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## Editorial:

### US Importers and Consumers Continue to Shrug Off Potential Trade Wars

Despite an environment where the US administration is enacting measures that could well lead to a trade war with most of its Asian and European trading partners, we see import growth year-on-year through the first four months of 2018 at most of the tracked ports. There are nevertheless growing signs of concern as revised second-quarter gross domestic product data shows less growth than anticipated.

The Purchasing Managers Index for US manufacturers remained buoyant in April with output and new orders up sharply in response to solid consumer demand. This suggests that neither industry nor consumers really believe that President Trump will push through with his proposed “national security” tariffs. Let’s hope that they are right.

The North America Global Port Tracker now projects that 2018 imports will grow by 4.2 percent compared with 2017. That is down by nearly one percentage point from last month’s projection, confirming that the economic expansion is slowing down. The East Coast is still projected to outperform the West Coast. As to the individual ports, Savannah and Port Everglades are forecast to post the strongest growth in the United States but Prince Rupert and Montreal in Canada are projected to have the highest growth in North America.

There is an oxymoron happening in the shipping industry – despite freight rates remaining exceedingly low, capacity remains high. Currently there is less than one percent of the fleet in lay-up or out of service, and it is impossible to understand how carriers can be profitable. According to an analysis by Alphaliner, real container freight rates – after accounting for changes in the price of fuel – have fallen by more than 50 percent in the last 20 years. The newsletter suggests that liner companies have passed on the savings from operational and organizational efficiencies in the last two decades to shippers in the form of lower freight rates.

This is primarily due to lack of capacity management. For example, Hyundai Merchant Marine has announced a building program of 20 container vessels. The orders will cover ships with a total capacity of 388,000 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units comprised of 12 23,000-TEU ships to be delivered in the second quarter of 2020 and eight 14,000-TEU ships scheduled for delivery in 2021. This, of course, is a company that nearly went bankrupt recently. But low rates and high capacity are a wonderful world for cargo owners.

-Ben Hackett



## Executive Summary

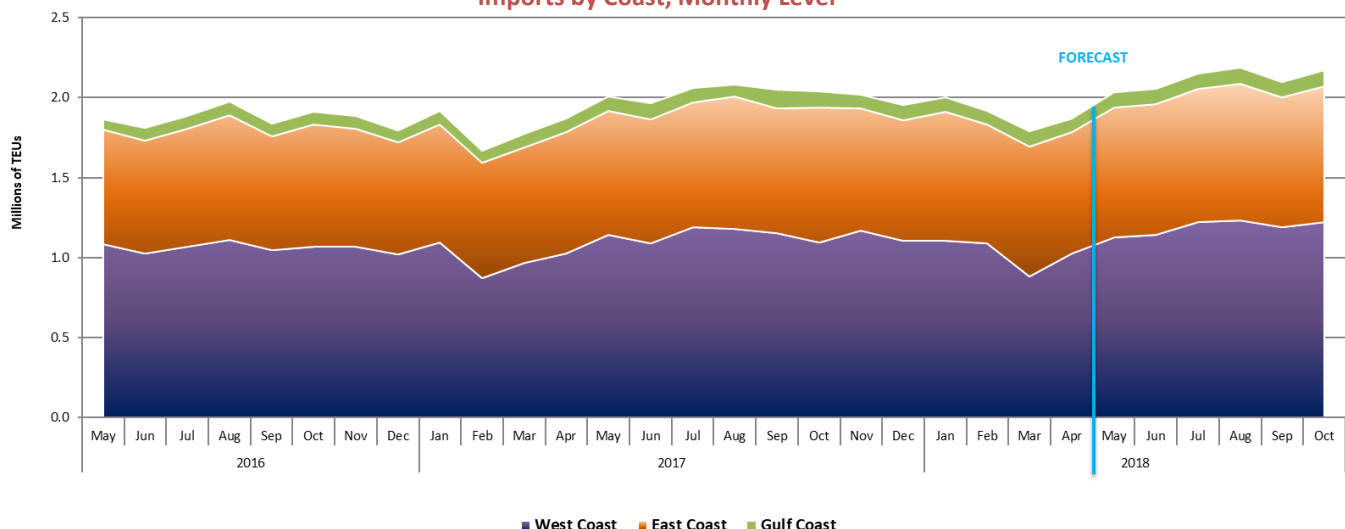
- The total volume of loaded imports at the tracked ports increased by 84,000 TEUs in April to 1.87 million TEUs. This represents a 4.7 percent gain over March and a 0.2 percent year-on-year increase. The forecast for loaded imports in 2018 is a 4.4 percent increase over 2017.
- The combined loaded import volume at the monitored West Coast ports increased by 141,000 TEUs between March and April, which equates to a 16.0 percent rebound. The total import volume was 1.02 million TEUs, which equates to a 0.3 percent dip from last year. The Seaport Alliance and the Port of Vancouver posted decreases from March while the remainder of the ports on the coast posted double-digit percentage gains. From a year-on-year perspective, the ports of LA/LB and Oakland were the only locations to post growth. The forecast for loaded imports in 2018 is a 3.8 percent increase over 2017.
- The combined loaded import volume at the monitored East Coast ports decreased by 52,000 TEUs between March and April, which equates to a 6.5 percent slide. The import volume of 759,000 TEUs is a record high for the month and equates to a 0.2 percent gain year-on-year. The ports of Savannah and Everglades were the only locations to post an increase over March, with double-digit percentage decreases at four of the eight. Just half of the ports posted year-on-year growth, with a double-digit drop at Jacksonville. The forecast for loaded imports in 2018 is a 5.2 percent increase over 2017.
- Loaded imports at Houston decreased by 5.4 percent in April (or 5,000 TEUs) to 89,000 TEUs (a record high for the month of April) for a 5.5 percent year-on-year increase.

### Change in Import Volume, April 2018 versus:

		Mar-18	Apr-17
West Coast	LALB	↑ 26.5%	↗ 2.0%
	Oakland	↑ 13.7%	↗ 0.5%
	Seaport Alliance	↓ -3.3%	↓ -8.8%
	Vancouver	↓ -7.3%	↓ -4.8%
	Prince Rupert	↑ 12.9%	↓ -0.4%
	<b>Coast Total</b>	↑ 16.0%	↓ -0.3%
East Coast	Montreal	↓ -0.2%	↗ 6.9%
	NYNJ	↓ -5.4%	↓ -2.1%
	Virginia	↓ -13.7%	↓ -3.5%
	Charleston	↓ -11.5%	↓ -5.6%
	Savannah	↗ 1.2%	↗ 8.3%
	Jacksonville	↓ -31.5%	↓ -14.9%
	Everglades	↗ 8.1%	↗ 5.9%
	Miami	↓ -17.8%	↗ 0.3%
	<b>Coast Total</b>	↓ -6.5%	↗ 0.2%
Gulf	Houston	↓ -5.4%	↗ 5.5%

- The North Europe edition of the Global Port Tracker reported that total container volumes across the six-port range increased by 414,000 TEUs or 12.1 percent in March with 3.84 million TEUs, for a 4.6 percent year-on-year increase. For loaded incoming volumes, the north range posted an 11.4 percent increase over February and was up 4.1 percent year-on-year, while loaded outgoing volumes were up 12.7 percent for a 5.1 percent gain year-on-year. Loaded imports to Europe posted a 1.4 percent increase (for a 6.2 percent slide year-on-year) while total exports were up 11.1 percent (for a 1.0 percent gain year-on-year). The forecast for 2018 projects a 5.1 percent increase in loaded imports to the six-port range, while loaded exports are projected to increase by 4.9 percent.

### Imports by Coast, Monthly Level



## Global Economic Overview

- Alphaliner reported that the capacity of the idle fleet, as of May 28<sup>th</sup>, stood at 205,829 TEUs (down from 224,243 TEUs at around the same time last month) spread across 85 vessels (versus 83 last month). A total of six vessels had a capacity of at least 7,500 TEUs (versus seven last month), of which two had a capacity of at least 12,500 TEUs (unchanged from last month). Alphaliner notes that one of the 12,500+ TEU vessels is out of service due to fire while the second is going through a delayed transfer of ownership. The idle fleet accounts for just 0.9 per cent of the total available capacity, down from 1.0 percent last month.
- The latest release of the OECD's Economic Outlook report forecast real GDP growth of 4.0 percent in the G20 in 2018, increasing to 4.1 percent in 2019. GDP in the Euro area was projected to increase by 2.2 percent and 2.1 percent in 2018 and 2019 respectively, while the UK was forecast to post growth of 1.4 percent and 1.3 percent.

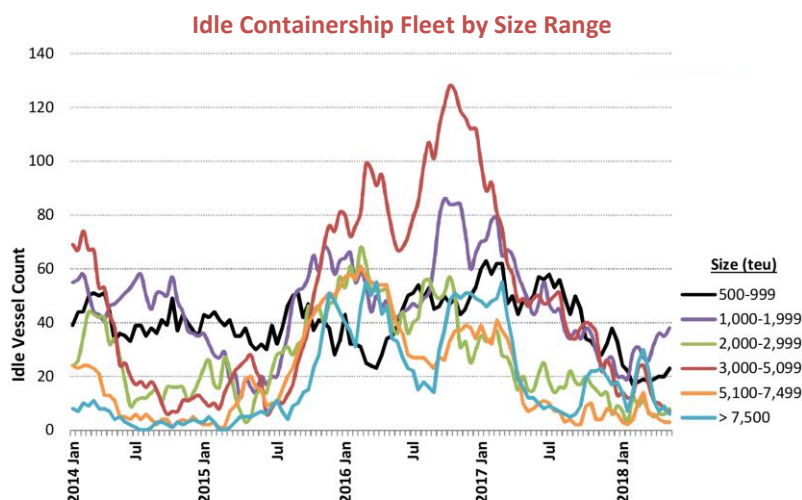


Chart courtesy of Alphaliner

- In China, the National Bureau of Statistics reported that the Manufacturing PMI increased in May, with the reading growing from 51.4 in April to 51.9.

### Global Trade War is Back On by Jonathan Gold

*Going back to the 2016 election campaign, President Trump has sought tariffs on a long list of imported products from a wide variety of countries because he believes the United States is losing at international trade. His first action as president was to withdraw from the Transpacific Partnership Agreement, followed by a call to renegotiate and modernize the North American Free Trade Agreement.*

*A year-and-a-half into the Trump presidency, we are now on the verge of a global trade over steel and aluminum as well as China's trade practices. While the stated goal of tariffs proposed by the Trump administration has been for leverage in trade negotiations, the end result has been proposed or enacted tariffs on our closest trading partners. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin recently said the trade war with China was "on hold." Unfortunately, only a week later the White House announced that proposed tariffs on \$50 billion worth of goods from China would be moving forward after all.*

*Meanwhile, the European Union, Canada and Mexico were granted temporary exclusions from Trump's tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. But the administration changed course and applied the tariffs effective June 1. The tariffs have been imposed under the president's authority to regulate trade for national security purposes, but it is unclear what national security threat steel and aluminum imports from the EU, Canada and Mexico pose to the United States.*

*On top of that, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross has announced a new investigation evaluating possible 25 percent tariffs on imported automobiles and auto parts, again for national security purposes. The proposed tariffs on autos will certainly chill the NAFTA modernization negotiations.*

*As expected, each of the countries affected have now announced retaliation efforts against the United States. With increased costs posed by tariffs on imports of finished goods as well as materials and components and the threatened retaliation against U.S. exports, especially agriculture, it could be a bumpy time for the U.S. economy in the future. Tariffs are hidden taxes that will ultimately hurt U.S. companies, workers and – most importantly – consumers.*

*While tariffs are a tool in the trade toolbox, they are not ones that should be used at will. The tariffs that are being proposed by the Trump administration will not help U.S. industries, and will result in more jobs lost than gained. We hope cooler heads will prevail and that the global trade war will be averted.*

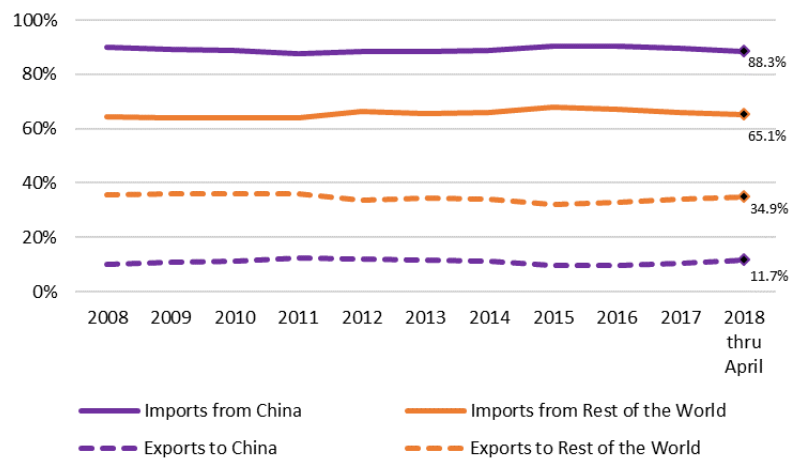
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# North America Economic Overview

- The Trump administration's tariffs have targeted many countries but none more so than China. But is the balance of trade with China that different than with the rest of the world? According to data from the US Census Bureau, from a containerized trade perspective there is no doubt that the US imports more cargo in value terms from China than it exports, averaging an 89.1 percent to 10.9 percent split over each of the past ten years (the uptick in export value in early 2018 is most likely due to the impact of the Lunar New Year rather than China's decision to cease importing waste materials). In contrast, the balance of import and export value with the rest of the world has averaged a split of 65.5 percent to 34.5 percent respectively over the last decade. Of course, incorporating other waterborne cargo (the US is now a net exporter of both coal and liquefied natural gas) and other modes of transport changes these ratios, but the US remains at a deficit.
- The Manufacturing PMI reading for the US from ISM rebounded in May as it increased by 1.4 percentage points from 57.3 in April to 58.7. The New Orders index also rebounded, gaining 2.5 percentage points to reach 63.7, while the Production index increased 4.3 points to 61.5. Inventories continued to decrease as the index fell by 2.7 percentage points to 50.2 in May.
- In the US, the Michigan Index of Consumer Sentiment decreased further in May as it dipped 0.8 percent from April's reading of 98.8 to 98.0. This is still up 0.9 percent year-on-year.
- The IPSOS Consumer Confidence Index for Canada stood at 54.7 in May 2018, down from 56.4 in April. In contrast, the reading for Mexico stood at 44.6

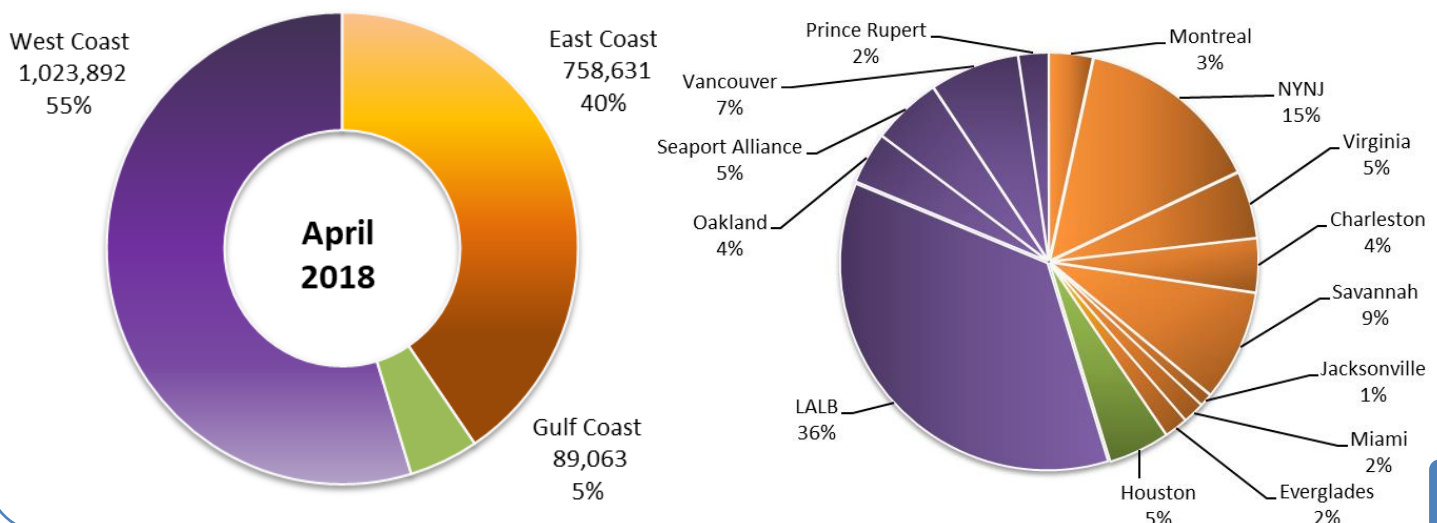
## Share of Customs Containerized Vessel Value for Imports and Exports



Data Source: US Census Bureau: Economic Indicators Division USA Trade Online

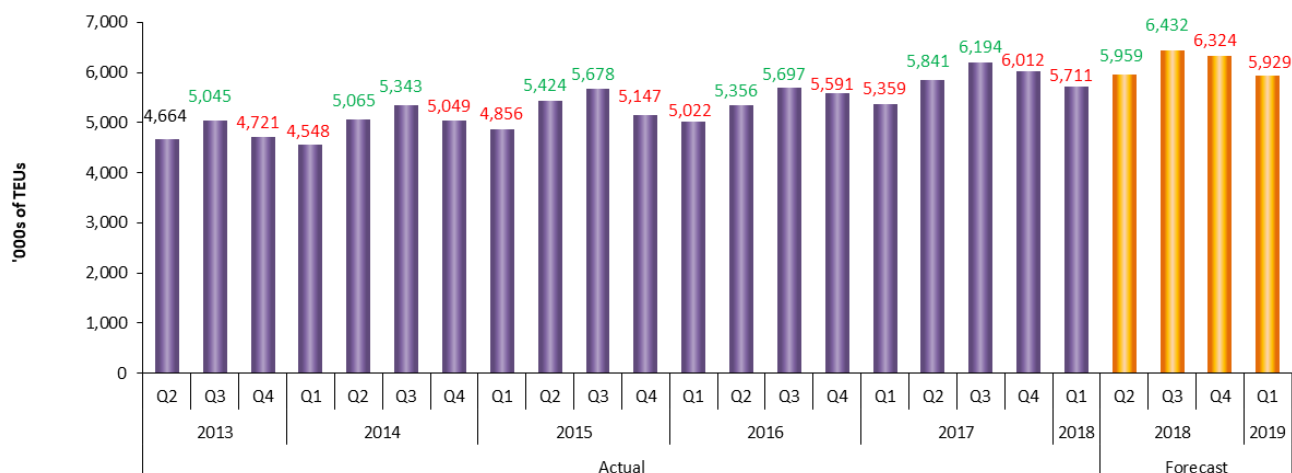
(down from 44.9) while the US posted a 63.6 (unchanged from last month).

- IHS Markit reported that the reading of Canada's Manufacturing PMI increased to 56.2 in May from 55.5 in April. IHS Markit also reported that the Manufacturing PMI dipped in Mexico, decreasing from 51.6 in April to 51.0.
- The Association of American Railroads reported that intermodal traffic for the month of May totaled 1.40 million containers and trailers, an increase of 6.6 percent year-on-year. US intermodal volumes for the first 22 weeks of 2018, through June 2<sup>nd</sup>, are up 6.0 percent (versus 5.8 percent through last month) with 5.99 million units. Year-to-date Canadian intermodal volumes through the same period are up 6.7 percent (versus 7.7 percent last month) with 1.48 million units, while Mexico's total reached 375,000 units.



# Global Port Tracker Overview

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q4	↘ -9.3%	↗ 1.9%	
	2016	Q1	↘ -2.4%	↗ 3.4%	
	2016	Q2	↗ 6.6%	↘ -1.3%	
	2016	Q3	↗ 6.4%	↘ 0.3%	
	2016	Q4	↘ -1.9%	↗ 8.6%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -4.1%	↗ 6.7%	
	2017	Q2	↗ 9.0%	↗ 9.1%	
	2017	Q3	↗ 6.0%	↗ 8.7%	
	2017	Q4	↘ -2.9%	↗ 7.5%	
	2018	Q1	↘ -5.0%	↗ 6.6%	
	2018	Q2	↗ 4.3%	↗ 2.0%	
	2018	Q3	↗ 7.9%	↗ 3.8%	
FORECAST	2018	Q4	↘ -1.7%	↗ 5.2%	
	2019	Q1	↘ -6.3%	↗ 3.8%	

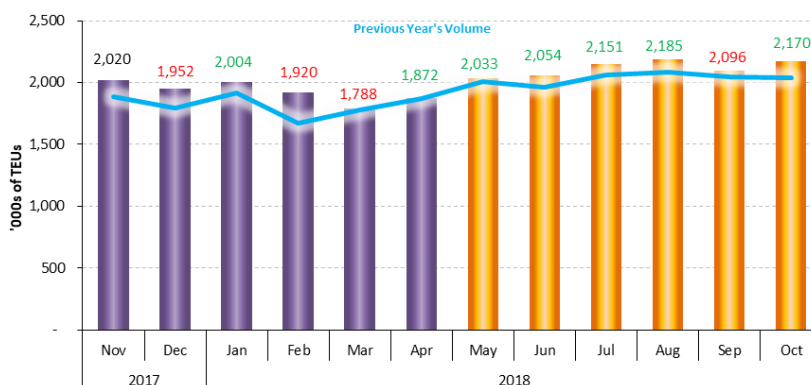
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Mar	↗ 6.4%	↗ 16.7%	
	2017	Apr	↗ 5.3%	↗ 11.2%	
	2017	May	↗ 7.5%	↗ 7.7%	
	2017	Jun	↘ -2.2%	↗ 8.5%	
	2017	Jul	↗ 5.0%	↗ 9.5%	
	2017	Aug	↗ 1.0%	↗ 5.6%	
	2017	Sep	↘ -1.7%	↗ 11.3%	
	2017	Oct	↘ -0.4%	↗ 6.7%	
	2017	Nov	↘ -0.9%	↗ 7.2%	
	2017	Dec	↘ -3.4%	↗ 8.8%	
	2018	Jan	↗ 2.7%	↗ 4.7%	
	2018	Feb	↘ -4.2%	↗ 15.0%	
FORECAST	2018	Mar	↘ -6.9%	↗ 0.7%	
	2018	Apr	↗ 4.7%	↗ 0.2%	
	2018	May	↗ 8.6%	↗ 1.2%	
	2018	Jun	↗ 1.1%	↗ 4.6%	
	2018	Jul	↗ 4.7%	↗ 4.3%	
	2018	Aug	↗ 1.6%	↗ 4.9%	
	2018	Sep	↘ -4.1%	↗ 2.3%	
	2018	Oct	↗ 3.6%	↗ 6.4%	

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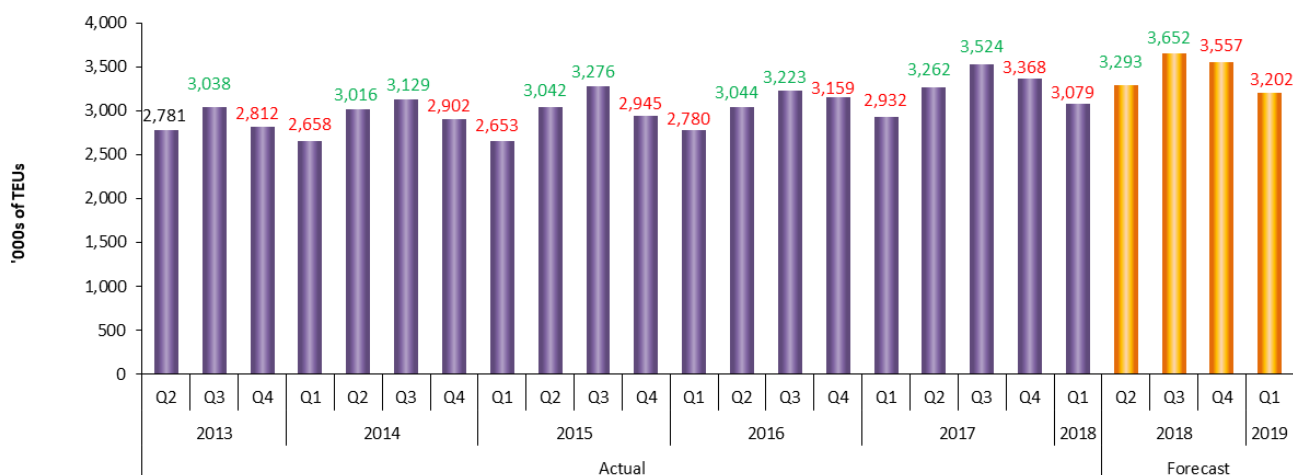
- Imports to the ports tracked by the North American edition of the Global Port Tracker increased by 4.7 percent in April. The 84,000 TEU gain to 1.87 million TEUs equates to a 0.2 percent increase over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of April.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 122.8. This is 0.2 points higher than the 122.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 7.58 million TEUs for a 4.9 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 6.6 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 9.8 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to an 11.9 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 4.2 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 11.67 million TEUs. The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 4.5 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 12.76 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 24.43 million TEUs, which would be a 4.4 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Import Volumes



# West Coast Port Activity

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q4	↓ -10.1%	↗ 1.5%	
	2016	Q1	↘ -5.6%	↗ 4.8%	
	2016	Q2	↗ 9.5%	↗ 0.1%	
	2016	Q3	↗ 5.9%	↘ -1.6%	
	2016	Q4	↘ -2.0%	↗ 7.2%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -7.2%	↗ 5.5%	
	2017	Q2	↗ 11.2%	↗ 7.1%	
	2017	Q3	↗ 8.0%	↗ 9.3%	
	2017	Q4	↘ -4.4%	↗ 6.6%	
	2018	Q1	↘ -8.6%	↗ 5.0%	
	2018	Q2	↗ 7.0%	↗ 1.0%	
	2018	Q3	↗ 10.9%	↗ 3.6%	
FORECAST	2018	Q4	↘ -2.6%	↗ 5.6%	
	2019	Q1	↘ -10.0%	↗ 4.0%	

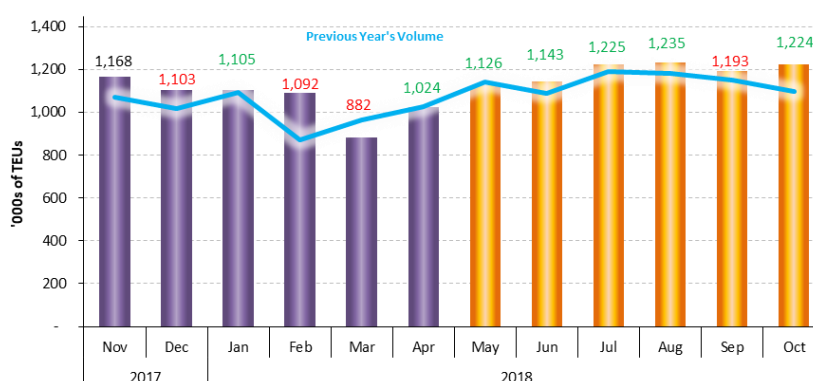
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Mar	↗ 10.8%	↗ 25.1%	
	2017	Apr	↘ 6.3%	↗ 10.3%	
	2017	May	↗ 11.4%	↗ 5.4%	
	2017	Jun	↘ -4.7%	↗ 6.1%	
	2017	Jul	↗ 9.3%	↗ 11.7%	
	2017	Aug	↘ -0.9%	↗ 6.6%	
	2017	Sep	↘ -2.6%	↗ 9.8%	
	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%	
FORECAST	2018	Mar	↘ -19.2%	↘ -8.7%	
	2018	Apr	↗ 16.0%	↘ -0.3%	
	2018	May	↗ 9.9%	↘ -1.6%	
	2018	Jun	↗ 1.6%	↗ 4.8%	
	2018	Jul	↗ 7.1%	↗ 2.8%	
	2018	Aug	↗ 0.8%	↗ 4.5%	
	2018	Sep	↘ -3.4%	↗ 3.6%	
	2018	Oct	↗ 2.6%	↗ 11.6%	

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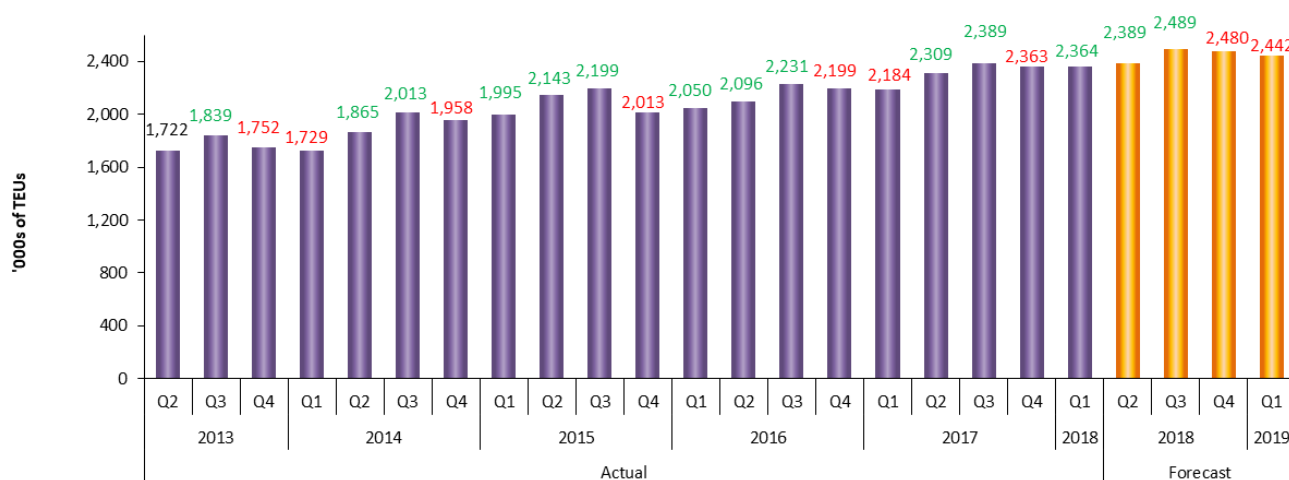
- Imports rebounded by 16.0 percent in April to 1.02 million TEUs. The 141,000 TEU gain equates to a 0.3 percent dip from the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 112.2. This is 0.3 points lower than the 112.5 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 4.10 million TEUs for a 3.6 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 5.0 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 12.1 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 13.1 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters, with all changes in the single-digit percentage range.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 2.9 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 6.37 million TEUs. The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 4.6 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 7.21 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 13.58 million TEUs, which would be a 3.8 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Import Volumes



# East Coast Port Activity

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q4	↘ -8.5%	↗ 2.8%	
	2016	Q1	↗ 1.9%	↗ 2.8%	
	2016	Q2	↗ 2.2%	↘ -2.2%	
	2016	Q3	↗ 6.4%	↗ 1.4%	
	2016	Q4	↘ -1.4%	↗ 9.2%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -0.7%	↗ 6.5%	
	2017	Q2	↗ 5.7%	↗ 10.1%	
	2017	Q3	↗ 3.5%	↗ 7.1%	
FORECAST	2018	Q4	↘ -1.1%	↗ 7.5%	
	2018	Q1	↔ 0.0%	↗ 8.3%	
	2018	Q2	↗ 1.0%	↗ 3.5%	
	2018	Q3	↗ 4.2%	↗ 4.2%	
	2019	Q1	↘ -0.4%	↗ 4.9%	
	2019	Q2	↘ -1.5%	↗ 3.3%	

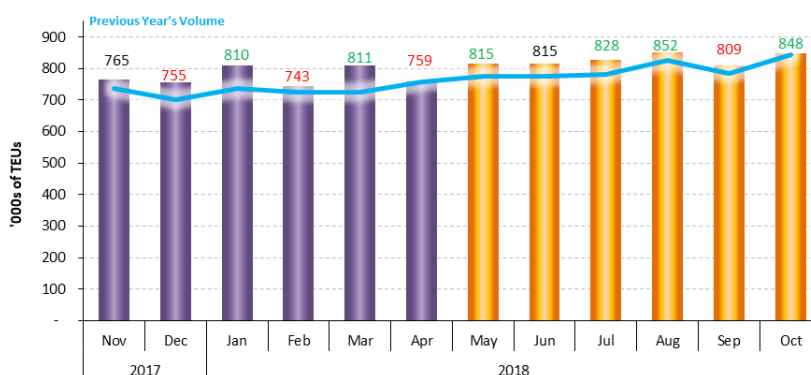
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Mar	↔ 0.0%	↗ 5.4%	
		Apr	↗ 4.6%	↗ 12.3%	
		May	↗ 2.3%	↗ 8.1%	
		Jun	↗ 0.2%	↗ 10.1%	
		Jul	↗ 0.6%	↗ 5.9%	
		Aug	↗ 5.7%	↗ 5.1%	
		Sep	↘ -5.1%	↗ 10.6%	
		Oct	↗ 7.6%	↗ 10.6%	
		Nov	↘ -9.2%	↗ 4.0%	
		Dec	↘ -1.3%	↗ 7.8%	
	2018	Jan	↗ 7.2%	↗ 10.0%	
		Feb	↘ -8.2%	↗ 2.7%	
		Mar	↗ 9.1%	↗ 12.0%	
		Apr	↘ -6.5%	↗ 0.2%	
FORECAST	2018	May	↗ 7.5%	↗ 5.2%	
		Jun	↘ -0.1%	↗ 4.9%	
		Jul	↗ 1.7%	↗ 6.1%	
		Aug	↗ 2.9%	↗ 3.3%	
	2018	Sep	↘ -5.1%	↗ 3.2%	
		Oct	↗ 4.9%	↗ 0.6%	

## Headlines

- Imports decreased by 6.5 percent in April to 759,000 TEUs. The 52,000 TEU slide equates to a 0.2 percent gain over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of April.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 135.1. This is 0.2 points higher than the 134.9 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 3.12 million TEUs for a 6.2 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 8.3 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 7.0 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 9.3 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 5.8 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 4.75 million TEUs.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 4.6 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 4.97 million TEUs.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 9.72 million TEUs, which would be a 5.2 percent increase over last year.

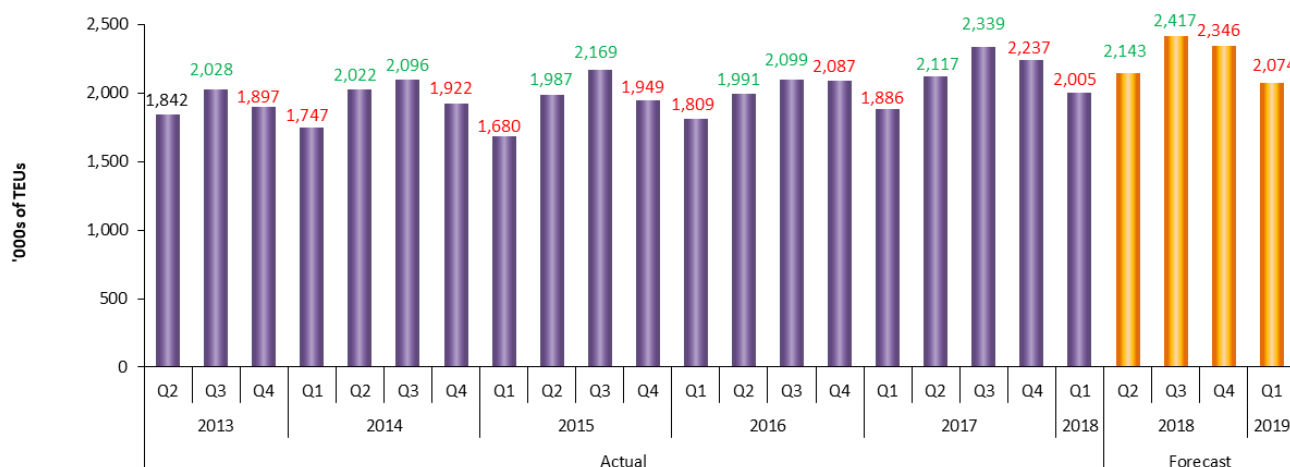
## Monthly Import Volumes





# Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q4	↓ -10.1%	↗ 1.4%	
	2016	Q1	↘ -7.2%	↗ 7.7%	
	2016	Q2	↗ 10.1%	↗ 0.2%	
	2016	Q3	↗ 5.4%	↘ -3.2%	
	2016	Q4	↘ -0.6%	↗ 7.1%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -9.6%	↗ 4.3%	
	2017	Q2	↗ 12.3%	↗ 6.3%	
	2017	Q3	↗ 10.5%	↗ 11.4%	
	2017	Q4	↘ -4.4%	↗ 7.1%	
	2018	Q1	↓ -10.3%	↗ 6.3%	
	2018	Q2	↗ 6.9%	↗ 1.2%	
	2018	Q3	↗ 12.8%	↗ 3.3%	
FORECAST	2018	Q4	↘ -2.9%	↗ 4.9%	
	2019	Q1	↓ -11.6%	↗ 3.5%	

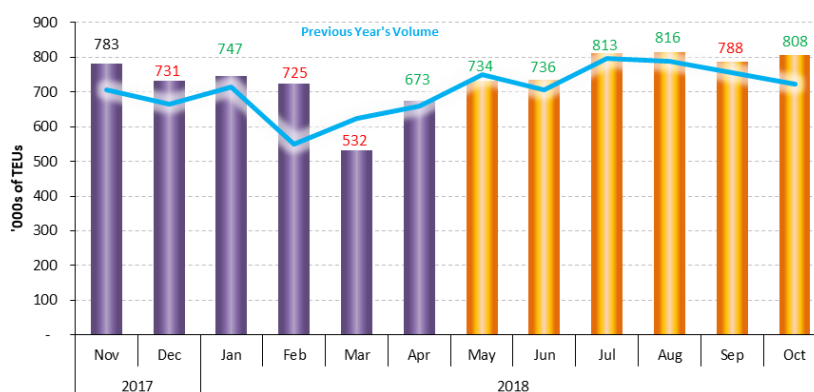
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Mar	↗ 13.5%	↗ 25.9%	
	2017	Apr	↗ 6.0%	↗ 11.7%	
	2017	May	↗ 13.5%	↗ 2.5%	
	2017	Jun	↘ -5.6%	↗ 5.7%	
	2017	Jul	↗ 12.5%	↗ 14.6%	
	2017	Aug	↘ -1.0%	↗ 7.5%	
	2017	Sep	↘ -4.2%	↗ 12.4%	
	2017	Oct	↘ -4.3%	↗ 1.2%	
	2017	Nov	↗ 8.4%	↗ 10.6%	
	2017	Dec	↘ -6.6%	↗ 9.8%	
	2018	Jan	↗ 2.2%	↗ 4.6%	
	2018	Feb	↘ -3.0%	↗ 32.2%	
FORECAST	2018	Mar	↓ -26.6%	↓ -14.6%	
	2018	Apr	↗ 26.5%	↗ 2.0%	
	2018	May	↗ 9.0%	↘ -2.1%	
	2018	Jun	↗ 0.3%	↗ 4.0%	
	2018	Jul	↗ 10.5%	↗ 2.1%	
	2018	Aug	↗ 0.4%	↗ 3.5%	
	2018	Sep	↘ -3.4%	↗ 4.4%	
	2018	Oct	↗ 2.5%	↗ 11.8%	

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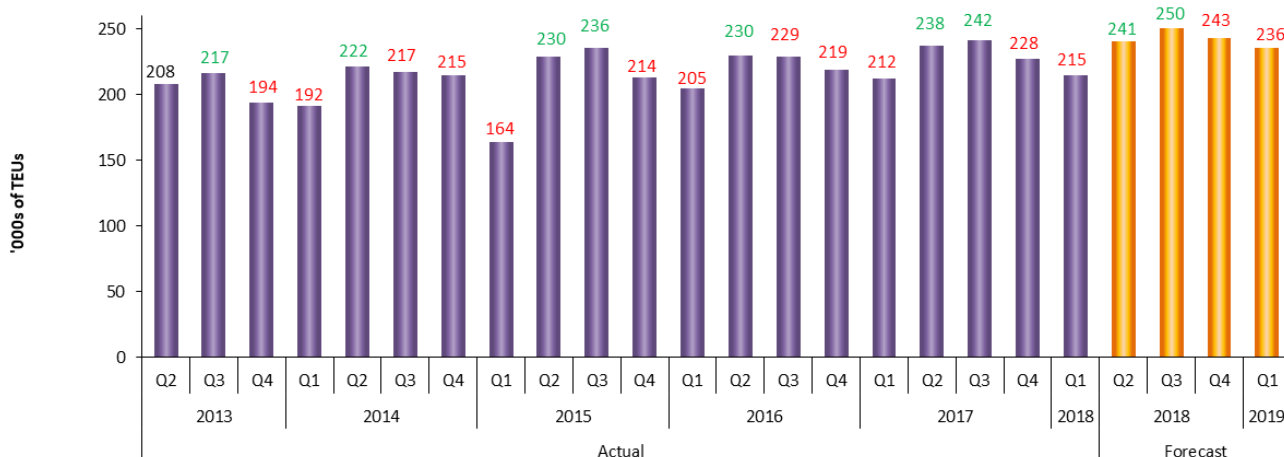
- Imports rebounded by 26.5 percent in April to 673,000 TEUs. The 141,000 TEU surge equates to a 2.0 percent gain over the same month of 2017.
- Imports at the Port of Los Angeles surged by 36.5 percent over March, while the volume at the Port of Long Beach increased by 16.6 percent. In terms of year-on-year change, the two ports experienced a 2.9 percent slide and an 8.4 percent increase respectively.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 113.0. This is 2.3 points higher than the 110.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 2.68 million TEUs for a 5.2 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 6.3 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 12.0 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 15.3 percent increase between the same two periods of last year.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.6 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 4.15 million TEUs. The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 4.1 percent versus the equivalent period of 2017, with 4.76 million TEUs. The forecast volume for 2018 is 8.91 million TEUs, which would be a 3.9 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Port of Oakland

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q4	↘ -9.3%	↘ -0.6%	
	2016	Q1	↘ -4.1%	↗ 24.9%	
	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	↗ 11.8%	↗ 1.2%	
	2018	Q3	↗ 4.1%	↗ 3.5%	
FORECAST	2018	Q4	↘ -2.8%	↗ 6.8%	
	2019	Q1	↘ -3.0%	↗ 9.7%	

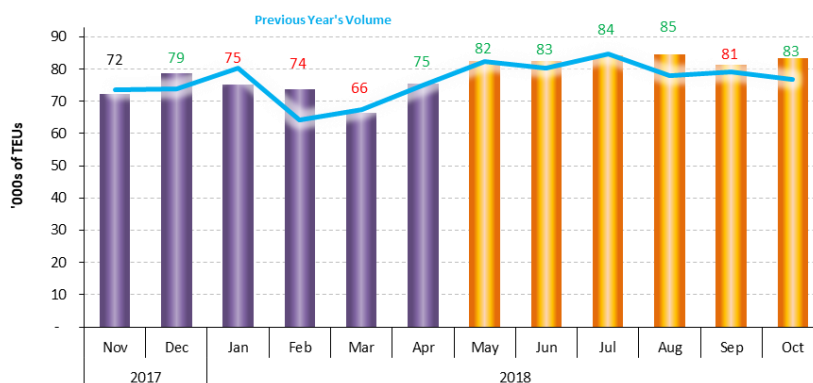
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Mar	↗ 5.3%	↗ 19.1%	
	2017	Apr	↗ 11.1%	↗ 3.7%	
	2017	May	↗ 9.9%	↗ 1.4%	
	2017	Jun	↘ -2.7%	↗ 5.1%	
	2017	Jul	↗ 5.7%	↗ 5.4%	
	2017	Aug	↘ -8.1%	↘ -0.6%	
	2017	Sep	↗ 1.5%	↗ 12.6%	
	2017	Oct	↘ -3.1%	↗ 6.4%	
	2017	Nov	↘ -5.7%	↘ -1.6%	
	2017	Dec	↗ 8.8%	↗ 6.4%	
	2018	Jan	↘ -4.5%	↘ -6.6%	
	2018	Feb	↘ -2.0%	↗ 14.9%	
FORECAST	2018	Mar	↘ -10.0%	↘ -1.8%	
	2018	Apr	↗ 13.7%	↗ 0.5%	
	2018	May	↗ 9.4%	↗ 0.0%	
	2018	Jun	↗ 0.2%	↗ 3.0%	
	2018	Jul	↗ 2.1%	↘ -0.5%	
	2018	Aug	↗ 0.2%	↗ 8.5%	
	2018	Sep	↘ -3.7%	↗ 2.9%	
	2018	Oct	↗ 2.3%	↗ 8.7%	

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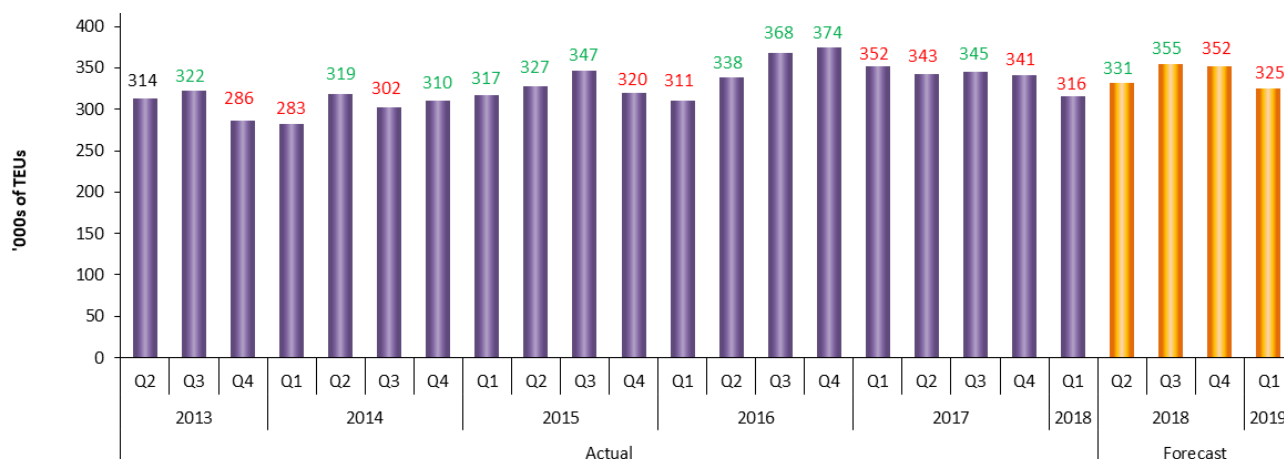
- Imports rebounded by 13.7 percent in April to 75,000 TEUs. The 9,000 TEU gain equates to a 0.5 percent increase over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of April.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 114.2. This is 0.6 points higher than the 113.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 290,000 TEUs for a 1.2 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 1.4 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 13.0 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 10.8 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 1.3 percent (to 456,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 5.1 percent (to 494,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 950,000 TEUs, which would be a 3.3 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Import Volumes



# NW Seaport Alliance (Tacoma & Seattle)

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q4	↘ -7.8%	↗ 3.1%	
	2016	Q1	↘ -2.7%	↘ -1.8%	
	2016	Q2	↗ 8.7%	↗ 3.3%	
	2016	Q3	↗ 8.8%	↗ 6.1%	
	2016	Q4	↗ 1.8%	↗ 17.2%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -6.1%	↗ 13.1%	
	2017	Q2	↘ -2.6%	↗ 1.3%	
	2017	Q3	↘ 0.8%	↘ -6.2%	
	2017	Q4	↘ -1.2%	↘ -8.9%	
	2018	Q1	↘ -7.5%	↘ -10.2%	
	2018	Q2	↗ 5.0%	↘ -3.3%	
	2018	Q3	↗ 7.2%	↗ 2.9%	
FORECAST	2018	Q4	↘ -1.0%	↗ 3.1%	
	2019	Q1	↘ -7.5%	↗ 3.1%	

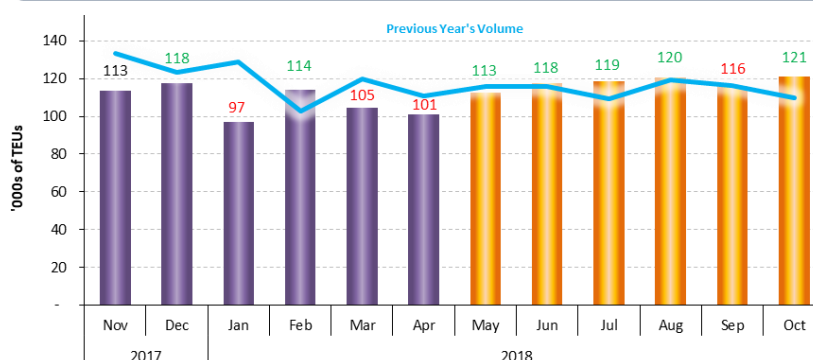
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Mar	↗ 16.9%	↗ 25.9%	
	2017	Apr	↘ -7.7%	↘ 6.2%	
	2017	May	↗ 4.6%	↗ 10.3%	
	2017	Jun	↘ -0.1%	↘ -10.0%	
	2017	Jul	↘ -5.7%	↘ -2.3%	
	2017	Aug	↗ 9.5%	↗ 0.9%	
	2017	Sep	↘ -2.5%	↘ -15.4%	
	2017	Oct	↘ -5.7%	↘ -6.5%	
	2017	Nov	↗ 3.2%	↘ -14.8%	
	2017	Dec	↗ 3.8%	↘ -4.7%	
	2018	Jan	↘ -17.8%	↘ -24.9%	
	2018	Feb	↗ 17.9%	↗ 11.2%	
FORECAST	2018	Mar	↘ -8.5%	↘ -12.9%	
	2018	Apr	↘ -3.3%	↘ -8.8%	
	2018	May	↗ 11.6%	↘ -2.7%	
	2018	Jun	↗ 4.3%	↗ 1.5%	
	2018	Jul	↗ 0.9%	↗ 8.6%	
	2018	Aug	↗ 1.5%	↗ 0.7%	
	2018	Sep	↘ -3.5%	↘ -0.3%	
	2018	Oct	↗ 4.1%	↗ 10.0%	

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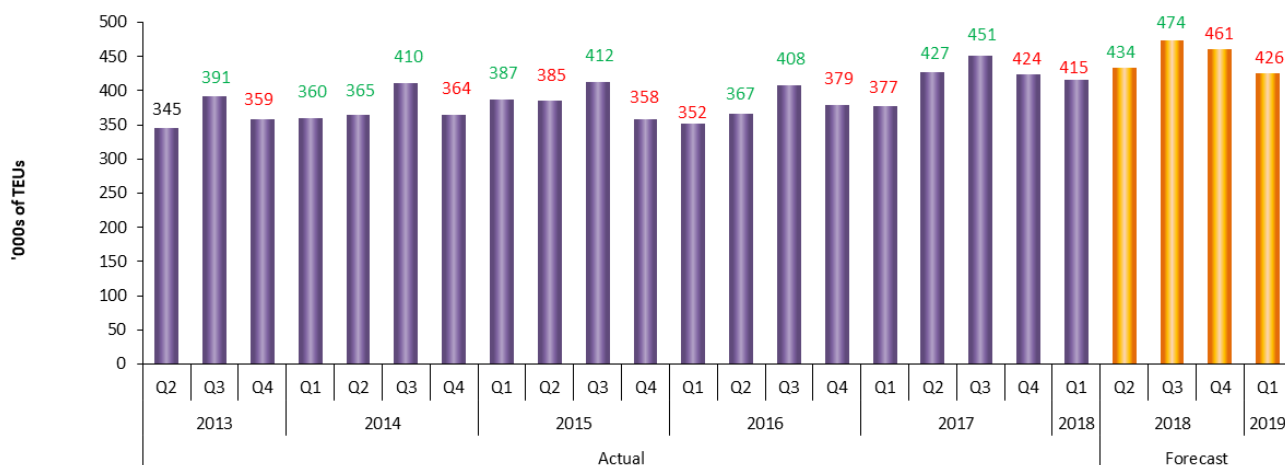
- Imports decreased by 3.3 percent in April to 101,000 TEUs. The 3,000 TEU slide equates to an 8.8 percent decrease from the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 90.2. This is 8.7 points lower than the 98.9 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 417,000 TEUs for a 9.9 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up from last month's 10.2 percent drop).
- The forecast projects a 9.1 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 4.5 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in three of the four upcoming quarters, with all changes anticipated to be in the single-digit percentage range.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to decrease by 6.8 percent (to 647,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.0 percent (to 707,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.35 million TEUs, which would be a 1.9 percent decrease from last year.

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Port of Vancouver

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q4	↓ -13.2%	↓ -1.7%	
	2016	Q1	↓ -1.6%	↓ -9.0%	
	2016	Q2	↑ 4.1%	↓ -4.7%	
	2016	Q3	↑ 11.1%	↓ -1.2%	
	2016	Q4	↓ -6.9%	↑ 6.0%	
	2017	Q1	↓ -0.6%	↑ 7.0%	
	2017	Q2	↑ 13.1%	↑ 16.3%	
	2017	Q3	↑ 5.7%	↑ 10.6%	
	2017	Q4	↓ -6.0%	↑ 11.6%	
	2018	Q1	↓ -1.9%	↑ 10.2%	
	2018	Q2	↑ 4.5%	↑ 1.8%	
	2018	Q3	↑ 9.1%	↑ 5.1%	
FORECAST	2018	Q4	↓ -2.6%	↑ 8.9%	
	2019	Q1	↓ -7.7%	↑ 2.4%	

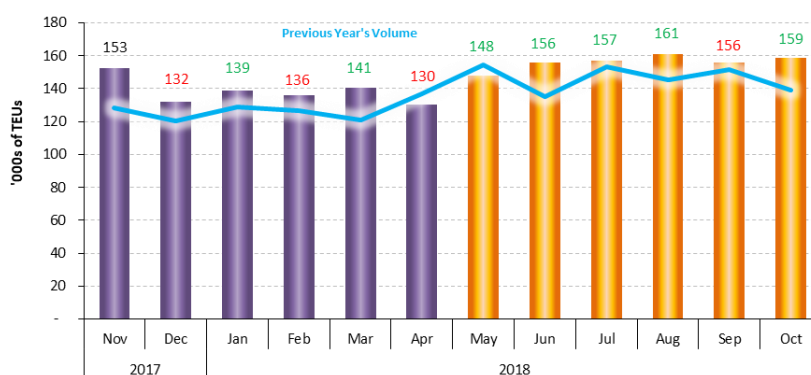
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Mar	↓ -4.4%	↑ 22.3%	
	2017	Apr	↑ 13.0%	↑ 13.0%	
	2017	May	↑ 12.7%	↑ 21.1%	
	2017	Jun	↓ -12.3%	↑ 14.5%	
	2017	Jul	↑ 13.5%	↑ 13.3%	
	2017	Aug	↓ -5.2%	↑ 4.2%	
	2017	Sep	↑ 4.2%	↑ 14.5%	
	2017	Oct	↓ -8.3%	↑ 6.1%	
	2017	Nov	↑ 9.8%	↑ 19.1%	
	2017	Dec	↓ -13.7%	↑ 9.7%	
	2018	Jan	↑ 5.4%	↑ 7.6%	
	2018	Feb	↓ -2.3%	↑ 7.2%	
FORECAST	2018	Mar	↑ 3.5%	↑ 16.1%	
	2018	Apr	↓ -7.3%	↓ -4.8%	
	2018	May	↑ 13.5%	↓ -4.2%	
	2018	Jun	↑ 5.5%	↑ 15.3%	
	2018	Jul	↑ 0.7%	↑ 2.3%	
	2018	Aug	↑ 2.5%	↑ 10.7%	
	2018	Sep	↓ -3.4%	↑ 2.6%	
	2018	Oct	↑ 2.1%	↑ 14.2%	

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- Imports decreased by 7.3 percent in April to 130,000 TEUs. The 10,000 TEU slide equates to a 4.8 percent decrease from the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 115.91. This is 5.9 points lower than the 121.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 546,000 TEUs for a 6.2 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 10.2 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 12.8 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 15.4 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters, with all changes anticipated to be in the single-digit percentage range.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 5.7 percent (to 850,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 7.0 percent (to 935,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.78 million TEUs, which would be a 6.4 percent increase over last year.

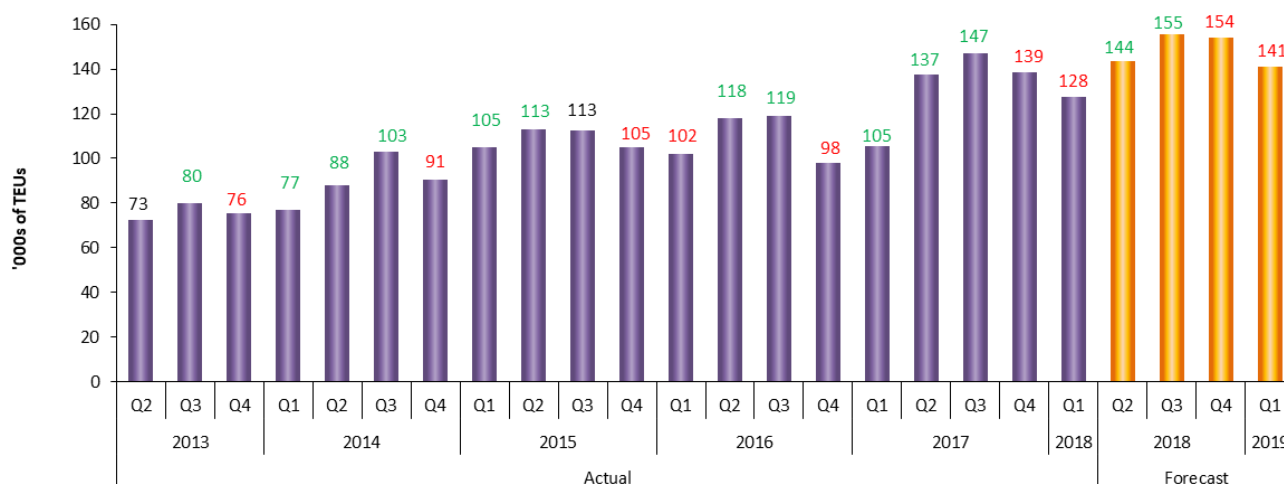
## Monthly Import Volumes





# Port of Prince Rupert

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change	
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015 Q4	↓ -6.6%	↑ 15.9%
	2016 Q1	↓ -2.9%	↓ -3.0%
	2016 Q2	↑ 15.8%	↑ 4.4%
	2016 Q3	↑ 0.8%	↑ 5.8%
	2016 Q4	↓ -17.8%	↓ -6.8%
	2017 Q1	↑ 7.6%	↑ 3.2%
	2017 Q2	↑ 30.5%	↑ 16.3%
	2017 Q3	↑ 6.9%	↑ 23.3%
FORECAST	2017 Q4	↓ -5.5%	↑ 41.8%
	2018 Q1	↓ -8.1%	↑ 21.1%
	2018 Q2	↑ 12.5%	↑ 4.5%
	2018 Q3	↑ 8.3%	↑ 5.9%
	2018 Q4	↓ -0.9%	↑ 11.1%
	2019 Q1	↓ -8.5%	↑ 10.5%

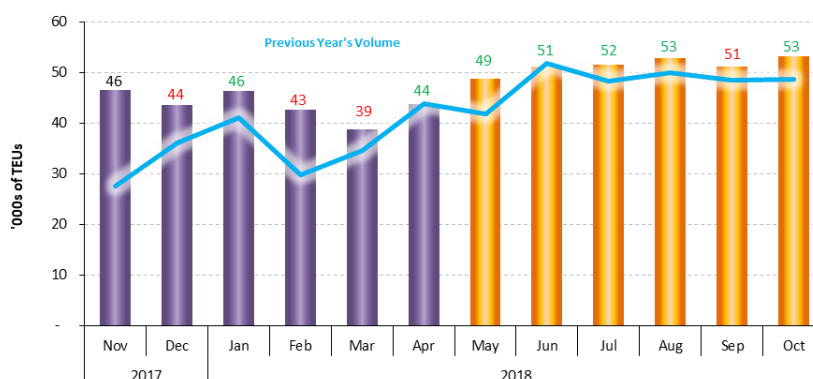
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Mar	↑ 15.9%	↑ 31.5%
	2017 Apr	↑ 26.9%	↑ 3.5%
	2017 May	↓ -4.7%	↑ 3.1%
	2017 Jun	↑ 24.2%	↑ 46.8%
	2017 Jul	↓ -6.7%	↑ 7.8%
	2017 Aug	↑ 3.3%	↑ 28.5%
	2017 Sep	↓ -2.9%	↑ 37.2%
	2017 Oct	↑ 0.3%	↑ 42.1%
	2017 Nov	↓ -4.5%	↑ 68.5%
	2017 Dec	↓ -6.3%	↑ 21.0%
	2018 Jan	↑ 6.4%	↑ 13.1%
	2018 Feb	↓ -8.3%	↑ 42.8%
FORECAST	2018 Mar	↓ -9.1%	↑ 11.9%
	2018 Apr	↑ 12.9%	↓ -0.4%
	2018 May	↑ 11.5%	↑ 16.6%
	2018 Jun	↑ 5.1%	↓ -1.3%
	2018 Jul	↑ 0.8%	↑ 6.7%
	2018 Aug	↑ 2.3%	↑ 5.6%
	2018 Sep	↓ -3.1%	↑ 5.4%
	2018 Oct	↑ 3.9%	↑ 9.2%

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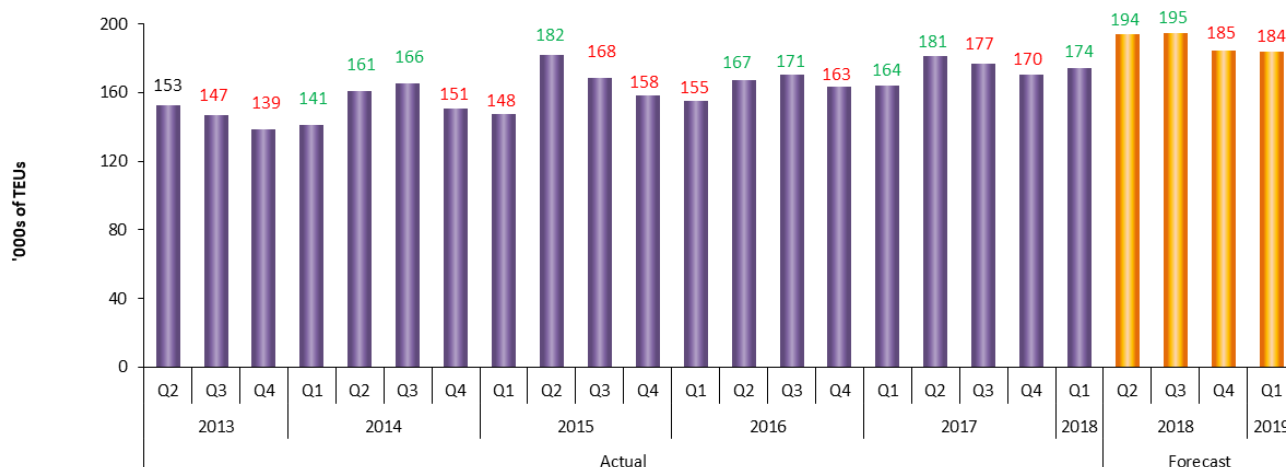
- Imports rebounded by 12.9 percent in April to 44,000 TEUs. The 5,000 TEU gain equates to a 0.4 percent dip from the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 164.7. This is 0.6 points lower than the 165.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 171,000 TEUs for a 14.8 percent surge year-on-year (which is down from last month's 21.1 percent gain).
- The forecast projects an 18.1 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 35.9 percent surge between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 11.7 percent (to 271,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 8.4 percent (to 310,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 581,000 TEUs, which would be a 9.9 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Port of Montreal

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q4	📉 -6.0%	📈 5.1%	
	2016	Q1	📉 -1.9%	📈 5.3%	
	2016	Q2	📈 7.7%	📉 -8.1%	
	2016	Q3	📈 1.9%	📈 1.3%	
	2016	Q4	📉 -4.2%	📈 3.2%	
	2017	Q1	📈 0.6%	📈 5.8%	
	2017	Q2	📈 10.1%	📈 8.2%	
	2017	Q3	📉 -2.3%	📈 3.6%	
FORECAST	2017	Q4	📉 -3.6%	📈 4.3%	
	2018	Q1	📈 2.1%	📈 5.9%	
	2018	Q2	📈 11.4%	📈 7.1%	
	2018	Q3	📈 0.5%	📈 10.2%	
	2018	Q4	📉 -5.2%	📈 8.3%	
FORECAST	2019	Q1	📉 -0.3%	📈 5.8%	

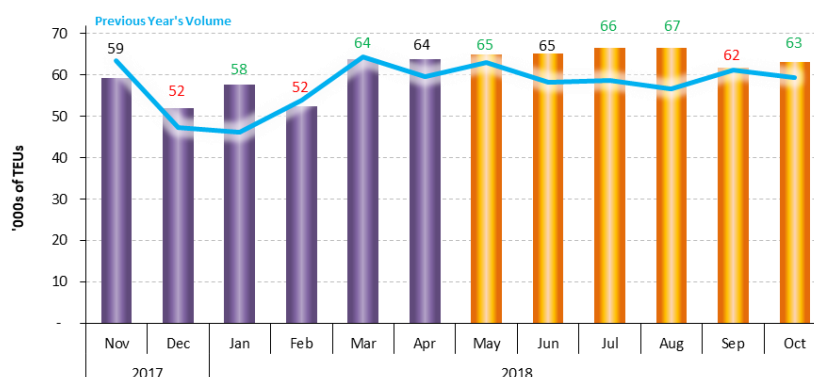
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Mar	📈 19.5%	📈 20.0%	
	2017	Apr	📉 -7.3%	📈 9.6%	
	2017	May	📈 5.7%	📈 15.5%	
	2017	Jun	📉 -7.4%	📈 0.1%	
	2017	Jul	📈 0.7%	📈 7.3%	
	2017	Aug	📉 -3.4%	📉 -12.7%	
	2017	Sep	📈 7.8%	📈 20.7%	
	2017	Oct	📉 -3.0%	📈 12.7%	
	2017	Nov	📉 -0.3%	📉 -6.7%	
	2017	Dec	📉 -12.3%	📈 9.7%	
	2018	Jan	📈 11.1%	📈 25.0%	
	2018	Feb	📉 -9.0%	📉 -2.6%	
FORECAST	2018	Mar	📈 21.8%	📉 -0.7%	
	2018	Apr	📉 -0.2%	📈 6.9%	
	2018	May	📈 1.7%	📈 3.0%	
	2018	Jun	📈 0.4%	📈 11.7%	
	2018	Jul	📈 2.0%	📈 13.1%	
	2018	Aug	📈 0.3%	📈 17.4%	
	2018	Sep	📉 -7.4%	📈 0.8%	
	2018	Oct	📈 2.3%	📈 6.3%	

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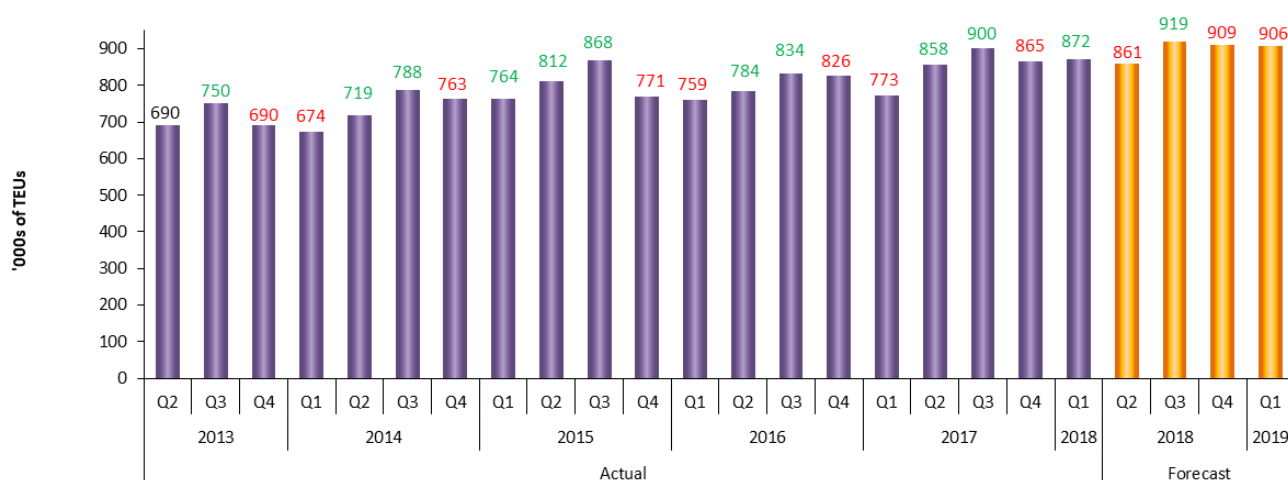
- Imports dipped by 0.2 percent in April to 64,000 TEUs. The less than 500 TEU decrease equates to a 6.9 percent gain over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of April.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 131.2. This is 8.5 points higher than the 122.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 238,000 TEUs for a 6.2 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 5.9 percent gain).
- The forecast projects an 11.2 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 6.8 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 6.5 percent (to 368,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 9.3 percent (to 379,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 747,000 TEUs, which would be a 7.9 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Ports of New York and New Jersey

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q4	↓ -11.2%	↗ 1.0%	
	2016	Q1	↘ -1.5%	↘ -0.5%	
	2016	Q2	↗ 3.3%	↘ -3.4%	
	2016	Q3	↗ 6.3%	↘ -4.0%	
	2016	Q4	↘ -1.0%	↗ 7.1%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -6.3%	↗ 1.9%	
	2017	Q2	↗ 10.9%	↗ 9.4%	
	2017	Q3	↗ 5.0%	↗ 8.0%	
	2017	Q4	↘ -3.9%	↗ 4.8%	
	2018	Q1	↗ 0.8%	↗ 12.8%	
	2018	Q2	↘ -1.3%	↗ 0.4%	
	2018	Q3	↗ 6.8%	↗ 2.1%	
FORECAST	2018	Q4	↘ -1.1%	↗ 5.1%	
	2019	Q1	↘ -0.3%	↗ 3.9%	

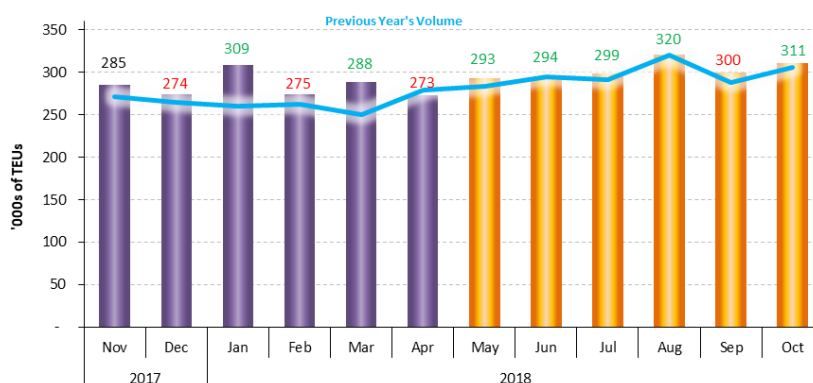
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Mar	↘ -5.0%	↘ -1.6%	
	2017	Apr	↗ 11.6%	↗ 14.0%	
	2017	May	↗ 1.6%	↗ 5.4%	
	2017	Jun	↗ 4.1%	↗ 9.1%	
	2017	Jul	↘ -1.2%	↗ 6.0%	
	2017	Aug	↗ 10.0%	↗ 5.4%	
	2017	Sep	↘ -10.3%	↗ 13.3%	
	2017	Oct	↗ 6.2%	↗ 5.8%	
	2017	Nov	↘ -6.8%	↗ 4.9%	
	2017	Dec	↘ -3.8%	↗ 3.6%	
	2018	Jan	↗ 12.6%	↗ 18.5%	
	2018	Feb	↘ -11.1%	↗ 4.5%	
FORECAST	2018	Mar	↗ 5.0%	↗ 15.5%	
	2018	Apr	↘ -5.4%	↘ -2.1%	
	2018	May	↗ 7.5%	↗ 3.5%	
	2018	Jun	↗ 0.2%	↘ -0.3%	
	2018	Jul	↗ 1.5%	↗ 2.4%	
	2018	Aug	↗ 7.3%	↘ -0.1%	
	2018	Sep	↘ -6.4%	↗ 4.2%	
	2018	Oct	↗ 3.7%	↗ 1.7%	

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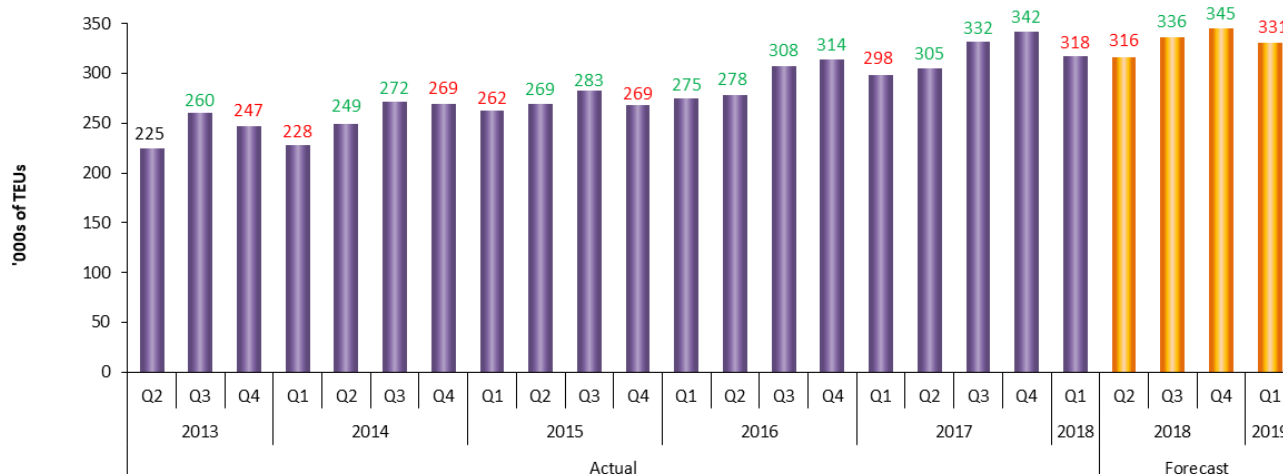
- Imports decreased by 5.4 percent in April to 273,000 TEUs. The 16,000 TEU slide equates to a 2.1 percent decrease from the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 119.1. This is 2.6 points lower than the 121.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 1.15 million TEUs for an 8.8 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 12.8 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 6.6 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 12.3 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters, with all changes anticipated to be in the single-digit percentage range.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 6.2 percent (to 1.73 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.5 percent (to 1.83 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 3.56 million TEUs, which would be a 4.8 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Port of Virginia

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q4	↘ -5.0%	↘ -0.1%	
	2016	Q1	↗ 2.4%	↗ 4.9%	
	2016	Q2	↗ 1.2%	↗ 3.6%	
	2016	Q3	↗ 10.5%	↗ 8.8%	
	2016	Q4	↗ 2.0%	↗ 16.8%	
	2017	Q1	↘ -5.0%	↗ 8.3%	
	2017	Q2	↗ 2.3%	↗ 9.4%	
	2017	Q3	↗ 9.0%	↗ 8.0%	
	2017	Q4	↗ 2.9%	↗ 8.9%	
	2018	Q1	↘ -7.0%	↗ 6.6%	
	2018	Q2	↘ -0.6%	↗ 3.6%	
	2018	Q3	↗ 6.5%	↗ 1.3%	
FORECAST	2018	Q4	↗ 2.5%	↗ 1.0%	
	2019	Q1	↘ -4.2%	↗ 4.1%	

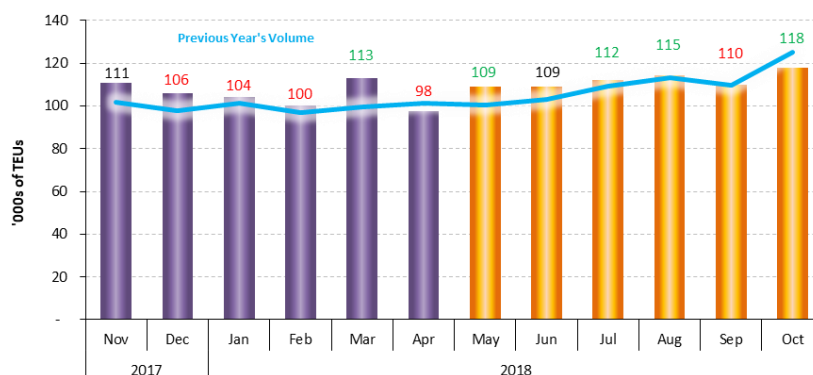
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Mar	↗ 2.8%	↗ 9.5%	
	2017	Apr	↗ 1.5%	↗ 9.4%	
	2017	May	↘ -0.5%	↗ 8.8%	
	2017	Jun	↗ 2.4%	↗ 10.0%	
	2017	Jul	↗ 6.0%	↗ 9.1%	
	2017	Aug	↗ 3.6%	↗ 5.5%	
	2017	Sep	↘ -3.1%	↗ 9.5%	
	2017	Oct	↗ 14.0%	↗ 9.6%	
	2017	Nov	↘ -11.5%	↗ 8.7%	
	2017	Dec	↘ -4.3%	↗ 8.3%	
	2018	Jan	↘ -1.6%	↗ 2.8%	
	2018	Feb	↘ -3.6%	↗ 3.6%	
FORECAST	2018	Mar	↗ 12.7%	↗ 13.5%	
	2018	Apr	↘ -13.7%	↘ -3.5%	
	2018	May	↗ 11.7%	↗ 8.4%	
	2018	Jun	↗ 0.2%	↗ 6.0%	
	2018	Jul	↗ 2.5%	↗ 2.5%	
	2018	Aug	↗ 2.2%	↗ 1.2%	
	2018	Sep	↘ -4.0%	↗ 0.2%	
	2018	Oct	↗ 7.3%	↘ -5.6%	

## Headlines

- Imports fell by 13.7 percent in April to 98,000 TEUs. The 16,000 TEU slide equates to a 3.5 percent decrease from the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 134.6. This is 4.8 points lower than the 139.4 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 415,000 TEUs for a 4.1 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 6.6 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 6.5 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 10.4 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is projected in each of the four upcoming quarters, with all changes anticipated to be in the single-digit percentage range.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 5.1 percent (to 633,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 1.1 percent (to 681,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.31 million TEUs, which would be a 3.0 percent increase over last year.

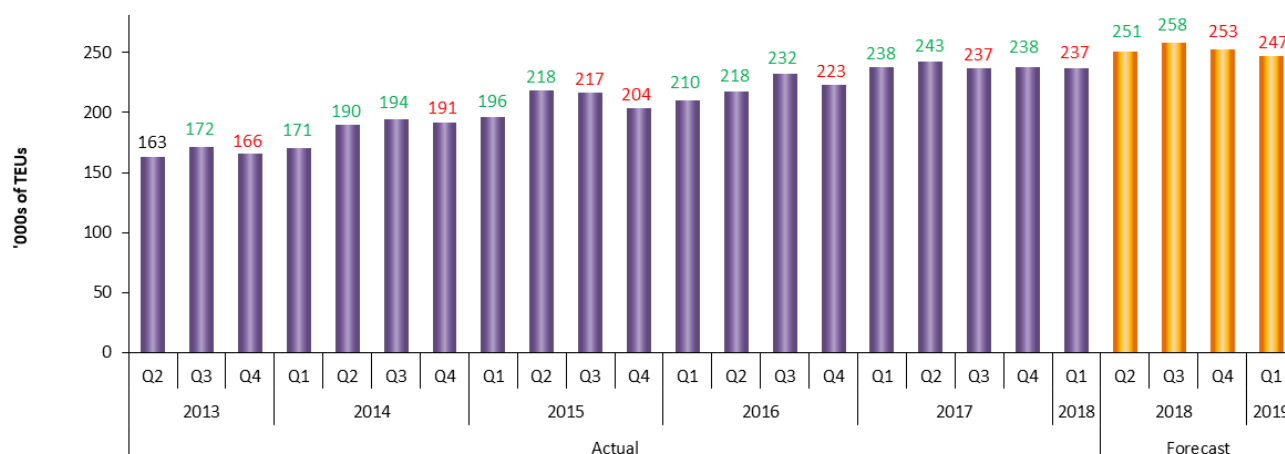
## Monthly Import Volumes





# Port of Charleston

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change	
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015 Q4	↘ -6.0%	↗ 6.6%
	2016 Q1	↗ 3.0%	↗ 7.2%
	2016 Q2	↗ 3.7%	↘ -0.2%
	2016 Q3	↗ 6.7%	↗ 7.1%
	2016 Q4	↘ -4.0%	↗ 9.4%
	2017 Q1	↗ 6.7%	↗ 13.3%
	2017 Q2	↗ 1.9%	↗ 11.4%
	2017 Q3	↘ -2.4%	↗ 1.9%
	2017 Q4	↗ 0.4%	↗ 6.6%
	2018 Q1	↘ -0.3%	↘ -0.4%
	2018 Q2	↗ 5.8%	↗ 3.4%
	2018 Q3	↗ 3.0%	↗ 9.0%
FORECAST	2018 Q4	↘ -2.0%	↗ 6.5%
	2019 Q1	↘ -2.4%	↗ 4.3%

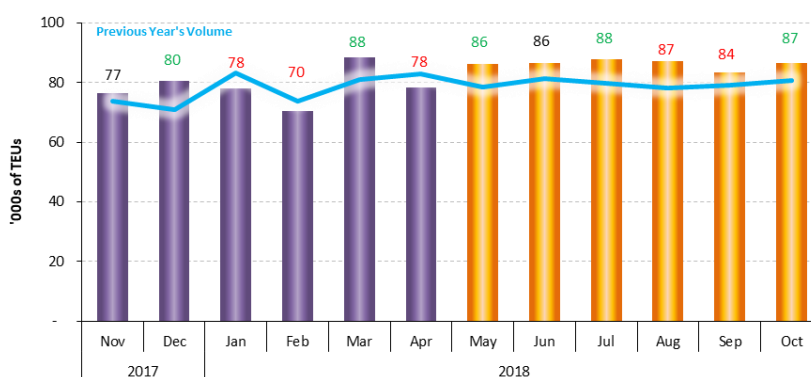
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Mar	↗ 9.9%	↗ 9.2%
	2017 Apr	↗ 2.2%	↗ 20.5%
	2017 May	↘ -5.4%	↗ 1.5%
	2017 Jun	↗ 3.7%	↗ 13.2%
	2017 Jul	↘ -2.1%	↘ -1.8%
	2017 Aug	↘ -1.9%	↗ 1.1%
	2017 Sep	↗ 1.4%	↗ 6.9%
	2017 Oct	↗ 2.0%	↗ 3.0%
	2017 Nov	↘ -5.1%	↗ 3.6%
	2017 Dec	↗ 5.0%	↗ 13.6%
	2018 Jan	↘ -2.8%	↘ -5.9%
	2018 Feb	↘ -9.9%	↘ -4.7%
FORECAST	2018 Mar	↗ 25.7%	↗ 9.1%
	2018 Apr	↘ -11.5%	↘ -5.6%
	2018 May	↗ 10.1%	↗ 9.9%
	2018 Jun	↗ 0.3%	↗ 6.3%
	2018 Jul	↗ 1.5%	↗ 10.1%
	2018 Aug	↘ -0.7%	↗ 11.5%
	2018 Sep	↘ -4.1%	↗ 5.5%
	2018 Oct	↗ 3.7%	↗ 7.3%

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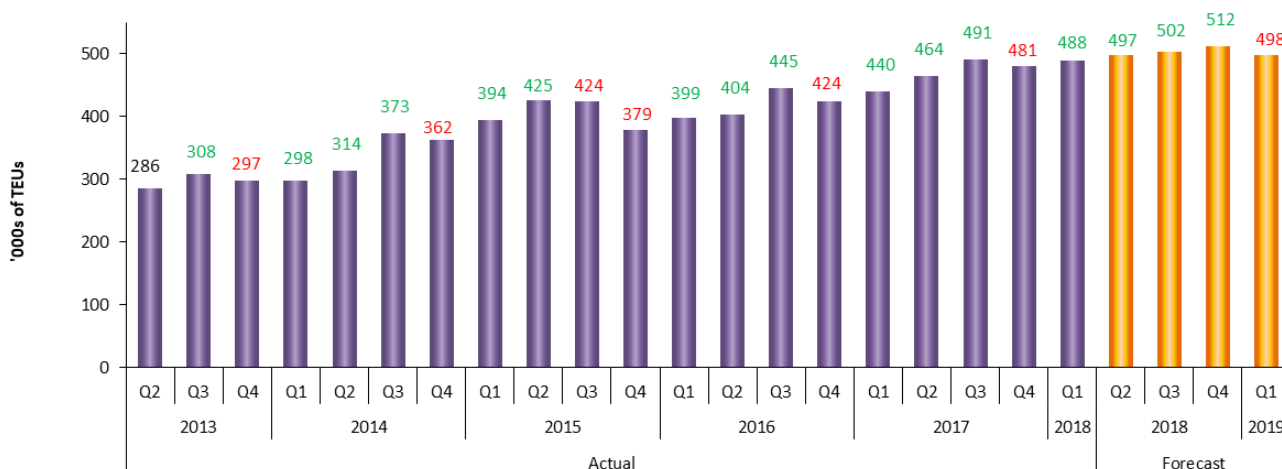
- Imports fell by 11.5 percent in April to 78,000 TEUs. The 10,000 TEU decrease equates to a 5.6 percent slide from the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 145.2. This is 8.6 points lower than the 153.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 316,000 TEUs for a 1.8 percent decrease year-on-year (which is down from last month's 0.4 percent dip).
- The forecast projects a 9.6 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 2.5 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters, with all changes anticipated to be in the single-digit percentage range.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 1.5 percent (to 488,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 7.8 percent (to 511,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 999,000 TEUs, which would be a 4.6 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Port of Savannah

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change	
		vs Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2015 Q4	↓ -10.7%	↗ 4.6%
	2016 Q1	↗ 5.2%	↗ 1.1%
	2016 Q2	↗ 1.3%	↘ -5.1%
	2016 Q3	↗ 10.2%	↗ 4.8%
	2016 Q4	↘ -4.6%	↗ 11.9%
	2017 Q1	↗ 3.8%	↗ 10.4%
	2017 Q2	↗ 5.4%	↗ 15.0%
	2017 Q3	↗ 5.8%	↗ 10.4%
FORECAST	2017 Q4	↘ -2.1%	↗ 13.3%
	2018 Q1	↗ 1.6%	↗ 11.0%
	2018 Q2	↗ 1.8%	↗ 7.2%
	2018 Q3	↗ 1.0%	↗ 2.3%
	2018 Q4	↗ 2.0%	↗ 6.6%
	2019 Q1	↘ -2.7%	↗ 2.1%

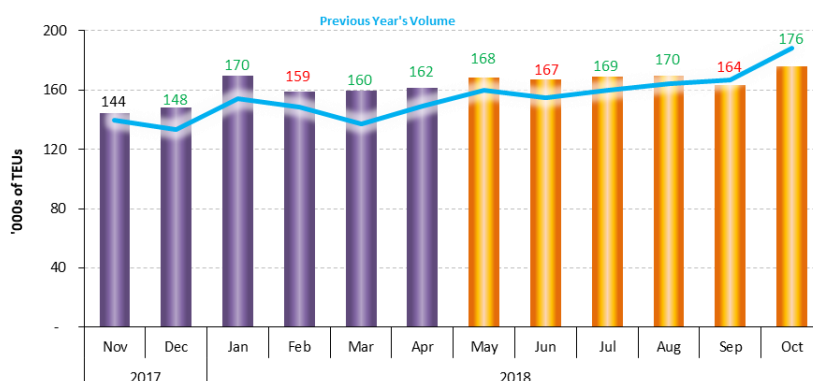
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change	
		vs Prior Month	vs Prior Year
ACTUAL	2017 Mar	↘ -7.4%	↗ 7.0%
	2017 Apr	↗ 8.6%	↗ 14.6%
	2017 May	↗ 7.3%	↗ 13.5%
	2017 Jun	↘ -3.3%	↗ 17.0%
	2017 Jul	↗ 3.1%	↗ 9.5%
	2017 Aug	↗ 3.1%	↗ 8.0%
	2017 Sep	↗ 1.5%	↗ 13.9%
	2017 Oct	↗ 12.9%	↗ 24.8%
	2017 Nov	↘ -23.5%	↗ 3.2%
	2017 Dec	↗ 2.7%	↗ 11.0%
	2018 Jan	↗ 14.6%	↗ 10.0%
	2018 Feb	↘ -6.4%	↗ 7.1%
FORECAST	2018 Mar	↗ 0.5%	↗ 16.2%
	2018 Apr	↗ 1.2%	↗ 8.3%
	2018 May	↗ 4.2%	↗ 5.2%
	2018 Jun	↘ -0.8%	↗ 8.0%
	2018 Jul	↗ 1.2%	↗ 6.0%
	2018 Aug	↗ 0.3%	↗ 3.1%
	2018 Sep	↘ -3.5%	↘ -2.0%
	2018 Oct	↗ 7.4%	↘ -6.7%

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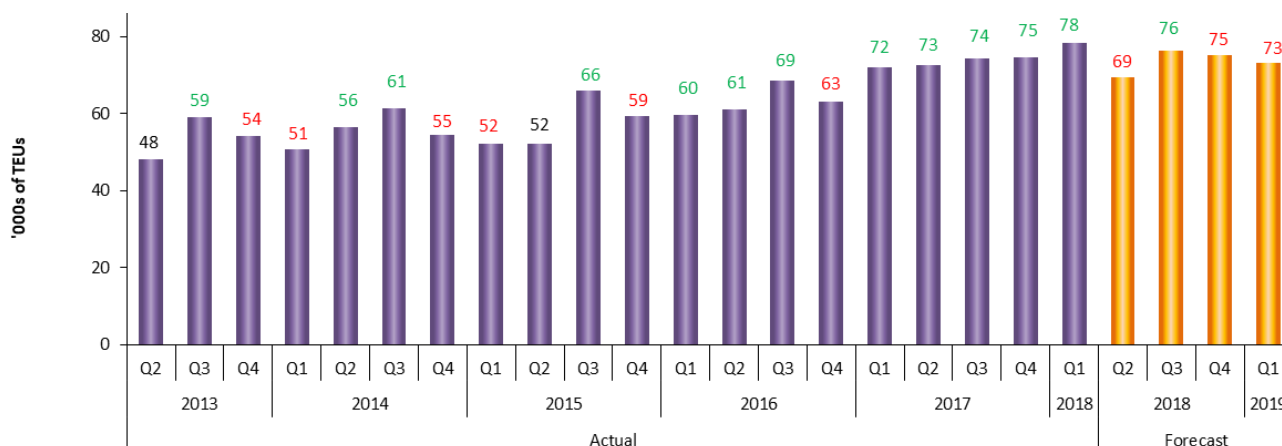
- Imports increased by 1.2 percent in April to 162,000 TEUs. The 2,000 TEU gain equates to an 8.3 percent increase over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of April.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 178.3. This is 13.7 points higher than the 164.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 650,000 TEUs for a 10.3 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 11.0 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 7.6 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 15.3 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 9.0 percent (to 986,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 4.4 percent (to 1.01 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 2.00 million TEUs, which would be a 6.6 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Port of Jacksonville

## Quarterly Import Volumes



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## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q4	↓ -10.2%	↗ 8.9%	
	2016	Q1	↗ 0.4%	↗ 13.9%	
	2016	Q2	↗ 2.7%	↗ 17.6%	
	2016	Q3	↗ 12.2%	↗ 4.0%	
	2016	Q4	↘ -8.3%	↗ 6.2%	
	2017	Q1	↗ 14.3%	↗ 20.9%	
	2017	Q2	↗ 0.8%	↗ 18.6%	
	2017	Q3	↗ 2.4%	↗ 8.2%	
	2017	Q4	↗ 0.5%	↗ 18.6%	
	2018	Q1	↗ 4.7%	↗ 8.6%	
	2018	Q2	↓ -11.2%	↘ -4.3%	
	2018	Q3	↗ 9.9%	↗ 2.7%	
FORECAST	2018	Q4	↘ -1.6%	↗ 0.6%	
	2019	Q1	↘ -2.8%	↘ -6.6%	

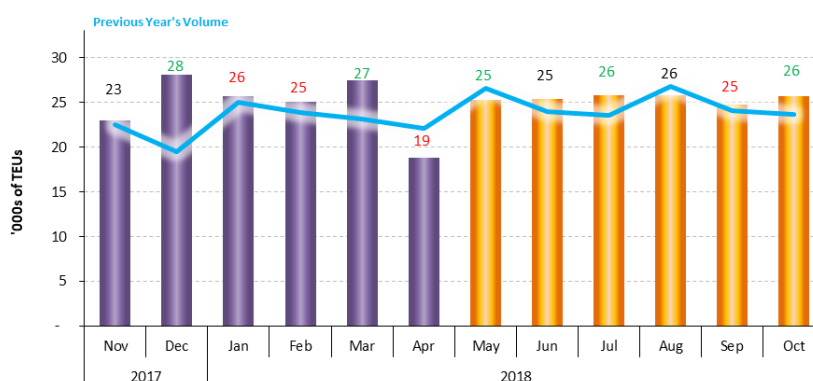
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Mar	↘ -2.8%	↗ 18.8%	
	2017	Apr	↘ -4.6%	↗ 14.1%	
	2017	May	↗ 20.2%	↗ 26.8%	
	2017	Jun	↘ -9.9%	↗ 14.6%	
	2017	Jul	↘ -1.8%	↗ 6.1%	
	2017	Aug	↗ 13.9%	↗ 28.9%	
	2017	Sep	↓ -10.1%	↘ -6.6%	
	2017	Oct	↘ -1.9%	↗ 12.3%	
	2017	Nov	↘ -2.7%	↗ 2.0%	
	2017	Dec	↗ 22.4%	↗ 44.6%	
	2018	Jan	↘ -8.5%	↗ 2.9%	
	2018	Feb	↘ -2.7%	↗ 5.1%	
FORECAST	2018	Mar	↗ 9.7%	↗ 18.5%	
	2018	Apr	↓ -31.5%	↓ -14.9%	
	2018	May	↗ 34.6%	↘ -4.7%	
	2018	Jun	↗ 0.1%	↗ 5.9%	
	2018	Jul	↗ 1.7%	↗ 9.7%	
	2018	Aug	↗ 0.1%	↘ -3.6%	
	2018	Sep	↘ -3.9%	↗ 3.0%	
	2018	Oct	↗ 3.6%	↗ 8.8%	

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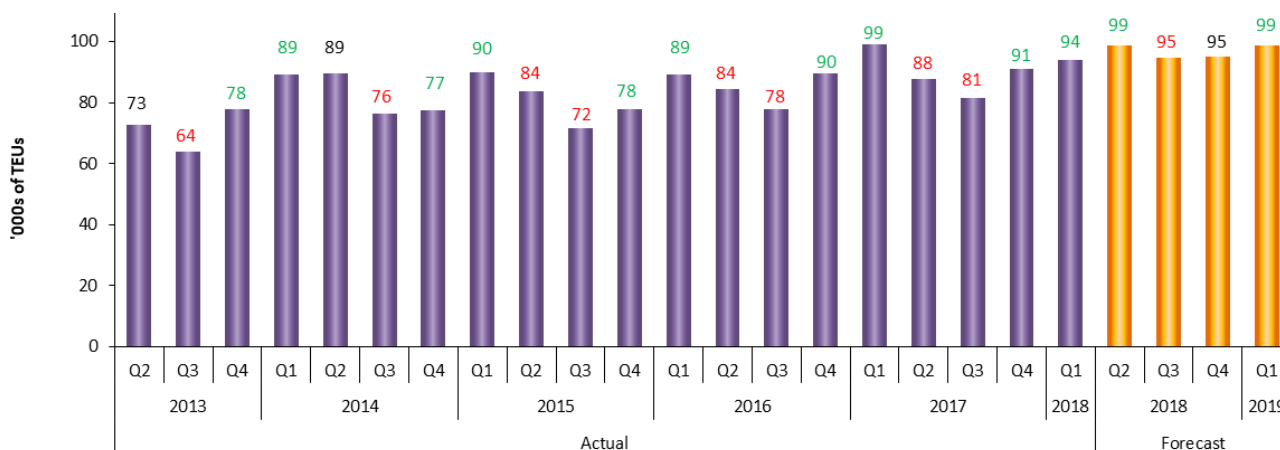
- Imports plunged by 9,000 TEUs in April to a total of 19,000 TEUs. The 31.5 percent fall from March is 14.9 percent lower than the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 117.5. This is 20.6 points lower than the 138.1 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 97,000 TEUs for a 3.1 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 8.6 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 3.1 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 9.1 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year growth is projected in two of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 2.1 percent (to 148,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 1.7 percent (to 152,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 299,000 TEUs, which would be a 1.9 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Port Everglades

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015 Q4	↗	8.7%	↗	0.6%
	2016 Q1	↗	14.5%	↘	-0.7%
	2016 Q2	↘	-5.4%	↗	0.7%
	2016 Q3	↘	-7.9%	↗	8.4%
	2016 Q4	↗	15.5%	↗	15.3%
	2017 Q1	↗	10.4%	↗	11.1%
	2017 Q2	↘	-11.5%	↗	4.0%
	2017 Q3	↘	-7.1%	↗	4.9%
FORECAST	2017 Q4	↗	11.7%	↗	1.4%
	2018 Q1	↗	3.1%	↘	-5.3%
	2018 Q2	↗	5.1%	↗	12.4%
	2018 Q3	↘	-4.0%	↗	16.1%
	2018 Q4	↗	0.3%	↗	4.3%
	2019 Q1	↗	4.0%	↗	5.3%

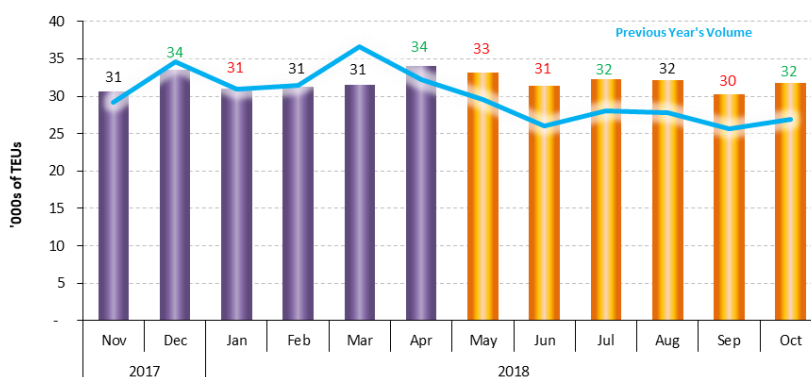
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017 Mar	↗	16.3%	↗	16.9%
	2017 Apr	↘	-12.1%	↘	-3.9%
	2017 May	↘	-8.1%	↗	7.0%
	2017 Jun	↘	-12.1%	↗	11.8%
	2017 Jul	↗	7.9%	↗	10.2%
	2017 Aug	↘	-0.8%	↗	9.7%
	2017 Sep	↘	-7.7%	↘	-4.6%
	2017 Oct	↗	4.9%	↗	3.7%
	2017 Nov	↗	13.6%	↗	5.0%
	2017 Dec	↗	9.6%	↘	-3.2%
	2018 Jan	↘	-7.6%	↗	0.0%
	2018 Feb	↗	1.1%	↘	-0.5%
FORECAST	2018 Mar	↗	0.6%	↘	-13.9%
	2018 Apr	↗	8.1%	↗	5.9%
	2018 May	↘	-2.6%	↗	12.3%
	2018 Jun	↘	-5.6%	↗	20.7%
	2018 Jul	↗	2.9%	↗	15.1%
	2018 Aug	↘	-0.5%	↗	15.5%
	2018 Sep	↘	-5.7%	↗	17.9%
	2018 Oct	↗	4.8%	↗	17.8%

## Headlines

- Imports increased by 3,000 TEUs in April to a total of 34,000 TEUs. The 8.1 percent gain over March is 5.9 percent higher than the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of April.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 157.0. This is 8.7 points higher than the 148.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 128,000 TEUs for a 2.6 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up from last month's 5.3 percent fall).
- The forecast projects a 0.6 percent decrease in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 15.9 percent drop between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 3.0 percent (to 192,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 9.9 percent (to 190,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 382,000 TEUs, which would be a 6.3 percent increase over last year.

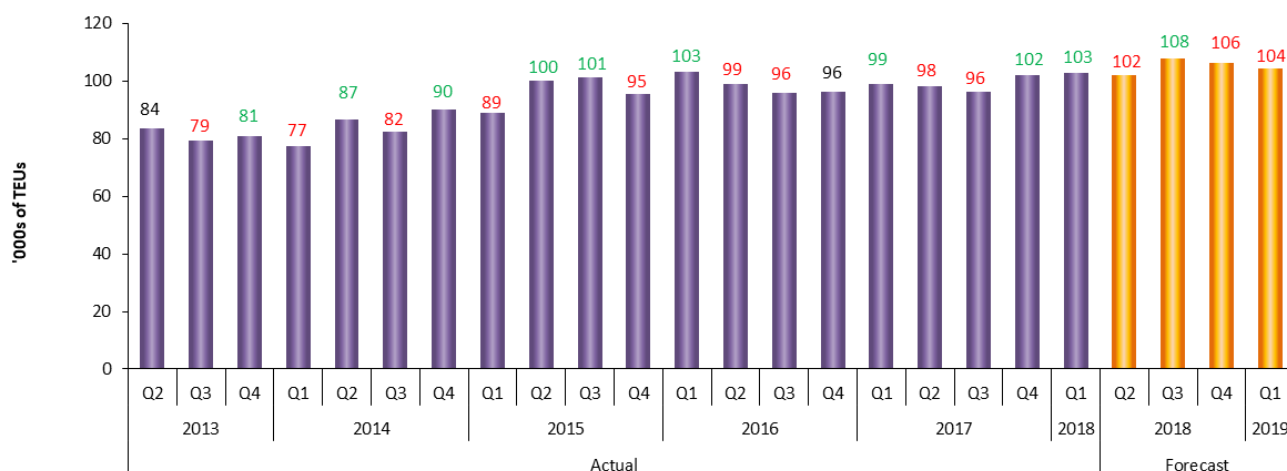
## Monthly Import Volumes





# Port Miami

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q4	↘ -5.8%	↗ 5.7%	
	2016	Q1	↗ 8.2%	↗ 16.3%	
	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	↘ -0.8%	↗ 3.9%	
	2018	Q3	↗ 5.5%	↗ 11.9%	
FORECAST	2018	Q4	↘ -1.4%	↗ 4.0%	
	2019	Q1	↘ -1.8%	↗ 1.3%	

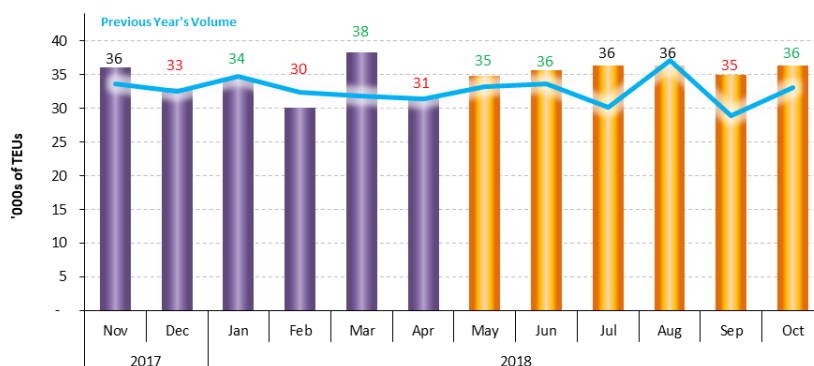
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Mar	↘ -1.9%	↘ -8.4%	
	2017	Apr	↘ -1.1%	↗ 1.5%	
	2017	May	↗ 5.8%	↘ -2.5%	
	2017	Jun	↗ 1.1%	↘ -0.8%	
	2017	Jul	↘ -10.0%	↘ -7.3%	
	2017	Aug	↗ 22.8%	↗ 13.5%	
	2017	Sep	↘ -22.0%	↘ -4.8%	
	2017	Oct	↗ 14.5%	↗ 10.6%	
	2017	Nov	↗ 8.7%	↗ 7.1%	
	2017	Dec	↘ -8.5%	↗ 1.1%	
	2018	Jan	↗ 4.6%	↘ -0.7%	
	2018	Feb	↘ -12.5%	↘ -6.9%	
FORECAST	2018	Mar	↗ 27.1%	↗ 20.6%	
	2018	Apr	↘ -17.8%	↗ 0.3%	
	2018	May	↗ 10.8%	↗ 5.0%	
	2018	Jun	↗ 2.4%	↗ 6.3%	
	2018	Jul	↗ 1.9%	↗ 20.4%	
	2018	Aug	↗ 0.0%	↘ -2.0%	
	2018	Sep	↘ -4.0%	↗ 20.7%	
	2018	Oct	↗ 3.9%	↗ 9.6%	

## Headlines

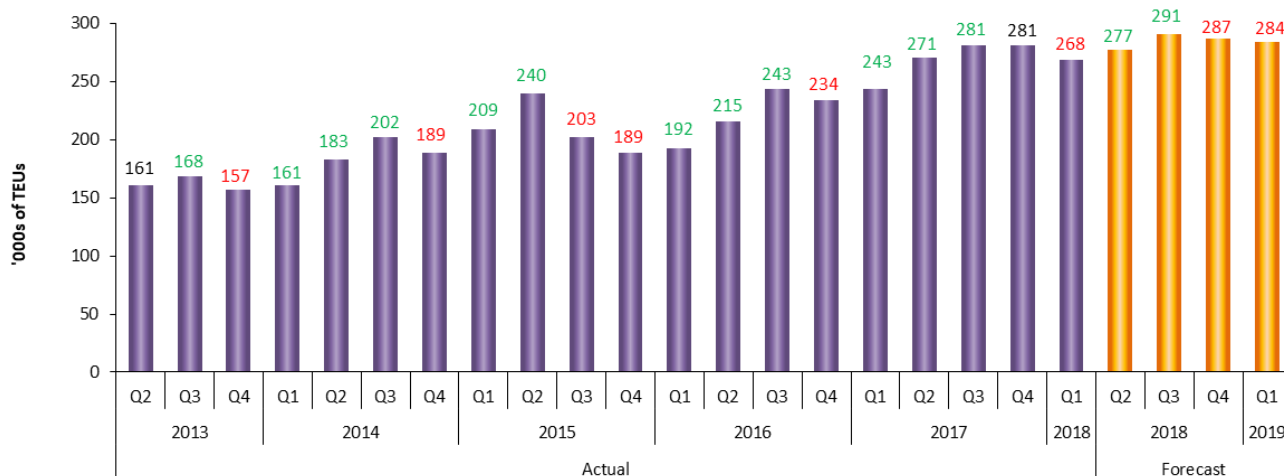
- Imports fell by 17.8 percent in April to 31,000 TEUs. The 7,000 TEU drop equates to a 0.3 percent gain over the same month of 2017.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 109.1. This is 0.3 points higher than the 108.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 134,000 TEUs for a 3.2 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 4.1 percent increase).
- The forecast projects a 5.5 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 0.1 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 4.0 percent (to 205,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 7.8 percent (to 214,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 419,000 TEUs, which would be a 5.9 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Import Volumes



# Port Houston

## Quarterly Import Volumes



## Quarterly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Quarter		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2015	Q4	↓ -6.8%	↓ -0.1%	
	2016	Q1	↑ 1.8%	↓ -7.8%	
	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	↑ 3.3%	↑ 2.4%	
	2018	Q3	↑ 4.8%	↑ 3.3%	
FORECAST	2018	Q4	↓ -1.2%	↑ 2.3%	
	2019	Q1	↓ -1.1%	↑ 5.8%	

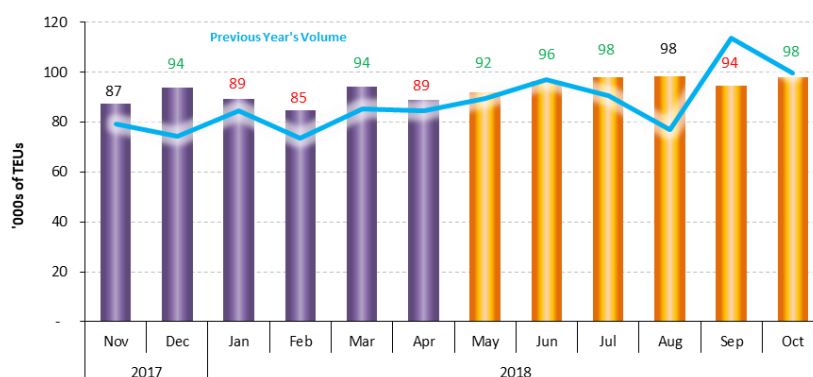
## Monthly Change

		Percent Change			
		vs Prior Month		vs Prior Year	
ACTUAL	2017	Mar	↑ 16.1%	↑ 36.1%	
	2017	Apr	↓ -1.0%	↑ 12.0%	
	2017	May	↑ 6.0%	↑ 42.8%	
	2017	Jun	↑ 8.4%	↑ 25.4%	
	2017	Jul	↓ -6.7%	↑ 13.1%	
	2017	Aug	↓ -15.0%	↓ -3.7%	
	2017	Sep	↑ 48.0%	↑ 36.5%	
	2017	Oct	↓ -12.4%	↑ 24.1%	
	2017	Nov	↓ -12.4%	↑ 10.1%	
	2017	Dec	↑ 7.4%	↑ 26.1%	
	2018	Jan	↓ -4.6%	↑ 5.7%	
	2018	Feb	↓ -5.2%	↑ 15.5%	
FORECAST	2018	Mar	↑ 11.1%	↑ 10.5%	
	2018	Apr	↓ -5.4%	↑ 5.5%	
	2018	May	↑ 3.1%	↑ 2.6%	
	2018	Jun	↑ 5.0%	↓ -0.6%	
	2018	Jul	↑ 1.6%	↑ 8.3%	
	2018	Aug	↑ 0.1%	↑ 27.7%	
	2018	Sep	↓ -3.9%	↓ -17.1%	
	2018	Oct	↑ 3.8%	↓ -1.7%	

## Headlines

- Imports decreased by 5.4 percent in April to 89,000 TEUs. The 5,000 TEU slide equates to a 5.5 percent increase over the same month of 2017 and is a record high for the month of April.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for April is 177.3. This is 9.3 points higher than the 168.0 that was recorded in the same month of 2017.
- The volume imported through the first four months totals 357,000 TEUs for a 9.1 percent increase year-on-year (which is down from last month's 10.4 percent gain).
- The forecast projects a 7.1 percent increase in imports between May and October versus the past six months (November through April), compared to a 17.9 percent gain between the same two periods of last year.
- Year-on-year gains are projected in each of the four upcoming quarters.
- The first half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 6.2 percent (to 546,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The second half of 2018 is forecast to increase by 2.8 percent (to 578,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2017.
- The forecast volume for 2018 is 1.12 million TEUs, which would be a 4.4 percent increase over last year.

## Monthly Import Volumes



## Year to Date Totals

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

	West Coast	East Coast	All Ports (incl. Gulf)
<b>2017</b>	3,959,064	2,941,255	7,227,911
<b>2018</b>	4,102,711	3,122,719	7,582,920
<b>Percent Change</b>	3.6%	6.2%	4.9%

	LA&LB	Oakland	NW Seaport Alliance	Vancouver	Prince Rupert
<b>2017</b>	2,546,478	287,055	462,428	513,972	149,132
<b>2018</b>	2,678,593	290,473	416,653	545,774	171,218
<b>Percent Change</b>	5.2%	1.2%	-9.9%	6.2%	14.8%

	Montreal	NYNJ	Virginia	Charleston	Savannah
<b>2017</b>	224,058	1,052,256	399,002	320,987	589,387
<b>2018</b>	237,839	1,145,006	415,248	315,324	650,038
<b>Percent Change</b>	6.2%	8.8%	4.1%	-1.8%	10.3%

	Jacksonville	Port Everglades	Port Miami	Port Houston
<b>2017</b>	94,140	131,220	130,205	327,591
<b>2018</b>	97,060	127,851	134,353	357,490
<b>Percent Change</b>	3.1%	-2.6%	3.2%	9.1%

# Raw Monthly Data

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

		LA&LB	Oakland	NW Seaport Alliance	Vancouver	Prince Rupert	Montreal	NYNJ
2017	May	749,615	82,440	115,960	154,291	41,747	63,035	283,466
	Jun	707,600	80,253	115,788	135,290	51,834	58,347	295,221
	Jul	795,911	84,835	109,182	153,554	48,343	58,784	291,760
	Aug	788,194	77,985	119,529	145,523	49,949	56,783	320,848
	Sep	754,968	79,135	116,589	151,635	48,521	61,225	287,753
	Oct	722,398	76,706	109,983	139,049	48,688	59,373	305,729
	Nov	782,900	72,330	113,451	152,686	46,493	59,188	285,070
	Dec	731,213	78,703	117,743	131,803	43,581	51,926	274,366
2018	Jan	747,488	75,136	96,842	138,977	46,371	57,678	309,003
	Feb	725,337	73,666	114,218	135,844	42,533	52,459	274,638
	Mar	532,284	66,302	104,526	140,640	38,656	63,906	288,462
	Apr	673,484	75,369	101,067	130,313	43,658	63,796	272,903
	May	733,806	82,479	112,782	147,879	48,676	64,912	293,493
	Jun	735,851	82,662	117,577	156,038	51,180	65,151	294,221
	Jul	813,012	84,394	118,617	157,112	51,577	66,470	298,633
	Aug	816,019	84,596	120,420	161,041	52,763	66,642	320,420
	Sep	788,161	81,462	116,200	155,618	51,150	61,690	299,928
	Oct	807,727	83,363	120,934	158,812	53,161	63,097	311,001

		Virginia	Charleston	Savannah	Jacksonville	Port Everglades	Port Miami	Port Houston
2017	May	100,594	78,398	160,086	26,576	29,550	33,227	89,483
	Jun	103,006	81,307	154,738	23,932	25,972	33,578	97,042
	Jul	109,215	79,630	159,570	23,505	28,025	30,218	90,506
	Aug	113,188	78,083	164,496	26,765	27,798	37,107	76,889
	Sep	109,716	79,150	166,885	24,064	25,668	28,940	113,804
	Oct	125,075	80,728	188,369	23,618	26,918	33,122	99,641
	Nov	110,673	76,580	144,181	22,972	30,580	36,006	87,306
	Dec	105,867	80,423	148,121	28,111	33,514	32,939	93,771
2018	Jan	104,150	78,169	169,758	25,727	30,978	34,439	89,443
	Feb	100,368	70,397	158,890	25,044	31,315	30,134	84,799
	Mar	113,123	88,483	159,699	27,477	31,496	38,295	94,185
	Apr	97,607	78,275	161,691	18,812	34,062	31,485	89,063
	May	109,003	86,161	168,490	25,325	33,192	34,877	91,840
	Jun	109,215	86,411	167,119	25,344	31,343	35,698	96,470
	Jul	111,991	87,693	169,128	25,782	32,253	36,383	98,030
	Aug	114,506	87,074	169,564	25,796	32,103	36,369	98,164
	Sep	109,954	83,523	163,555	24,790	30,266	34,933	94,382
	Oct	118,030	86,637	175,725	25,685	31,714	36,303	97,936



## How to Read the Tables and Charts

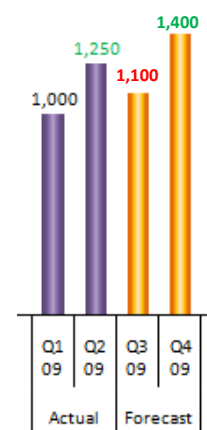
The North American edition of the Global Port Tracker provides details on import volumes at 16 ports at the monthly and quarterly level. Each port is examined on a separate page, with information on actual and forecast import volumes, key pieces of news, and an analysis of any trends. Furthermore, a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

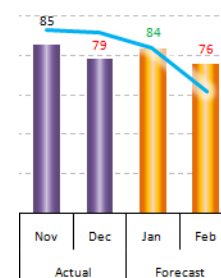
The quarterly bar chart depicts actual and forecast import levels for each port at the quarterly level, measured in thousands of TEUs. The chart details five and a half years of historical data and forecasts one year of future activity. Each bar represents the volume of imports for a single quarter and 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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