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Editorial: In for a Rough Ride

If the stock market is to be believed, the nearly 2,000-point drop in the Dow Jones Industrial Average this spring to below 25,000 by the beginning of June might have been taken as an indication of a coming recession. But about a month later, the market soared back to a new record of nearly 27,000. The story here is that the pundits cannot interpret the economic data, which is providing conflicting fundamentals of growth and lack of growth. U.S. gross domestic product remains strong, but most of that is driven by the services sector, with manufacturing providing a bleaker set of data.

We can see that trade and imports are declining compared with last year's growth rates as a result of the trade wars being waged by the United States in the global economy. Trade has become the sharp end of foreign policy, and we continue to believe that this will ultimately damage both sides of the conflict in a lose-lose situation.

Imports of consumer goods continue to grow as importers purchase items in expectation of further increases in tariffs, the cost of which will be borne by the American consumer. This is beginning to have an impact on consumer sentiment, which is weakening.

According to Trading Economics, the 10-year expansion from June 2009 to June 2019 tied the prior record from March 1991 to March 2001. As of this month, it is the longest expansion since the mid-1850s. Consumer spending remains positive but is driven by increasing debt while savings remain flat.

The Purchasing Manager's Index in the United States remains in positive territory just above 50 but in China it dropped below the 50 mark as there has been contraction in factory activity since February as new orders, overseas sales and output declined as a result of the continuing trade dispute with the United States. It appears that China is losing market share as U.S. importers are shifting their sourcing of goods in order to maintain their supply chains in face of the tariffs. The beneficiary is Southeast Asia and the Indian subcontinent.

Looking forward, the outlook is hazy at best. Carriers are dropping sailings from Asia to both the United States and Europe in response to what appears to be weaker demand. But then again, that might be a means to raise freight rates as vessel utilization increases, making available space a premium.

-Ben Hackett



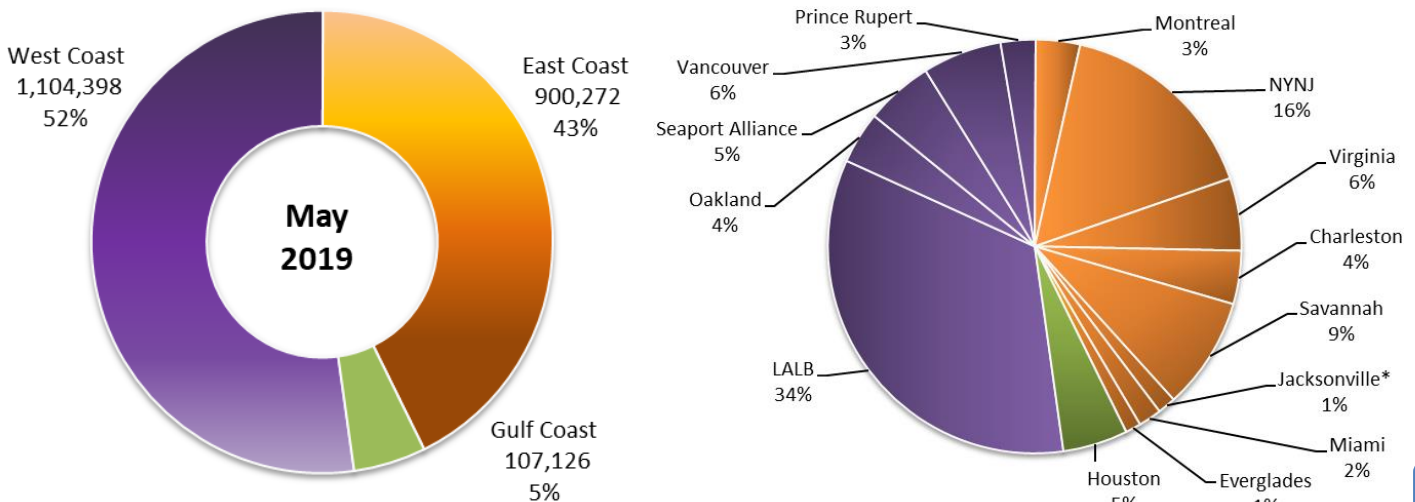
Executive Summary

- The total volume of loaded imports at the tracked ports increased by 100,000 TEUs in May to 2.11 million TEUs, a record high for the month of May. This represents a 5.0 percent increase over April and a 1.1 percent year-on-year gain. Loaded imports in 2019 are projected to increase by 1.6 percent over 2018.
- The combined loaded import volume at the monitored West Coast ports increased by 36,000 TEUs between April and May, which equates to a 3.3 percent gain. The total import volume was 1.10 million TEUs and equates to a 5.2 percent decrease from the same month of last year. Every port on the coast except the Northwest Seaport Alliance and Vancouver experienced an increase over April. The ports of Oakland and Prince Rupert were the only two to post year-on-year increases. Loaded imports in 2019 are projected to increase by 0.2 percent over 2018.
- The combined loaded import volume at the monitored East Coast ports increased by 58,000 TEUs between April and May, which equates to a 6.9 percent gain. The import volume of 900,000 TEUs is a record high for the month of May and equates to a 9.5 percent increase year-on-year. The loaded volume increased at every port except Port Everglades, with a double-digit percentage gain at three locations. Every port except Everglades posted year-on-year growth, with double-digit percentage increases at four locations. Loaded imports in 2019 are projected to increase by 3.2 percent over 2018.
- Loaded imports at Houston increased by 6.5 percent in May (or 6,000 TEUs) to 107,000 TEUs for a 6.7 percent increase year-on-year. Loaded imports in 2019 are projected to grow by 4.9 percent over 2018.

Change in Import Volume, May 2019 versus:

		Apr-19	May-18
West Coast	LALB	↗ 5.9%	↘ -6.3%
	Oakland	↗ 6.5%	↗ 4.2%
	Seaport Alliance	↘ -0.8%	↘ -5.7%
	Vancouver	↘ -9.9%	↘ -10.4%
	Prince Rupert	↗ 11.4%	↗ 11.2%
	Coast Total	↗ 3.3%	↘ -5.2%
East Coast	Montreal	↗ 5.7%	↗ 10.0%
	NYNJ	↗ 14.4%	↗ 12.8%
	Virginia	↗ 0.3%	↗ 10.1%
	Charleston	↗ 0.4%	↗ 3.2%
	Savannah	↗ 5.5%	↗ 11.7%
	Jacksonville	↗ 10.8%	↗ 7.5%
	Everglades	↘ -20.7%	↘ -13.8%
	Miami	↗ 15.6%	↗ 3.8%
	Coast Total	↗ 6.9%	↗ 9.5%
Gulf	Houston	↗ 6.5%	↗ 6.7%

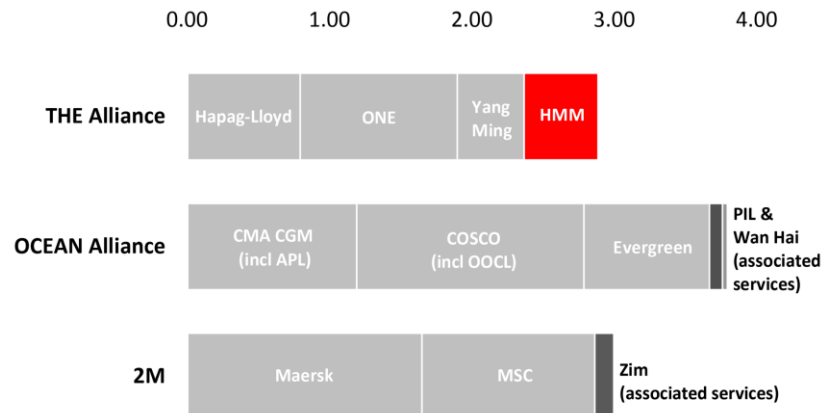
- The North Europe edition of the Global Port Tracker reported that total container volumes across the six-port range decreased by 104,000 TEUs or 2.7 percent in April with 3.80 million TEUs, for a 3.1 percent year-on-year gain. For loaded incoming volumes, the north range posted a 1.5 percent decrease from March and was up 4.8 percent year-on-year, while loaded outgoing volumes were down 3.7 percent for a 2.2 percent gain year-on-year. Loaded imports to Europe posted a 0.8 percent increase (for an 8.2 percent gain year-on-year) while exports were down 1.9 percent (for a 7.7 percent gain year-on-year). The forecast for 2019 projects a 2.9 percent increase in loaded imports to the six-port range, while loaded exports are projected to increase by 2.0 percent.



Global Economic Overview

- Hyundai Merchant Marine announced that it will cease its existing partnership with Maersk and Mediterranean Shipping Co and instead join THE Alliance (which consists of Hapag-Lloyd, ONE, and Yang Ming) as of 1st April 2020. The addition of HMM’s 34 vessels (including those on order) with a combined capacity of 519,000 TEU will increase THE Alliance’s share of deployed capacity from 25 percent to 30 percent. This includes 12 vessels with a capacity of 23,000 TEU that are scheduled for delivery in 2020 and 8 vessels with a capacity of 15,000 TEU scheduled for delivery in 2021. A further 9 vessels with a capacity in the 10,000 to 13,000 TEU range are currently sub-chartered to the 2M Alliance through April 2020. Alphaliner notes that HMM vessels will likely return to the Far East – Mediterranean and Far East – US East Coast routes that it withdrew from following the sub-chartering agreement.
- Alphaliner reported that the capacity of the idle fleet, as of June 24th, stood at 336,241 TEUs (up from 326,800 TEUs at around the same point of last month) spread across 117 vessels (versus 120 last month). A total of 10 vessels had a capacity of at least 7,500 TEUs (up from 5 last month), 4 of which had a capacity of 12,500 TEU and greater (up from 3 last month). The idle fleet accounts for 1.5 per cent of the total available capacity, up from 1.4 percent last month.
- In China, the National Bureau of Statistics reported that the June Manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index was unchanged from May at 49.4.
- IHS Markit reported that the Eurozone PMI reading fell further into contraction in June as the index slid from 47.7 in May to 47.6. Germany increased from 44.3 to 45.0, France increased from 50.6 to 51.9, and the UK sank to a 76-month low of just 48.0 (down from 49.4 in May).
- Concern regarding the health of Germany’s economy has increased following a plunge in factory orders in May as it recorded a 2.2 percent decline from April and an 8.6 percent drop year-on-year. Manufacturing accounts for over 20 percent of the nation’s total GDP (compared to about 10 percent in the US).

TEU Deployed Capacity by Alliance, in Millions of TEU



Based on capacity deployed as at 1 July 2019. HMM capacity based on projected vessel contributions to THE Alliance in April 2020.

Chart courtesy of Alphaliner

- The IPSOS Consumer Confidence Current Index in June for France was 28.9 (up from 27.9 in May), Germany recorded a 48.3 (up from 47.1 in May), and the United Kingdom recorded a 39.6 (down from 39.7 in May). In North America, the reading in the US measured 55.9, up from 54.1 in May, while Canada recorded a reading of 45.2 (up from 43.6 in May), and Mexico was 43.2 in June (down from 42.7 in May).
- DHL reported that as of May just 50 vessels had been retrofitted with scrubbers ahead of the IMO 2020 sulfur fuel cap regulations that come into effect on January 1st, 2020. The company anticipated that as many as 30 vessels per month will be retrofitted in the second half of 2019, with more than 500 scrubbers currently anticipated to be retrofitted into the existing fleet. Between the cost of the retrofits and the increased expense of switching to low sulfur fuel oil for those vessels not equipped with scrubbers, DHL states that the increase in transport costs are “estimated at \$150 to \$250 per TEU as of Q3, 2019.”

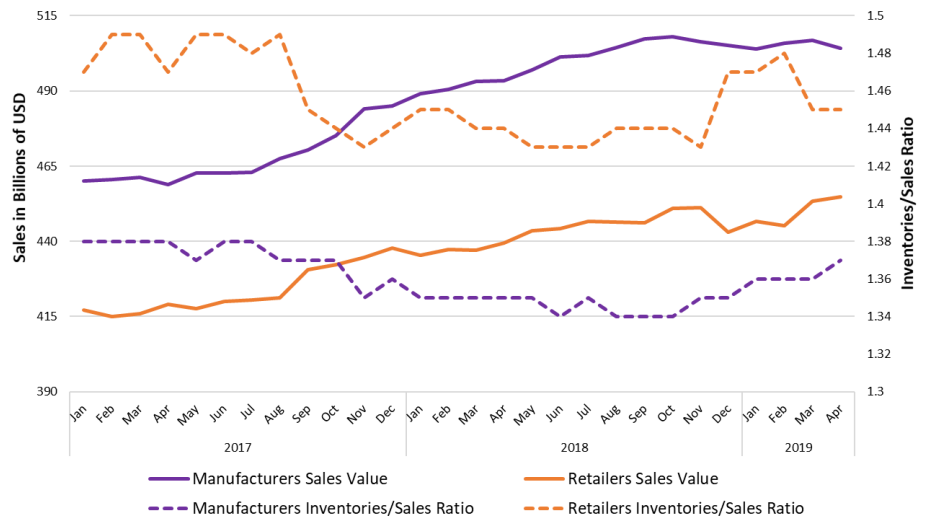
The fact that the increase is projected to occur ahead of the IMO 2020 implementation date is due to the fact that vessels will need to have their fuel tanks cleaned ahead of time, a process expected to start as early as September. The extent of the impact on diesel fuel prices for other vehicles in the supply chain remains unknown, but interviews and surveys have suggested that most of the increases will likely be borne by consumers.

North America Economic Overview

➤ Data from the US Department of Commerce clearly shows the inventory buildup by retailers and manufacturers in late 2018 and early 2019, but by April the inventories/sales ratio for retailers had declined (although it remains elevated compared to where it had sat for most of 2018). Meanwhile, the US Bureau of Economic Analysis announced that consumer spending increased by 0.4 percent between April and May while disposable personal income was up 5.0 percent. The personal consumption expenditure index increased by 1.5 percent year-over-year.

- The US Manufacturing PMI reading from ISM decreased further in June as it slid 0.4 percentage points from May, from 52.1 to 51.7. The New Orders index also decreased, slipping 2.7 percentage points to 50.0, while the Production index increased by 2.8 point from 51.3 to 54.1. The Inventories sub-index decreased again, sliding 1.8 percentage points from 50.9 to 49.1 and moving into contraction territory.
- IHS Markit reported that Canada’s Manufacturing PMI increased marginally in June but remained in contraction territory as the reading rose from 49.1 in May to 49.2 in June. In Mexico the Manufacturing PMI also shifted into contraction as it decreased from 50.0 in May to 49.2 in June.
- The University of Michigan Index of Consumer Confidence Sentiment for June reported a reading of 98.2 in the US (down from 100.0 last month but unchanged from a year ago). The Index of Consumer

US Manufacturers/Retailers Sales and Inventories/Sales Ratios

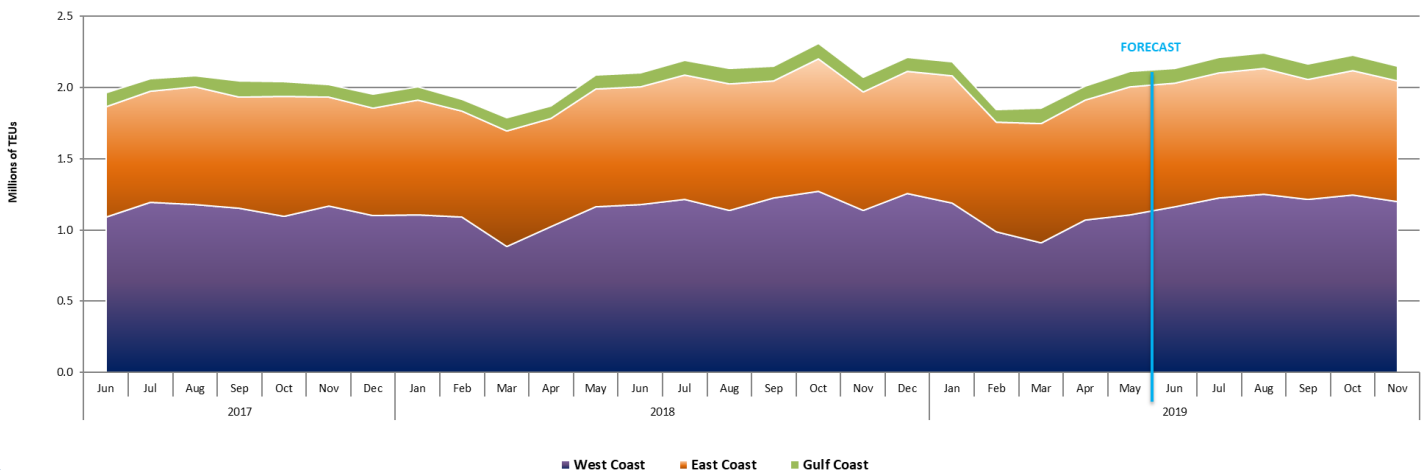


Data Source: US Department of Commerce

Expectations fell by 4.5 percentage points from 93.5 in May to 89.3, for a 3.5 percentage point gain year-on-year.

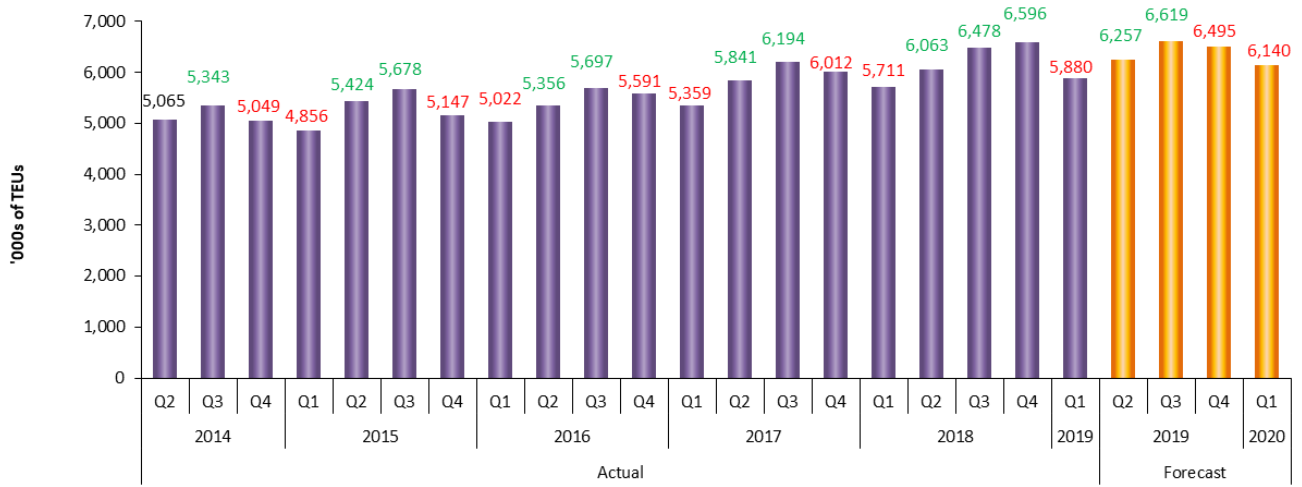
- The Association of American Railroads reported that US intermodal traffic for the month of June totaled 1.08 million containers and trailers, a decrease of 7.2 percent year-on-year. US intermodal volumes for the first 26 weeks of 2019, through June 29th, are down 3.2 percent (versus a 2.4 percent decrease last month) with 6.92 million units. Year-to-date Canadian intermodal volumes through the same period are up 1.6 percent (unchanged versus May) with 1.78 million units, while Mexican intermodal volumes through the same period are down 3.3 percent (versus a 4.1 percent decrease through May) with 438,000 units.

Imports by Coast, Monthly Level



Global Port Tracker Overview

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	↓ -1.9%	↗ 8.6%
		Q1	↓ -4.1%	↗ 6.7%
		Q2	↗ 9.0%	↗ 9.1%
		Q3	↓ 6.0%	↗ 8.7%
	2017	Q4	↓ -2.9%	↗ 7.5%
		Q1	↓ -5.0%	↗ 6.6%
		Q2	↗ 6.2%	↗ 3.8%
		Q3	↗ 6.9%	↗ 4.6%
	2018	Q4	↗ 1.8%	↗ 9.7%
		Q1	↓ -10.9%	↗ 2.9%
		Q2	↗ 6.4%	↗ 3.2%
		Q3	↗ 5.8%	↗ 2.2%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	↓ -1.9%	↓ -1.5%
	2020	Q1	↓ -5.5%	↗ 4.4%

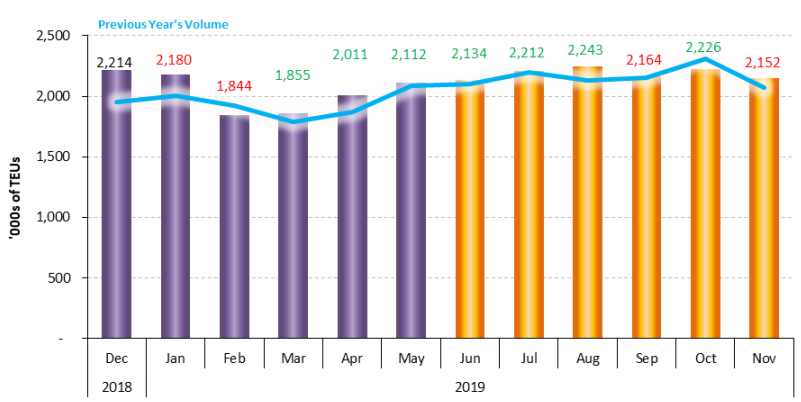
Headlines

- Imports to the ports tracked by the North American edition of the Global Port Tracker increased by 5.0 percent in May. The 100,000 TEU gain to 2.11 million TEUs equates to a 1.1 percent gain over the same month of 2018 and is a record high for the month of May.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 138.5. This is 1.5 points higher than the 137.0 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 10.00 million TEUs for a 3.4 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 4.1 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 7.5 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to an 11.5 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 3.1 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 12.13 million TEUs. The second half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 0.3 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 13.11 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 25.25 million TEUs, which would be a 1.6 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

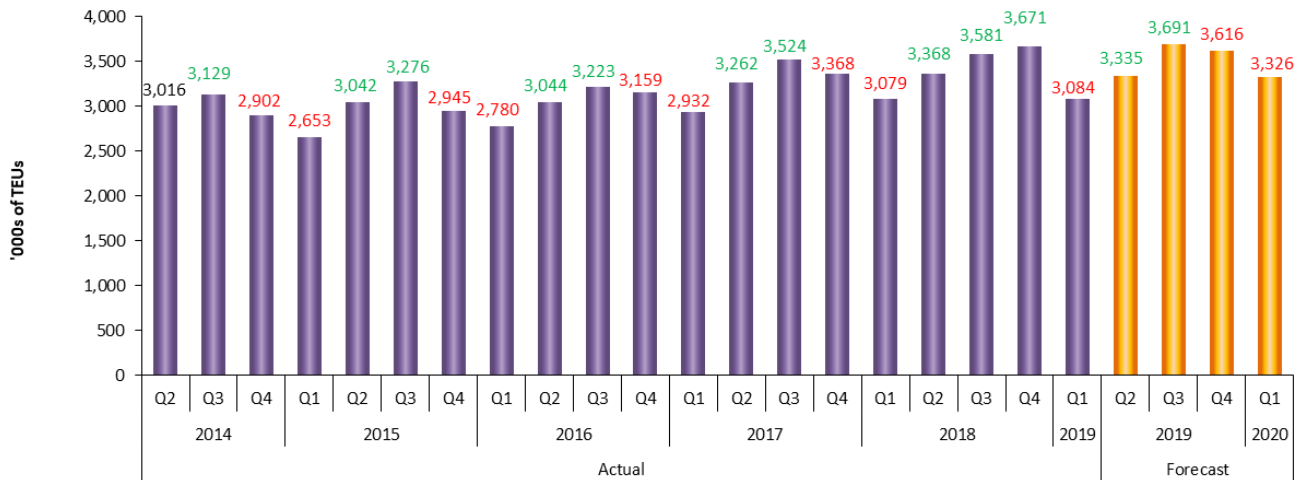
	Year	Month	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	↗ 4.7%	↗ 0.2%		
		May	↗ 11.6%	↗ 4.0%		
		Jun	↗ 0.7%	↗ 7.1%		
		Jul	↗ 4.3%	↗ 6.3%		
		Aug	↓ -2.8%	↗ 2.4%		
		Sep	↗ 0.9%	↗ 5.0%		
		Oct	↗ 7.4%	↗ 13.3%		
		Nov	↓ -10.4%	↗ 2.5%		
		Dec	↗ 6.9%	↗ 13.4%		
		FORECAST	2019	Jan	↓ -1.5%	↗ 8.8%
				Feb	↓ -15.4%	↓ -3.9%
				Mar	↗ 0.6%	↗ 3.8%
Apr	↗ 8.4%			↗ 7.5%		
May	↗ 5.0%			↗ 1.1%		
Jun	↗ 1.1%			↗ 1.5%		
Jul	↗ 3.6%			↗ 0.8%		
Aug	↗ 1.4%			↗ 5.2%		
Sep	↓ -3.6%			↗ 0.6%		
Oct	↗ 2.9%			↓ -3.7%		
Nov	↓ -3.3%			↗ 3.9%		

Monthly Import Volumes



West Coast Port Activity

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change		
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	↘ -2.0%	↘ 7.2%	
		2017	Q1	↘ -7.2%	↘ 5.5%
			Q2	↗ 11.2%	↘ 7.1%
			Q3	↘ 8.0%	↘ 9.3%
	Q4		↘ -4.4%	↘ 6.6%	
	2018	Q1	↘ -8.6%	↘ 5.0%	
		Q2	↗ 9.4%	↘ 3.3%	
		Q3	↘ 6.3%	↘ 1.6%	
		Q4	↘ 2.5%	↘ 9.0%	
	FORECAST	2019	Q1	↘ -16.0%	↘ 0.2%
			Q2	↗ 8.1%	↘ -1.0%
		2020	Q3	↗ 10.7%	↘ 3.1%
Q4			↘ -2.0%	↘ -1.5%	
2020	Q1	↘ -8.0%	↘ 7.9%		

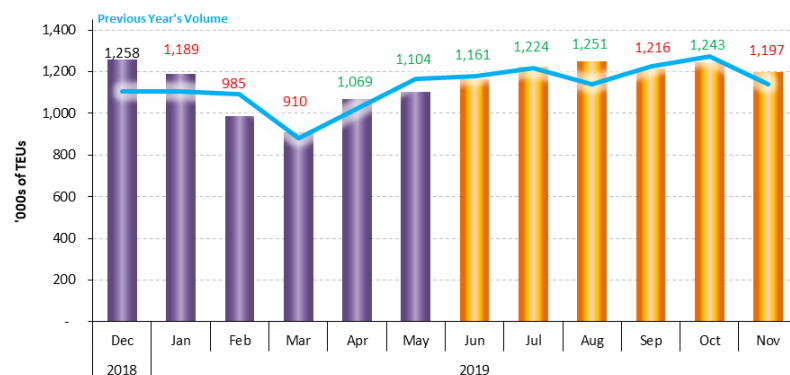
Headlines

- Imports increased by 3.3 percent in May to 1.10 million TEUs. The 36,000 TEU gain equates to a 5.2 percent decrease from the same month of 2018.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 121.0. This is 6.7 points lower than the 127.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 5.26 million TEUs for a 0.2 percent decrease year-on-year (which is down from last month's 1.2 percent gain).
- The forecast projects an 11.9 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to a 12.6 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in half of the four upcoming quarters, with all changes anticipated to be in the single-digit percentage range.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.4 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 6.42 million TEUs. The second half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 0.8 percent versus the equivalent period of 2018, with 7.31 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 13.73 million TEUs, which would be a 0.2 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

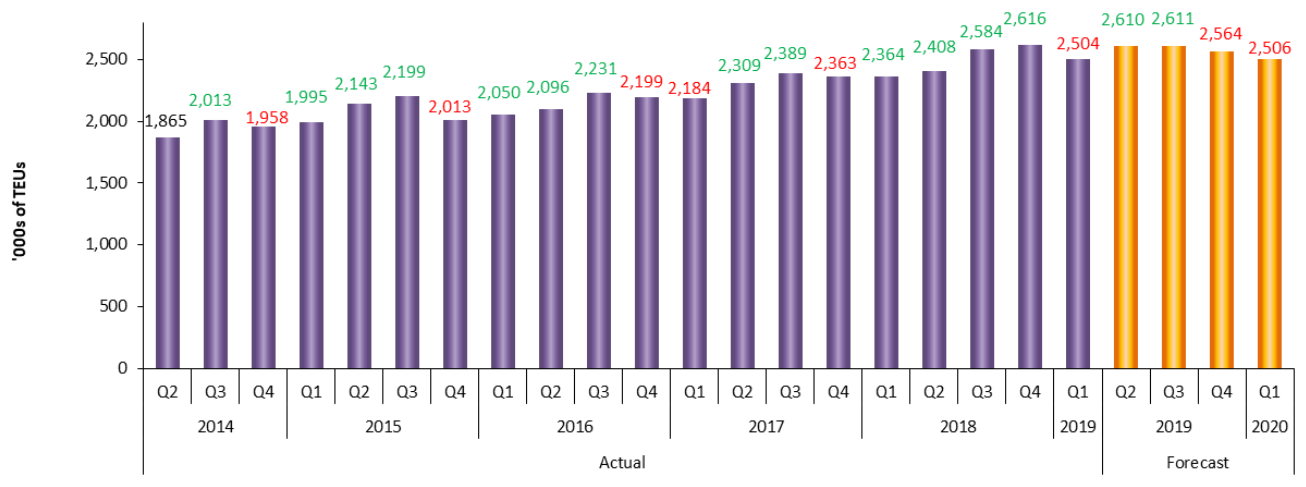
	Year	Month	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	↗ 16.0%	↘ -0.3%		
		May	↗ 13.8%	↘ 1.9%		
		Jun	↘ 1.1%	↘ 8.1%		
		Jul	↘ 3.1%	↘ 2.0%		
		Aug	↘ -6.3%	↘ -3.6%		
		Sep	↗ 7.8%	↘ 6.6%		
		Oct	↘ 3.8%	↗ 16.1%		
		Nov	↘ -10.6%	↘ -2.5%		
		Dec	↗ 10.5%	↗ 14.1%		
		FORECAST	2019	Jan	↘ -5.5%	↘ 7.6%
				Feb	↘ -17.2%	↘ -9.8%
				Mar	↘ -7.7%	↘ 3.1%
Apr	↗ 17.5%			↘ 4.4%		
May	↘ 3.3%			↘ -5.2%		
Jun	↘ 5.2%			↘ -1.5%		
2019	Jul		↘ 5.4%	↘ 0.7%		
	Aug		↘ 2.2%	↘ 9.9%		
	Sep		↘ -2.8%	↘ -0.9%		
	Oct		↘ 2.2%	↘ -2.4%		
	Nov		↘ -3.7%	↘ 5.1%		

Monthly Import Volumes



East Coast Port Activity

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	↘ -1.4%	↘ 9.2%
		Q1	↘ -0.7%	↘ 6.5%
		Q2	↗ 5.7%	↗ 10.1%
		Q3	↗ 3.5%	↗ 7.1%
	2017	Q4	↘ -1.1%	↗ 7.5%
		Q1	↔ 0.0%	↗ 8.3%
		Q2	↗ 1.8%	↗ 4.3%
		Q3	↗ 7.3%	↗ 8.1%
	2018	Q4	↗ 1.3%	↗ 10.7%
		Q1	↘ -4.3%	↗ 5.9%
		Q2	↗ 4.2%	↗ 8.4%
		Q3	↔ 0.0%	↗ 1.1%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	↘ -1.8%	↘ -2.0%
		Q1	↘ -2.3%	↗ 0.1%

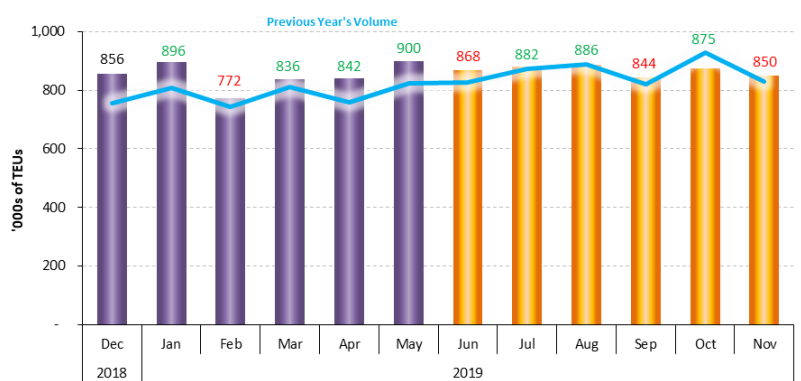
Headlines

- Imports increased by a 6.9 percent in May to 900,000 TEUs. The 58,000 TEU gain equates to a 9.5 percent increase over the same month of 2018 and is a record high for the month of May.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 160.4. This is 13.9 points higher than the 146.5 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 4.25 million TEUs for a 7.6 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 7.2 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 2.0 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to a 10.0 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in three of the four upcoming quarters, with all changes anticipated to be in the single-digit percentage range.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 7.2 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 5.11 million TEUs. The second half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.5 percent versus the equivalent period of 2018, with 5.18 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 10.29 million TEUs, which would be a 3.2 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

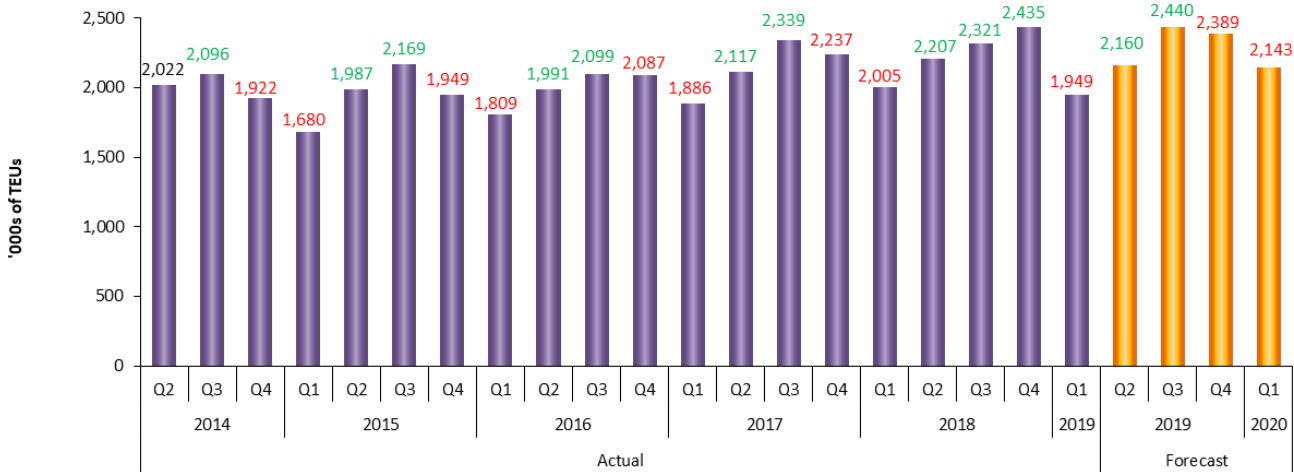
	Year	Month	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	↘ -6.5%	↘ 0.2%		
		May	↗ 8.4%	↗ 6.1%		
		Jun	↗ 0.5%	↗ 6.5%		
		Jul	↗ 5.7%	↗ 11.9%		
		Aug	↗ 1.7%	↗ 7.7%		
		Sep	↘ -7.6%	↗ 4.8%		
		Oct	↗ 13.2%	↗ 10.2%		
		Nov	↘ -10.6%	↗ 8.6%		
		Dec	↗ 3.0%	↗ 13.3%		
		2019	2019	Jan	↗ 4.6%	↗ 10.6%
				Feb	↘ -13.8%	↗ 3.9%
				Mar	↗ 8.3%	↗ 3.1%
Apr	↗ 0.7%			↗ 11.0%		
May	↗ 6.9%			↗ 9.5%		
FORECAST	2019	Jun	↘ -3.6%	↗ 5.0%		
		Jul	↗ 1.6%	↗ 0.9%		
		Aug	↗ 0.5%	↘ -0.3%		
		Sep	↘ -4.8%	↗ 2.7%		
		Oct	↗ 3.7%	↘ -5.8%		
Nov	↘ -2.9%	↗ 2.3%				

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	Q4	👇 -0.6%	👆 7.1%
		Q1	👇 -9.6%	👆 4.3%
		Q2	👆 12.3%	👆 6.3%
		Q3	👆 10.5%	👆 11.4%
	2017	Q4	👇 -4.4%	👆 7.1%
		Q1	👇 -10.3%	👆 6.3%
		Q2	👆 10.1%	👇 4.2%
		Q3	👆 5.2%	👇 -0.8%
	2018	Q4	👆 4.9%	👆 8.9%
		Q1	👇 -19.9%	👇 -2.8%
		Q2	👆 10.8%	👇 -2.2%
		Q3	👆 13.0%	👆 5.1%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	👇 -2.1%	👇 -1.9%
	2020	Q1	👇 -10.3%	👆 9.9%

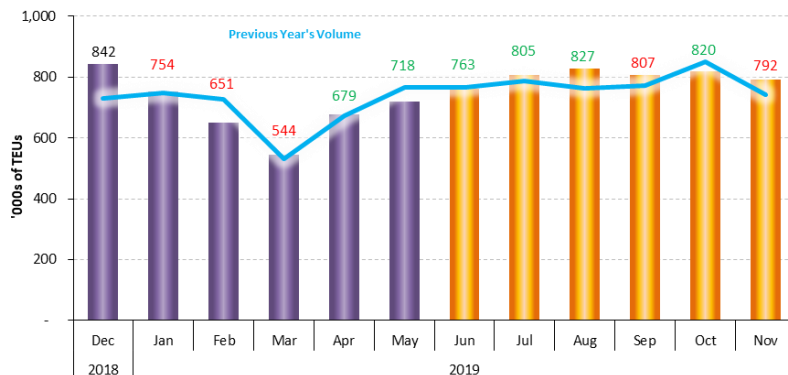
Headlines

- Imports increased by 5.9 percent in May to 718,000 TEUs. The 40,000 TEU gain equates to a 6.3 percent decrease from the same month of 2018.
- Imports at the Port of Los Angeles surged by 18.6 percent over April, while the volume at the Port of Long Beach decreased by 8.6 percent. In terms of year-on-year change, the two ports experienced a 5.5 percent gain and a 19.5 percent drop respectively.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 120.5. This is 8.1 points lower than the 128.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 3.35 million TEUs for a 2.9 percent decrease year-on-year (which is down from last month's 1.9 percent slide).
- The forecast projects a 14.9 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to a 12.1 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- The second half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 1.5 percent (to 4.83 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 8.94 million TEUs, which would be a 0.3 percent decrease from last year.

Monthly Change

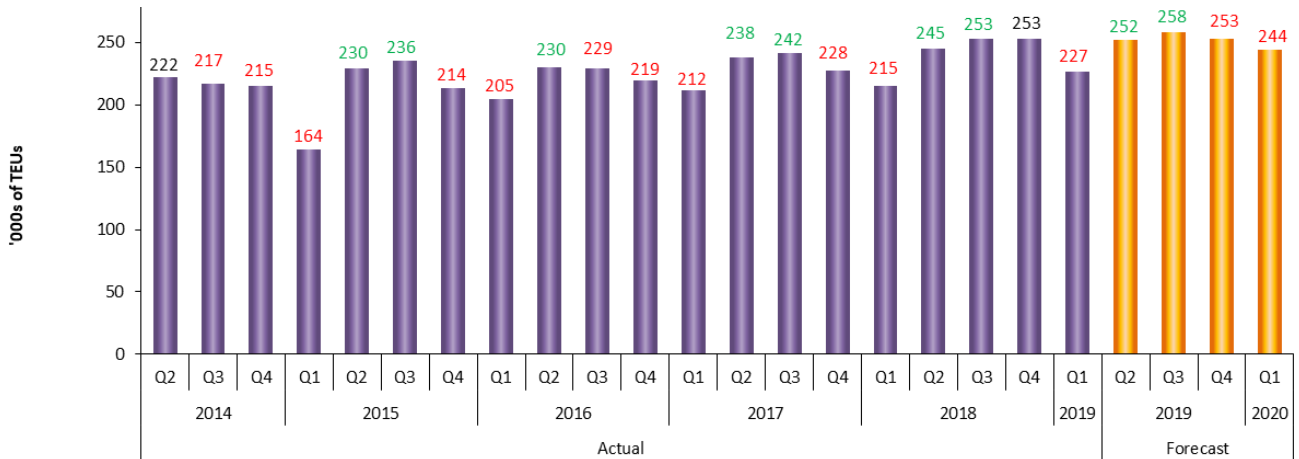
	Year	Month	Percent Change		
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	👆 26.5%	👆 2.0%	
		May	👆 13.8%	👆 2.3%	
		Jun	👆 0.1%	👆 8.4%	
		Jul	👆 2.5%	👇 -1.3%	
		Aug	👇 -2.8%	👇 -3.1%	
		Sep	👆 1.0%	👆 2.2%	
		Oct	👆 10.2%	👆 17.7%	
		Nov	👇 -12.6%	👇 -5.1%	
		Dec	👆 13.4%	👆 15.2%	
		2019	Jan	👇 -10.5%	👆 0.8%
			Feb	👇 -13.6%	👇 -10.2%
			Mar	👇 -16.4%	👆 2.2%
Apr	👆 24.7%		👆 0.8%		
May	👆 5.9%		👇 -6.3%		
FORECAST	2019	Jun	👆 6.2%	👇 -0.6%	
		Jul	👆 5.6%	👆 2.5%	
		Aug	👆 2.8%	👆 8.4%	
		Sep	👇 -2.4%	👆 4.6%	
		Oct	👆 1.5%	👇 -3.6%	
Nov	👇 -3.4%	👆 6.6%			

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Oakland

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	↘ -4.3%	↘ 2.7%
		Q1	↘ -3.4%	↘ 3.5%
		Q2	↗ 12.1%	↘ 3.4%
		Q3	↘ 1.8%	↘ 5.5%
	2017	Q4	↘ -5.9%	↘ 3.8%
		Q1	↘ -5.5%	↘ 1.4%
		Q2	↗ 13.9%	↘ 3.1%
		Q3	↘ 3.1%	↘ 4.4%
	2018	Q4	↘ 0.1%	↗ 11.0%
		Q1	↘ -10.4%	↘ 5.3%
		Q2	↗ 11.1%	↘ 2.8%
		Q3	↘ 2.6%	↘ 2.3%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	↘ -2.0%	↘ 0.1%
		Q1	↘ -3.5%	↘ 7.8%

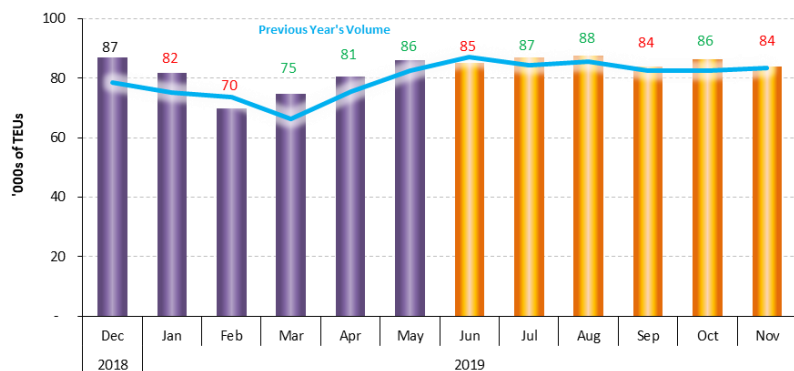
Headlines

- Imports increased by 6.5 percent in May to 86,000 TEUs. The 5,000 TEU increase is up 4.2 percent over the same month of 2018 and is a record high for the month of May.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 130.2. This is 5.3 points higher than the 124.9 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 393,000 TEUs for a 5.4 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 5.8 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 7.0 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to an 11.9 percent surge between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in each of the four upcoming quarters, with all changes anticipated to be in the single-digit percentage range.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 4.0 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 478,000 TEUs. The second half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 1.2 percent with 511,000 TEUs versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 990,000 TEUs, which would be a 2.5 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

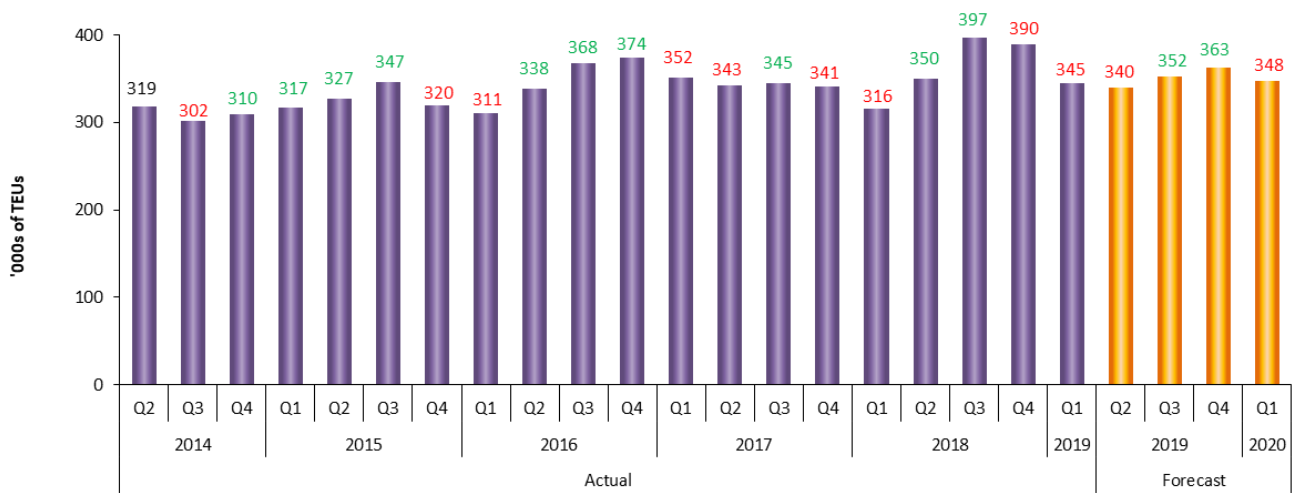
	Year	Month	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	↗ 13.7%	↘ 0.5%		
		May	↘ 9.4%	↘ 0.0%		
		Jun	↘ 5.8%	↘ 8.7%		
		Jul	↘ -3.3%	↘ -0.6%		
		Aug	↘ 1.7%	↘ 9.9%		
		Sep	↘ -3.6%	↘ 4.4%		
		Oct	↘ -0.2%	↘ 7.4%		
		Nov	↘ 1.2%	↗ 15.3%		
		Dec	↘ 4.4%	↗ 10.6%		
		2019	2019	Jan	↘ -5.9%	↘ 9.0%
				Feb	↘ -14.6%	↘ -5.0%
				Mar	↘ 6.8%	↗ 12.7%
Apr	↘ 8.0%			↘ 7.1%		
May	↘ 6.5%			↘ 4.2%		
Jun	↘ -1.0%			↘ -2.4%		
FORECAST	2019	Jul	↘ 2.0%	↘ 3.0%		
		Aug	↘ 0.8%	↘ 2.1%		
		Sep	↘ -4.1%	↘ 1.6%		
		Oct	↘ 3.0%	↘ 4.9%		
		Nov	↘ -3.0%	↘ 0.6%		

Monthly Import Volumes



NW Seaport Alliance (Tacoma & Seattle)

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	1.8%	17.2%
		Q1	-6.1%	13.1%
		Q2	-2.6%	1.3%
		Q3	0.8%	-6.2%
	2017	Q4	-1.2%	-8.9%
		Q1	-7.5%	-10.2%
		Q2	10.9%	2.2%
		Q3	13.4%	15.0%
	2018	Q4	-1.8%	14.3%
		Q1	-11.5%	9.4%
		Q2	-1.6%	-3.0%
		Q3	3.8%	-11.2%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	2.9%	-7.0%
	2020	Q1	-4.0%	0.8%

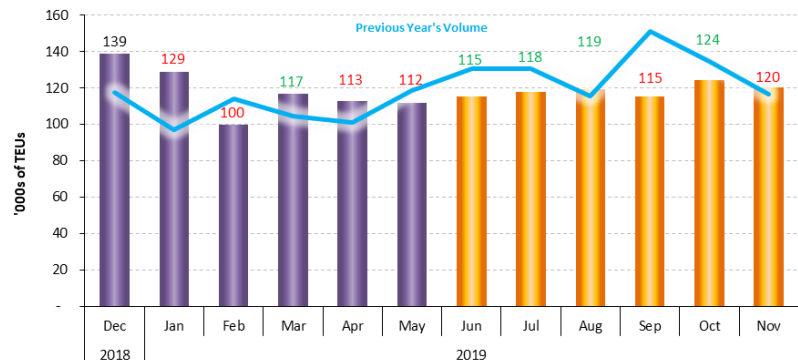
Headlines

- Imports decreased by 0.8 percent in May to 112,000 TEUs. The 1,000 TEU slide equates to a 5.7 percent decrease from the same month of 2018.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 99.7. This is 6.0 points lower than the 105.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 570,000 TEUs for a 6.5 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 9.9 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 0.5 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to a 19.3 percent surge between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in just one of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 2.9 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 685,000 TEUs.
- The second half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 9.1 percent (to 715,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 1.40 million TEUs, which would be a 3.6 percent decrease from last year.

Monthly Change

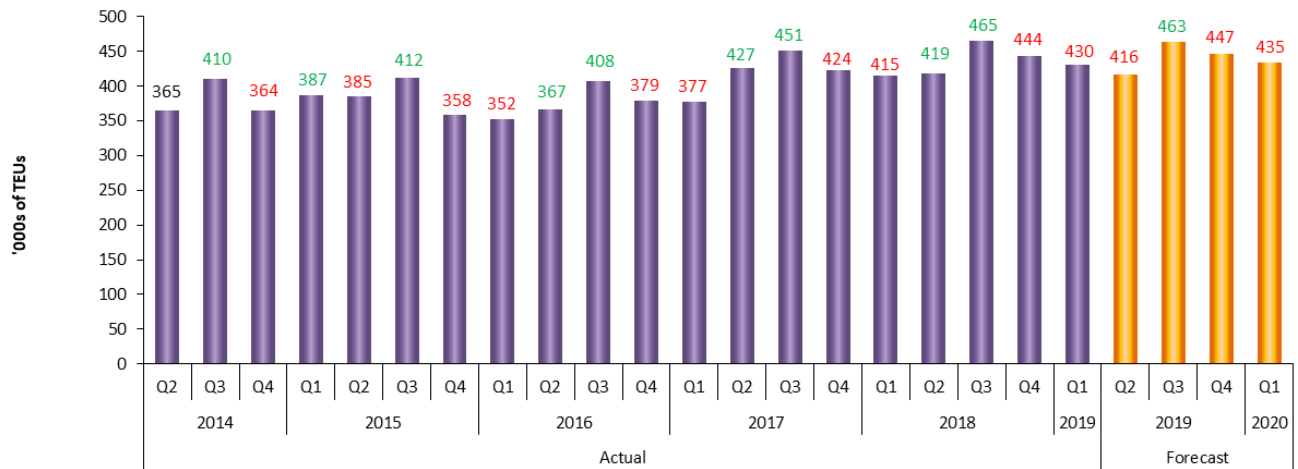
	Year	Month	Percent Change		
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	-3.3%	-8.8%	
		May	17.2%	2.1%	
		Jun	10.3%	12.8%	
		Jul	0.1%	19.8%	
		Aug	-11.8%	-3.5%	
		Sep	30.9%	29.4%	
		Oct	-10.9%	22.3%	
		Nov	-13.3%	2.8%	
		Dec	19.1%	17.9%	
		2019	Jan	-7.4%	32.8%
			Feb	-22.5%	-12.7%
			Mar	17.4%	11.9%
Apr	-3.7%		11.5%		
May	-0.8%		-5.7%		
FORECAST	2019	Jun	3.2%	-11.7%	
		Jul	2.4%	-9.7%	
		Aug	1.1%	3.5%	
		Sep	-3.6%	-23.7%	
		Oct	7.9%	-7.7%	
Nov	-3.1%	3.1%			

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Vancouver

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	↓ -6.9%	↔ 6.0%
		Q1	↓ -0.6%	↔ 7.0%
		Q2	↑ 13.1%	↑ 16.3%
		Q3	↑ 5.7%	↑ 10.6%
	2017	Q4	↓ -6.0%	↑ 11.6%
		Q1	↓ -1.9%	↑ 10.2%
		Q2	↑ 0.7%	↓ -1.9%
		Q3	↑ 11.2%	↔ 3.3%
	2018	Q4	↓ -4.6%	↑ 4.8%
		Q1	↓ -3.1%	↔ 3.6%
		Q2	↓ -3.3%	↓ -0.6%
		Q3	↑ 11.3%	↓ -0.5%
FORECAST	2020	Q4	↓ -3.5%	↔ 0.7%
		Q1	↓ -2.8%	↔ 1.0%

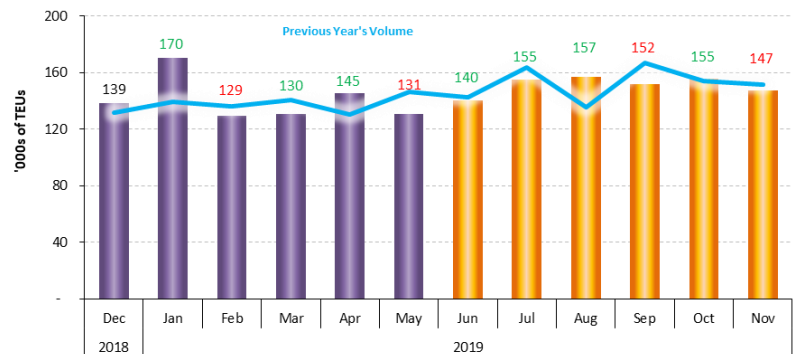
Headlines

- Imports decreased by 9.9 percent in May to 131,000 TEUs. The 14,000 TEU slide equates to a 10.4 percent drop from the same month of 2018.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 116.3. This is 13.6 points lower than the 129.9 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 706,000 TEUs for a 2.1 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 5.4 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 7.2 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to a 10.9 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year increases are forecast in half of the four upcoming quarters with all changes anticipated to be in the low single-digits.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 1.5 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 846,000 TEUs.
- The second half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 0.1 percent (to 910,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 1.76 million TEUs, which would be a 0.8 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

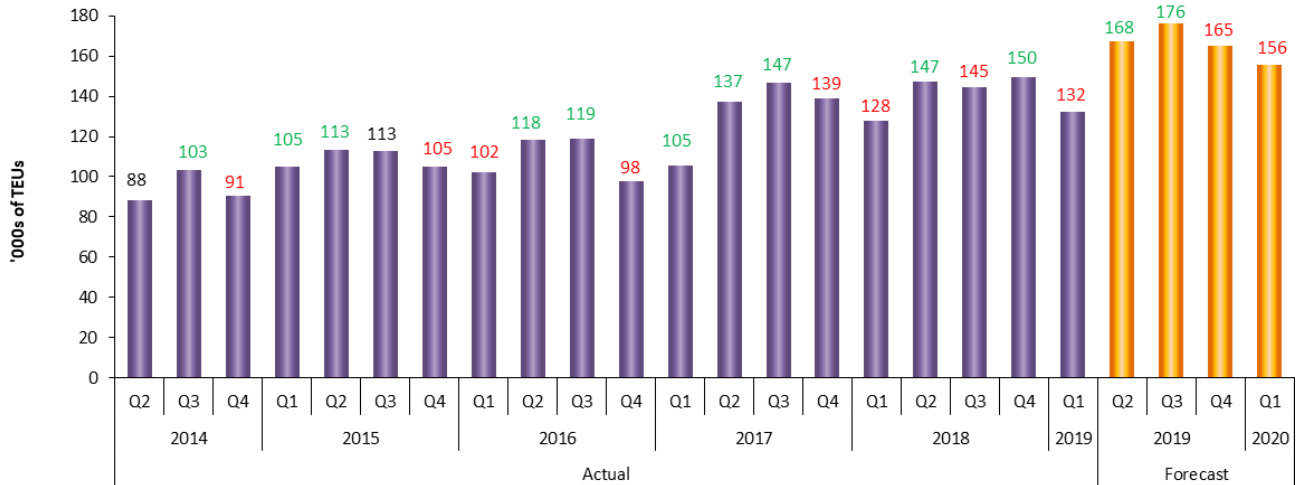
	Year	Month	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	↓ -7.3%	↓ -4.8%		
		May	↑ 12.1%	↓ -5.4%		
		Jun	↓ -2.6%	↔ 5.1%		
		Jul	↑ 15.0%	↔ 6.5%		
		Aug	↓ -17.2%	↓ -7.0%		
		Sep	↑ 23.0%	↔ 9.9%		
		Oct	↓ -7.7%	↑ 10.5%		
		Nov	↓ -1.4%	↓ -0.7%		
		Dec	↓ -8.5%	↔ 5.2%		
		FORECAST	2019	Jan	↑ 22.9%	↑ 22.6%
				Feb	↓ -24.0%	↓ -4.7%
				Mar	↔ 0.8%	↓ -7.2%
Apr	↑ 11.3%			↑ 11.4%		
May	↓ -9.9%			↓ -10.4%		
Jun	↔ 7.1%			↓ -1.5%		
Jul	↑ 10.5%			↓ -5.3%		
Aug	↔ 1.2%			↑ 15.7%		
Sep	↓ -3.2%			↓ -9.0%		
Oct	↔ 2.5%			↔ 1.1%		
Nov	↓ -5.2%			↓ -2.8%		

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Prince Rupert

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	↓ -17.8%	↓ -6.8%
		Q1	↗ 7.6%	↗ 3.2%
		Q2	↗ 30.5%	↗ 16.3%
		Q3	↗ 6.9%	↗ 23.3%
	2017	Q4	↘ -5.5%	↗ 41.8%
		Q1	↘ -8.1%	↗ 21.1%
		Q2	↗ 15.3%	↗ 7.0%
		Q3	↘ -1.6%	↘ -1.4%
	2018	Q4	↘ 3.4%	↗ 7.8%
		Q1	↘ -11.6%	↗ 3.8%
		Q2	↗ 26.6%	↗ 13.9%
		Q3	↘ 5.3%	↗ 21.9%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	↘ -6.5%	↗ 10.3%
		Q1	↘ -5.6%	↗ 17.8%
		Q2	↗ 26.6%	↗ 13.9%
		Q3	↘ 5.3%	↗ 21.9%

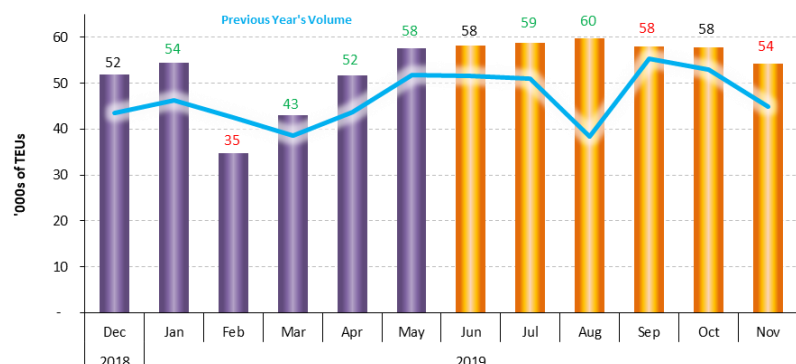
Headlines

- Imports surged by 11.4 percent in May to 58,000 TEUs. The 6,000 TEU increase equates to an 11.2 percent jump over the same month of 2018 and is an all-time high for the port.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 217.2. This is 21.9 points higher than the 195.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 242,000 TEUs for an 8.4 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 7.5 percent gain).
- The forecast projects an 18.2 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to a 10.4 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 9.2 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 300,000 TEUs. The second half of 2019 is forecast to surge by 16.0 percent (to 342,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 641,000 TEUs, which would be a 12.7 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

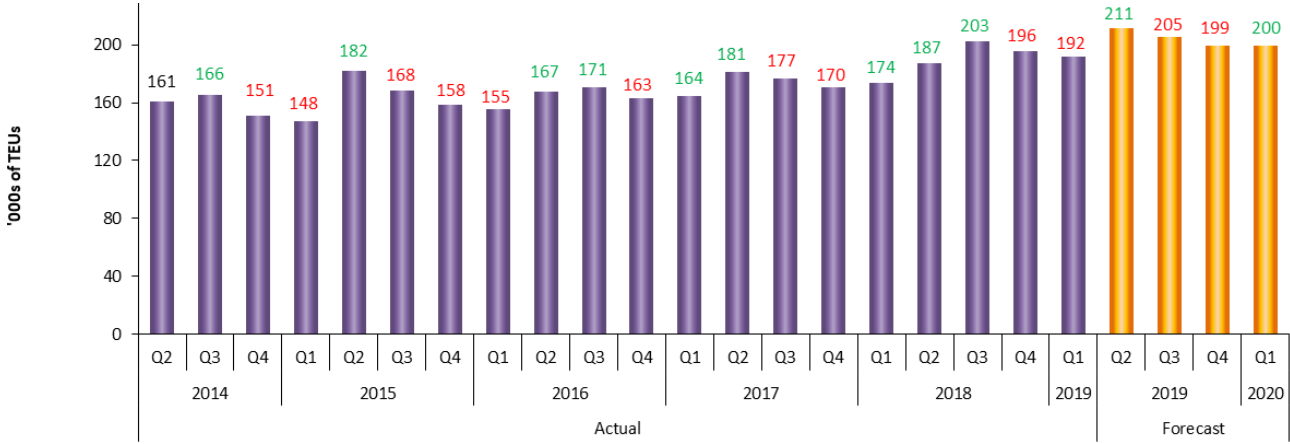
	Year	Month	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	↗ 12.9%	↘ -0.4%		
		May	↗ 18.6%	↗ 24.0%		
		Jun	↘ -0.3%	↘ -0.4%		
		Jul	↘ -1.0%	↗ 5.7%		
		Aug	↘ -24.9%	↘ -23.2%		
		Sep	↗ 44.1%	↗ 13.9%		
		Oct	↘ -4.2%	↗ 8.8%		
		Nov	↘ -15.4%	↘ -3.5%		
		Dec	↗ 15.6%	↗ 18.9%		
		FORECAST	2019	Jan	↗ 5.1%	↗ 17.5%
				Feb	↘ -36.2%	↘ -18.3%
				Mar	↗ 24.1%	↗ 11.6%
Apr	↗ 19.9%			↗ 18.4%		
May	↗ 11.4%			↗ 11.2%		
Jun	↗ 1.2%			↗ 12.9%		
Jul	↗ 0.9%			↗ 15.0%		
Aug	↗ 1.5%			↗ 55.6%		
Sep	↘ -2.8%			↗ 4.9%		
Oct	↘ -0.3%			↗ 9.2%		
Nov	↘ -6.2%			↗ 20.9%		

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Montreal

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	↘ -4.2%	↗ 3.2%
		Q1	↗ 0.6%	↗ 5.8%
		Q2	↗ 10.1%	↗ 8.2%
		Q3	↘ -2.3%	↘ 3.6%
	2017	Q4	↘ -3.6%	↗ 4.3%
		Q1	↗ 2.1%	↗ 5.9%
		Q2	↗ 7.6%	↗ 3.4%
		Q3	↗ 8.3%	↗ 14.7%
	2018	Q4	↘ -3.5%	↗ 14.8%
		Q1	↘ -2.0%	↗ 10.2%
		Q2	↗ 10.1%	↗ 12.8%
		Q3	↘ -2.9%	↘ 1.1%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	↘ -2.9%	↗ 1.8%
	2020	Q1	↗ 0.2%	↗ 4.1%

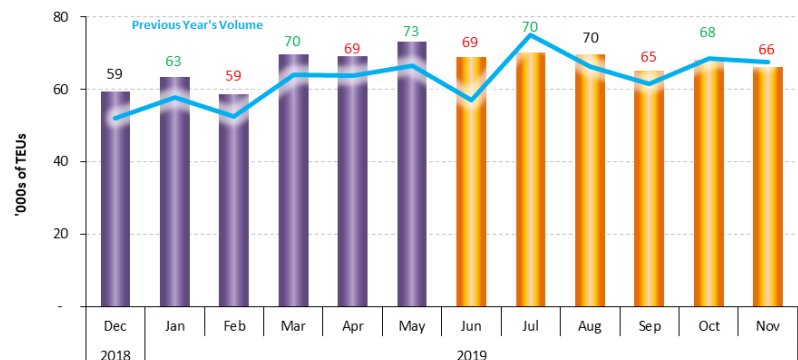
Headlines

- Imports rebounded by 5.7 percent in May to 73,000 TEUs. The 4,000 TEU increase equates to a 10.0 percent gain over the same month of 2018 and is a record high for the month of May.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 150.5. This is 13.7 points higher than the 136.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 334,000 TEUs for a 9.8 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 9.7 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 3.7 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to an 11.1 percent surge between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 11.5 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 403,000 TEUs. The second half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 1.5 percent (to 404,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 807,000 TEUs, which would be a 6.2 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

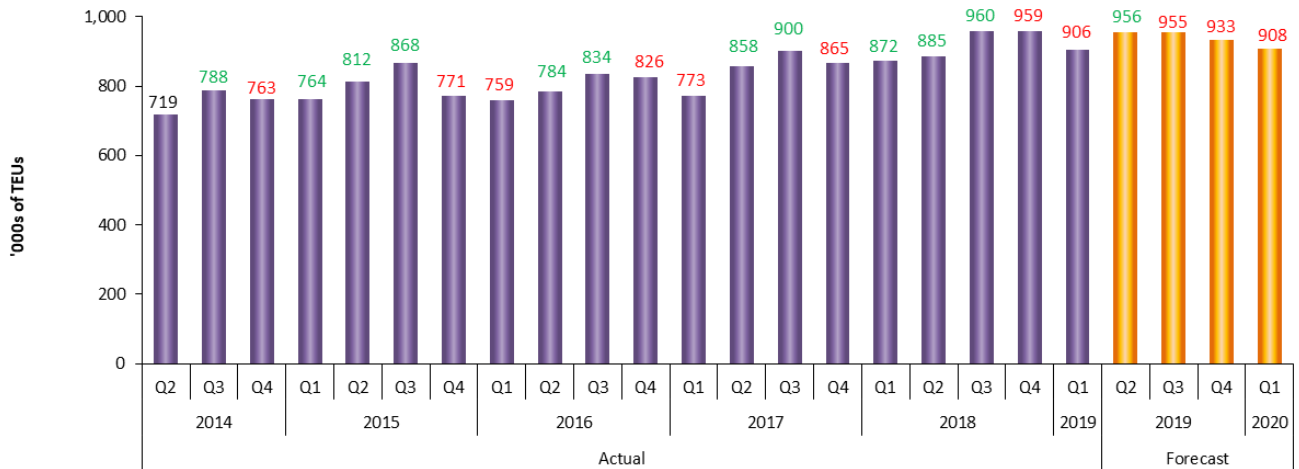
	Year	Month	Percent Change		
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	↘ -0.2%	↗ 6.9%	
		May	↗ 4.2%	↗ 5.5%	
		Jun	↘ -14.3%	↘ -2.4%	
		Jul	↗ 31.8%	↗ 27.7%	
		Aug	↘ -11.7%	↗ 16.8%	
		Sep	↘ -7.4%	↗ 0.3%	
		Oct	↗ 11.7%	↗ 15.5%	
		Nov	↘ -1.4%	↗ 14.3%	
		Dec	↘ -12.1%	↗ 14.5%	
		2019	Jan	↗ 6.7%	↗ 10.1%
			Feb	↘ -7.6%	↗ 11.9%
			Mar	↗ 18.6%	↗ 8.9%
Apr	↘ -0.5%		↗ 8.5%		
May	↗ 5.7%		↗ 10.0%		
FORECAST	2019		Jun	↘ -5.9%	↗ 20.8%
	Jul	↗ 2.0%	↘ -6.5%		
	Aug	↘ -0.7%	↗ 5.2%		
	Sep	↘ -6.6%	↗ 6.1%		
	Oct	↗ 4.5%	↘ -0.8%		
Nov	↘ -2.8%	↘ -2.2%			

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	Q4	👇 -1.0%	👆 7.1%
		Q1	👇 -6.3%	👆 1.9%
		Q2	👆 10.9%	👆 9.4%
		Q3	👆 5.0%	👆 8.0%
	2017	Q4	👇 -3.9%	👆 4.8%
		Q1	👆 0.8%	👆 12.8%
		Q2	👆 1.5%	👆 3.3%
		Q3	👆 8.4%	👆 6.6%
	2018	Q4	👇 -0.1%	👆 10.8%
		Q1	👇 -5.5%	👆 3.9%
		Q2	👆 5.5%	👆 8.0%
		Q3	👇 -0.1%	👇 -0.5%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	👇 -2.3%	👇 -2.7%
		Q1	👇 -2.7%	👆 0.3%

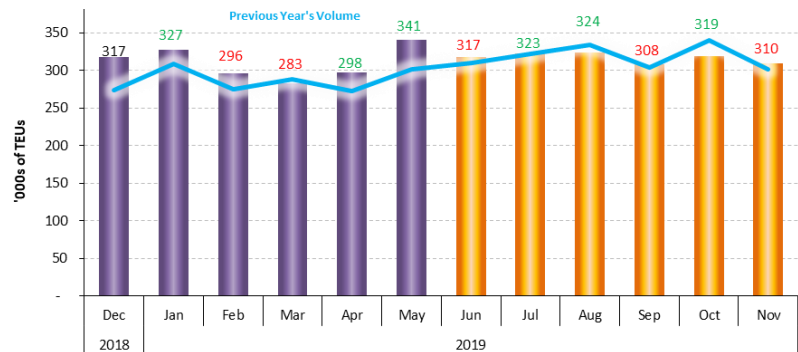
Headlines

- Imports surged by 14.4 percent in May to 341,000 TEUs. The 43,000 TEU gain equates to a 12.8 percent jump over the same month of 2018 and is an all-time high for the port.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 148.7. This is 16.9 points higher than the 131.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 1.54 million TEUs for a 6.7 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 5.1 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 2.1 percent gain in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to an 11.1 percent increase between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in two of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 5.9 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 1.86 million TEUs.
- The second half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.6 percent (to 1.89 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 3.75 million TEUs, which would be a 2.0 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

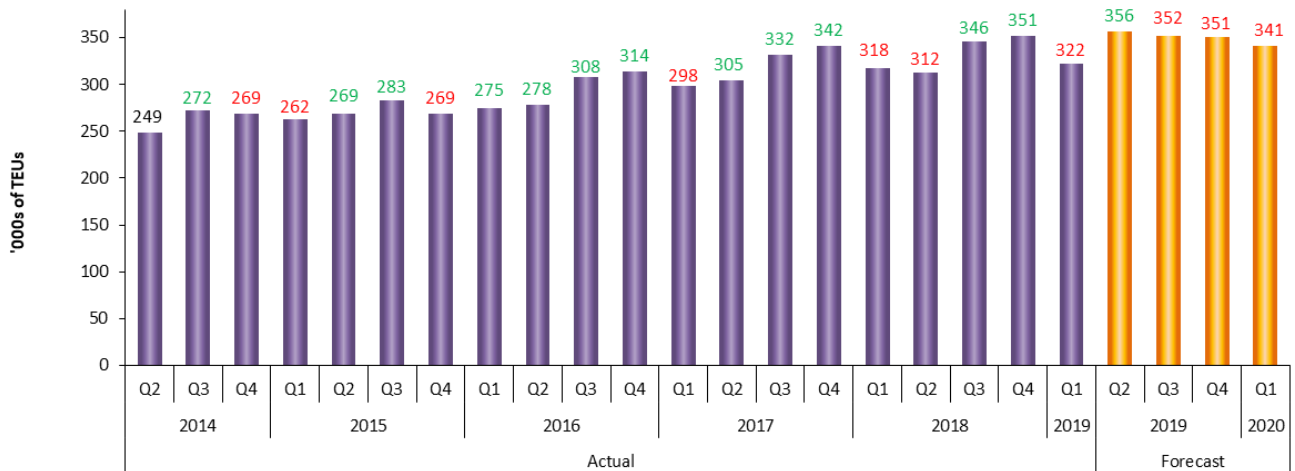
	Year	Month	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	👇 -5.4%	👇 -2.1%		
		May	👆 10.7%	👆 6.6%		
		Jun	👆 2.8%	👆 5.2%		
		Jul	👆 3.7%	👆 10.4%		
		Aug	👆 3.6%	👆 4.0%		
		Sep	👇 -8.8%	👆 5.7%		
		Oct	👆 11.7%	👆 11.1%		
		Nov	👇 -11.1%	👆 5.9%		
		Dec	👆 5.1%	👆 15.7%		
		FORECAST	2019	Jan	👆 3.2%	👆 5.9%
				Feb	👇 -9.7%	👆 7.6%
				Mar	👇 -4.2%	👇 -1.9%
Apr	👆 5.2%			👆 9.1%		
May	👆 14.4%			👆 12.8%		

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Virginia

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	2.0%	16.8%
		Q1	-5.0%	8.3%
		Q2	2.3%	9.4%
		Q3	9.0%	8.0%
	2017	Q4	2.9%	8.9%
		Q1	-7.0%	6.6%
		Q2	-1.7%	2.4%
		Q3	10.9%	4.2%
	2018	Q4	1.5%	2.9%
		Q1	-8.3%	1.4%
		Q2	10.5%	14.1%
		Q3	-1.1%	1.7%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	-0.4%	-0.2%
		Q1	-2.7%	6.0%

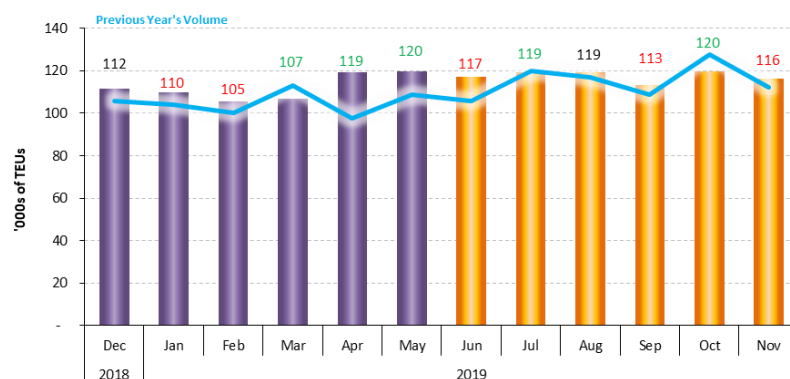
Headlines

- Imports increased by 0.3 percent in May to 120,000 TEUs. The less-than 500 TEU increase equates to a 10.1 percent jump over the same month of 2018 and is a record high for the month of May.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 164.9. This is 15.2 points higher than the 149.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 561,000 TEUs for a 7.1 percent increase year-on-year (which is up from last month's 6.3 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 4.9 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to a 9.9 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in three of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 7.7 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 678,000 TEUs.
- The second half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 0.8 percent (to 703,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 1.38 million TEUs, which would be a 4.0 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

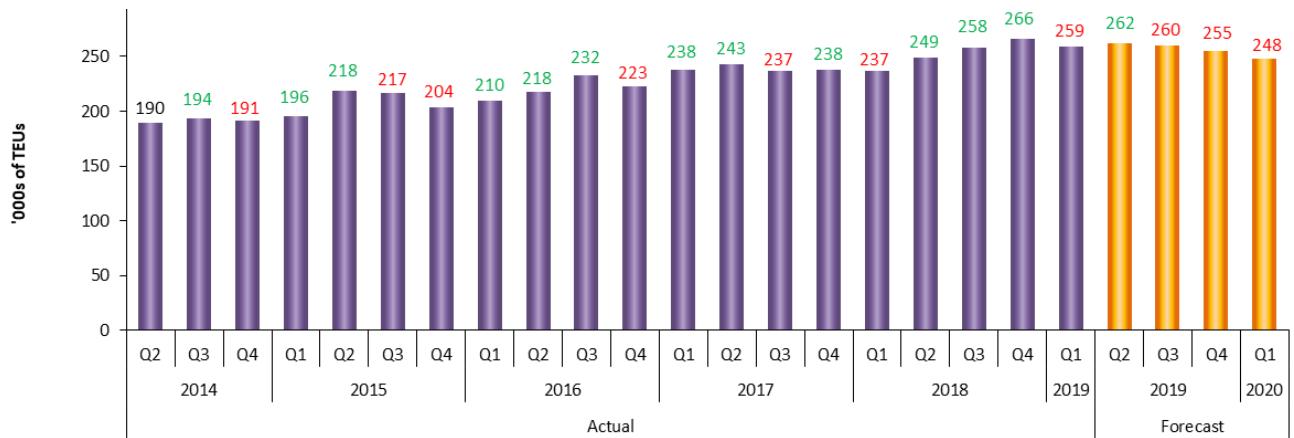
	Year	Month	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	-13.7%	-3.5%		
		May	11.3%	8.0%		
		Jun	-2.4%	2.9%		
		Jul	13.4%	10.0%		
		Aug	-2.6%	3.4%		
		Sep	-6.9%	-0.7%		
		Oct	17.2%	2.1%		
		Nov	-12.1%	1.4%		
		Dec	-0.6%	5.4%		
		FORECAST	2019	Jan	-1.6%	5.4%
				Feb	-4.0%	5.0%
				Mar	1.6%	-5.4%
Apr	11.4%			22.2%		
May	0.3%			10.1%		
FORECAST	2019	Jun	-2.0%	10.6%		
		Jul	1.8%	-0.7%		
		Aug	0.1%	2.0%		
		Sep	-5.0%	4.1%		
		Oct	5.6%	-6.1%		
Nov	-2.8%	3.8%				

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Charleston

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	↘ -4.0%	↗ 9.4%
		Q1	↗ 6.7%	↗ 13.3%
		Q2	↗ 1.9%	↗ 11.4%
		Q3	↘ -2.4%	↗ 1.9%
	2017	Q4	↗ 0.4%	↗ 6.6%
		Q1	↘ -0.3%	↘ -0.4%
		Q2	↗ 5.0%	↗ 2.6%
		Q3	↗ 3.7%	↗ 9.0%
	2018	Q4	↗ 3.0%	↗ 12.0%
		Q1	↘ -2.8%	↗ 9.1%
		Q2	↗ 1.3%	↗ 5.3%
		Q3	↘ -0.7%	↗ 0.7%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	↘ -2.1%	↘ -4.3%
		Q1	↘ -2.7%	↘ -4.2%

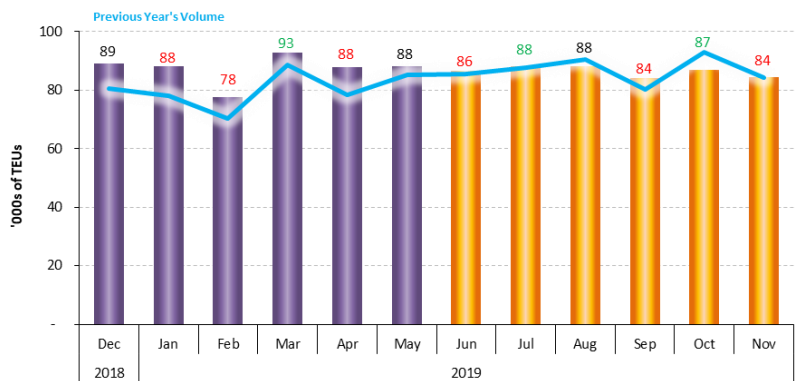
Headlines

- Imports inched up by 0.4 percent in May to 88,000 TEUs. The less than 500 TEU increase equates to a 3.2 percent gain over the same month of 2018 and is a record high for the month of May.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 163.2. This is 5.0 points higher than the 158.2 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 434,000 TEUs for an 8.4 percent increase year-over-year (which is down from last month's 9.8 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 1.0 percent decrease in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to an 8.3 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in half of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 7.1 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 521,000 TEUs.
- The second half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 1.8 percent (to 515,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 1.04 million TEUs, which would be a 2.5 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

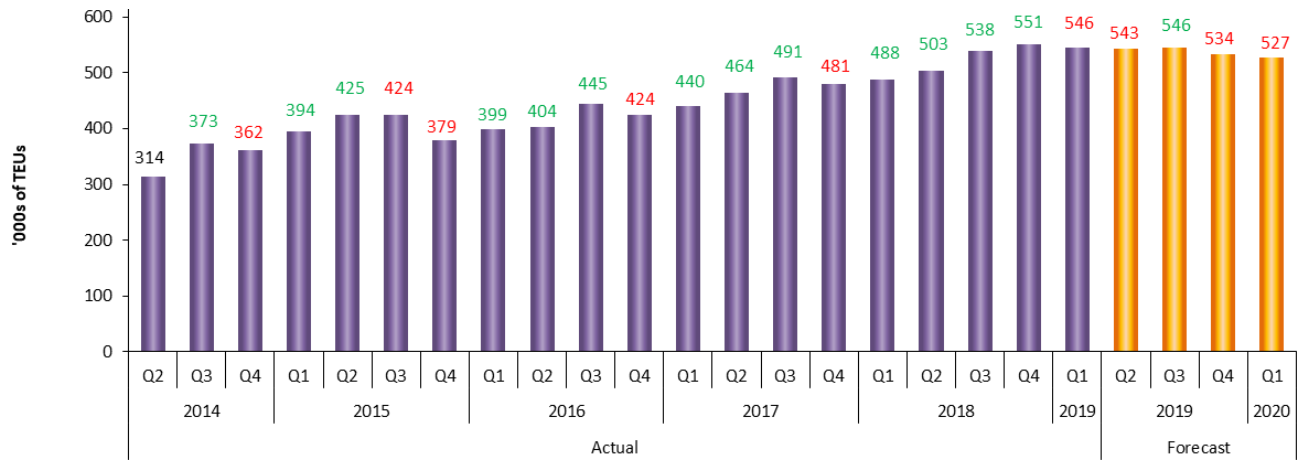
	Year	Month	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	↘ -11.5%	↘ -5.6%		
		May	↗ 8.9%	↗ 8.8%		
		Jun	↗ 0.2%	↗ 5.1%		
		Jul	↗ 2.5%	↗ 9.9%		
		Aug	↗ 3.4%	↗ 16.0%		
		Sep	↘ -11.5%	↗ 1.3%		
		Oct	↗ 15.9%	↗ 15.1%		
		Nov	↘ -9.5%	↗ 9.9%		
		Dec	↗ 5.9%	↗ 10.8%		
		ACTUAL	2019	Jan	↘ -1.1%	↗ 12.7%
				Feb	↘ -11.8%	↗ 10.3%
				Mar	↗ 19.6%	↗ 5.0%
Apr	↘ -5.6%			↗ 12.0%		
May	↗ 0.4%			↗ 3.2%		
Jun	↘ -1.8%			↗ 1.2%		
FORECAST	2019	Jul	↗ 1.8%	↗ 0.5%		
		Aug	↗ 0.3%	↘ -2.6%		
		Sep	↘ -4.8%	↗ 4.7%		
		Oct	↗ 3.5%	↘ -6.5%		
		Nov	↘ -2.8%	↗ 0.4%		

Monthly Import Volumes



Port of Savannah

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	↘ -4.6%	↗ 11.9%
		Q1	↗ 3.8%	↗ 10.4%
		Q2	↗ 5.4%	↗ 15.0%
		Q3	↗ 5.8%	↗ 10.4%
	2017	Q4	↘ -2.1%	↗ 13.3%
		Q1	↗ 1.6%	↗ 11.0%
		Q2	↗ 3.0%	↘ 8.4%
		Q3	↗ 7.0%	↗ 9.7%
	2018	Q4	↗ 2.4%	↗ 14.7%
		Q1	↘ -1.1%	↗ 11.7%
		Q2	↘ -0.5%	↗ 7.9%
		Q3	↗ 0.6%	↗ 1.4%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	↘ -2.2%	↘ -3.1%
	2020	Q1	↘ -1.4%	↘ -3.4%

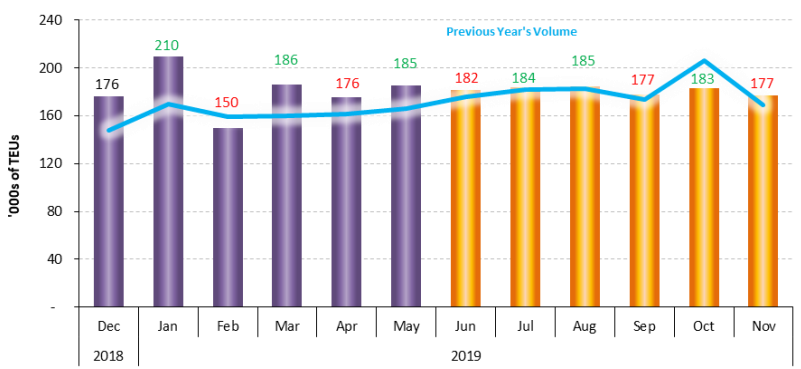
Headlines

- Imports rebounded by 5.5 percent in May to 185,000 TEUs. The 10,000 TEU gain equates to an 11.7 percent jump over the same month of 2018 and is a record high for the month of May.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 204.3. This is 21.5 points higher than the 182.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 907,000 TEUs for an 11.1 percent surge year-on-year (which is up from last month's 11.0 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 0.5 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to a 13.0 percent jump between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in half of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 9.8 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 1.09 million TEUs.
- The second half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.9 percent (to 1.08 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 2.17 million TEUs, which would be a 4.2 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

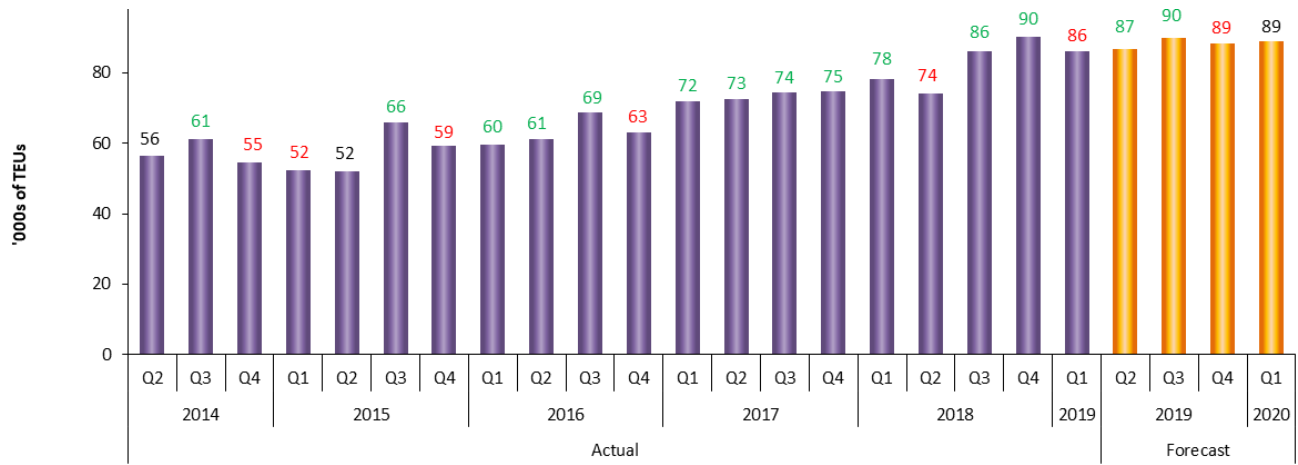
	Year	Month	Percent Change		
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	↗ 1.2%	↗ 8.3%	
		May	↗ 2.6%	↗ 3.6%	
		Jun	↗ 5.9%	↗ 13.5%	
		Jul	↗ 3.6%	↗ 14.0%	
		Aug	↘ 0.6%	↗ 11.2%	
		Sep	↘ -5.0%	↗ 4.1%	
		Oct	↗ 18.5%	↗ 9.3%	
		Nov	↘ -17.8%	↗ 17.3%	
		Dec	↗ 4.3%	↗ 19.1%	
		2019	Jan	↗ 18.8%	↗ 23.5%
			Feb	↘ -28.6%	↘ -5.8%
			Mar	↗ 24.5%	↗ 16.7%
Apr	↘ -5.7%		↗ 8.6%		
May	↗ 5.5%		↗ 11.7%		
FORECAST	2019		Jun	↘ -1.9%	↗ 3.5%
	Jul	↗ 1.1%	↗ 1.0%		
	Aug	↗ 0.6%	↗ 1.1%		
	Sep	↘ -4.0%	↗ 2.2%		
	Oct	↗ 3.0%	↘ -11.2%		
	Nov	↘ -3.0%	↗ 4.8%		

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	Q4	↘ -8.3%	↗ 6.2%
		Q1	↗ 14.3%	↗ 20.9%
		Q2	↗ 0.8%	↗ 18.6%
		Q3	↗ 2.4%	↘ 8.2%
	2017	Q4	↗ 0.5%	↗ 18.6%
		Q1	↗ 4.7%	↘ 8.6%
		Q2	↘ -5.3%	↘ 2.0%
		Q3	↗ 16.1%	↗ 15.7%
	2018	Q4	↘ 5.0%	↗ 20.9%
		Q1	↘ -4.5%	↗ 10.2%
		Q2	↗ 0.6%	↗ 17.0%
		Q3	↗ 3.6%	↗ 4.5%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	↘ -1.5%	↘ -2.0%
		Q1	↗ 0.5%	↗ 3.1%
		Q2	↗ 0.6%	↗ 17.0%
		Q3	↗ 3.6%	↗ 4.5%

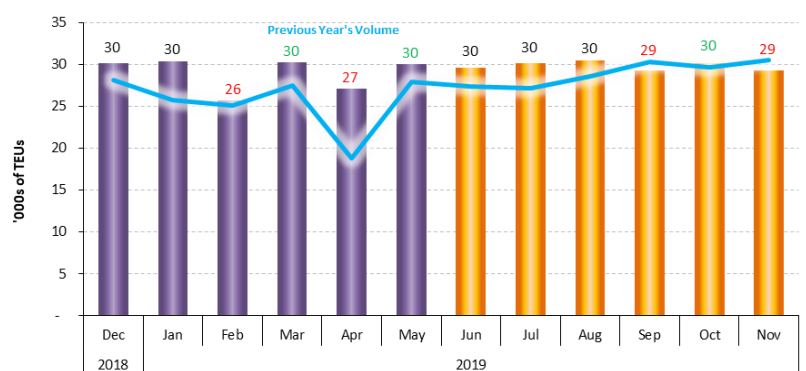
Headlines

- Imports surged by 3,000 TEUs to 30,000 TEUs in May. The 10.8 percent jump over April is 7.5 percent higher than the same month of 2018 and is a record for the month of May.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 187.5. This is 13.1 points higher than the 174.4 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 143,000 TEUs for a 14.7 percent surge year-on-year (which is down from last month's 18.7 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 3.1 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to a 13.0 percent jump between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in three of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 13.5 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 173,000 TEUs.
- The second half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 1.2 percent (to 178,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 351,000 TEUs, which would be a 6.9 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

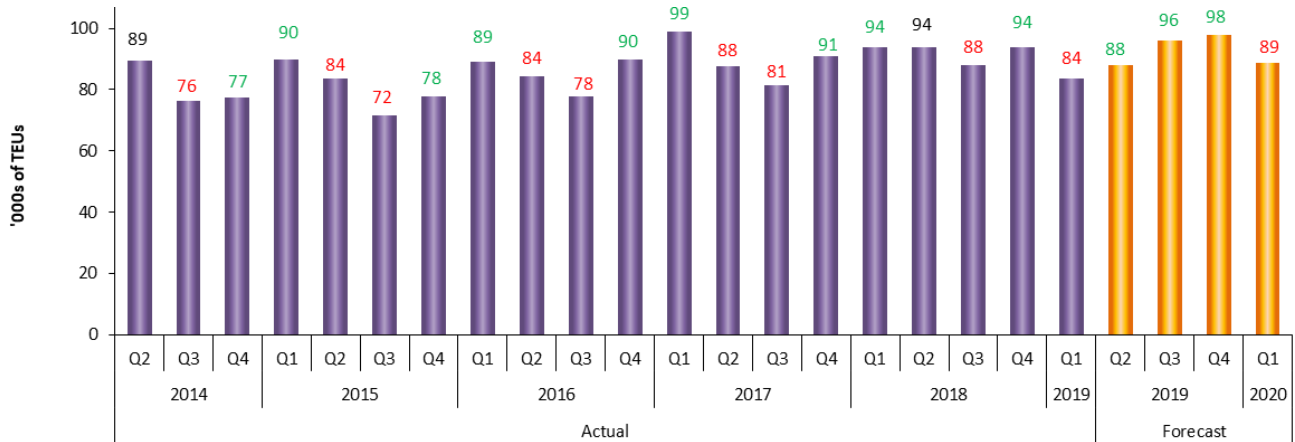
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			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	↘ -31.5%	↘ -14.9%		
		May	↗ 48.4%	↗ 5.1%		
		Jun	↘ -2.0%	↗ 14.4%		
		Jul	↘ -0.8%	↗ 15.5%		
		Aug	↗ 5.0%	↗ 6.6%		
		Sep	↗ 6.4%	↗ 26.1%		
		Oct	↘ -2.5%	↗ 25.3%		
		Nov	↗ 3.2%	↗ 32.9%		
		Dec	↘ -1.2%	↗ 7.4%		
		2019	2019	Jan	↗ 0.5%	↗ 17.9%
				Feb	↘ -15.2%	↗ 2.6%
				Mar	↗ 17.5%	↗ 9.9%
Apr	↘ -10.3%			↗ 44.0%		
May	↗ 10.8%			↗ 7.5%		
FORECAST	2019	Jun	↘ -1.4%	↗ 8.2%		
		Jul	↗ 1.6%	↗ 10.7%		
		Aug	↗ 1.4%	↗ 6.9%		
		Sep	↘ -3.8%	↘ -3.4%		
		Oct	↗ 2.9%	↗ 2.0%		
Nov	↘ -3.1%	↘ -4.3%				

Monthly Import Volumes



Port Everglades

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	↑ 15.5%	↑ 15.3%
		Q1	↑ 10.4%	↑ 11.1%
		Q2	↓ -11.5%	↔ 4.0%
		Q3	↓ -7.1%	↔ 4.9%
	2017	Q4	↑ 11.7%	↔ 1.4%
		Q1	↔ 3.1%	↓ -5.3%
		Q2	↔ 0.0%	↔ 7.0%
		Q3	↓ -6.2%	↔ 8.0%
	2018	Q4	↔ 6.7%	↔ 3.2%
		Q1	↓ -11.0%	↓ -10.9%
		Q2	↔ 5.3%	↓ -6.1%
		Q3	↔ 9.2%	↔ 9.2%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	↔ 1.8%	↔ 4.2%
		Q1	↓ -9.2%	↔ 6.3%

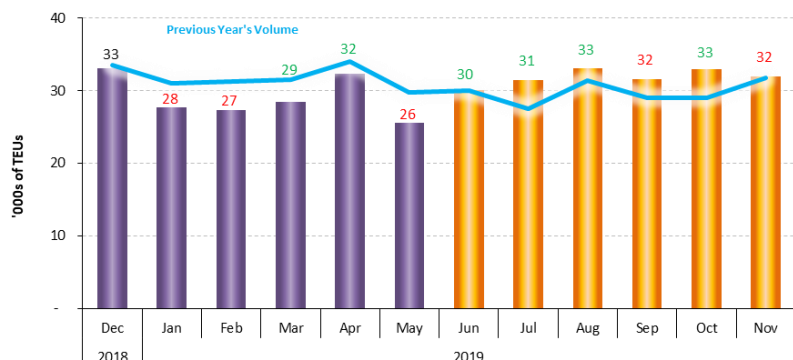
Headlines

- Imports fell by 20.7 percent in May to 26,000 TEUs. The 7,000 TEU drop equates to a 13.8 percent drop from the same month of 2018.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 118.3. This is 19.0 points lower than the 137.1 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 142,000 TEUs for a 10.2 percent decrease year-on-year (which is down from last month's 9.3 percent fall).
- The forecast projects a 9.5 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to a 6.4 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in three of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 8.5 percent from the equivalent period of 2018, with 172,000 TEUs.
- The second half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 6.6 percent (to 194,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 366,000 TEUs, which would be a 1.1 percent decrease from last year.

Monthly Change

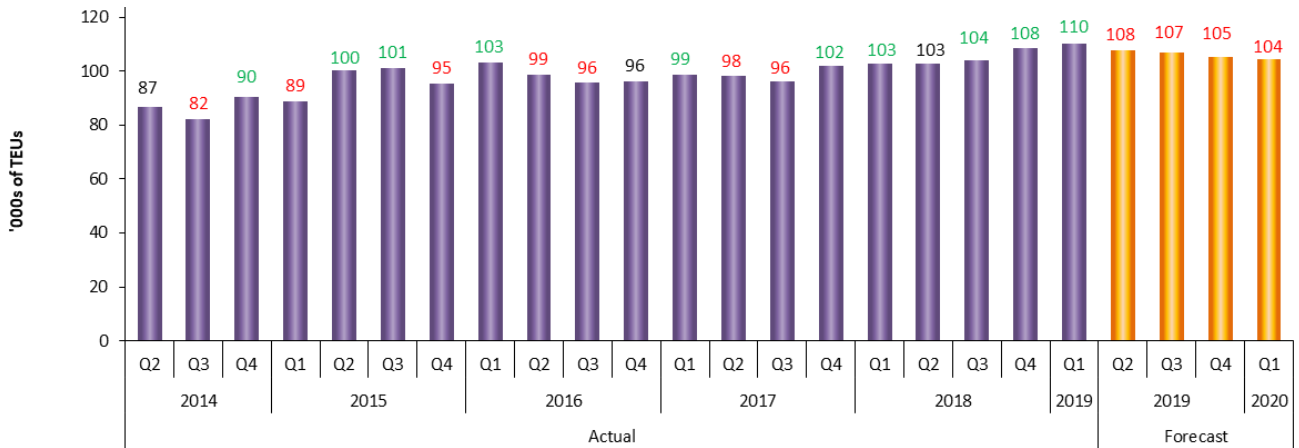
	Year	Month	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	↔ 8.1%	↔ 5.9%		
		May	↓ -12.7%	↔ 0.6%		
		Jun	↔ 0.9%	↑ 15.5%		
		Jul	↓ -8.2%	↓ -1.7%		
		Aug	↑ 14.0%	↑ 13.0%		
		Sep	↓ -7.5%	↑ 13.2%		
		Oct	↓ -0.1%	↔ 7.8%		
		Nov	↔ 9.7%	↔ 4.1%		
		Dec	↔ 3.8%	↓ -1.4%		
		FORECAST	2019	Jan	↓ -16.1%	↓ -10.5%
				Feb	↔ -1.3%	↓ -12.6%
				Mar	↔ 4.2%	↓ -9.5%
Apr	↑ 13.3%			↓ -5.1%		
May	↓ -20.7%			↓ -13.8%		
Jun	↑ 17.5%			↔ 0.3%		
Jul	↔ 4.4%			↑ 14.1%		
Aug	↔ 5.2%			↔ 5.2%		
Sep	↓ -4.3%			↔ 8.9%		
Oct	↔ 4.1%			↑ 13.4%		
Nov	↓ -2.8%			↔ 0.5%		

Monthly Import Volumes



Port Miami

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	↗ 0.5%	↗ 0.7%
		Q1	↘ 2.8%	↘ -4.3%
		Q2	↘ -0.6%	↘ -0.6%
		Q3	↘ -2.0%	↘ 0.6%
	2017	Q4	↗ 6.0%	↗ 6.2%
		Q1	↗ 0.8%	↗ 4.1%
		Q2	↔ 0.0%	↗ 4.8%
		Q3	↗ 1.1%	↗ 8.1%
	2018	Q4	↗ 4.2%	↗ 6.2%
		Q1	↗ 1.5%	↗ 7.0%
		Q2	↘ -2.2%	↗ 4.6%
		Q3	↘ -0.7%	↗ 2.7%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	↘ -1.3%	↘ -2.7%
	2020	Q1	↘ -1.0%	↘ -5.2%

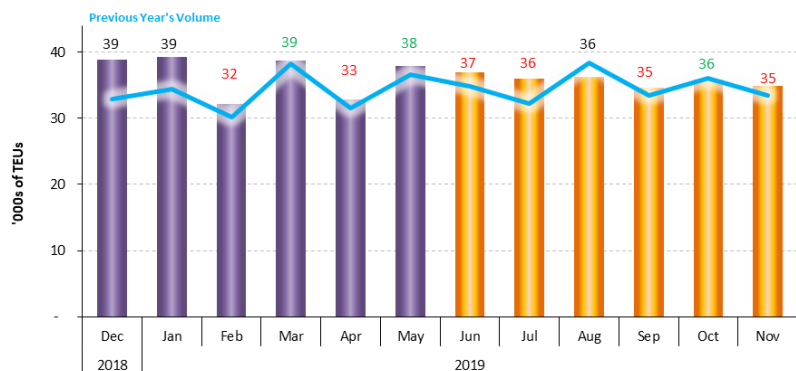
Headlines

- Imports rebounded by 15.6 percent in May to 38,000 TEUs. The 5,000 TEU surge equates to a 3.8 percent increase over the same month of 2018 and is a record high for the month of May.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 131.5. This is 4.8 points higher than the 126.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 181,000 TEUs for a 5.8 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 6.4 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 2.4 percent decrease in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to a 2.3 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in half of the four upcoming quarters, with all changes anticipated to be in the single-digit percentage range.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 4.5 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 218,000 TEUs. The second half of 2019 is forecast to decrease by 0.1 percent (to 212,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 430,000 TEUs, which would be a 2.8 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

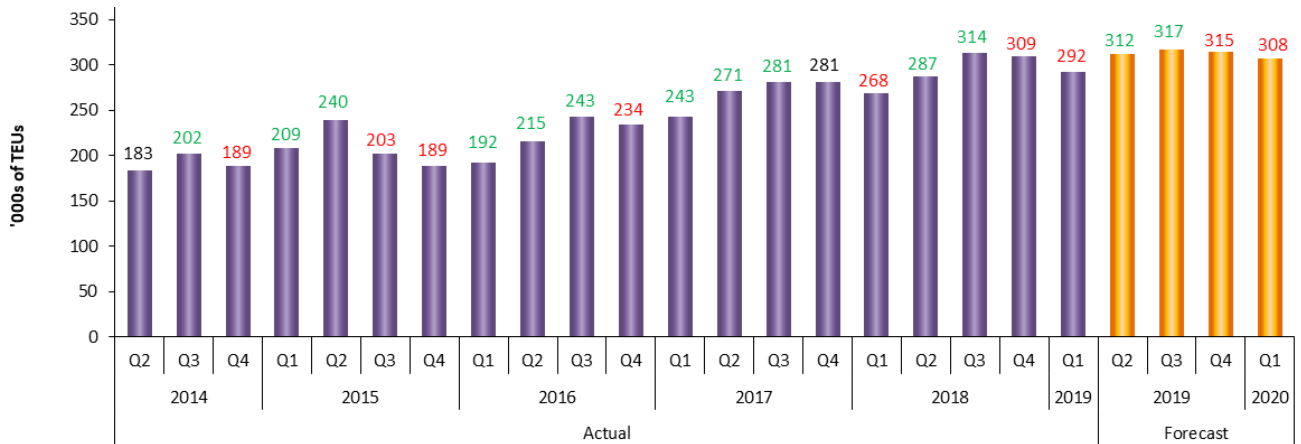
	Year	Month	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	↘ -17.8%	↗ 0.3%		
		May	↗ 16.1%	↗ 10.0%		
		Jun	↘ -4.7%	↗ 3.7%		
		Jul	↘ -7.5%	↗ 6.7%		
		Aug	↗ 19.0%	↗ 3.4%		
		Sep	↘ -12.7%	↗ 15.6%		
		Oct	↗ 7.7%	↗ 8.9%		
		Nov	↘ -7.1%	↘ -7.0%		
		Dec	↗ 16.1%	↗ 18.0%		
		FORECAST	2019	Jan	↗ 1.1%	↗ 14.1%
				Feb	↘ -18.2%	↗ 6.6%
				Mar	↗ 20.4%	↗ 1.0%
Apr	↘ -15.1%			↗ 4.3%		
May	↗ 15.6%			↗ 3.8%		
FORECAST	2019	Jun	↘ -2.8%	↗ 5.9%		
		Jul	↘ -2.4%	↗ 11.6%		
		Aug	↗ 0.9%	↘ -5.3%		
		Sep	↘ -4.7%	↗ 3.4%		
		Oct	↗ 3.6%	↘ -0.6%		
Nov	↘ -2.9%	↗ 4.0%				

Monthly Import Volumes



Port Houston

Quarterly Import Volumes



Quarterly Change

	Year	Quarter	Percent Change	
			vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2016	Q4	↓ -3.8%	↑ 23.9%
		Q1	↑ 4.0%	↑ 26.5%
		Q2	↑ 11.4%	↑ 25.8%
		Q3	↓ 3.8%	↑ 15.6%
	2017	Q4	↓ -0.2%	↑ 20.0%
		Q1	↓ -4.4%	↑ 10.4%
		Q2	↑ 7.0%	↓ 6.0%
		Q3	↑ 9.2%	↑ 11.6%
	2018	Q4	↓ -1.4%	↑ 10.2%
		Q1	↓ -5.7%	↓ 8.7%
		Q2	↑ 7.0%	↑ 8.8%
		Q3	↑ 1.5%	↑ 1.1%
FORECAST	2019	Q4	↓ -0.6%	↑ 1.8%
		Q1	↓ -2.3%	↑ 5.4%

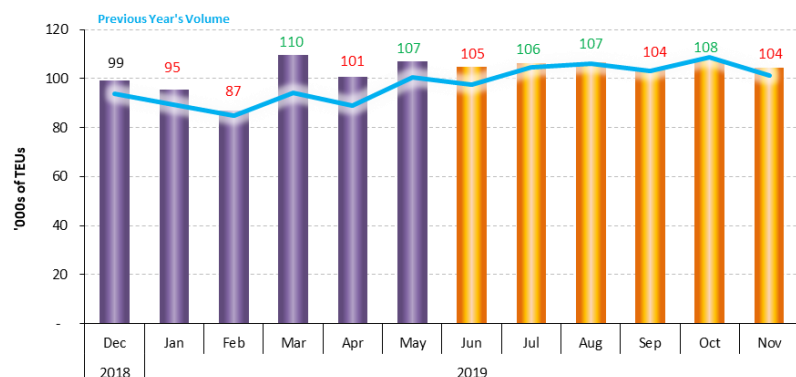
Headlines

- Imports rebounded by 6.5 percent in May to 107,000 TEUs, which is a record high for the month of May. The 6,000 TEU gain equates to a 6.7 percent gain over the same month of 2018.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for May is 213.3. This is 13.4 points higher than the 199.9 that was recorded in the same month of 2018.
- The volume imported through the first five months totals 500,000 TEUs for a 9.1 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 9.8 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 5.8 percent increase in imports between June and November versus the past six months (December through May), compared to a 12.6 percent jump between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is forecast in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 8.8 percent over the equivalent period of 2018, with 604,000 TEUs.
- The second half of 2019 is forecast to increase by 1.5 percent (to 632,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2018.
- The forecast volume for 2019 is 1.24 million TEUs, which would be a 4.9 percent increase over last year.

Monthly Change

	Year	Month	Percent Change			
			vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year		
ACTUAL	2018	Apr	↓ -5.4%	↓ 5.5%		
		May	↑ 12.7%	↑ 12.2%		
		Jun	↓ -2.7%	↓ 0.7%		
		Jul	↑ 7.0%	↑ 15.6%		
		Aug	↑ 1.3%	↑ 37.8%		
		Sep	↓ -2.6%	↓ -9.3%		
		Oct	↑ 5.3%	↑ 9.0%		
		Nov	↓ -6.7%	↑ 16.1%		
		Dec	↓ -1.9%	↓ 6.0%		
		2019	2019	Jan	↓ -4.1%	↑ 6.6%
				Feb	↓ -8.8%	↓ 2.5%
				Mar	↑ 26.0%	↑ 16.4%
Apr	↓ -8.2%			↑ 13.0%		
May	↑ 6.5%			↑ 6.7%		
FORECAST	2019	Jun	↓ -2.3%	↑ 7.1%		
		Jul	↑ 1.6%	↑ 1.7%		
		Aug	↑ 0.5%	↑ 0.8%		
		Sep	↓ -2.8%	↓ 0.7%		
		Oct	↑ 3.5%	↓ -1.1%		
Nov	↓ -2.9%	↑ 3.0%				

Monthly Import Volumes



Year to Date Totals

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

	West Coast	East Coast	All Ports (incl. Gulf)
2018	5,268,044	3,945,204	9,671,130
2019	5,256,971	4,246,085	10,002,684
Percent Change	-0.2%	7.6%	3.4%

	LA&LB	Oakland	NW Seaport Alliance	Vancouver	Prince Rupert
2018	3,445,236	372,938	535,102	691,792	222,977
2019	3,346,152	393,248	569,673	706,273	241,625
Percent Change	-2.9%	5.4%	6.5%	2.1%	8.4%

	Montreal	NYNJ	Virginia	Charleston	Savannah
2018	304,328	1,447,087	523,840	400,601	815,866
2019	334,082	1,544,354	561,012	434,333	906,563
Percent Change	9.8%	6.7%	7.1%	8.4%	11.1%

	Jacksonville	Port Everglades	Port Miami	Port Houston
2018	124,983	157,587	170,912	457,882
2019	143,341	141,525	180,875	499,628
Percent Change	14.7%	-10.2%	5.8%	9.1%

Raw Monthly Data

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

		LA&LB	Oakland	NW Seaport		Prince Rupert	Montreal	NYNJ
				Alliance	Vancouver			
2018	Jun	767,059	87,207	130,605	142,202	51,617	56,950	310,481
	Jul	785,901	84,301	130,766	163,499	51,091	75,077	322,093
	Aug	763,602	85,703	115,317	135,398	38,355	66,308	333,567
	Sep	771,583	82,586	150,902	166,591	55,287	61,406	304,125
	Oct	849,908	82,397	134,471	153,689	52,975	68,586	339,602
	Nov	742,670	83,364	116,607	151,585	44,843	67,633	301,826
	Dec	842,004	87,056	138,873	138,641	51,833	59,474	317,332
2019	Jan	753,761	81,893	128,615	170,370	54,481	63,487	327,345
	Feb	651,181	69,977	99,669	129,494	34,758	58,687	295,523
	Mar	544,226	74,714	117,007	130,472	43,122	69,574	282,981
	Apr	678,628	80,700	112,652	145,168	51,686	69,192	297,825
	May	718,357	85,964	111,730	130,769	57,578	73,142	340,680
	Jun	762,593	85,129	115,265	140,085	58,280	68,818	317,442
	Jul	805,298	86,838	118,030	154,785	58,777	70,209	323,033
	Aug	827,489	87,531	119,331	156,718	59,686	69,746	323,678
	Sep	807,413	83,944	115,074	151,649	57,987	65,122	308,166
	Oct	819,539	86,462	124,109	155,454	57,827	68,051	318,764
	Nov	791,766	83,884	120,232	147,367	54,222	66,176	309,735

		Virginia	Charleston	Savannah	Jacksonville	Port Everglades	Port Miami	Port Houston
2018	Jun	105,955	85,416	175,617	27,372	30,008	34,830	97,727
	Jul	120,132	87,549	181,875	27,160	27,544	32,235	104,594
	Aug	117,042	90,569	182,883	28,519	31,408	38,355	105,937
	Sep	108,981	80,182	173,691	30,346	29,048	33,467	103,183
	Oct	127,677	92,947	205,836	29,589	29,024	36,059	108,653
	Nov	112,218	84,125	169,159	30,541	31,836	33,494	101,320
	Dec	111,566	89,079	176,441	30,179	33,040	38,876	99,401
2019	Jan	109,757	88,107	209,583	30,321	27,730	39,286	95,318
	Feb	105,357	77,667	149,685	25,702	27,361	32,125	86,953
	Mar	107,040	92,875	186,369	30,202	28,507	38,690	109,604
	Apr	119,266	87,675	175,661	27,094	32,308	32,831	100,627
	May	119,592	88,009	185,265	30,022	25,619	37,943	107,126
	Jun	117,186	86,415	181,752	29,615	30,110	36,879	104,663
	Jul	119,262	87,990	183,727	30,079	31,424	35,990	106,327
	Aug	119,417	88,224	184,916	30,485	33,045	36,308	106,835
	Sep	113,462	83,980	177,439	29,317	31,627	34,596	103,891
	Oct	119,837	86,908	182,758	30,169	32,915	35,857	107,512
	Nov	116,430	84,500	177,324	29,231	32,000	34,823	104,388

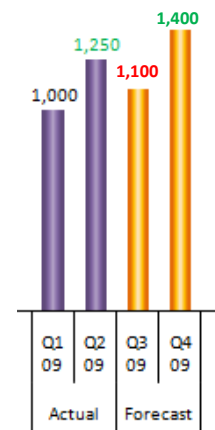
How to Read the Tables and Charts

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.

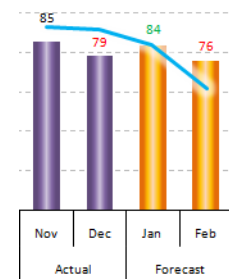
	Percent Change	
	vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
Q1	↓ -10.0%	↓ -10.0%
Q2	↘ -5.0%	↘ -5.0%
Q3	↗ 5.0%	↗ 5.0%
Q4	↑ 10.0%	↑ 10.0%

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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