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## Editorial:

#### The Covid-19 Import Boom Conundrum

Despite still-high unemployment, no federal government support package in place, lack of investment by U.S. companies and over 210,000 COVIDrelated deaths, the U.S. economy is beating forecasts with consumer consumption up and imports setting new records.

Retail sales are a big part of consumer spending, so one would expect to see an increase when the economy improves and consumers are confident. But less than six months after the biggest decreases on record this spring, retail sales have bounced back to pre-crisis levels with year-over-year gains every month since June, including a 2.6 percent increase in August.

The inventory-to-sales ratio reached its highest level when most stores were forced to close in April, well above levels seen during the Great Recession. By July, however, the ratio had dropped to a level not seen since November 2014 as stores reopened and consumers responded with pent-up demand. The inventory buildup and the dramatic drop have been reflected in import container volumes at the ports, particularly on the West Coast, and we've seen a new buildup of inventory in the August-September period as importers re-stock.

Online sales with next-day delivery are certainly one of the drivers of the import boom and the high levels of inventory. Large online traders such as Amazon, WalMart and Target are being forced to hold a larger inventory in order to support consumers' demand for short-term delivery. This gives a new meaning to the concept of just-in-time delivery.

The uncertainty in the timing of a government stimulus package – brought to a screeching halt this week by President Trump only to have him say he might sign something after all – is causing concern about the economic recovery, as voiced by Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell. With less than four weeks to the election, there is doubt whether agreement can be reached.

The strong import numbers seen during the second half of this year have changed the outlook for 2020's totals. We now expect to see a drop of 4.4 percent compared with 2019 – less than half the decline we expected recently. Imports are expected to bounce back in the first half of 2021 with year-over-year growth of 5.8 percent, most of it in the second quarter.

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# **Executive Summary**

- The total volume of loaded imports at the tracked ports increased by 182,000 TEUs in August to 2.38 million TEUs. This represents an 8.3 percent gain over July and a 6.5 percent increase year-on-The year-to-date volume year. imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 15.49 million TEUs for a 6.4 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 8.5 percent drop). Loaded imports in 2020 are projected to decrease by 4.7 percent from 2019.
- The combined loaded import volume at the monitored West Coast ports increased by 62,000 TEUs between July and August, which equates to a 4.9 percent gain. The total loaded import volume was 1.32 million TEUs which equates to a 12.1 percent surge over the same month of last year and is a

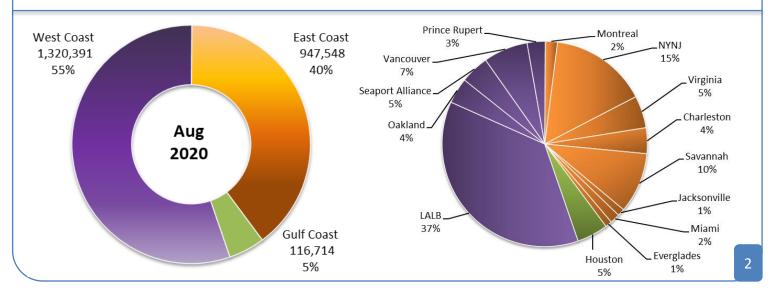
record high. The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 8.27 million TEUs for a 5.9 percent slide year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 8.7 percent fall). Every port except Oakland experienced an increase over July, with all changes in the single-digit percentage range. The ports of LALB and Vancouver posted double-digit percentage year-on-year growth. Loaded imports in 2020 are projected to decrease by 4.4 percent from 2019, with a total of 12.6 million TEU.

The combined loaded import volume at the monitored East Coast ports surged by 106,000 TEUs between July and August, which equates to a 12.6 percent jump. The loaded import volume of 948,000

Change in Import Volume, August 2020 Versus:									
			Jul-20		Aug-19		2020 YTD		
	LALB	7	5.8%	个	15.9%	Y	-5.3%		
	Oakland	$\mathbb{Z}$	-0.2%	7	9.0%	Y	-0.9%		
West	Seaport Alliance	77	4.4%	2	-3.9%	V	-16.2%		
Coast	Vancouver	27	3.9%	个	14.6%	2	-3.0%		
	Prince Rupert	77	5.3%	2	-4.7%	$\mathfrak{D}$	-7.4%		
	Coast Total	2	4.9%	个	12.1%	2	-5.9%		
	Montreal		-22.7%	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-38.2%	Y	-9.0%		
	NYNJ		12.5%	77	7.1%	2	-4.9%		
	Virginia		14.4%	2	-0.5%	V	-11.4%		
<b>-</b> .	Charleston		18.9%	2	-6.1%	$\mathbb{N}$	-8.0%		
East	Savannah		22.6%	7	4.8%	2	-5.9%		
Coast	Jacksonville	2	-3.9%	$\mathbb{Z}$	-9.0%	V	-15.0%		
	Everglades	Ŷ	13.8%	77	3.0%	Ľ	-9.8%		
	Miami	$\mathbf{\hat{T}}$	11.6%	2	-2.5%	2	-9.1%		
	Coast Total	$\mathbf{\hat{T}}$	12.6%	2	-0.3%	2	-7.3%		
Gulf	Houston		14.0%	7	5.8%	2	-4.5%		
	GPT Total	2	8.3%	7	6.5%	2	-6.4%		

TEUs is 0.3 percent lower than the same month of 2019. The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 6.43 million TEUs for a 7.3 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 8.4 percent fall). The loaded volume increased at every port except Montreal and Jacksonville, with all growth in the double-digit percentage range. The ports of NYNJ, Savannah, and Everglades experienced year-on-year increases. Loaded imports in 2020 are projected to decrease by 5.2 percent from 2019, with a total of 9.8 million TEU.

Loaded imports at Houston surged by 14.0 percent in August (or 14,000 TEUs) to 117,000 TEU. This equates to a 5.8 percent gain year-on-year. Loaded imports in 2020 are projected to decrease by 4.4 percent.



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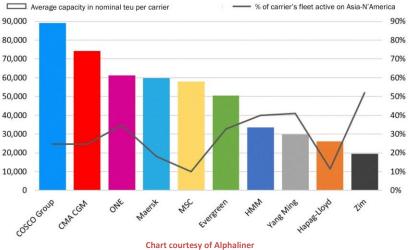


# **Global Economic Overview**

- Alphaliner reports that demand on the Asia to North America trade lane remains strong as shippers continue to replenish inventories and stock up on holiday-season goods early, with the average weekly capacity hitting a record of 530,000 TEU in late September. The Golden Week holiday, which runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> of October to the 8th, will certainly impact inbound volume, but the consultancy notes that spot rates remain high despite the addition of extra capacity by several carriers. MSC in particular, Alphaliner reports, increased its capacity by 16 percent during September through the addition of a new service that calls at Long Beach and Vancouver.
- A second wave of COVID-19 cases in Europe has several countries downgrading the prospects of their recovery from the first wave. New social restrictions are going into effect in Germany, France, Spain, and the UK.
- The readings from the IPSOS Consumer Confidence Current Index continued to post growth in September. In Europe, France posted a reading of 30.3 (down from 30.7 in August), Germany recorded a 39.0 (up from 37.3), Italy posted a 25.0 (up from 24.2) and the United Kingdom recorded a 34.7 (up from 33.1). In North America, Canada recorded a reading of 34.8 (up from 33.7), and Mexico was 24.9 (up from 23.5).
- Markit the IHS reported that Eurozone Manufacturing PMI reading posted strong growth as it jumped from 51.7 in August to 53.7 in September. Most of the major economies posted growth: Germany surged to a 26-month high as it grew from 52.2 to 56.6, while France returned to expansion territory as it increased from 49.8 in August to 51.2. Spain likewise returned to expansion as the reading grew from 49.9 to 50.8. Austria's reading rose from 51.0 to 51.7, while Italy reached a 27-month high as the reading inched up from 53.1 to 53.2. The UK retreated from last month's two-and-a-half year high as its reading decreased from 55.2 in August to 54.1 in September.
- The National Bureau of Statistics of China stated that the Purchasing Managers Index increased in September as it grew from 51.0 in August to 51.5. The New Orders sub-index increased by 0.8 percentage points to reach 52.8 and the New Export

Average Weekly Capacity and Percentage of Fleet Active on the Asia – North America Trade, as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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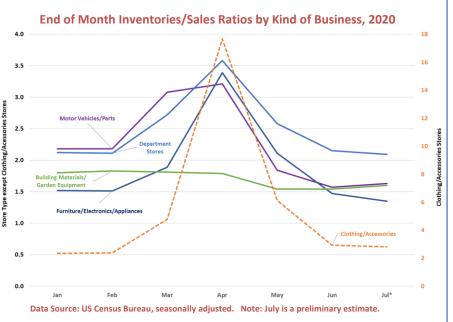
Orders index shifted into expansion territory for the first time since the pandemic began as the reading grew from 49.1 to 50.8.

- The volume of retail sales in the euro area continued to grow as the reading increased by 4.4 percent in August over July. From a year-on-year perspective, the volume of retail sales was down 1.8 percent in total and up 3.9 percent for non-food products. Textiles, clothing, and footwear remain lower yearon-year, with a 14.1 percent drop, although electrical goods and furniture were up 6.3 percent. At the national level, the UK posted a 2.4 year-on-year increase while Germany and France posted a 7.2 percent and a 3.0 percent increase respectively. Eurostat's data highlights the surge in online shopping, which was up 26.3 percent year-on-year in August.
- Alphaliner reported that the capacity of the idle fleet has continued to plunge as cargo volumes surge. As of August 31<sup>st,</sup> the idle fleet stood at 799,643 TEUs (down from 1,200,673 TEUs at around the same point of last month) spread across 198 vessels (versus 264 last month). A total of 33 vessels had a capacity of at least 7,500 TEUs (down from 51 last month), 15 of which had a capacity of 12,500 TEU and greater (down from 25 last month). The idle fleet accounts for 3.4 per cent of the total available capacity, down from 5.1 percent last month. As of the 31<sup>st</sup>, scrubber refits account for 25 inactive vessels including 8 vessels with a capacity of 12,500 TEU and greater.



# North America Economic Overview

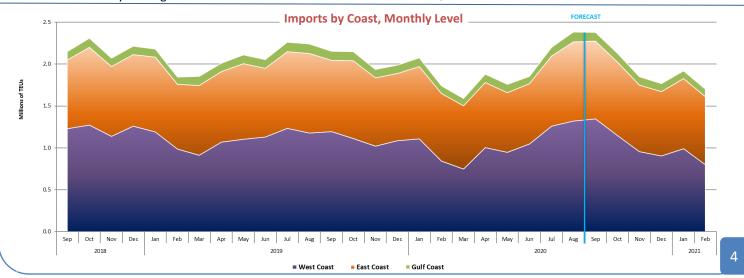
- Our pre-COVID forecasts did not anticipate that August would be a recordbreaking month, and yet this month's data shows several ports reaching all-time high levels of imports despite the pandemic. One reason is that consumers have continued to spend even though they may have done so from the safety (and comfort) of their couch. Building on last month's examination of inventory to sales ratios by sector, this month we present a deeper dive into the retail sector. While building material and garden equipment stores fared well, the situation at clothing and clothing accessory stores was starkly different: January recorded a reading of 2.35, already higher than any of the other graphed store types, and this surged to 17.67 by April (necessitating that it be depicted on the right hand axis).
- The Manufacturing PMI reading for the US from ISM dipped from 56.0 in August to 55.4 in September, a 0.6 percentage point decrease. The New Orders index fell by 7.4 percentage points to 60.2, while the Production index decreased by 2.3 points to 61.0. The Inventories sub-index increased by 2.7 percentage point to 47.1. IHS Markit reported that Canada's Manufacturing PMI reading grew from 55.1 to 56.0 in September (the "sharpest improvement in operating conditions since August 2018"), while in Mexico the reading increased from 41.3 to a six-month high of 42.1.
- The University of Michigan reported that the Index of Consumer Confidence Sentiment increased by 8.5 percentage points from 74.1 last month to 80.4 in September, which is 13.7 percentage points lower than a year ago. The Index of Consumer



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Expectations surged from 68.5 to 75.6, a 9.4 percentage point drop year-on-year, while the Index of Current Economic Conditions increased by 5.9 percentage points from last month to reach 87.8, a 19.1 percentage point drop year-on-year.

The Association of American Railroads reported that US intermodal traffic for the month of September totaled 1.42 million containers and trailers, an increase of 7.1 percent year-on-year. US intermodal volumes for the first 40 weeks of 2020, through October 3<sup>rd</sup>, are down 5.9 percent (versus a 7.7 percent decrease last month) with 10.03 million units. Year-to-date Canadian intermodal volumes through the same period are down 5.2 percent (versus a 6.4 percent decrease last month) with 2.65 million units, while Mexican intermodal volumes through the same period are down 11.5 percent (versus an 11.0 percent decrease last month) with 623,000 units.



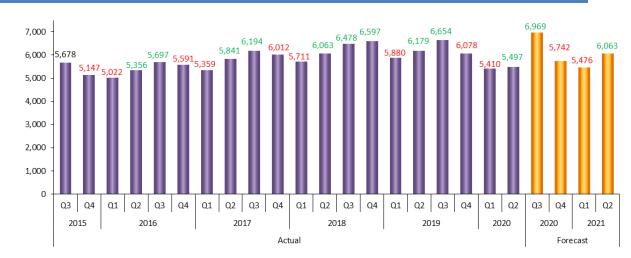


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#### GPT: North American Trade Outlook, October 2020

## **Global Port Tracker Overview**

Quarterly Import Volumes



#### **Quarterly Change**

	Percent Change						
			VS	Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year		
		Q1	2	-5.0%	<b>6.6%</b>		
	2010	Q2	77	6.2%	3.8%		
	2018	Q3	77	6.9%	<b>7</b> 4.6%		
<u> </u>		Q4	77	1.8%	콍 9.7%		
ACTUAL		Q1	↓	-10.9%	2.9%		
CT	2019	Q2	77	5.1%	🔊 1.9%		
<	2019	Q3	77	7.7%	<b>7</b> 2.7%		
		Q4	21	-8.7%	-7.9%		
	2020	Q1	♦	-11.0%	-8.0%		
	2020	Q2	7	1.6%	4 -11.0%		
H	2020	Q3	1	26.8%	<b>7</b> 4.7%		
ECAS	2020	Q4	4	-17.6%	ڬ -5.5%		
FORECAST	2021	Q1	2	-4.6%	🔊 1.2%		
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#### **Monthly Change**

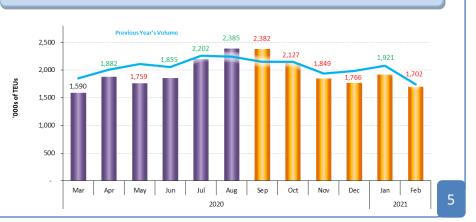
	Percent Change							
			VS	Prior Month	vs Prior Year			
		Jul	T	10.0%	<b>7</b> 3.1%			
		Aug	2	-1.0%	🔊 5.0%			
	2019	Sep	21	-3.8%	<b>7</b> 0.1%			
	2019	Oct	2	-0.1%	🎽 -6.9%			
		Nov	2	-9.9%	-6.4%			
Ļ		Dec	7	2.5%	🖖 -10.2%			
ACTUAL		Jan	21	4.5%	🎽 -4.7%			
C T		Feb	Ψ	-16.2%	🎽 -5.5%			
		Mar	2	-8.7%	4.3% -14.3%			
	2020	Apr	1	18.4%	🎽 -6.4%			
	2020	May	2	-6.5%	4 -16.7%			
		Jun	71	5.4%	-9.8%			
		Jul	1	18.7%	🎽 -2.6%			
		Aug	7	8.3%	<b>7</b> 6.5%			
		Sep	2	-0.1%	10.7%			
H	2020	Oct	Ψ	-10.7%	≥ -1.1%			
ECAS	2020	Nov	Ψ	-13.0%	🎽 -4.6%			
FORECAST		Dec	2	-4.5%	4 -11.2%			
	2021	Jan	7	8.8%	🎽 -7.5%			
	2021	Feb	♦	-11.4%	2.3%			

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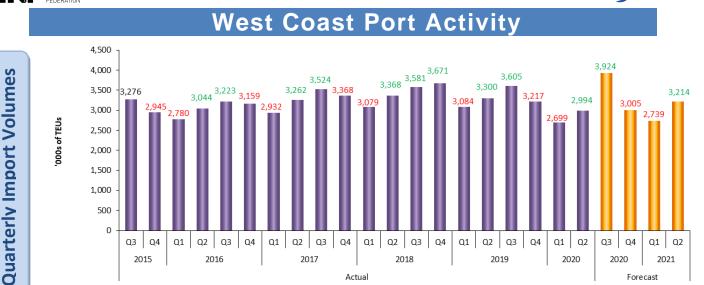
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- Imports to the primary ports tracked by the North American edition of the Global Port Tracker increased by 8.3 percent in August. The 182,000 TEU gain to 2.38 million TEUs equates to a 6.5 percent increase over the same month of 2019 and is an all-time high.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 156.4. This is 9.5 points higher than the 146.9 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 15.49 million TEUs for a 6.4 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 8.5 percent fall).
- The forecast projects a 0.6 percent increase in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 3.9 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to decrease by 0.2 percent versus the equivalent period of 2019, with 12.71 million TEUs.
- The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to increase by 5.8 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 11.54 million TEUs.
- The forecast import volume for 2020 is 23.62 million TEUs, which would be a 4.7 percent decrease from 2019.





#### GPT: North American Trade Outlook, October 2020



#### **Quarterly Change**

		Percent Change						
			VS	Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year			
		Q1	21	-8.6%	🔊 5.0%			
	2018	Q2	71	9.4%	<b>7</b> 3.3%			
	2018	Q3	77	6.3%	<b>7</b> 1.6%			
		Q4	71	2.5%	콍 9.0%			
ACTUAL	2019	Q1	♦	-16.0%	<b>7</b> 0.2%			
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<		Q3	77	9.2%	<b>7</b> 0.7%			
		Q4	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-10.8%	4 -12.4%			
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ECAS	2020	Q4	↓	-23.4%	ڬ -6.6%			
FORECAST	2021	Q1	2	-8.8%	🔊 1.5%			
<u> </u>	2021	Q2	Ŷ	17.3%	7.3%			

#### **Monthly Change**

Percent Change						
			VS	Prior Month	vs Prior Year	
		Jul	7	9.4%	🔊 1.4%	
		Aug	2	-4.4%	<b>7</b> 3.5%	
	2019	Sep	7	1.3%	🎽 -2.7%	
	2019	Oct	2	-6.9%	🖖 -12.7%	
		Nov	21	-8.3%	🖖 -10.5%	
Ļ		Dec	71	6.6%	🖖 -13.7%	
ACTUAL		Jan	3	2.0%	-6.8%	
CT		Feb	Ψ.	-23.9%	4.3% -14.3%	
٩		Mar	Ψ	-11.5%	🖖 -17.9%	
	2020	Apr	Ŷ	34.1%	🔌 -6.2%	
	2020	May	2	-5.5%	🖖 -14.2%	
		Jun	Ŷ	10.3%	🎽 -7.3%	
		Jul	<b></b>	20.4%	<b>7</b> 2.1%	
		Aug	7	4.9%	🛉 12.1%	
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- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 8.27 million TEUs for a 5.9 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 8.7 percent fall).
- The forecast projects a 2.9 percent decrease in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 3.9 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
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- The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to increase by 4.6 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 5.95 million TEUs.
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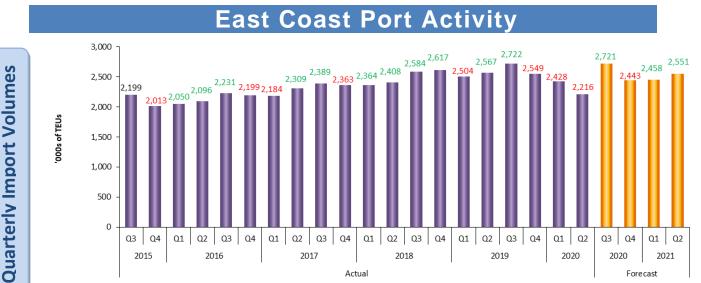


#### Monthly Import Volumes

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#### **Quarterly Change**

		Percent Change						
			vs	Prior Quarter	V	s Prior Year		
		Q1	2	0.0%	7	8.3%		
	2018	Q2	77	1.8%	7	4.3%		
	2018	Q3	77	7.3%	2	8.1%		
ų.		Q4	77	1.3%	T	10.7%		
ACTUAL		Q1	21	-4.3%	7	5.9%		
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		Q4	2	-6.3%	2	-2.6%		
	2020	Q1	2	-4.8%	2	-3.0%		
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FORECAST	2021	Q1	71	0.6%	7	1.2%		
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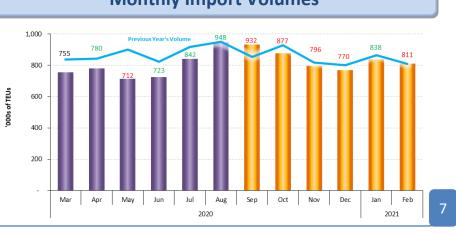
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		Aug	7	3.5%	77	7.0%
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	2020	Apr	7	3.3%	21	-7.3%
	2020	May	2	-8.7%	♥	-20.9%
		Jun	7	1.5%	♦	-12.3%
		Jul	T	16.4%	2	-8.3%
		Aug	T	12.6%	2	-0.3%
		Sep	2	-1.7%	77	9.3%
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FORECAST		Dec	2	-3.3%	2	-4.0%
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	2021	Feb	2	-3.2%	7	0.3%

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- Imports to the primary east coast ports tracked by the GPT surged by 12.6 percent (or 106,000 TEU) in August to 948,000 TEUs. This equates to a 0.3 percent dip from the same month of 2019.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 168.8. This is 0.5 points lower than the 169.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 6.43 million TEUs for a 7.3 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 8.4 percent fall).
- The forecast projects a 5.5 percent increase in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 3.7 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to decrease by 2.0 percent versus the equivalent period of 2019, with 5.16 million TEUs.
- The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to increase by 7.8 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 5.01 million TEUs.
- The forecast import volume for 2020 is 9.81 million TEUs, which would be a 5.2 percent decrease from 2019.



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#### GPT: North American Trade Outlook, October 2020 Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach 2<u>,62</u>4 2,435 2,500 2.339 2.321 2,307 237 Quarterly Import Volumes 2,117 2.207 2.169 2,125 2,099 2,087 2,091 2,030 1,991 2 005 1,920 1,949 949 2,000 1,912 000s of TEUs 1,500 1,000 500 0 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q4 Q1 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q2 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2020 2021 Actual Forecast

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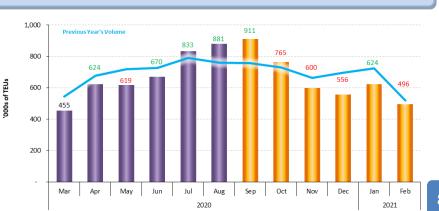
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ACTUAL	2019	Q1	♦	-19.9%	2	-2.8%	
CT		Q2	77	9.0%	2	-3.7%	
<		Q3	77	8.6%	Ŋ	-0.6%	
		Q4	21	-9.4%	♦	-14.1%	
	2020	Q1	♦	-18.8%	♦	-12.9%	
	2020	Q2	Ŷ	12.6%	♦	-10.0%	
H	2020	Q3	1	37.2%	♠	13.7%	
ECAS	2020	Q4	4	-26.8%	2	-8.2%	
FORECAST	2021	Q1	♦	-11.1%	7	0.6%	
-	2021	Q2	1	18.9%	7	6.1%	

### **Monthly Change**

		Percent Change					
			VS	Prior Month	v	s Prior Year	
		Jul	7	8.5%	7	0.5%	
		Aug	2	-3.7%	2	-0.4%	
	2019	Sep	2	-0.4%	21	-1.9%	
	2019	Oct	2	-3.6%	♦	-14.1%	
		Nov	2	-8.9%	↓	-10.5%	
Ļ		Dec	7	4.8%	♦	-17.3%	
UAL		Jan	3	4.0%	2	-3.9%	
ACT		Feb	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-28.4%	♦	-20.4%	
٩		Mar	Ψ.	-12.3%	♦	-16.4%	
	2020	Apr	Ŷ	37.1%	21	-8.1%	
	2020	May	2	-0.8%	♦	-13.8%	
		Jun	7	8.2%	21	-8.0%	
		Jul	T	24.3%	77	5.5%	
		Aug	7	5.8%	Ŷ	15.9%	
		Sep	77	3.3%		20.3%	
H	2020	Oct	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-16.0%	71	4.8%	
CAS	2020	Nov	Ψ	-21.6%	21	-9.8%	
FORECAST		Dec	2	-7.3%	♦	-20.2%	
	2021	Jan	Ŷ	12.2%	♦	-13.9%	
	2021	Feb	•	-20.5%	2	-4.4%	

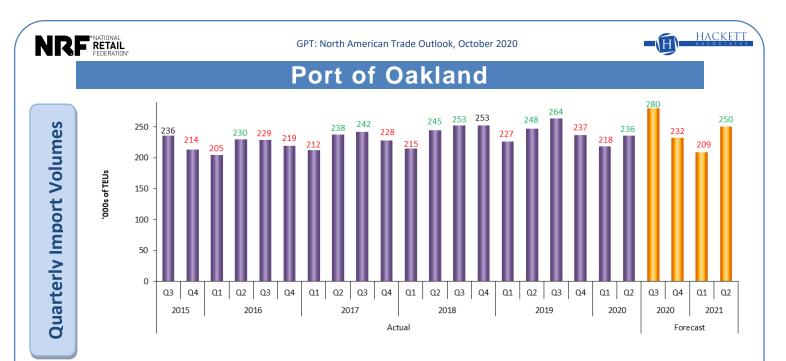
#### **Headlines**

- ≻ Imports increased by 5.8 percent in August to 881,000 TEUs. The 48,000 TEU gain equates to a 15.9 percent surge over the same month of 2019 and is an all-time high.
- $\succ$ Imports at the Port of Los Angeles surged by 13.2 percent versus July, while the volume at the Port of Long Beach decreased by 3.2 percent. In terms of year-on-year change, the two ports experienced an 18.0 percent jump and a 13.0 percent jump respectively.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August  $\geq$ is 147.8. This is 20.3 points higher than the 127.5 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020  $\triangleright$ totals 5.32 million TEUs for a 5.3 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 8.6 percent drop).
- The forecast projects a 3.2 percent slide in imports between September  $\succ$ and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 3.0 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to decrease by  $\geq$ 3.3 percent (to 4.54 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- $\geq$ The forecast volume for 2020 is 8.16 million TEUs, which would be a 3.7 percent decrease from 2019.



#### **Monthly Import Volumes**

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		Percent Change						
			VS	Prior Quarter	V	s Prior Year		
		Q1	21	-5.5%	7	1.4%		
	2018	Q2		13.9%	7	3.1%		
	2018	Q3	77	3.1%	71	4.4%		
-		Q4	77	0.1%	Ŷ	11.0%		
ACTUAL		Q1	↓	-10.4%	71	5.3%		
CT	2019	Q2	77	9.3%	7	1.0%		
∢	2019	Q3	77	6.6%	71	4.4%		
		Q4	♦	-10.1%	2	-6.2%		
	2020	Q1	2	-7.9%	2	-3.6%		
	2020	Q2	77	8.0%	2	-4.7%		
H	2020	Q3	1	18.8%	7	6.2%		
CAS	2020	Q4	V	-17.1%	2	-2.0%		
FORECAST	2021	Q1	21	-9.9%	2	-4.2%		
<u>a</u>		Q2	♠	19.5%	71	6.1%		

#### **Monthly Change**

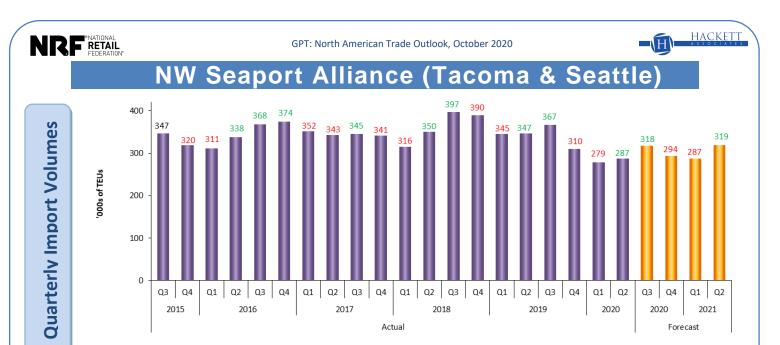
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			VS	Prior Month	v	s Prior Year
		Jul	T	12.0%	7	7.5%
		Aug	2	-2.5%	77	3.1%
	2019	Sep	21	-3.9%	7	2.8%
	2019	Oct	2	-7.4%	2	-4.6%
		Nov	21	-1.6%	21	-7.2%
Ļ		Dec	71	5.1%	21	-6.6%
ACTUAL		Jan	7	8.1%	7	7.3%
CT		Feb	Ψ.	-27.7%	2	-9.2%
٩		Mar	71	5.5%	Ψ	-10.3%
	2020	Apr		19.3%	2	-0.9%
		May	2	-8.2%	Ψ	-14.6%
		Jun	1	12.3%	2	1.9%
		Jul	1	16.9%	27	6.4%
		Aug	2	-0.2%	7	9.0%
		Sep	2	-9.0%	77	3.2%
H	2020	Oct	2	-7.8%	7	2.8%
ECAS	2020	Nov	2	-4.6%	2	-0.4%
FORECAST		Dec	2	-3.1%	2	-8.2%
<u>.</u>	2021	Jan	2	-2.6%	♦	-17.3%
	2021	Feb	↓	-11.9%	77	0.7%

000s of TEUs

#### **Headlines**

- $\succ$ Imports dipped by 0.2 percent in August to 96,000 TEUs. The less than 500 TEU slide equates to a 9.0 percent gain over the same month of 2019, and is a record high for the month of August.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August  $\geq$ is 145.8. This is 12.0 points higher than the 133.8 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020  $\geq$ totals 647,000 TEUs for a 0.9 percent dip year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 2.5 percent slide).
- $\geq$ The forecast projects a 7.8 percent decrease in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 5.5 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- ≻ The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to increase by 2.3 percent with 513,000 TEUs versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to increase by 1.2  $\geq$ percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 460,000 TEUs.
- $\succ$ The forecast import volume for 2020 is 967,000 TEUs, which would be a 0.8 percent decrease from 2019.





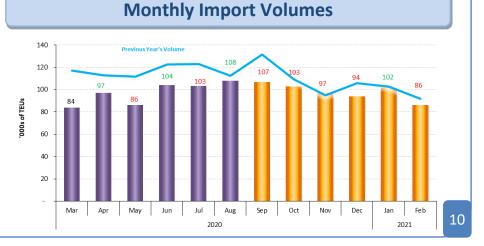
			Percent Change					
			VS	Prior Quarter	v	s Prior Year		
		Q1	21	-7.5%	♦	-10.2%		
	2010	Q2		10.9%	71	2.2%		
	2018	Q3	Ŷ	13.4%	$\mathbf{\hat{T}}$	15.0%		
-		Q4	21	-1.8%		14.3%		
ACTUAL		Q1	↓	-11.5%	N	9.4%		
\ C T	2019	Q2	77	0.5%	2	-0.9%		
٩	2019	Q3	77	5.7%	2	-7.6%		
		Q4	♦	-15.4%	₩	-20.4%		
	2020	Q1	♦	-10.2%	♦	-19.3%		
	2020	Q2	7	3.1%	₩	-17.2%		
E	2020	Q3	Ŷ	10.7%	₩	-13.3%		
FORECAST	2020	Q4	2	-7.5%	2	-5.2%		
ORE	2021	Q1	2	-2.4%	71	3.0%		
<u> </u>		Q2	Ŷ	11.0%	Ŷ	10.9%		

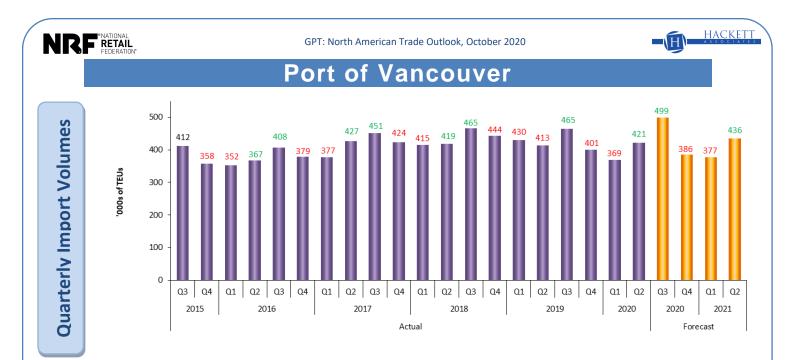
#### **Monthly Change**

	Percent Change						
			VS	Prior Month	v	s Prior Year	
		Jul	2	0.2%	21	-6.0%	
		Aug	$\mathbb{M}$	-8.7%	21	-2.6%	
	2019	Sep	T	17.1%	♦	-12.9%	
	2019	Oct	Ψ.	-16.7%	↓	-18.6%	
		Nov	Ψ.	-13.2%	¥	-18.5%	
<u> </u>		Dec		11.4%	♦	-23.8%	
ACTUAL	2020	Jan	2	-2.8%	♦	-20.0%	
CT		Feb		-10.9%	2	-8.0%	
<		Mar	2	-8.3%	♦	-28.2%	
		Apr		15.4%	♦	-13.9%	
		May	Ψ	-11.2%	¥	-22.9%	
		Jun	$\mathbf{T}$	20.9%	♦	-15.1%	
		Jul	2	-0.7%	¥	-15.9%	
		Aug	7	4.4%	21	-3.9%	
		Sep	2	-1.1%	♦	-18.8%	
E	2020	Oct	2	-3.7%	21	-6.1%	
CAS	2020	Nov	2	-5.3%	77	2.5%	
FORECAST		Dec	2	-3.3%	¥	-11.1%	
<u>.</u>	2021	Jan	71	8.2%	2	-1.1%	
	2021	Feb	♦	-15.5%	2	-6.2%	

#### Headlines

- Imports increased by 4.4 percent in August, gaining 5,000 TEUs to reach 108,000 TEUs. This equates to a 3.9 percent slide from the same month of 2019.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 96.2. This is 3.9 points lower than the 100.1 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 777,000 TEUs for a 16.2 percent drop year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 17.9 percent fall).
- The forecast projects a 1.1 percent increase in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 9.9 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- The second half of 2020 is forecast to decrease by 9.6 percent (to 612,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- The first half of 2021 is forecast to increase by 7.0 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 606,000 TEUs.
- The forecast import volume for 2020 is 1.18 million TEUs, which would be a 14.0 percent decrease from 2019.





		Percent Change					
			vs	Prior Quarter	V	s Prior Year	
		Q1	2	-1.9%	T	10.2%	
	2010	Q2	77	0.7%	2	-1.9%	
	2018	Q3	个	11.2%	7	3.3%	
Ļ.		Q4	21	-4.6%	71	4.8%	
ACTUAL	2019	Q1	2	-3.1%	7	3.6%	
CT		Q2	21	-3.9%	21	-1.2%	
<		Q3	Ŷ	12.5%	2	-0.1%	
		Q4	↓	-13.8%	2	-9.8%	
	2020	Q1	2	-7.9%	↓	-14.2%	
	2020	Q2	$\mathbf{T}$	14.1%	7	1.9%	
H	2020	Q3	1	18.6%	7	7.4%	
CAS	2020	Q4	↓	-22.8%	21	-3.7%	
FORECAST	2021	Q1	2	-2.2%	7	2.2%	
Ű.		Q2	$\mathbf{T}$	15.5%	7	3.4%	

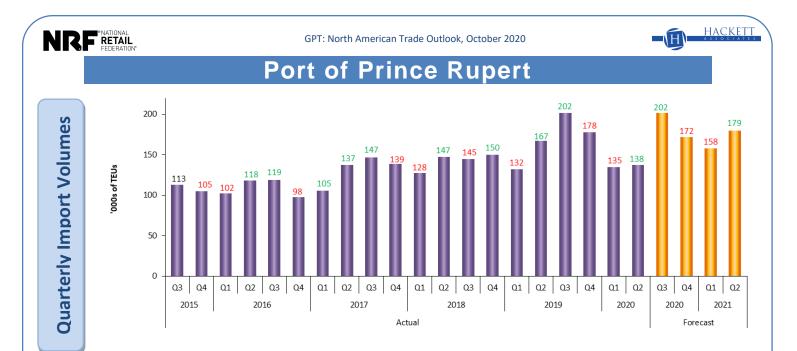
#### **Monthly Change**

Percent Change							
			VS	Prior Month	v	s Prior Year	
		Jul	T	18.5%	2	-0.4%	
		Aug	Ψ	-10.5%	77	7.7%	
	2019	Sep	2	7.2%	21	-6.2%	
	2019	Oct	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-12.9%	♦	-11.4%	
		Nov	2	-9.0%	♦	-18.3%	
Ļ		Dec	1	13.4%	77	1.4%	
ACTUAL	2020	Jan	7	2.2%	♦	-15.7%	
C T		Feb	Ψ	-20.5%	♦	-11.8%	
		Mar	2	-2.5%	♦	-14.7%	
		Apr	Ŷ	33.6%	77	2.4%	
		May	Ψ	-10.9%	77	1.3%	
		Jun	77	5.7%	7	1.8%	
		Jul	<b></b>	14.9%	21	-1.2%	
		Aug	7	3.9%		14.6%	
		Sep	21	2.6%	77	9.6%	
t	2020	Oct	↓	-18.9%	77	2.1%	
ECAS	2020	Nov	₩	-10.3%	77	0.6%	
FORECAST		Dec	2	-2.2%	↓	-13.2%	
	2021	Jan	21	8.8%	2	-7.6%	
	2021	Feb	V	-18.4%	2	-5.2%	

#### **Headlines**

- Imports increased in August, growing by 3.9 percent to 167,000 TEUs. The 6,000 TEU gain equates to a 14.6 percent surge over the same month of 2019 and is a record high for the month of August.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 148.6. This is 18.9 points higher than the 129.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 1.12 million TEUs for a 3.0 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 5.5 percent slide).
- The forecast projects a 7.3 percent decrease in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 4.4 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to increase by 2.2 percent (to 885,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to increase by 2.9 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 813,000 TEUs.
- The forecast import volume for 2020 is 1.68 million TEUs, which would be a 2.0 percent decrease from 2019.





		Percent Change					
			VS	Prior Quarter	V	s Prior Year	
		Q1	21	-8.1%	$\mathbf{T}$	21.1%	
	2010	Q2		15.3%	7	7.0%	
	2018	Q3	21	-1.6%	2	-1.4%	
<u> </u>		Q4	77	3.4%	7	7.8%	
ACTUAL	2019	Q1	♦	-11.6%	7	3.8%	
CT		Q2	Ŷ	26.2%	T	13.6%	
4		Q3	Ŷ	20.8%	T	39.4%	
		Q4	♦	-11.9%		18.7%	
	2020	Q1	♦	-24.1%	7	1.8%	
	2020	Q2	7	2.1%	<b>V</b>	-17.7%	
E	2020	Q3	Ŷ	46.6%	2	-0.1%	
CAS	2020	Q4	V	-14.7%	2	-3.2%	
FORECAST	2021	Q1	21	-8.1%	T	17.3%	
Ľ	2021	Q2	Ŷ	13.6%	T	30.5%	

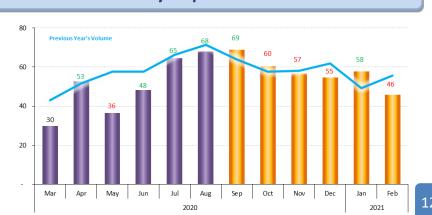
#### **Monthly Change**

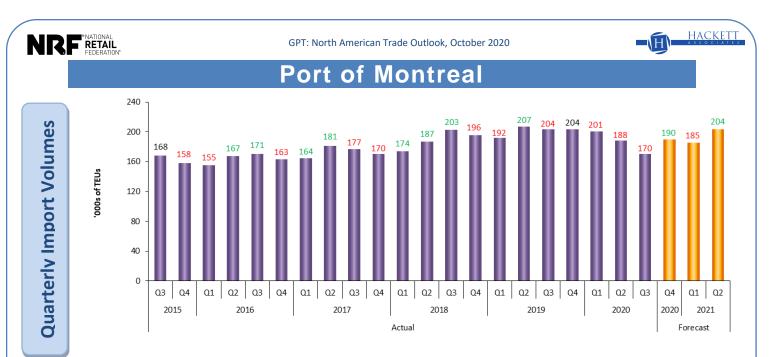
			Percent Change					
			VS	Prior Month	v	s Prior Year		
		Jul	T	14.8%	Ŷ	29.7%		
		Aug	71	7.8%	$\mathbf{T}$	86.3%		
	2019	Sep		-10.5%	个	15.7%		
	2019	Oct	21	-9.9%	71	8.8%		
		Nov	27	0.9%	个	29.7%		
-		Dec	77	6.2%		19.2%		
ACTUAL	2020	Jan	↓	-20.5%	21	-9.8%		
C T		Feb	Ŷ	13.4%	个	60.4%		
٩		Mar		-46.5%	쎚	-30.8%		
		Apr	Ŷ	76.8%	2	2.0%		
		May	₩	-30.9%	♥	-36.7%		
		Jun	Ŷ	32.7%	Ψ	-16.3%		
		Jul	Ŷ	33.7%	21	-2.5%		
		Aug	7	5.3%	21	-4.7%		
		Sep	7	1.2%	77	7.7%		
	2020	Oct	↓	-12.2%	7	4.9%		
CAS	2020	Nov	2	-6.1%	2	-2.4%		
FORECAST		Dec	2	-3.6%	♦	-11.5%		
-	2021	Jan	71	5.6%	♠	17.6%		
	2021	Feb	♦	-20.8%	♦	-17.9%		

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#### **Headlines**

- $\succ$ Imports increased by 5.3 percent in August to 68,000 TEUs. The 3,000 TEU gain equates to a 4.7 percent slide from the same month of 2019.
- $\succ$ Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 256.8. This is 12.8 points lower than the 269.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020  $\geq$ totals 405,000 TEUs for a 7.4 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 7.9 percent drop).
- $\geq$ The forecast projects a 14.8 percent jump in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 0.4 percent decrease between the same two periods of last vear.
- ≻ The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to decrease by 1.5 percent (to 374,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- > The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to surge by 24.0 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 338,000 TEUs.
- $\geq$ The forecast import volume for 2020 is 646,000 TEUs, which would be a 4.8 percent decrease from 2019.





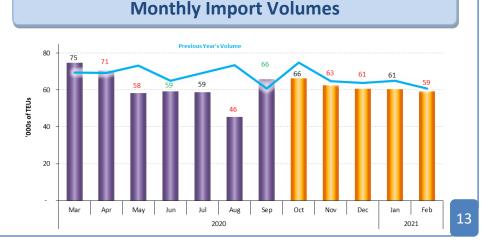
			Percent Change					
			vs F	Prior Quarter	V	s Prior Year		
		Q1	7	2.1%	7	5.9%		
	2018	Q2	77	7.6%	2	3.4%		
	2018	Q3	2	8.3%	Ŷ	14.7%		
		Q4	2	-3.5%	Ŷ	14.8%		
ACTUAL	2019	Q1	2	-2.0%	Ŷ	10.2%		
D L		Q2	77	8.1%	Ŷ	10.8%		
Ϋ́		Q3	2	-1.8%	7	0.4%		
		Q4	2	-0.1%	7	4.0%		
		Q1	2	-1.4%	7	4.7%		
	2020	Q2	$\mathbb{N}$	-6.2%	2	-9.2%		
		Q3	2	-9.6%	♦	-16.4%		
AST	2020	Q4	个	11.3%	2	-6.9%		
FORECAST	2021	Q1	2	-2.3%	2	-7.8%		
<u>6</u>		Q2	77	9.9%	2	8.1%		

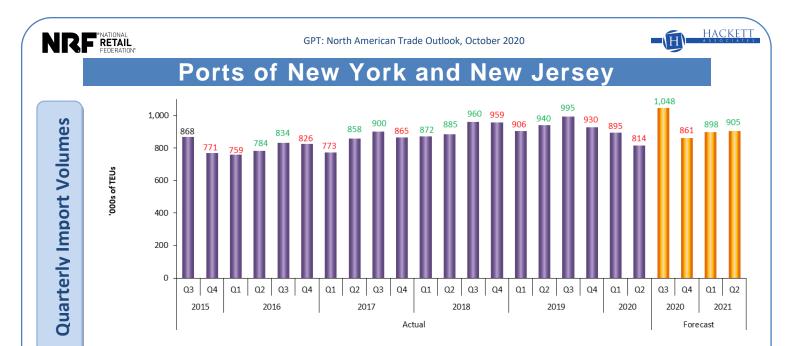
#### **Monthly Change**

Percent Change						
			VS	Prior Month	v	s Prior Year
		Jul	2	6.6%	21	-7.6%
		Aug	27	6.1%	个	11.0%
	2019	Sep	Ψ	-17.4%	21	-1.1%
	2019	Oct	T	23.1%	77	9.1%
		Nov	Ψ	-13.5%	21	-4.3%
		Dec	2	-1.2%	77	7.5%
ACTUAL	2020	Jan	2	1.8%	7	2.6%
Ē		Feb	2	-6.8%	71	3.4%
Ā		Mar	Ŷ	23.4%	77	7.6%
		Apr	2	-5.6%	71	2.1%
		May	Ψ	-17.5%	쎚	-20.3%
		Jun	77	1.8%	21	-8.8%
		Jul	2	-0.8%	♦	-15.1%
		Aug	↓	-22.7%	♥	-38.2%
		Sep	<b></b>	44.7%	77	8.4%
		Oct	2	0.6%	♥	-11.5%
AST	2020	Nov	2	-5.5%	21	-3.3%
FORECAST		Dec	2	-3.1%	2	-5.1%
5	2021	Jan	2	-0.3%	2	-7.1%
	2021	Feb	2	-2.1%	2	-2.4%

#### **Headlines**

- Imports fell by 22.7 percent in August to 46,000 TEUs. The strike-impacted 14,000 TEU drop equates to a 38.2 percent decrease from the same month of 2019.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 93.6. This is 57.8 points lower than the 151.4 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 493,000 TEUs for a 9.0 percent drop year-on-year (which is down versus last month's 4.4 percent slide).
- The forecast projects a 2.0 percent increase in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 7.1 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to decrease by 11.7 percent (to 360,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to decrease by 0.1 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 389,000 TEUs.
- The forecast import volume for 2020 is 749,000 TEUs, which would be a 7.1 percent decrease from 2019.





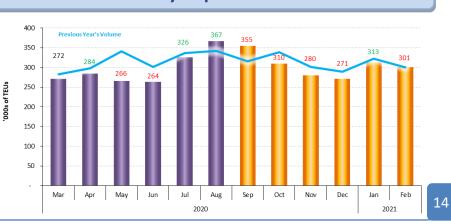
			Percent Change					
			vs	Prior Quarter	V	s Prior Year		
		Q1	37	0.8%	$\mathbf{T}$	12.8%		
	2010	Q2	77	1.5%	7	3.3%		
	2018	Q3	7	8.4%	2	6.6%		
<u> </u>		Q4	21	-0.1%		10.8%		
ACTUAL		Q1	21	-5.5%	71	3.9%		
CT	2019	Q2	77	3.8%	7	6.2%		
<	2019	Q3	77	5.9%	27	3.7%		
		Q4	21	-6.6%	2	-3.0%		
	2020	Q1	2	-3.8%	2	-1.2%		
	2020	Q2	21	-9.0%	<b>V</b>	-13.4%		
H	2020	Q3	1	28.7%	71	5.3%		
CAS	2020	Q4	♦	-17.9%	2	-7.4%		
FORECAST	2021	Q1	77	4.4%	71	0.4%		
ц.	2021	Q2	77	0.7%	Ŷ	11.1%		

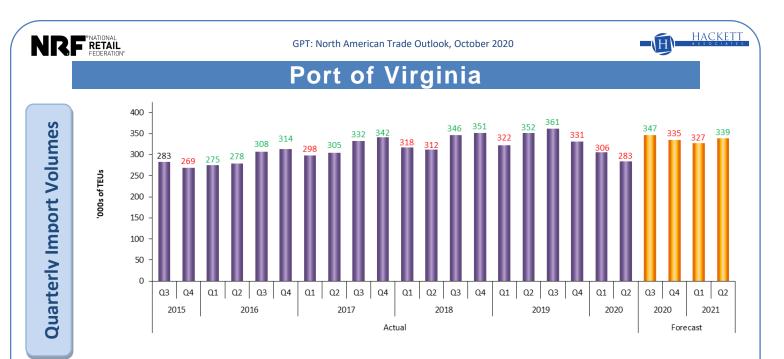
#### **Monthly Change**

Percent Change						
			VS	Prior Month	v	s Prior Year
		Jul	$\mathbf{T}$	11.7%	7	4.6%
		Aug	77	1.7%	77	2.7%
	2019	Sep	21	-7.8%	2	3.9%
	2019	Oct	71	7.5%	⇒	0.0%
		Nov	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-11.3%	21	-0.2%
ų.		Dec	2	-4.0%	21	-8.9%
ACTUAL	2020	Jan	Ŷ	11.7%	2	-1.4%
CT		Feb	2	-6.9%	77	1.7%
٩		Mar	21	-9.6%	21	-4.1%
		Apr	21	4.6%	21	-4.6%
		May	21	-6.4%	쎚	-21.9%
		Jun	2	-0.7%	↓	-12.5%
		Jul	Ŷ	23.5%	21	-3.2%
		Aug	$\mathbf{\hat{T}}$	12.5%	7	7.1%
		Sep	$\ge$	-3.2%	个	12.4%
E	2020	Oct	Ψ	-12.8%	21	-8.8%
CAS	2020	Nov	$\ge$	-9.4%	2	-6.9%
FORECAST		Dec	21	-3.4%	2	-6.3%
<u>.</u>	2021	Jan	1	15.5%	2	-3.1%
	2021	Feb	21	-3.8%	N	0.1%

#### **Headlines**

- Imports surged by 12.5 percent (or 41,000 TEU) in August to 367,000 TEUs. This equates to a 7.1 percent increase over the same month of 2019 and is an all-time high.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 160.1. This is 10.6 points higher than the 149.5 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 2.40 million TEUs for a 4.9 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 6.8 percent drop.
- The forecast projects a 2.9 percent increase in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 1.8 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to decrease by 0.8 percent (to 1.91 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- The import volume in the first half of 2020 is forecast to increase by 5.5 percent versus the equivalent period of 2019, with 1.80 million TEUs.
- The forecast import volume for 2020 is 3.62 million TEUs, which would be a 4.1 percent decrease from 2019.





	Percent Change							
			vs	Prior Quarter	v	s Prior Year		
		Q1	21	-7.0%	7	6.6%		
	2018	Q2	2	-1.7%	7	2.4%		
	2018	Q3	♠	10.9%	2	4.2%		
		Q4	77	1.5%	7	2.9%		
ACTUAL	2019	Q1	21	-8.3%	7	1.4%		
\ C T		Q2	77	9.1%	$\mathbf{\hat{T}}$	12.6%		
٩		Q3	27	2.8%	7	4.4%		
		Q4	2	-8.4%	2	-5.7%		
	2020	Q1	2	-7.8%	2	-5.1%		
	2020	Q2	2	-7.2%	♦	-19.4%		
t,	2020	Q3	1	22.4%	2	-4.0%		
CAS	2020	Q4	2	-3.6%	7	1.0%		
FORECAST	2021	Q1	2	-2.3%	7	7.0%		
ш.		Q2	77	3.6%	$\mathbf{\hat{T}}$	19.5%		

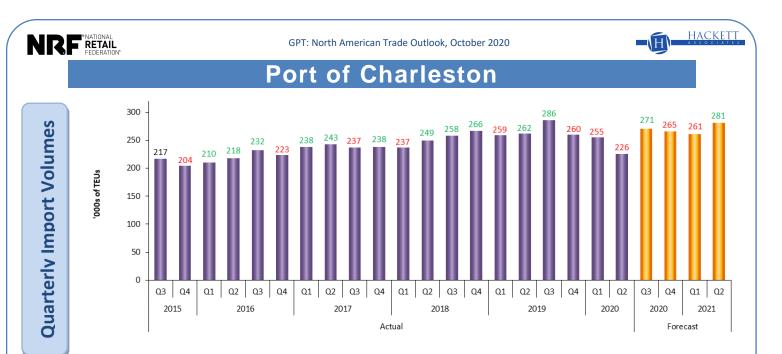
#### **Monthly Change**

			Percent Change					
			VS	Prior Month	V	s Prior Year		
		Jul	T	11.2%	7	4.3%		
		Aug	2	-3.0%	77	3.8%		
	2019	Sep	21	-5.7%	2	5.2%		
	2019	Oct	71	8.3%	21	-2.8%		
		Nov	Ψ.	-16.7%	21	-7.8%		
		Dec	71	0.3%	2	-7.0%		
NAL		Jan	77	5.0%	2	-0.8%		
ACTI	2020	Feb	Ψ.	-10.4%	21	-7.4%		
٩		Mar	27	1.6%	21	-7.4%		
		Apr	7	1.2%	↓	-15.9%		
		May	Ψ	-12.6%	♥	-26.7%		
		Jun	7	8.9%	♥	-15.2%		
		Jul	Ŷ	10.7%	V	-15.6%		
		Aug	<b></b>	14.4%	2	-0.5%		
		Sep	2	-0.4%	77	5.0%		
t.	2020	Oct	2	-1.4%	21	-4.4%		
FORECAST	2020	Nov	2	-7.5%	77	6.2%		
ORI		Dec	2	-3.4%	77	2.3%		
	2021	Jan	21	5.2%	77	2.5%		
	2021	Feb	2	-2.0%	Ŷ	12.2%		

#### **Headlines**

- Imports surged by 14.4 percent in August to 121,000 TEUs. The 15,000 TEU jump equates to a 0.5 percent dip from the same month of 2019.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 166.7. This is 0.9 points lower than the 167.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 816,000 TEUs for an 11.4 percent fall year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 13.0 percent drop).
- The forecast projects an 11.0 percent surge in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 7.5 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to decrease by 1.6 percent (to 682,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to surge by 13.0 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 666,000 TEUs
- The forecast import volume for 2020 is 1.27 million TEUs, which would be a 7.0 percent decrease from 2019.





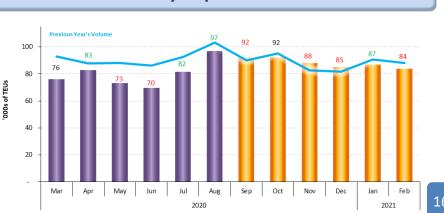
		Percent Change						
			vs	Prior Quarter	v	s Prior Year		
		Q1	21	-0.3%	2	-0.4%		
	2018	Q2	77	5.0%	7	2.6%		
	2018	Q3	2	3.7%	7	9.0%		
		Q4	77	3.0%	1	12.0%		
ACTUAL		Q1	21	-2.8%	7	9.1%		
CT	2019	Q2	77	1.2%	7	5.1%		
4		Q3	27	9.3%	$\mathbf{\hat{T}}$	10.7%		
		Q4	2	-9.2%	2	-2.4%		
	2020	Q1	2	-1.9%	2	-1.5%		
	2020	Q2	4	-11.4%	♦	-13.8%		
H	2020	Q3		19.9%	2	-5.4%		
FORECAST	2020	Q4	2	-2.0%	7	2.1%		
ORE	2021	Q1	2	-1.6%	7	2.4%		
Ľ	2021	Q2	7	7.8%	Ŷ	24.7%		

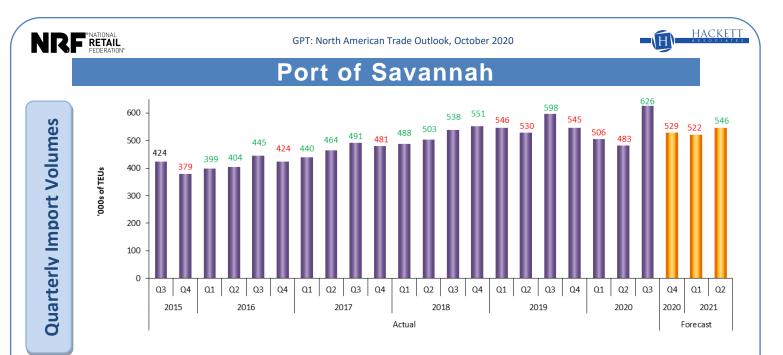
#### **Monthly Change**

				Percent	: Cha	nge
			VS	Prior Month	v	s Prior Year
		Jul	7	7.7%		5.9%
		Aug	$\mathbf{T}$	11.3%		14.0%
	2019	Sep	₩	-12.7%	Ŷ	12.4%
	2019	Oct	71	5.8%	77	2.5%
		Nov	Ψ	-13.1%	21	-1.6%
Ļ		Dec	2	-1.2%	2	-8.2%
ACTUAL	2020	Jan	Ŷ	10.9%	7	2.9%
\ CT		Feb	2	-2.7%	Ŷ	13.5%
		Mar	Ψ	-13.8%	♦	-18.1%
		Apr	7	9.1%	2	-5.4%
		May	Ψ	-11.9%	↓	-17.0%
		Jun	2	-4.5%	<b>↓</b>	-18.9%
		Jul	1	16.8%	♦	-12.1%
		Aug	T	18.9%	2	-6.1%
		Sep	2	-5.0%	77	2.2%
L.	2020	Oct	71	0.3%	21	-3.1%
FORECAST	2020	Nov	2	-4.8%	77	6.2%
FORI		Dec	2	-3.4%	N	3.9%
	2021	Jan	71	2.2%	21	-4.2%
	2021	Feb	2	-3.6%	2	-5.0%

#### **Headlines**

- $\geq$ Imports surged by 18.9 percent in August to 97,000 TEUs. The 15,000 TEU jump equates to a 6.1 percent decrease from the same month of 2019.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August  $\geq$ is 179.9. This is 11.6 points lower than the 191.5 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020  $\geq$ totals 659,000 TEUs for an 8.0 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 8.3 percent drop).
- $\geq$ The forecast projects a 10.0 percent surge in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 3.9 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- >The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to decrease by 1.8 percent (to 536,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- $\geq$ The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to surge by 12.9 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 551,000 TEUs
- ≻ The forecast import volume for 2020 is 1.02 million TEUs, which would be a 4.7 percent decrease from 2019.





					Percent	Cha	nge
				vs	Prior Quarter	V	s Prior Year
			Q1	2	1.6%	T	11.0%
		2018	Q2	27	3.0%	71	8.4%
			Q3	2	7.0%	21	9.7%
			Q4	27	2.4%	$\mathbf{T}$	14.7%
	ΑL	2019	Q1	21	-1.1%	Ŷ	11.7%
	ACTUAL		Q2	21	-2.9%	7	5.3%
			Q3	个	12.9%	Ŷ	11.0%
			Q4	2	-8.8%	2	-1.1%
			Q1	21	-7.3%	2	-7.3%
		2020	Q2	21	-4.5%	21	-8.8%
			Q3		29.6%	7	4.6%
	AST	2020	Q4	♦	-15.5%	2	-3.1%
	FORECAST	2021	Q1	21	-1.2%	71	3.2%
	요 요	2021	Q2	2	4.6%	Ŷ	13.1%

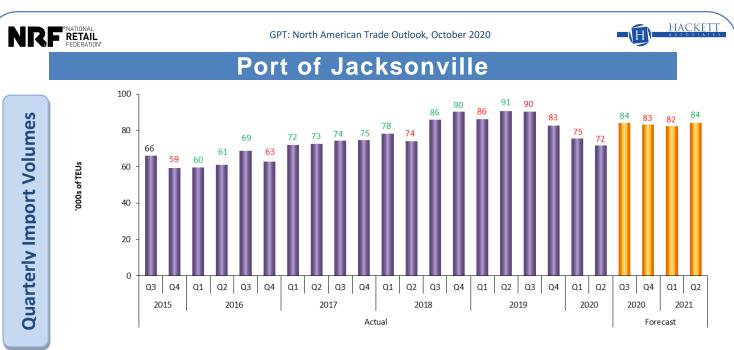
#### **Monthly Change**

				Percent	t Cha	nge
			VS	Prior Month	V	s Prior Year
		Jul	T	16.9%	7	8.5%
		Aug	Ŷ	10.0%	个	18.7%
	2019	Sep	Ψ	-15.5%	7	5.6%
	2019	Oct	71	8.7%	2	-3.1%
		Nov	Ψ	-12.8%	77	2.8%
		Dec	2	-1.0%	2	-2.4%
ACTUAL	2020	Jan	7	9.7%	2	-9.9%
		Feb	2	-9.9%	个	13.6%
A C		Mar	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-13.5%		-21.1%
		Apr	T	13.4%	21	-5.1%
		May	2	-7.2%		-16.5%
		Jun	7	4.3%	21	-4.4%
		Jul	1	15.0%	21	-6.0%
		Aug	Ŷ	22.6%	7	4.8%
		Sep	2	-6.6%		15.8%
		Oct	2	-6.6%	2	-0.5%
AST	2020	Nov	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-15.3%	2	-3.3%
FORECAST		Dec	2	-3.8%	2	-6.0%
5 5	2021	Jan	1	10.1%	2	-5.6%
	2021	Feb	2	-2.6%	27	2.0%

#### **Headlines**

- Imports surged by 22.6 percent in August to 228,000 TEUs. The 42,000 TEU gain equates to a 4.8 percent gain over the same month of 2019 and is an all-time high.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 250.9. This is 11.6 points higher than the 239.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 1.40 million TEUs for a 5.9 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 7.7 percent drop).
- The forecast projects a 4.8 percent increase in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 3.8 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to increase by 0.9 percent (to 1.15 million TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to increase by 8.0 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 1.07 million TEUs.
- The forecast import volume for 2020 is 2.14 million TEUs, which would be a 3.4 percent decrease from 2019.





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#### Headlines

**Quarterly Change** 

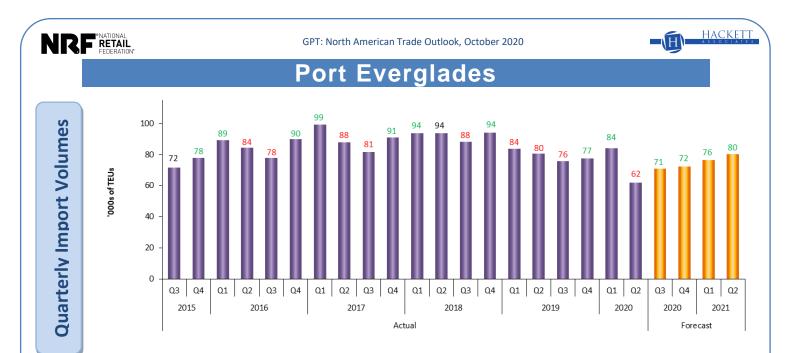
				Percent	t Change	
			vs	Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year	
		Q1	7	4.7%	<b>7</b> 8.6%	
	2018	Q2	2	-5.3%	🔊 2.0%	
	2018	Q3	1	16.1%	🛉 15.7%	
ų.		Q4	71	5.0%	10.9%	
ACTUAL	2019	Q1	2	-4.5%	🛉 10.2%	
		Q2	71	5.0%	122.2%	
		Q3	2	-0.3%	🔊 5.0%	
		Q4	2	-8.3%	<b>&gt;&gt; -8.3%</b>	
	2020	Q1	2	-8.9%	-12.5%	
	2020	Q2	2	-5.0%	-20.9%	
E	2020	Q3	Ŷ	17.5%	🎽 -6.7%	
FORECAST	2020	Q4	2	-1.0%	<b>7</b> 0.7%	
ORE	2021	Q1	2	-1.2%	콍 9.2%	
	2021	Q2	7	2.0%	🛉 17.2%	

#### **Monthly Change**

				Percent	t Cha	nge
			VS	Prior Month	v	s Prior Year
		Jul	21	-2.9%	Ŷ	19.7%
		Aug	21	-6.2%	77	6.9%
	2019	Sep	₩	-10.4%	♥	-10.0%
	2019	Oct	Ŷ	13.1%	77	4.4%
		Nov	₩	-11.3%	♥	-10.3%
-		Dec	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-10.5%		-18.8%
ACTUAL	2020	Jan	7	8.9%	♦	-11.9%
CT		Feb	2	-2.1%	77	1.7%
٩		Mar		-13.4%	Ψ	-25.1%
		Apr	7	3.7%	쎚	-13.4%
		May	77	0.9%	♥	-21.2%
		Jun	7	3.8%	쎚	-26.6%
		Jul	Ŷ	17.6%	♥	-11.2%
		Aug	2	-3.9%	2	-9.0%
		Sep	2	-0.4%	77	1.2%
E.	2020	Oct	7	5.5%	21	-5.6%
ECAS	2020	Nov	2	-5.8%	77	0.3%
FORECAST		Dec	2	-2.7%	7	9.0%
_	2021	Jan	21	5.7%	77	5.8%
	2021	Feb	2	-7.4%	7	0.1%

- Imports decreased by 1,000 TEUs to 28,000 TEUs in August. The 3.9 percent slide from July equates to a 9.0 percent decrease from the same month of 2019.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 173.2 This is 17.1 points lower than the 190.3 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 204,000 TEUs for a 15.0 percent fall year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 15.9 percent drop).
- The forecast projects a 9.6 percent increase in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to an 11.3 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to decrease by 3.2 percent (to 168,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to jump by 13.1 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 166,000 TEUs.
- The forecast import volume for 2020 is 314,000 TEUs, which would be a 10.0 percent decrease from 2019.





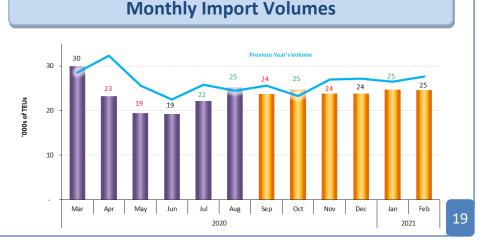
				Percent	: Cha	inge
			vs	Prior Quarter	v	s Prior Year
		Q1	2	3.1%	2	-5.3%
	2018	Q2	⇒	0.0%	7	7.0%
	2018	Q3	21	-6.2%	2	8.0%
-		Q4	77	6.7%	71	3.2%
ACTUAL	2019	Q1	♦	-11.0%	↓	-10.9%
CT		Q2	21	-3.8%	♦	-14.3%
٩		Q3	21	-5.7%	Ψ	-13.9%
		Q4	77	2.1%	♦	-17.6%
	2020	Q1	77	8.6%	7	0.6%
	2020	Q2		-26.5%	♦	-23.1%
H	2020	Q3		14.9%	2	-6.3%
CAS	2020	Q4	77	1.7%	2	-6.7%
FORECAST	2024	Q1	77	5.7%	2	-9.2%
-	2021	Q2	77	5.1%	$\mathbf{\hat{T}}$	29.7%

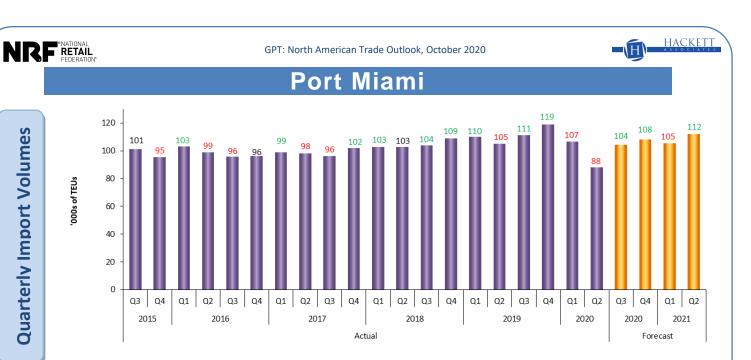
#### **Monthly Change**

				Percent	t Cha	nge
			VS	Prior Month	v	s Prior Year
		Jul	T	14.9%	21	-6.3%
		Aug	$\mathbb{M}$	-5.4%	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-22.3%
	2019	Sep	7	4.9%	쎚	-11.9%
	2019	Oct	21	-8.9%	Ψ	-19.7%
		Nov	Ŷ	15.7%	Ψ	-15.3%
ų.		Dec	7	0.6%	¥	-17.9%
астиаг	2020	Jan	2	-2.5%	2	-4.6%
		Feb	71	4.5%	21	1.1%
٩		Mar	21	8.3%	77	5.1%
		Apr	쎚	-22.7%	♦	-28.3%
		May	Ψ	-16.2%	♥	-24.2%
		Jun	$\mathbb{N}$	-0.9%	쎚	-14.4%
		Jul	$\mathbf{T}$	14.9%	♥	-14.3%
		Aug	1	13.8%	7	3.0%
		Sep	$\ge$	-5.6%	2	-7.2%
H	2020	Oct	2	3.8%	7	5.8%
CAS	2020	Nov	$\mathbb{M}$	-3.6%	♥	-11.9%
FORECAST		Dec	7	0.2%	♦	-12.3%
	2021	Jan	71	3.8%	2	-6.6%
	2021	Feb	2	-0.5%	♦	-11.1%

#### Headlines

- Imports surged by 13.8 percent in August to 25,000 TEUs. The 3,000 TEU jump equates to a 3.0 percent gain over the same month of 2019.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 116.0. This is 3.5 points higher than the 112.5 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 193,000 TEUs for a 9.8 percent drop year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 11.5 percent slide).
- The forecast projects a 4.5 percent increase in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 1.3 percent decrease between the same two periods of last year.
- The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to decrease by 6.5 percent (to 143,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to increase by 7.3 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 157,000 TEUs.
- The forecast import volume for 2020 is 289,000 TEUs, which would be an 8.9 percent decrease from 2019.





				Percent	t Change
			vs	Prior Quarter	vs Prior Year
		Q1	2	0.8%	<b>7</b> 4.1%
	2018	Q2	⇒	0.0%	<b>7</b> 4.8%
	2018	Q3	77	1.1%	<b>7</b> 8.1%
-		Q4	77	4.7%	<b>7</b> 6.7%
ACTUAL	2019	Q1	77	1.1%	🐬 7.0%
CT		Q2	21	-4.6%	<b>7</b> 2.1%
∢		Q3	77	5.8%	<b>6.8%</b>
		Q4	77	7.1%	콍 9.3%
	2020	Q1	♦	-10.4%	🎽 -3.1%
	2020	Q2		-17.3%	🖖 -16.0%
H	2020	Q3		18.3%	🎽 -6.1%
ECAS	2020	Q4	77	3.6%	🦄 -9.2%
FORECAST	2021	Q1	2	-2.5%	划 -1.2%
	2021	Q2	77	6.0%	16.7%

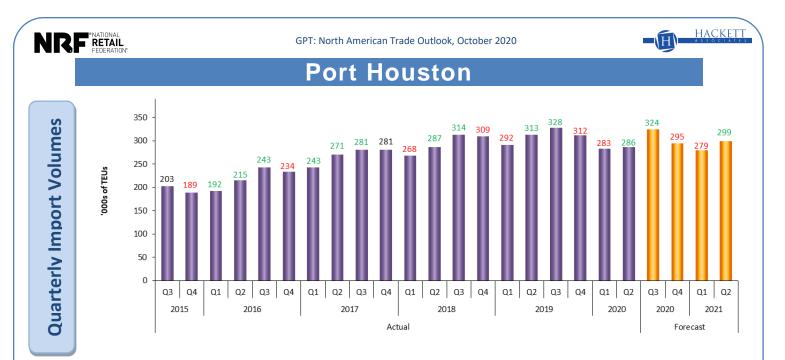
#### **Monthly Change**

				Percent	t Cha	nge
			VS	Prior Month	V	s Prior Year
		Jul	Ŷ	11.7%	个	18.6%
		Aug	2	-1.2%	2	-1.5%
	2019	Sep	2	-7.2%	7	4.8%
ACTUAL	2019	Oct	1	18.6%		15.4%
		Nov	2	-9.3%	个	12.7%
		Dec	71	5.0%	71	0.8%
	2020	Jan	♦	-11.1%	♦	-10.3%
		Feb	71	6.6%	$\mathbf{\hat{T}}$	16.9%
		Mar	2	-9.8%	V	-12.4%
		Apr	Ψ	-14.6%	♥	-11.8%
		May	71	2.5%	V	-21.8%
		Jun	2	-0.2%	♥	-13.5%
		Jul	<b></b>	11.5%	¥	-13.6%
		Aug		11.6%	2	-2.5%
		Sep	2	-6.4%	21	-1.7%
t,	2020	Oct	71	7.9%	♥	-10.6%
ECAS	2020	Nov	2	-3.5%	2	-4.9%
FORECAST		Dec	2	-2.6%	V	-11.8%
	2021	Jan	71	0.2%	2	-0.5%
	2021	Feb	2	-3.8%	V	-10.2%

#### **Headlines**

- Imports surged by 4,000 TEU in August to 37,000 TEUs. The 11.6 percent jump equates to a 2.5 percent decrease from the same month of 2019.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 127.7. This is 3.3 points lower than the 131.0 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 265,000 TEUs for a 9.1 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 10.0 percent drop).
- The forecast projects a 10.1 percent surge in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 3.3 percent increase between the same two periods of last year.
- The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to decrease by 7.7 percent (to 212,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to jump by 11.5 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 217,000 TEUs.
- The forecast import volume for 2020 is 407,000 TEUs, which would be an 8.5 percent decrease from 2019.





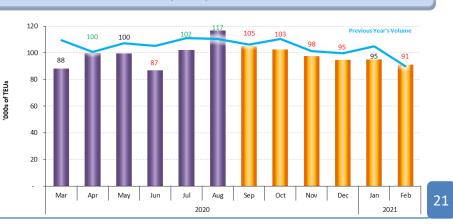
				Percent	Cha	nge
			vs l	Prior Quarter	VS	s Prior Year
		Q1	21	-4.4%	T	10.4%
	2018	Q2	77	7.0%	7	6.0%
ACTUAL	2018	Q3	71	9.2%	Ŷ	11.6%
		Q4	2	-1.4%	1	10.2%
	2019	Q1	21	-5.7%	7	8.7%
		Q2	71	7.2%	7	9.0%
4		Q3	27	4.7%	27	4.4%
		Q4	21	-4.9%	2	0.8%
	2020	Q1	2	-9.1%	21	-2.9%
	2020	Q2	77	1.1%	21	-8.5%
E	2020	Q3	Ŷ	13.2%	2	-1.0%
FORECAST	2020	Q4	21	-9.1%	21	-5.4%
ORE	2021	Q1	2	-5.3%	2	-1.4%
	2021	Q2	77	7.1%	77	4.4%

#### **Monthly Change**

				Percent	t Cha	nge
			VS	Prior Month	v	s Prior Year
		Jul	71	5.6%	3	6.2%
		Aug	2	-0.7%	77	4.1%
	2019	Sep	21	-3.7%	7	3.0%
	2019	Oct	71	4.1%	77	1.8%
		Nov	21	-8.2%	71	0.2%
-		Dec	$\mathbb{M}$	-1.8%	21	0.3%
ACTUAL	2020	Jan	21	5.4%	1	10.2%
		Feb	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-14.4%	71	3.4%
٩		Mar	21	-1.8%	Ψ.	-19.4%
		Apr	1	13.3%	2	-0.6%
		May	21	-0.5%	2	-7.1%
		Jun	$\mathbf{\Psi}$	-12.7%		-17.4%
		Jul	Ŷ	17.8%	2	-7.9%
		Aug	T	14.0%	7	5.8%
		Sep	2	-9.8%	2	-0.9%
E.	2020	Oct	21	-2.6%	21	-7.3%
CAS	2020	Nov	21	-4.7%	21	-3.8%
FORECAST		Dec	2	-3.1%	2	-5.0%
<u>.</u>	2021	Jan	71	0.3%	21	-9.6%
	2021	Feb	2	-4.1%	7	1.3%

#### Headlines

- Imports surged by 14.0 percent in August to 117,000 TEUs. The 14,000 TEU jump equates to a 5.8 percent increase over the same month of 2019 and is an all-time high.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 232.4. This is 12.8 points higher than the 219.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 789,000 TEUs for a 4.5 percent slide year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 6.1 percent decrease).
- The forecast projects a 1.3 percent decrease in imports between September and February versus the past six months (March through August), compared to a 4.8 percent slide between the same two periods of last year.
- The import volume in the second half of 2020 is forecast to decrease by 3.2 percent (to 619,000 TEUs) versus the equivalent period of 2019.
- The import volume in the first half of 2021 is forecast to increase by 1.5 percent versus the equivalent period of 2020, with 578,000 TEUs.
- The forecast import volume for 2020 is 1.19 million TEUs, which would be a 4.4 percent decrease from 2019.



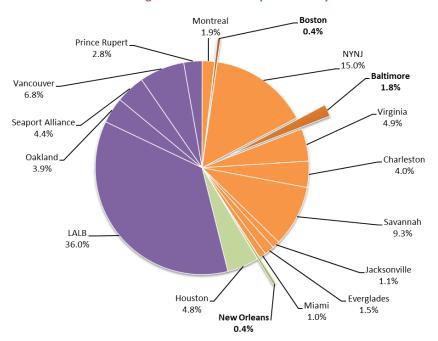


# **Additional Ports**

**Port of Baltimore** 

The Global Port Tracker now includes import statistics for three additional ports: the Port of Baltimore, the Port of Boston, and the Port of New Orleans. In all three instances only the existing import TEU volumes are reported, and no forecast data is detailed. These ports are presented alphabetically as opposed to geographically.

To avoid confusion, these three ports are not included in any of the summary tables throughout this report. This includes the Global Port Tracker page, the West Coast and East Coast pages, the Executive Summary, the Year to Date Total page, and the Raw Monthly Data page.



#### August 2020 Loaded Import TEUs by Port

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#### **Monthly Import Volumes** 50 45 30 20 10 Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug 2019 2020

- Imports decreased 4.7 percent in August to 44,000 TEUs. The 2,000 TEU slide equates to a 1.3 percent decrease from the same month of 2019.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 162.5. This is 2.1 points lower than the 164.6 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 333,000 TEUs for a 6.0 percent decrease year-on-year (which is up versus last month's 6.7 percent slide).



## Port of Boston



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- Imports fell 17.0 percent in August to 10,000 TEUs. The 2,000 TEU drop equates to a 27.7 percent fall from the same month of 2019.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 129.6. This is 49.6 points lower than the 179.2 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 90,000 TEUs for a 10.3 percent drop year-on-year (which is down versus last month's 7.5 percent slide).



						Percer	nt Cha	nge	
					VS	Prior Month	V	s Prior Year	
				Sep	2	-5.7%	Ŷ	21.5%	
Change		АСТИАЦ	2019	Oct	27	0.2%	Ŷ	17.6%	
			2019	Nov	2	-9.7%	T	17.3%	
				Dec	Ŷ	17.3%	77	6.9%	
				Jan	A	7.5%	2	-0.4%	
				Feb	V	-26.6%	Ŷ	27.1%	
5				Mar	1	45.8%	71	3.9%	
5		<	2020	Apr	V	-27.5%	21	-5.7%	
			2020	May	1	38.3%	71	5.6%	
-				Jun	V	-24.2%		-10.8%	
				Jul	71	7.7%	21	-9.0%	
				Aug	2	-8.7%	V	-14.0%	

# Port of New Orleans



- Imports decreased by 8.7 percent in August to 10,000 TEUs. The less than 1,000 TEU slide equates to a 14.0 percent drop from the same month of 2019.
- Compared to the 100-point base year of 2012, the Import Index for August is 147.6. This is 24.1 points lower than the 171.7 that was recorded in the same month of 2019.
- The year-to-date volume imported through the first eight months of 2020 totals 91,000 TEUs for a 1.5 percent decrease year-on-year (which is down versus last month's 0.3 percent gain).







# Year to Date Totals

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

	West Coast	East Coast	All Ports (incl. Gulf)
2019	8,794,456	6,939,269	16,559,892
2020	8,271,885	6,433,112	15,493,768
Percent Change	-5.9%	-7.3%	-6.4%

	NW Seaport			Prince	
	LA&LB	Oakland	Alliance	Vancouver	Rupert
2019	5,624,257	653,066	927,531	1,152,493	437,109
2020	5,324,514	647,048	777,088	1,118,274	404,961
Percent Change	-5.3%	-0.9%	-16.2%	-3.0%	-7.4%

	Montreal	NYNJ	Virginia	Charleston	Savannah
2019	542,055	2,525,575	920,478	716,337	1,489,720
2020	493,373	2,401,697	815,659	659,103	1,401,660
Percent Change	-9.0%	-4.9%	-11.4%	-8.0%	-5.9%

		Port		
	Jacksonville	Everglades	Port Miami	Houston
2019	239,791	214,196	291,117	826,167
2020	203,737	193,129	264,754	788,771
Percent Change	-15.0%	-9.8%	-9.1%	-4.5%





# **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
	Sep	757,239	84,901	131,451	156,289	63,970	60,759	315,866
	Oct	729,831	78,583	109,469	136,138	57,644	74,817	339,443
2019	Nov	664,637	77,350	94,978	123,918	58,181	64,744	301,123
	Dec	696,742	81,299	105,823	140,560	61,796	63,962	288,964
	Jan	724,692	87,871	102,878	143,606	49,148	65,139	322,643
	Feb	518,617	63,568	91,660	114,201	55,753	60,682	300,445
	Mar	454,825	67,035	84,035	111,341	29,826	74,882	271,511
	Apr	623,651	80,003	96,992	148,718	52,730	70,661	284,074
	May	618,913	73,423	86,129	132,473	36,439	58,291	266,004
	Jun	669,903	82,464	104,115	139,965	48,361	59,330	264,054
2020	Jul	832,836	96,420	103,389	160,875	64,640	58,878	326,079
	Aug	881,078	96,264	107,890	167,095	68,064	45,510	366,887
	Sep	910,583	87,619	106,711	171,361	68,883	65,849	355,094
	Oct	764,695	80,757	102,762	138,996	60,471	66,250	309,643
	Nov	599,750	77,038	97,335	124,696	56,772	62,584	280,488
	Dec	556,034	74,618	94,120	121,990	54,711	60,674	270,822
2021	Jan	623,674	72,654	101,796	132,676	57,774	60,505	312,729
2021	Feb	495,794	64,039	86,020	108,280	45,785	59,212	300,730
						Port		Port

		Virginia	Charleston	Savannah	Jacksonville	Everglades	Port Miami	Houston
	Sep	114,643	90,111	183,466	27,309	25,594	35,085	106,270
2010	Oct	124,142	95,302	199,483	30,893	23,304	41,628	110,585
2019	Nov	103,410	82,785	173,863	27,390	26,959	37,763	101,494
	Dec	103,711	81,779	172,124	24,513	27,133	39,645	99,654
	Jan	108,884	90,665	188,762	26,698	26,451	35,225	105,047
	Feb	97,559	88,178	170,007	26,128	27,651	37,556	89,923
	Mar	99,129	76,019	147,034	22,629	29,960	33,887	88,302
	Apr	100,310	82,899	166,679	23,461	23,164	28,943	100,034
	May	87,669	73,072	154,730	23,661	19,410	29,658	99,509
2020	Jun	95,502	69,775	161,363	24,555	19,235	29,609	86,903
2020	Jul	105,692	81,530	185,548	28,867	22,108	33,029	102,339
	Aug	120,914	96,965	227,537	27,738	25,150	36,847	116,714
	Sep	120,402	92,128	212,517	27,638	23,743	34,483	105,262
	Oct	118,692	92,371	198,548	29,158	24,654	37,209	102,532
	Nov	109,795	87,937	168,182	27,477	23,756	35,915	97,676
	Dec	106,090	84,983	161,779	26,724	23,794	34,978	94,662
2021	Jan	111,647	86,891	178,101	28,244	24,699	35,056	94,966
2021	Feb	109,421	83,771	173,426	26,164	24,583	33,716	91,082





# How to Read the Tables and Charts

The North American edition of the Global Port Tracker provides details on import volumes at ports at the monthly and quarterly level. Each of the primary tracked ports 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	4 -10.0%	<b>↓</b> -10.0%				
Q2	Solve -5.0% ≤ 10 − 5.0%	<b>∑</b> -5.0%				
Q3	⊼ 5.0%	ح 5.0%				
Q4	10.0%	10.0%				

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

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

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

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

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