9.4%	↔ 0.0%
	2018 Jun	↗ 5.8%	↗ 8.7%
	2018 Jul	↘ -3.3%	↘ -0.6%
	2018 Aug	↗ 1.7%	↗ 9.9%
	2018 Sep	↘ -3.6%	↗ 4.4%
2018 Oct	↘ -0.2%	↗ 7.4%	
2018 Nov	↗ 1.2%	↑ 15.3%	
2018 Dec	↘ -2.1%	↗ 3.7%	
FORECAST	2019 Jan	↗ 1.9%	↑ 10.7%
	2019 Feb	↘ -8.1%	↗ 3.8%
	2019 Mar	↘ -11.3%	↗ 2.3%
	2019 Apr	↗ 9.0%	↘ -1.9%
	2019 May	↗ 5.2%	↘ -5.7%

## Monthly Import Volumes



# NW Seaport Alliance (Tacoma & Seattle)

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

	Year	Q	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 8.7%	↗ 3.3%
		Q3	↗ 8.8%	↗ 6.1%
		Q4	↗ 1.8%	↗ 17.2%
		Q1	↘ -6.1%	↗ 13.1%
	2017	Q2	↘ -2.6%	↘ 1.3%
		Q3	↘ 0.8%	↘ -6.2%
		Q4	↘ -1.2%	↘ -8.9%
		Q1	↘ -7.5%	↘ -10.2%
	2018	Q2	↗ 10.9%	↗ 2.2%
		Q3	↗ 13.4%	↗ 15.0%
		Q4	↘ -7.2%	↘ 8.0%
		Q1	↘ -12.4%	↘ 2.3%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 3.7%	↘ -4.3%
		Q3	↗ 12.8%	↘ -4.8%

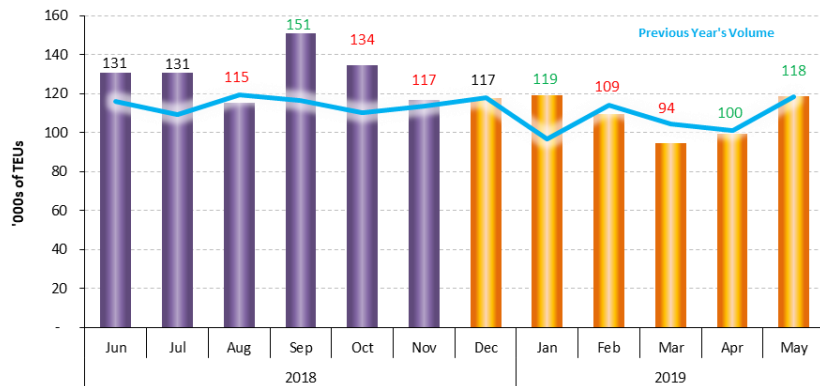
## Headlines

- Imports decreased by 13.3 percent in November to 117,000 TEUs. The 18,000 TEU drop equates to a 2.8 percent gain over the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 104.0. This is 2.8 points higher than the 101.2 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 1.31 million TEUs for a 4.0 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 4.2 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 15.4 percent drop in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 4.6 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 11.5 percent (to 766,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.2 percent (to 658,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.43 million TEUs, which would be a 3.7 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

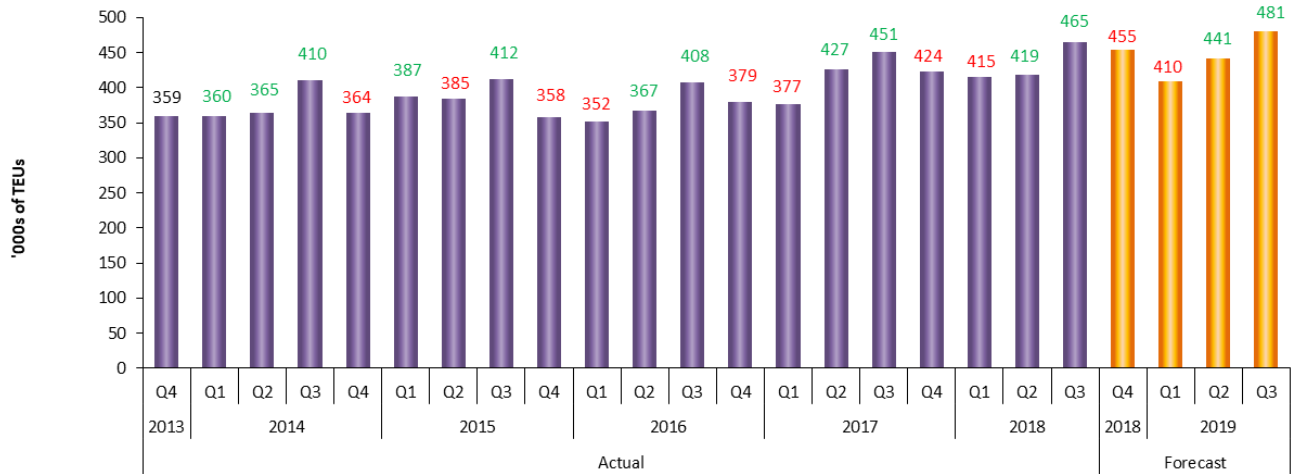
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Oct	↘ -5.7%	↘ -6.5%
		Nov	↗ 3.2%	↘ -14.8%
		Dec	↗ 3.8%	↘ -4.7%
	2018	Jan	↘ -17.8%	↘ -24.9%
		Feb	↗ 17.9%	↗ 11.2%
		Mar	↘ -8.5%	↘ -12.9%
		Apr	↘ -3.3%	↘ -8.8%
		May	↗ 17.2%	↗ 2.1%
		Jun	↗ 10.3%	↗ 12.8%
		Jul	↗ 0.1%	↗ 19.8%
		Aug	↘ -11.8%	↘ -3.5%
		Sep	↗ 30.9%	↗ 29.4%
Oct		↘ -10.9%	↗ 22.3%	
Nov		↘ -13.3%	↗ 2.8%	
2018		Dec	↗ 0.7%	↘ -0.2%
FORECAST	2019	Jan	↗ 1.5%	↗ 23.1%
		Feb	↘ -8.3%	↘ -4.3%
		Mar	↘ -13.6%	↘ -9.6%
		Apr	↗ 5.5%	↘ -1.4%
		May	↗ 18.9%	↗ 0.0%

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Port of Vancouver

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↘ 4.1%	↘ -4.7%
		Q3	↗ 11.1%	↘ -1.2%
		Q4	↘ -6.9%	↗ 6.0%
		Q1	↘ -0.6%	↗ 7.0%
	2017	Q2	↗ 13.1%	↗ 16.3%
		Q3	↘ 5.7%	↗ 10.6%
		Q4	↘ -6.0%	↗ 11.6%
		Q1	↘ -1.9%	↗ 10.2%
	2018	Q2	↗ 0.7%	↘ -1.9%
		Q3	↗ 11.2%	↗ 3.3%
		Q4	↘ -2.3%	↗ 7.4%
	FORECAST	2019	Q1	↘ -9.8%
Q2			↗ 7.6%	↗ 5.4%
Q3			↗ 9.1%	↗ 3.3%

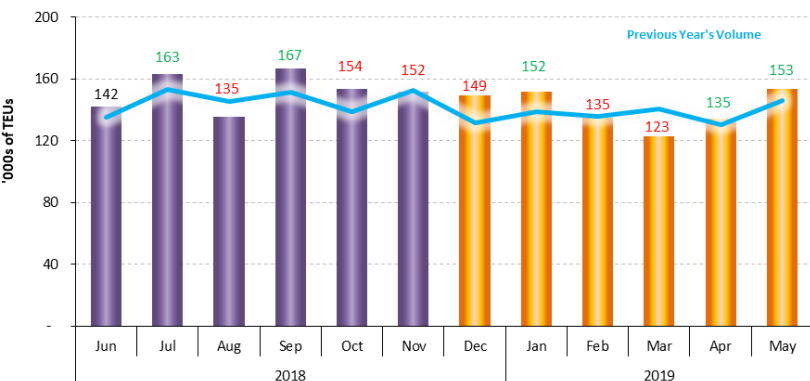
## Headlines

- Imports decreased by 1.4 percent in November to 152,000 TEUs. The 2,000 TEU slide equates to a 0.7 percent decrease from the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 134.8. This is 1.0 points lower than the 135.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 1.60 million TEUs for a 3.8 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 4.3 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 7.2 percent decrease in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 6.2 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 5.3 percent (to 920,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 2.1 percent (to 851,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.75 million TEUs, which would be a 4.6 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

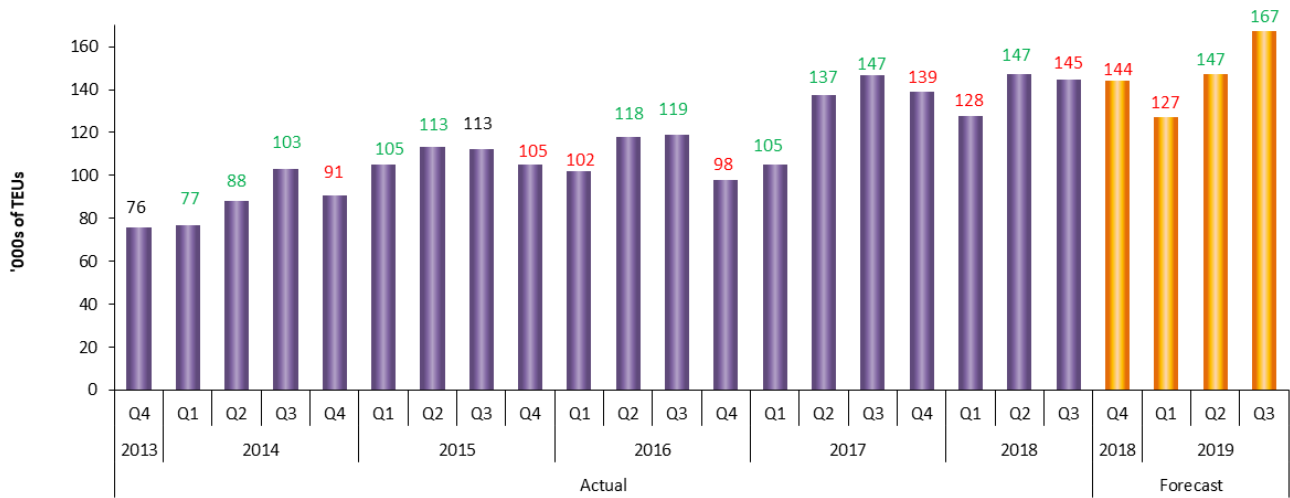
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Oct	↘ -8.3%	↘ 6.1%
		Nov	↗ 9.8%	↗ 19.1%
		Dec	↘ -13.7%	↘ 9.7%
	2018	Jan	↗ 5.4%	↗ 7.6%
		Feb	↘ -2.3%	↗ 7.2%
		Mar	↗ 3.5%	↗ 16.1%
		Apr	↘ -7.3%	↘ -4.8%
		May	↗ 12.1%	↘ -5.4%
		Jun	↘ -2.6%	↗ 5.1%
		Jul	↗ 15.0%	↗ 6.5%
		Aug	↘ -17.2%	↘ -7.0%
		Sep	↗ 23.0%	↗ 9.9%
Oct		↘ -7.7%	↗ 10.5%	
Nov		↘ -1.4%	↘ -0.7%	
2018		Dec	↘ -1.4%	↗ 13.4%
FORECAST	2019	Jan	↗ 1.5%	↗ 9.1%
		Feb	↘ -10.9%	↘ -0.5%
		Mar	↘ -8.9%	↘ -12.4%
		Apr	↗ 9.3%	↗ 3.3%
		May	↗ 13.9%	↗ 5.0%

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Port of Prince Rupert

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change		
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↑ 15.8%	↔ 4.4%	
		Q3	↔ 0.8%	↔ 5.8%	
		Q4	↓ -17.8%	↔ -6.8%	
	2017	Q1	↔ 7.6%	↔ 3.2%	
		Q2	↑ 30.5%	↑ 16.3%	
		Q3	↔ 6.9%	↑ 23.3%	
		Q4	↔ -5.5%	↑ 41.8%	
	2018	Q1	↔ -8.1%	↑ 21.1%	
		Q2	↑ 15.3%	↔ 7.0%	
		Q3	↔ -1.6%	↔ -1.4%	
	FORECAST	2018	Q4	↔ -0.4%	↔ 3.9%
			Q1	↓ -11.7%	↔ -0.3%
2019		Q2	↑ 15.9%	↔ 0.3%	
		Q3	↑ 13.6%	↑ 15.7%	

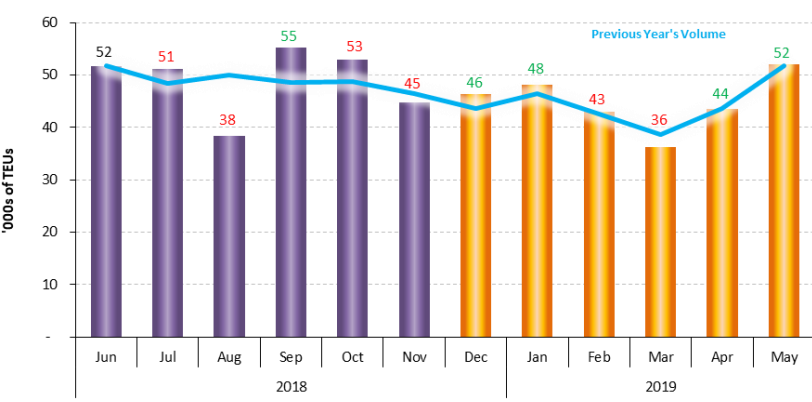
## Headlines

- Imports fell by 15.4 percent in November to 45,000 TEUs. The 8,000 TEUs decrease equates to a 3.5 percent slide from the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 169.2. This is 6.2 points lower than the 175.4 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 517,000 TEUs for a 6.7 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 7.8 percent gain).
- The forecast projects an 8.5 percent decrease in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 9.3 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 1.1 percent (to 289,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to remain level (at 275,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 563,000 TEUs, which would be a 6.7 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Oct	↔ 0.3%	↑ 42.1%
		Nov	↔ -4.5%	↑ 68.5%
		Dec	↔ -6.3%	↑ 21.0%
	2018	Jan	↔ 6.4%	↑ 13.1%
		Feb	↔ -8.3%	↑ 42.8%
		Mar	↔ -9.1%	↑ 11.9%
		Apr	↑ 12.9%	↔ -0.4%
		May	↑ 18.6%	↑ 24.0%
		Jun	↔ -0.3%	↔ -0.4%
		Jul	↔ -1.0%	↔ 5.7%
		Aug	↔ -24.9%	↔ -23.2%
		Sep	↑ 44.1%	↑ 13.9%
Oct		↔ -4.2%	↔ 8.8%	
Nov		↔ -15.4%	↔ -3.5%	
FORECAST		2018	Dec	↔ 3.3%
	Jan		↔ 3.8%	↔ 3.7%
	2019	Feb	↔ -10.6%	↔ 1.0%
		Mar	↔ -15.8%	↔ -6.4%
		Apr	↑ 20.5%	↔ -0.2%
May	↑ 19.4%	↔ 0.6%		

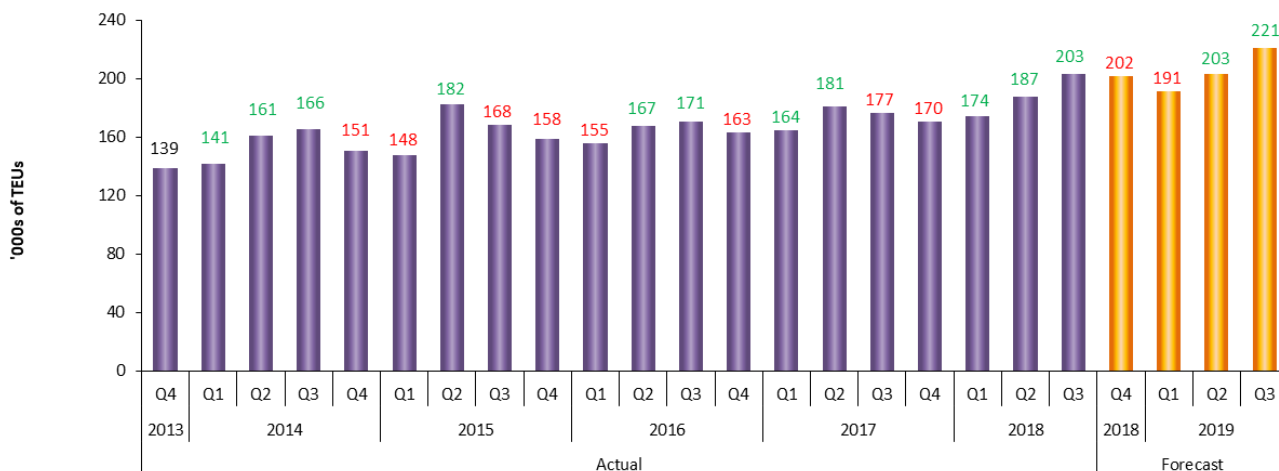
## Monthly Import Volumes





# Port of Montreal

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change		
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 7.7%	↘ -8.1%	
		Q3	↗ 1.9%	↗ 1.3%	
		Q4	↘ -4.2%	↗ 3.2%	
	2017	Q1	↔ 0.6%	↗ 5.8%	
		Q2	↗ 10.1%	↗ 8.2%	
		Q3	↘ -2.3%	↘ 3.6%	
	2018	Q4	↘ -3.6%	↗ 4.3%	
		Q1	↗ 2.1%	↗ 5.9%	
		Q2	↗ 7.6%	↘ 3.4%	
	FORECAST	2019	Q3	↗ 8.3%	↗ 14.7%
			Q4	↘ -0.4%	↗ 18.4%
			Q1	↘ -5.2%	↗ 10.0%
2019	Q2	↗ 6.2%	↗ 8.6%		
	Q3	↗ 8.7%	↗ 8.9%		

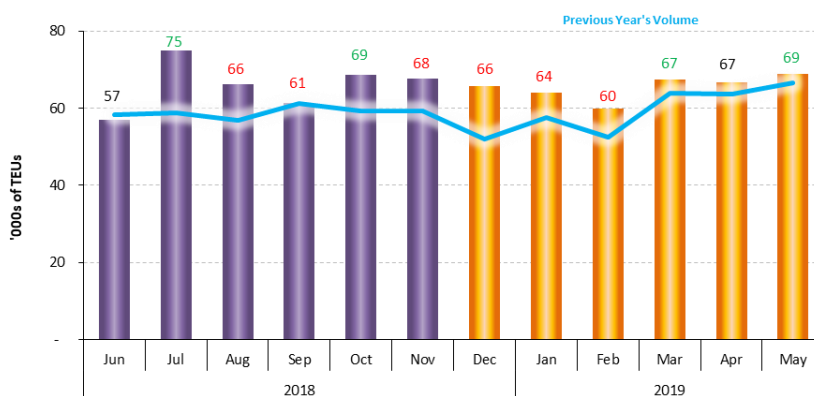
## Headlines

- Imports decreased by 1.4 percent in November to 68,000 TEUs. The less than 1,000 TEU slide equates to a 14.3 percent jump over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of November.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 139.1. This is 17.3 points higher than the 121.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 700,000 TEUs for an 9.3 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 8.8 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 0.8 percent dip in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 0.7 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 surge by 16.5 percent (to 405,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017. The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 9.3 percent (to 395,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 766,000 TEUs, which would be a 10.6 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

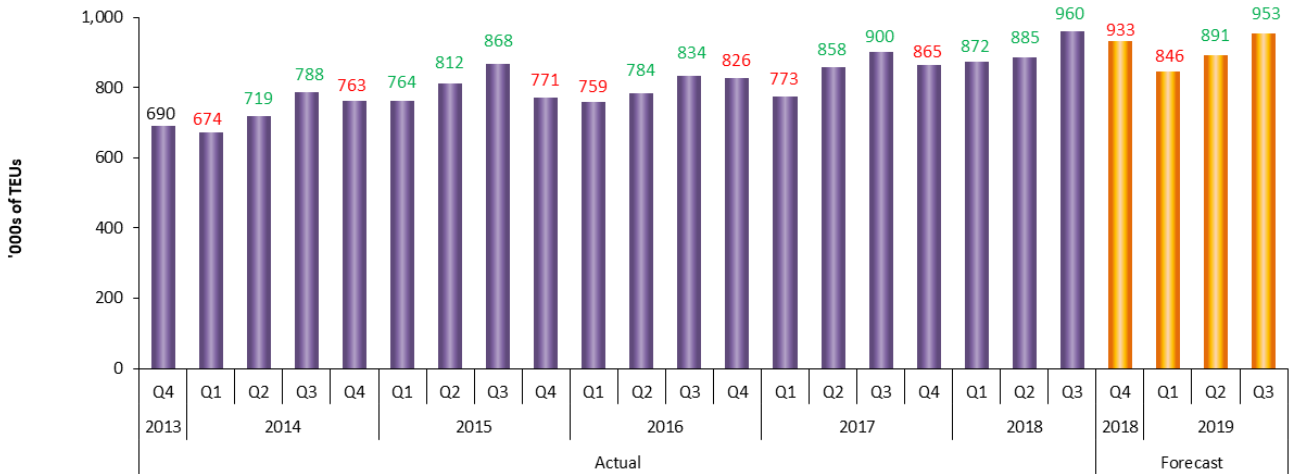
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Oct	↘ -3.0%	↗ 12.7%
		Nov	↘ -0.3%	↘ -6.7%
		Dec	↘ -12.3%	↗ 9.7%
	2018	Jan	↗ 11.1%	↗ 25.0%
		Feb	↘ -9.0%	↘ -2.6%
		Mar	↗ 21.8%	↘ -0.7%
		Apr	↘ -0.2%	↗ 6.9%
		May	↗ 4.2%	↗ 5.5%
		Jun	↘ -14.3%	↘ -2.4%
		Jul	↗ 31.8%	↗ 27.7%
		Aug	↘ -11.7%	↗ 16.8%
		Sep	↘ -7.4%	↗ 0.3%
Oct		↗ 11.7%	↗ 15.5%	
Nov		↘ -1.4%	↗ 14.3%	
2018		Dec	↘ -2.9%	↗ 26.5%
FORECAST	2019	Jan	↘ -2.5%	↗ 11.0%
		Feb	↘ -6.5%	↗ 14.2%
		Mar	↗ 12.7%	↘ 5.6%
		Apr	↘ -1.1%	↘ 4.6%
		May	↗ 3.2%	↘ 3.6%

## 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	↘ -2.8%	↗ 7.8%
		Q1	↘ -9.3%	↘ -3.0%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 5.3%	↗ 0.6%
		Q3	↗ 7.0%	↘ -0.7%

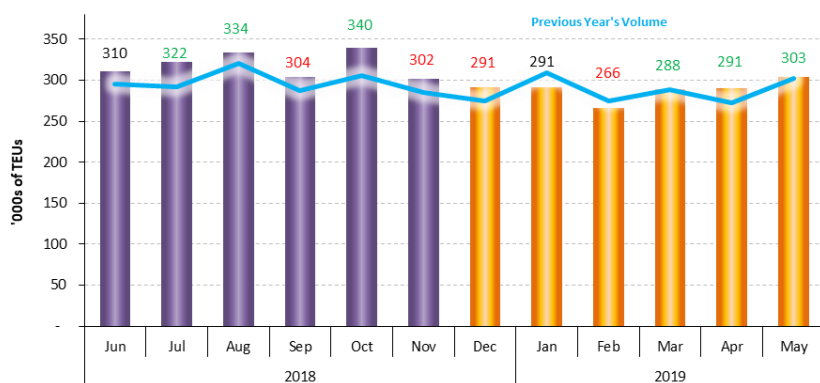
## Headlines

- Imports fell by 11.1 percent in November to 302,000 TEUs. The 38,000 TEU drop equates to a 5.9 percent increase over the same month of 2017 and is a record for the month of November.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 131.7. This is 7.3 points higher than the 124.4 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 3.36 million TEUs for a 7.6 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 7.8 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 9.5 percent decrease in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 3.6 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 7.2 percent (to 1.89 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.2 percent (to 1.74 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 3.65 million TEUs, which would be a 7.5 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

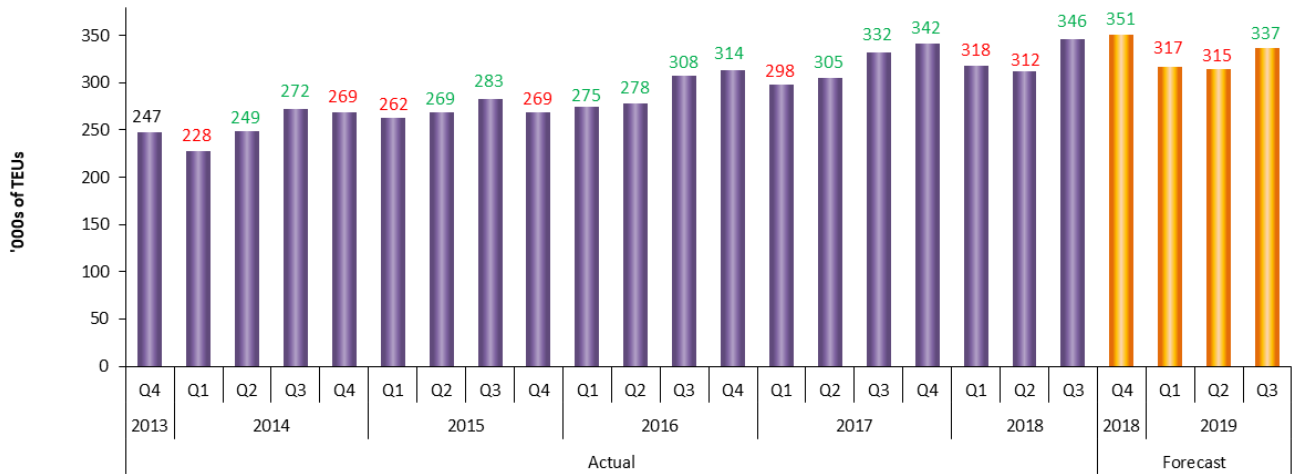
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Oct	↗ 6.2%	↗ 5.8%
		Nov	↘ -6.8%	↗ 4.9%
		Dec	↘ -3.8%	↗ 3.6%
		Jan	↗ 12.6%	↗ 18.5%
	2018	Feb	↘ -11.1%	↗ 4.5%
		Mar	↘ 5.0%	↗ 15.5%
		Apr	↘ -5.4%	↘ -2.1%
		May	↗ 10.7%	↗ 6.6%
		Jun	↗ 2.8%	↗ 5.2%
		Jul	↗ 3.7%	↗ 10.4%
		Aug	↗ 3.6%	↗ 4.0%
		Sep	↘ -8.8%	↗ 5.7%
2018	Oct	↗ 11.7%	↗ 11.1%	
	Nov	↘ -11.1%	↗ 5.9%	
	Dec	↘ -3.5%	↗ 6.1%	
	Jan	↘ -0.1%	↘ -5.9%	
FORECAST	2019	Feb	↘ -8.5%	↘ -3.1%
		Mar	↗ 8.4%	↘ 0.0%
		Apr	↗ 0.8%	↗ 6.5%
May	↗ 4.4%	↗ 0.5%		

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Port of Virginia

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↔ 1.2%	↔ 3.6%
		Q3	↑ 10.5%	↔ 8.8%
		Q4	↔ 2.0%	↑ 16.8%
		Q1	↔ -5.0%	↔ 8.3%
	2017	Q2	↔ 2.3%	↔ 9.4%
		Q3	↔ 9.0%	↔ 8.0%
		Q4	↔ 2.9%	↔ 8.9%
		Q1	↔ -7.0%	↔ 6.6%
	2018	Q2	↔ -1.7%	↔ 2.4%
		Q3	↑ 10.9%	↔ 4.2%
		Q4	↔ 1.4%	↔ 2.7%
		Q1	↔ -9.6%	↔ -0.1%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↔ -0.8%	↔ 0.9%
		Q3	↔ 6.9%	↔ -2.7%

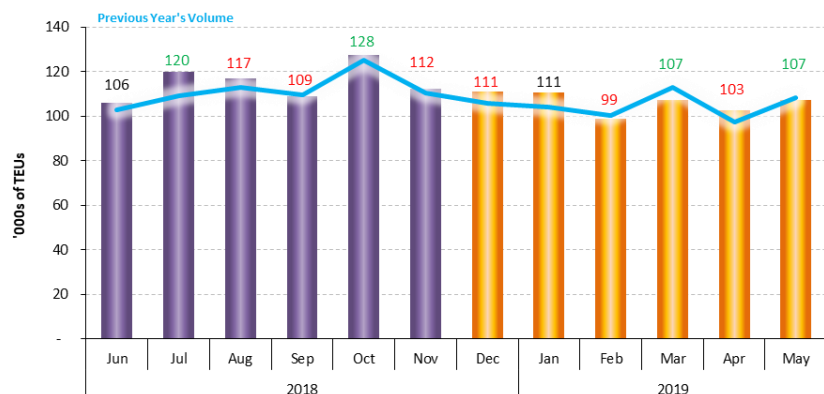
## Headlines

- Imports fell by 12.1 percent in November to 112,000 TEUs. The 15,000 TEU decrease equates to a 1.4 percent increase over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of November.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 154.7. This is 2.1 point higher than the 152.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 1.22 million TEUs for a 3.9 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 4.1 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 7.7 percent decrease in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 6.1 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 3.5 percent (to 697,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 0.4 percent (to 632,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.33 million TEUs, which would be a 4.0 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

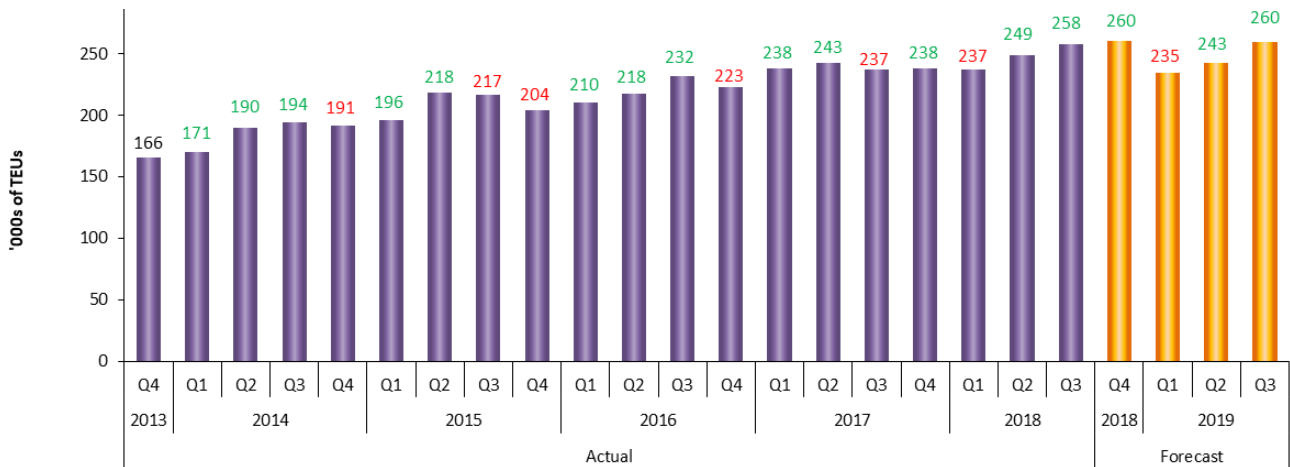
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Oct	↑ 14.0%	↔ 9.6%
		Nov	↓ -11.5%	↔ 8.7%
		Dec	↔ -4.3%	↔ 8.3%
	2018	Jan	↔ -1.6%	↔ 2.8%
		Feb	↔ -3.6%	↔ 3.6%
		Mar	↑ 12.7%	↑ 13.5%
		Apr	↓ -13.7%	↔ -3.5%
		May	↑ 11.3%	↔ 8.0%
		Jun	↔ -2.4%	↔ 2.9%
		Jul	↑ 13.4%	↑ 10.0%
		Aug	↔ -2.6%	↔ 3.4%
		Sep	↔ -6.9%	↔ -0.7%
Oct		↑ 17.2%	↔ 2.1%	
Nov		↓ -12.1%	↔ 1.4%	
2018		Dec	↔ -1.0%	↔ 4.9%
FORECAST	2019	Jan	↔ -0.2%	↔ 6.5%
		Feb	↓ -10.7%	↔ -1.3%
		Mar	↔ 8.4%	↔ -5.1%
		Apr	↔ -4.3%	↔ 5.3%
		May	↔ 4.4%	↔ -1.2%

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Port of Charleston

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

	Year	Q	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↗ 3.7%	↘ -0.2%
		Q3	↗ 6.7%	↗ 7.1%
		Q4	↘ -4.0%	↗ 9.4%
		Q1	↗ 6.7%	↗ 13.3%
	2017	Q2	↘ 1.9%	↗ 11.4%
		Q3	↘ -2.4%	↘ 1.9%
		Q4	↘ 0.4%	↗ 6.6%
		Q1	↘ -0.3%	↘ -0.4%
	2018	Q2	↗ 5.0%	↗ 2.6%
		Q3	↗ 3.7%	↗ 9.1%
		Q4	↗ 0.8%	↗ 9.6%
		Q1	↘ -9.8%	↘ -0.9%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↗ 3.5%	↘ -2.4%
		Q3	↗ 7.0%	↗ 0.7%

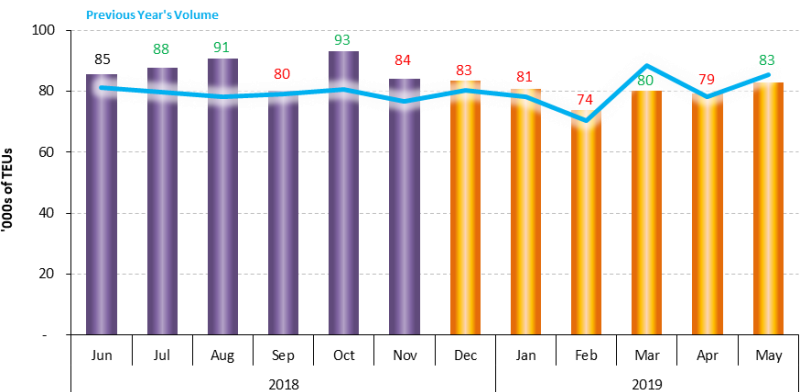
## Headlines

- Imports decreased by 9.5 percent in November to 84,000 TEUs. The 9,000 TEU slide equates to a 9.9 percent gain over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of November.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 156.0. This is 14.0 points higher than the 142.0 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 921,000 TEUs for a 5.3 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 4.9 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 7.8 percent decrease in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 1.2 percent increase 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 increase by 9.3 percent (to 519,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.7 percent (to 478,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.00 million TEUs, which would be a 5.2 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

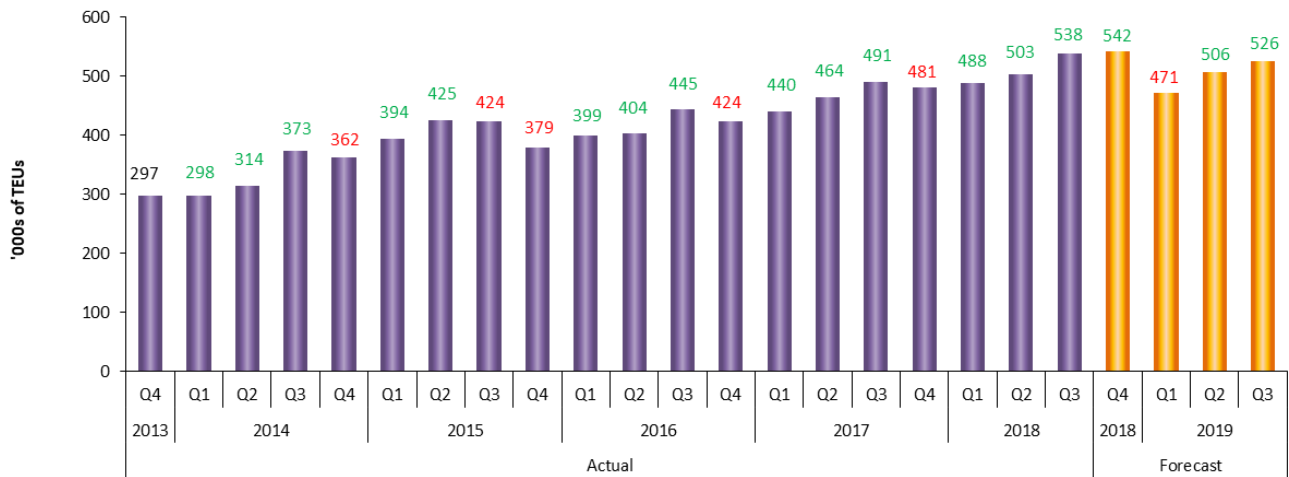
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Oct	↗ 2.0%	↗ 3.0%
		Nov	↘ -5.1%	↗ 3.6%
		Dec	↗ 5.0%	↗ 13.6%
	2018	Jan	↘ -2.8%	↘ -5.9%
		Feb	↘ -9.9%	↘ -4.7%
		Mar	↗ 25.7%	↗ 9.1%
		Apr	↘ -11.5%	↘ -5.6%
		May	↗ 8.9%	↗ 8.8%
		Jun	↗ 0.2%	↗ 5.1%
		Jul	↗ 2.5%	↗ 9.9%
		Aug	↗ 3.4%	↗ 16.0%
		Sep	↘ -11.5%	↗ 1.3%
Oct		↗ 15.9%	↗ 15.1%	
Nov		↘ -9.5%	↗ 9.9%	
2018		Dec	↘ -0.9%	↗ 3.7%
FORECAST	2019	Jan	↘ -3.1%	↗ 3.4%
		Feb	↘ -8.7%	↗ 4.8%
		Mar	↗ 8.6%	↘ -9.4%
		Apr	↘ -1.1%	↗ 1.3%
		May	↗ 4.5%	↘ -2.8%

## 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%	
	2017	Q1	↗ 3.8%	↗ 10.4%	
		Q2	↗ 5.4%	↗ 15.0%	
		Q3	↗ 5.8%	↗ 10.4%	
		Q4	↘ -2.1%	↗ 13.3%	
	2018	Q1	↗ 1.6%	↗ 11.0%	
		Q2	↗ 3.0%	↘ 8.4%	
		Q3	↗ 7.0%	↗ 9.7%	
	FORECAST	2018	Q4	↗ 0.6%	↗ 12.7%
			Q1	↘ -13.1%	↘ -3.6%
2019		Q2	↗ 7.5%	↘ 0.5%	
		Q3	↗ 4.0%	↘ -2.3%	

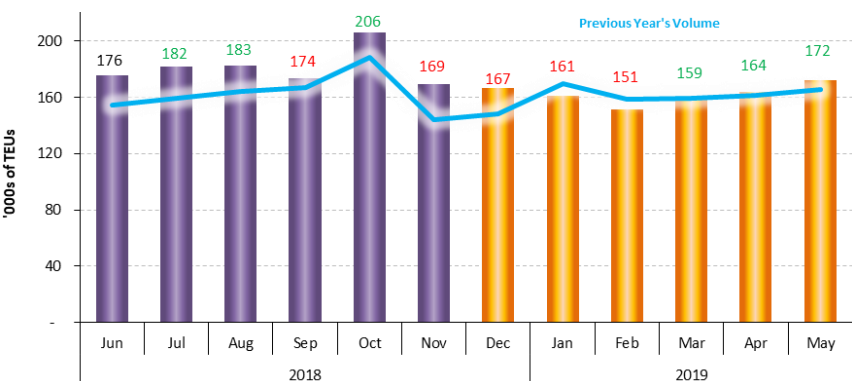
## Headlines

- Imports fell by 17.8 percent in November to 169,000 TEUs. The 37,000 TEU drop equates to a 17.3 percent jump over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of November.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 186.5. This is 27.5 points higher than the 159.0 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 1.90 million TEUs for a 10.3 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 9.6 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 10.7 percent drop in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 1.5 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 11.2 percent (to 1.08 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.5 percent (to 977,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 2.07 million TEUs, which would be a 10.4 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	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%	
Nov		↘ -17.8%	↗ 17.3%	
2018		Dec	↘ -1.3%	↗ 12.7%
FORECAST	2018	Jan	↘ -3.6%	↘ -5.3%
		Feb	↘ -6.0%	↘ -4.9%
	2019	Mar	↗ 5.1%	↘ -0.6%
		Apr	↗ 3.0%	↗ 1.2%
		May	↗ 5.0%	↗ 3.6%

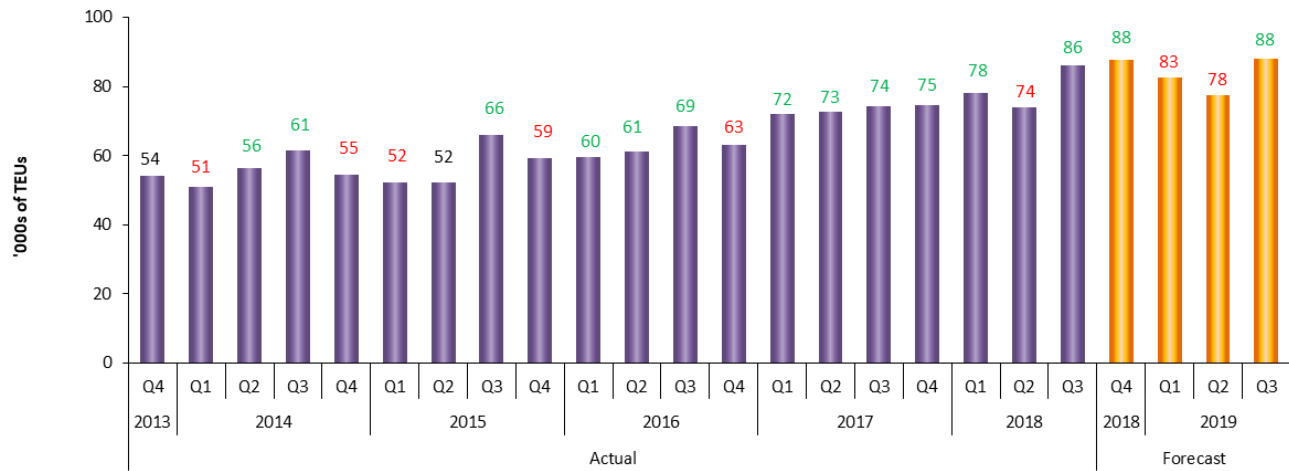
## Monthly Import Volumes





# 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	↘ 1.9%	↑ 17.3%
		Q1	↘ -5.7%	↘ 5.6%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↘ -6.1%	↘ 4.6%
		Q3	↑ 13.4%	↘ 2.2%

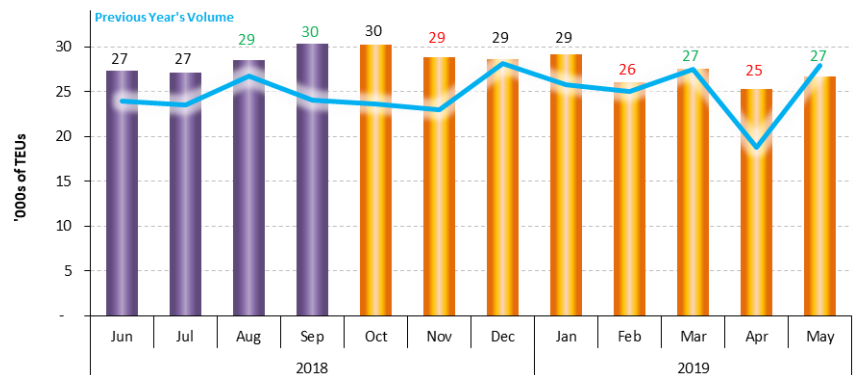
## Headlines

- Imports are projected to have decreased to 29,000 TEUs in November (the Port of Jacksonville has not released October or November statistics due to delays following the introduction of a new reporting system). The 4.6 percent slide from October would be 25.5 percent higher than the same month of 2017 and would be a record for the month of November.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 180.0. This is 36.6 points higher than the 143.4 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 297,000 TEUs for a 12.0 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 10.8 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 5.4 percent decrease in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 5.7 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 16.5 percent (to 174,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 5.1 percent (to 160,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 326,000 TEUs, which would be an 11.0 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

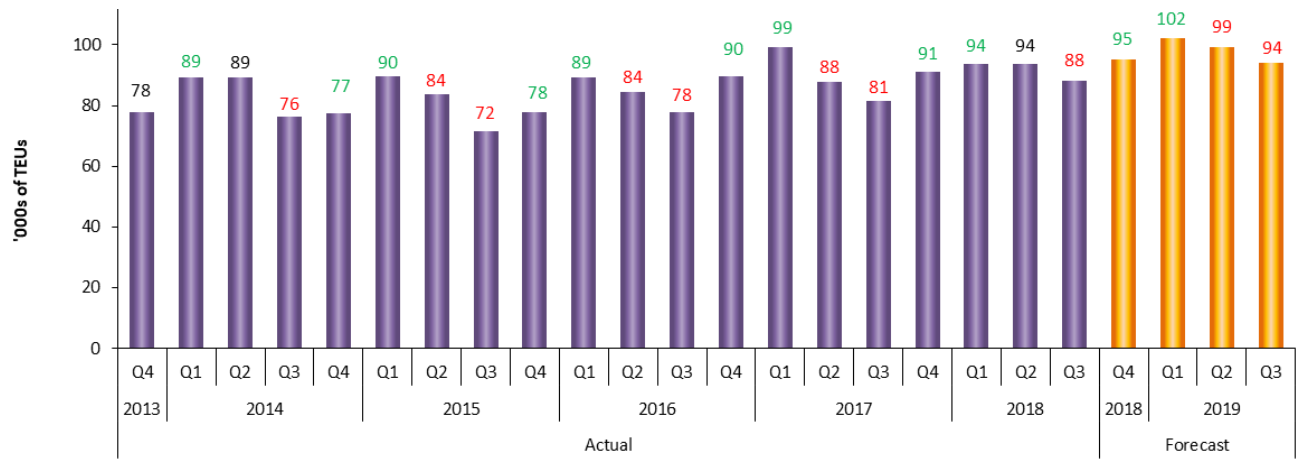
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Oct	↘ -1.9%	↑ 12.3%
		Nov	↘ -2.7%	↘ 2.0%
		Dec	↑ 22.4%	↑ 44.6%
	2018	Jan	↘ -8.5%	↘ 2.9%
		Feb	↘ -2.7%	↘ 5.1%
		Mar	↘ 9.7%	↑ 18.5%
		Apr	↘ -31.5%	↘ -14.9%
		May	↑ 48.4%	↘ 5.1%
		Jun	↘ -2.0%	↑ 14.4%
		Jul	↘ -0.8%	↑ 15.5%
		Aug	↘ 5.0%	↘ 6.6%
		Sep	↘ 6.4%	↑ 26.1%
FORECAST	2018	Oct	↘ -0.4%	↑ 28.0%
		Nov	↘ -4.6%	↘ 25.5%
	Dec	↘ -0.9%	↘ 1.7%	
	2019	Jan	↘ 1.9%	↑ 13.2%
		Feb	↘ -10.7%	↘ 3.8%
Mar		↘ 5.8%	↘ 0.1%	

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Port Everglades

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q2	↘ -5.4%	↘ 0.7%
		Q3	↘ -7.9%	↘ 8.4%
		Q4	↗ 15.5%	↗ 15.3%
		Q1	↗ 10.4%	↗ 11.1%
	2017	Q2	↘ -11.5%	↘ 4.0%
		Q3	↘ -7.1%	↘ 4.9%
		Q4	↗ 11.7%	↘ 1.4%
		Q1	↗ 3.1%	↘ -5.3%
	2018	Q2	↔ 0.0%	↗ 7.0%
		Q3	↘ -6.2%	↗ 8.0%
		Q4	↗ 8.3%	↘ 4.7%
		Q1	↗ 7.3%	↗ 9.0%
FORECAST	2019	Q2	↘ -3.0%	↘ 5.7%
		Q3	↘ -5.3%	↗ 6.8%

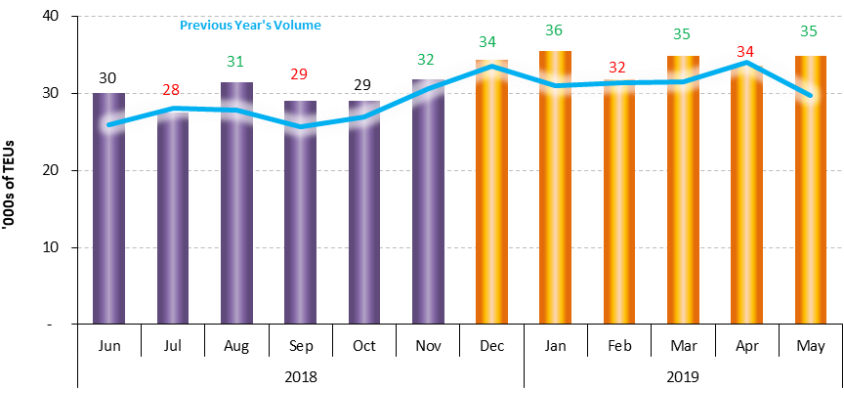
## Headlines

- Imports increased by 3,000 TEUs or 9.7 percent in November to a total of 32,000 TEUs. This equates to a 4.1 percent gain year-on-year and is a record high for the month of November.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 146.8. This is 5.8 points higher than the 141.0 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 336,000 TEUs for a 3.3 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 3.2 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 14.6 percent increase in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 15.8 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 6.2 percent (to 183,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017. The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 7.4 percent (to 201,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 371,000 TEUs, which would be a 3.2 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

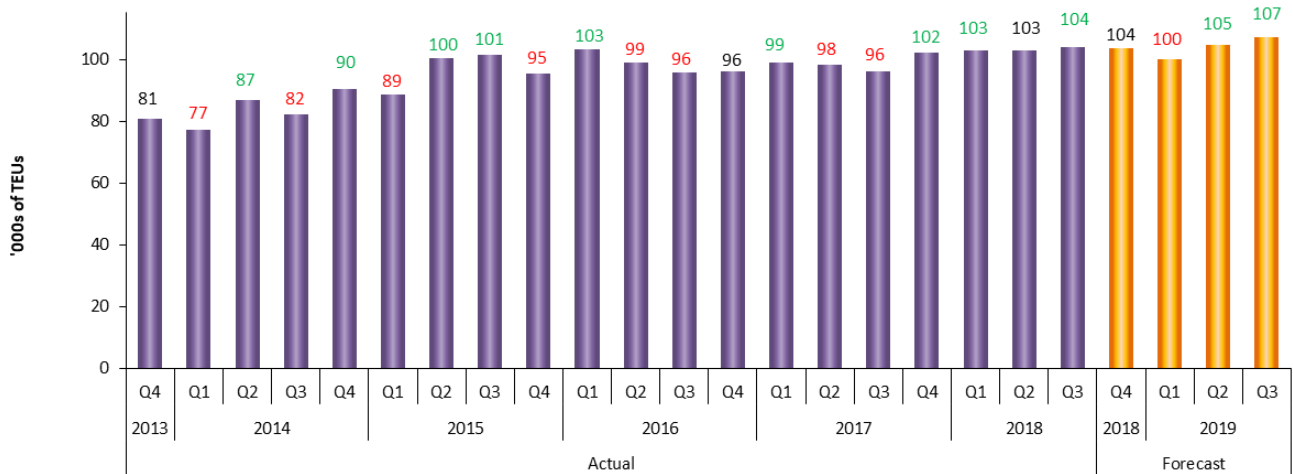
	Year	Month	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017	Oct	↗ 4.9%	↗ 3.7%
		Nov	↗ 13.6%	↘ 5.0%
		Dec	↘ 9.6%	↘ -3.2%
	2018	Jan	↘ -7.6%	↔ 0.0%
		Feb	↗ 1.1%	↘ -0.5%
		Mar	↗ 0.6%	↘ -13.9%
		Apr	↗ 8.1%	↗ 5.9%
		May	↘ -12.7%	↗ 0.6%
		Jun	↗ 0.9%	↗ 15.5%
		Jul	↘ -8.2%	↘ -1.7%
		Aug	↗ 14.0%	↗ 13.0%
		Sep	↘ -7.5%	↗ 13.2%
Oct		↘ -0.1%	↗ 7.8%	
Nov		↗ 9.7%	↗ 4.1%	
2018		Dec	↗ 8.1%	↗ 2.7%
FORECAST	2019	Jan	↗ 3.3%	↗ 14.7%
		Feb	↘ -10.5%	↗ 1.6%
		Mar	↗ 9.7%	↗ 10.8%
		Apr	↘ -3.7%	↘ -1.4%
		May	↗ 3.7%	↗ 17.1%

## 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%	
	FORECAST	2018 Q4	↘ -0.4%	↗ 1.6%
		2019 Q1	↘ -3.6%	↘ -2.9%
2019 Q2		↗ 4.8%	↗ 1.8%	

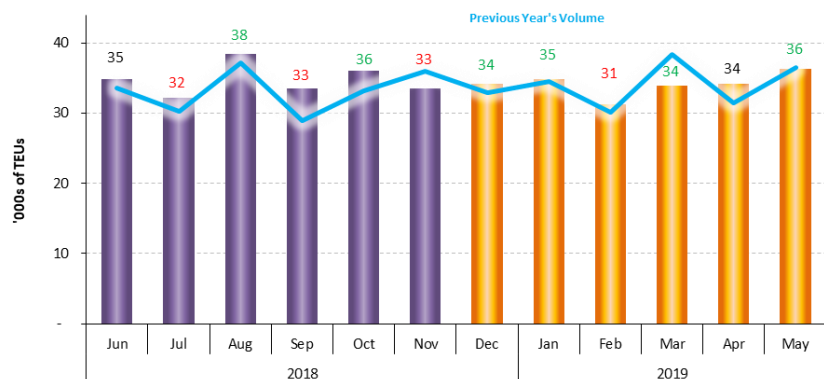
## Monthly Change

	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	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%
	2018 Sep	↘ -12.7%	↗ 15.6%
FORECAST	2018 Oct	↗ 7.7%	↗ 8.9%
	2018 Nov	↘ -7.1%	↘ -7.0%
	2018 Dec	↗ 1.9%	↗ 3.6%
	2019 Jan	↗ 1.9%	↗ 1.0%
	2019 Feb	↘ -10.1%	↗ 3.7%

## Headlines

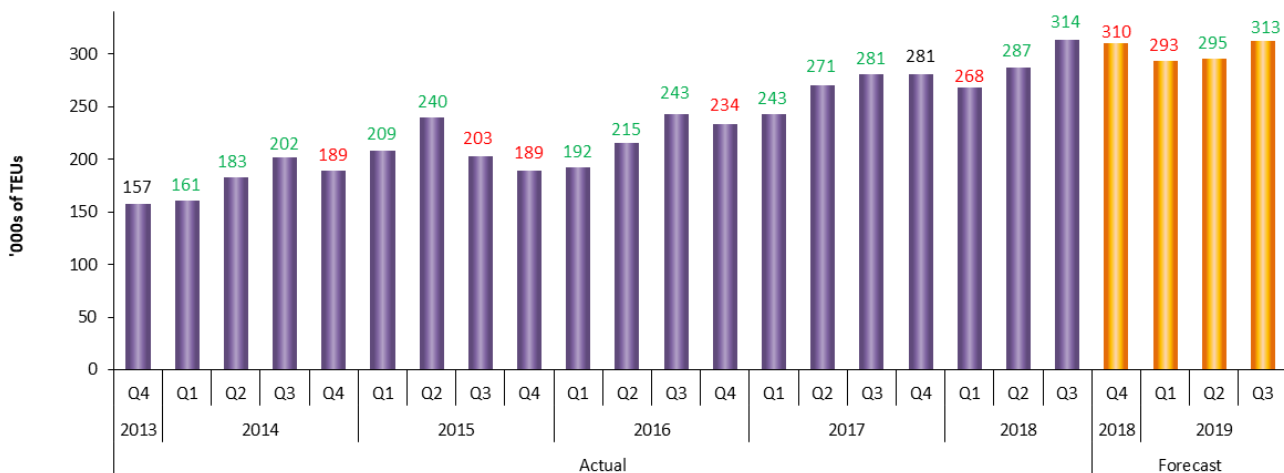
- Imports decreased by 7.1 percent in November to 33,000 TEUs. The 3,000 TEU slide equates to a 7.0 percent decrease from the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 116.1. This is 8.7 points lower than the 124.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 379,000 TEUs for a 4.7 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 6.0 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 1.9 percent decrease in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 2.5 percent increase 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 4.7 percent (to 208,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017. The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.5 percent (to 205,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 413,000 TEUs, which would be a 4.6 percent increase over last year.

## 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	↓ -1.0%	↑ 10.6%
		2019 Q1	↓ -5.6%	↑ 9.2%
2019 Q2		↑ 0.8%	↑ 2.9%	
2019 Q3	↑ 6.0%	↓ -0.2%		

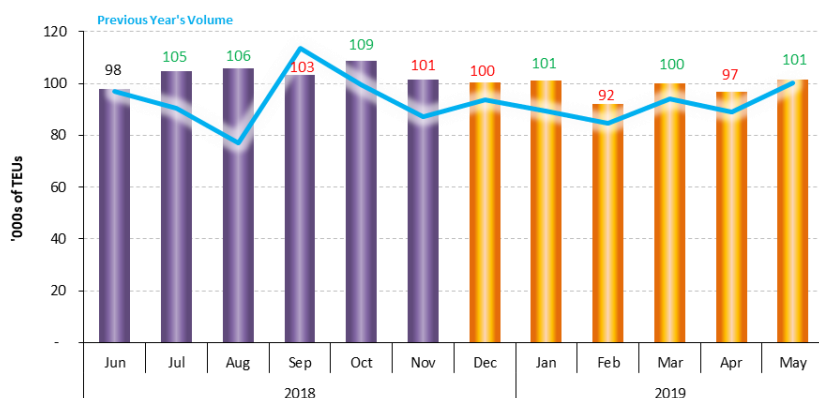
## Headlines

- Imports decreased by 6.7 percent in November to 101,000 TEUs, which is a record for the month of November. The 7,000 TEU slide equates to a 16.1 percent jump over the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for November is 201.7. This is 27.9 points higher than the 173.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first eleven months totals 1.08 million TEUs for a 9.9 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 9.3 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 4.8 percent decrease in imports between December and May versus the past six months (June through November), compared to a 2.4 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 surge by 11.1 percent (to 624,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 5.9 percent (to 589,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.18 million TEUs, which would be a 9.6 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Change

	Month	Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	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%
	2018 Sep	↓ -2.6%	↓ -9.3%
FORECAST	2018 Oct	↑ 5.3%	↑ 9.0%
	2018 Nov	↓ -6.7%	↑ 16.1%
	2018 Dec	↓ -0.9%	↑ 7.1%
	2019 Jan	↑ 0.6%	↑ 13.0%
	2019 Feb	↓ -9.0%	↑ 8.5%
2019	Mar	↑ 8.9%	↑ 6.3%
	Apr	↓ -3.5%	↑ 8.5%
	May	↑ 4.9%	↑ 0.9%

## Monthly Import Volumes



## Year to Date Totals

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

	West Coast	East Coast	All Ports (incl. Gulf)
<b>2017</b>	11,982,419	8,489,647	21,454,327
<b>2018</b>	12,440,124	9,114,461	22,633,881
<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

	LA&LB	Oakland	NW Seaport Alliance	Vancouver	Prince Rupert
<b>2017</b>	7,848,064	840,739	1,262,910	1,546,000	484,706
<b>2018</b>	8,125,957	878,496	1,313,770	1,604,756	517,145
<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>

	Montreal	NYNJ	Virginia	Charleston	Savannah
<b>2017</b>	640,793	3,122,103	1,170,469	874,863	1,727,712
<b>2018</b>	700,288	3,358,781	1,215,845	921,389	1,904,927
<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>

	Jacksonville	Port Everglades	Port Miami	Port Houston
<b>2017</b>	265,572	325,731	362,404	982,262
<b>2018</b>	297,424	336,455	379,352	1,079,296
<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>



# Raw Monthly Data

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		NW Seaport				Prince	Montreal	NYNJ
		LA&LB	Oakland	Alliance	Vancouver	Rupert		
<b>2017</b>	<b>Dec</b>	731,213	78,703	117,743	131,803	43,581	51,926	274,366
<b>2018</b>	<b>Jan</b>	747,488	75,136	96,842	138,977	46,371	57,678	309,003
	<b>Feb</b>	725,337	73,666	114,218	135,844	42,533	52,459	274,638
	<b>Mar</b>	532,284	66,302	104,526	140,640	38,656	63,906	288,462
	<b>Apr</b>	673,484	75,369	101,067	130,313	43,658	63,796	272,903
	<b>May</b>	766,643	82,465	118,449	146,018	51,759	66,489	302,081
	<b>Jun</b>	767,059	87,207	130,605	142,202	51,617	56,950	310,481
	<b>Jul</b>	785,901	84,301	130,766	163,499	51,091	75,077	322,093
	<b>Aug</b>	763,602	85,703	115,317	135,398	38,355	66,308	333,567
	<b>Sep</b>	771,583	82,586	150,902	166,591	55,287	61,406	304,125
	<b>Oct</b>	849,908	82,397	134,471	153,689	52,975	68,586	339,602
	<b>Nov</b>	742,670	83,364	116,607	151,585	44,843	67,633	301,826
		<b>Dec</b>	740,075	81,635	117,464	149,482	46,305	65,670
<b>2019</b>	<b>Jan</b>	698,812	83,184	119,221	151,654	48,083	64,033	290,915
	<b>Feb</b>	716,098	76,455	109,297	135,184	42,968	59,893	266,215
	<b>Mar</b>	560,186	67,803	94,451	123,157	36,167	67,483	288,483
	<b>Apr</b>	695,009	73,937	99,605	134,667	43,586	66,732	290,723
	<b>May</b>	739,510	77,770	118,391	153,373	52,048	68,855	303,486

		Virginia	Charleston	Savannah	Jacksonville	Port Everglades	Port Miami	Port Houston
<b>2017</b>	<b>Dec</b>	105,867	80,423	148,121	28,111	33,514	32,939	93,771
<b>2018</b>	<b>Jan</b>	104,150	78,169	169,758	25,727	30,978	34,439	89,443
	<b>Feb</b>	100,368	70,397	158,890	25,044	31,315	30,134	84,799
	<b>Mar</b>	113,123	88,483	159,699	27,477	31,496	38,295	94,185
	<b>Apr</b>	97,607	78,275	161,691	18,812	34,062	31,485	89,063
	<b>May</b>	108,592	85,277	165,828	27,923	29,736	36,559	100,392
	<b>Jun</b>	105,955	85,416	175,617	27,372	30,008	34,830	97,727
	<b>Jul</b>	120,132	87,549	181,875	27,160	27,544	32,235	104,594
	<b>Aug</b>	117,042	90,569	182,883	28,519	31,408	38,355	105,937
	<b>Sep</b>	108,981	80,182	173,691	30,346	29,048	33,467	103,183
	<b>Oct</b>	127,677	92,947	205,836	30,223	29,024	36,059	108,653
	<b>Nov</b>	112,218	84,125	169,159	28,821	31,836	33,494	101,320
		<b>Dec</b>	111,104	83,389	166,881	28,575	34,405	34,133
<b>2019</b>	<b>Jan</b>	110,913	80,845	160,833	29,110	35,523	34,769	101,058
	<b>Feb</b>	99,042	73,811	151,115	25,994	31,807	31,251	91,976
	<b>Mar</b>	107,399	80,158	158,800	27,495	34,886	33,906	100,122
	<b>Apr</b>	102,753	79,276	163,607	25,276	33,598	34,217	96,621
	<b>May</b>	107,317	82,877	171,835	26,726	34,825	36,262	101,329

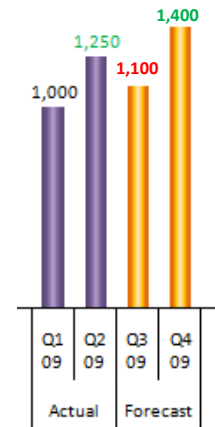
## How to Read the Tables and Charts

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.

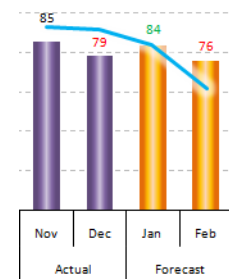
	Percent Change	
	vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
Q1	↓ -10.0%	↓ -10.0%
Q2	↘ -5.0%	↘ -5.0%
Q3	↗ 5.0%	↗ 5.0%
Q4	↑ 10.0%	↑ 10.0%

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 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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