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Weekly Container Overview

Note: This week's report has been published retroactively due to the government shutdown.

- **Ports:** The ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach, New York, Oakland, and Norfolk are expected to have the most available containers among the reported port locations over the next 3 weeks. Availability estimates decreased from the previous week at Los Angeles/Long Beach and New York, but increased in Oakland and Norfolk.
- **Inland Locations:** Among the reported inland locations, Dallas, Chicago, Memphis, and Columbus are expected to have the most containers available over the next 3 weeks. Availability estimates decreased this week in Dallas and Chicago, but increased in Memphis and Columbus.
- **Equipment:** Overall, current week availability for all container types combined increased this week, up more than 2,200 units from the previous week.
 - Availability estimates increased at 11 of the 18 reported locations this week—particularly in Houston, Tacoma, and Cincinnati. Other locations saw decreases such as 20ft dry and 40ft high-cube containers in New Orleans and all 5 container types in Seattle.
 - Availability estimates rose for all container types this week, particularly for 20ft refrigerated containers which increased 23 percent. See table below.

Week-to-Week Comparison of Current Week Availability Estimates

Container type	Week of Sep 25-Oct 1	Week of Oct 2-8	Week of Oct 9-15	Week of Oct 16-22	% Change from Previous Week
20ft dry	10,202	7,892	7,526	7,688	2%
40ft dry	9,492	8,626	8,634	9,127	6%
40ft high-cube	19,716	18,636	19,471	20,922	7%
40ft refrigerated	3,903	3,828	3,306	3,366	2%
20ft refrigerated	237	260	206	254	23%

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National Overview

Week of Oct 16-22, 2013

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput

Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers

Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	170	157	67	50	34	1	.	.	.	.	479
Week 2: Oct 23-29	136	151	85	50	53	1	.	.	.	.	476
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	125	143	96	50	81	2	.	.	.	.	497
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	162	122	96	20	2	-3	.	.	.	.	399
Week 2: Oct 23-29	185	169	95	20	5	10	.	.	.	.	484
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	173	221	88	20	7	15	.	.	.	.	524
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	180	113	40	1	0	-12	.	.	.	.	322
Week 2: Oct 23-29	248	108	40	2	31	25	.	.	.	.	454
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	316	130	40	2	65	22	.	.	.	.	575
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	57	30	28	5	1	-70	.	.	.	.	51
Week 2: Oct 23-29	58	30	30	5	1	-69	.	.	.	.	55
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	62	29	32	5	1	-83	.	.	.	.	46
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	3	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Oct 23-29	6	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	5	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	952	246	100	8	8	-7	.	.	.	.	1,307
Week 2: Oct 23-29	1,280	249	100	6	90	-10	.	.	.	.	1,715
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	1,599	397	100	8	310	-30	.	.	.	.	2,384
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	164	119	109	8	5	-800	.	.	.	.	-395
Week 2: Oct 23-29	238	161	75	10	-8	-800	.	.	.	.	-324
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	308	228	95	8	-20	-800	.	.	.	.	-181
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	600	427	176	10	-31	-280	.	.	.	.	902
Week 2: Oct 23-29	600	603	253	8	-20	-186	.	.	.	.	1,258
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	600	956	369	10	-28	-120	.	.	.	.	1,787
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	111	93	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	214
Week 2: Oct 23-29	121	111	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	242
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	132	115	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	257
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	51	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	63
Week 2: Oct 23-29	47	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	43	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	55

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	65	51	32	20	14	6	.	.	.	.	188
Week 2: Oct 23-29	93	68	51	20	12	3	.	.	.	.	247
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	118	92	70	20	18	1	.	.	.	.	319
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	52	30	24	19	14	5	.	.	.	.	144
Week 2: Oct 23-29	73	30	13	31	14	-1	.	.	.	.	160
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	100	30	14	42	16	-2	.	.	.	.	200
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	74	50	18	15	7	2	.	.	.	.	166
Week 2: Oct 23-29	96	50	14	15	11	-1	.	.	.	.	185
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	117	50	14	21	4	-2	.	.	.	.	204
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Oct 23-29	21	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	25	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Oct 23-29	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	42	31	25	10	5	3	.	.	.	.	116
Week 2: Oct 23-29	52	43	28	12	1	3	.	.	.	.	139
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	60	57	40	12	0	3	.	.	.	.	172
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	95	30	18	17	11	6	.	.	.	.	177
Week 2: Oct 23-29	131	30	27	15	11	3	.	.	.	.	217
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	170	30	43	27	16	-2	.	.	.	.	284
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	223	80	55	37	15	0	.	.	.	.	410
Week 2: Oct 23-29	289	80	89	7	15	1	.	.	.	.	481
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	363	80	129	18	14	-1	.	.	.	.	603
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Oct 23-29	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Oct 23-29	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	124	94	36	28	10	10	.	.	.	.	302
Week 2: Oct 23-29	242	96	112	62	10	10	.	.	.	.	532
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	358	88	143	108	15	10	.	.	.	.	722
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	256	240	151	118	10	5	.	.	.	.	780
Week 2: Oct 23-29	287	204	167	246	8	5	.	.	.	.	917
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	399	180	198	375	11	5	.	.	.	.	1,168
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	304	300	281	273	202	11	.	.	.	.	1,371
Week 2: Oct 23-29	460	300	272	353	301	10	.	.	.	.	1,696
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	612	300	250	493	470	11	.	.	.	.	2,136
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	9	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Oct 23-29	18	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	24	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 23-29	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	124	1	1	1	-2	-4	.	.	.	.	121
Week 2: Oct 23-29	153	1	1	0	1	-7	.	.	.	.	149
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	184	0	1	2	0	-8	.	.	.	.	179
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	27	11	8	7	5	3	.	.	.	.	61
Week 2: Oct 23-29	47	13	12	6	16	3	.	.	.	.	97
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	65	9	10	4	29	3	.	.	.	.	120
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	90	70	18	9	6	2	.	.	.	.	195
Week 2: Oct 23-29	116	70	17	9	6	7	.	.	.	.	225
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	144	70	15	10	2	9	.	.	.	.	250
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Oct 23-29	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 23-29	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	150	58	49	20	8	-42	.	.	.	.	243
Week 2: Oct 23-29	150	-80	55	2	9	-55	.	.	.	.	81
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	150	-197	74	1	9	-54	.	.	.	.	-17
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	70	40	28	1	-17	-290	.	.	.	.	-168
Week 2: Oct 23-29	70	27	33	2	-41	-439	.	.	.	.	-348
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	70	18	0	4	-66	-594	.	.	.	.	-568
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	500	140	62	58	21	5	.	.	.	.	786
Week 2: Oct 23-29	500	177	114	112	-16	2	.	.	.	.	889
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	500	226	64	165	-20	1	.	.	.	.	936
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	120	20	8	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	150
Week 2: Oct 23-29	120	15	37	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	174
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	120	10	48	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	180
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	12	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Oct 23-29	16	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	20	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	20	0	-3	-5	-10	-22	.	.	.	.	-20
Week 2: Oct 23-29	20	5	-1	4	-10	-72	.	.	.	.	-54
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	20	8	-3	15	-8	-52	.	.	.	.	-20
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	300	35	22	0	-1	-10	.	.	.	.	346
Week 2: Oct 23-29	300	29	-54	1	1	-12	.	.	.	.	265
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	300	22	-65	1	-1	-15	.	.	.	.	242
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	200	90	30	2	-14	-26	.	.	.	.	282
Week 2: Oct 23-29	200	98	28	0	-15	-35	.	.	.	.	276
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	200	148	20	-1	-17	-43	.	.	.	.	307
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	27	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 2: Oct 23-29	24	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	21	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Oct 23-29	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	950	785	476	235	45	-377	.	.	.	.	2,114
Week 2: Oct 23-29	950	827	732	394	50	-260	.	.	.	.	2,693
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	950	770	780	553	50	-59	.	.	.	.	3,044
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	1,500	1,177	1,011	45	7	-15	.	.	.	.	3,725
Week 2: Oct 23-29	1,500	1,195	1,624	50	654	105	.	.	.	.	5,128
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	1,500	1,132	1,810	50	1,135	226	.	.	.	.	5,853
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	4,400	2,440	2,307	60	-94	-390	.	.	.	.	8,723
Week 2: Oct 23-29	4,400	2,390	3,330	60	183	-511	.	.	.	.	9,852
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	4,400	2,157	2,887	60	633	-621	.	.	.	.	9,516
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	325	224	219	182	100	75	.	.	.	.	1,125
Week 2: Oct 23-29	331	266	217	308	100	75	.	.	.	.	1,297
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	356	311	213	347	100	75	.	.	.	.	1,402
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	53	12	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	75
Week 2: Oct 23-29	64	26	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	74	28	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	112

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	90	90	3	1	-10	-34	.	.	.	.	140
Week 2: Oct 23-29	87	90	2	13	-30	-35	.	.	.	.	127
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	98	90	2	11	-50	-31	.	.	.	.	120
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	152	150	41	34	4	-28	.	.	.	.	353
Week 2: Oct 23-29	173	150	91	27	8	91	.	.	.	.	540
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	233	150	144	20	10	224	.	.	.	.	781
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	1,050	134	105	50	33	10	.	.	.	.	1,382
Week 2: Oct 23-29	1,050	166	204	126	21	8	.	.	.	.	1,575
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	1,050	213	302	338	15	8	.	.	.	.	1,926
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	4	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Oct 23-29	13	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	17	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Oct 23-29	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	78	61	33	25	20	-8	.	.	.	.	209
Week 2: Oct 23-29	97	46	52	8	20	-8	.	.	.	.	215
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	98	17	72	-6	20	-7	.	.	.	.	194
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	300	25	20	18	-2	-8	.	.	.	.	353
Week 2: Oct 23-29	300	15	-1	17	-11	-57	.	.	.	.	263
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	300	11	-24	-10	-9	-111	.	.	.	.	157
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	70	49	-1	-8	-15	-88	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Oct 23-29	70	65	11	-8	-24	-127	.	.	.	.	-13
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	70	29	-12	-9	-27	-167	.	.	.	.	-116
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	0	-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-18
Week 2: Oct 23-29	0	-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-24
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	0	-30	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-30
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Oct 23-29	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	80	29	14	14	0	-1	.	.	.	.	136
Week 2: Oct 23-29	17	-3	13	10	0	-1	.	.	.	.	36
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	151	-70	14	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	105
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	17	10	5	4	0	-58	.	.	.	.	-22
Week 2: Oct 23-29	4	14	5	2	0	-75	.	.	.	.	-50
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	-4	12	8	1	0	-175	.	.	.	.	-158
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	20	12	4	0	-1	-73	.	.	.	.	-38
Week 2: Oct 23-29	22	12	-8	0	-1	-204	.	.	.	.	-179
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	26	9	-18	0	-2	-339	.	.	.	.	-324
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	17	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Oct 23-29	13	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	9	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Oct 23-29	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	330	154	80	69	20	13	.	.	.	.	666
Week 2: Oct 23-29	465	186	80	84	30	252	.	.	.	.	1,097
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	645	175	80	453	35	412	.	.	.	.	1,800
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	647	154	120	36	25	-27	.	.	.	.	955
Week 2: Oct 23-29	732	412	120	45	25	-164	.	.	.	.	1,170
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	952	584	120	40	30	57	.	.	.	.	1,783
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	1,047	400	284	133	27	25	.	.	.	.	1,916
Week 2: Oct 23-29	1,381	400	419	383	54	35	.	.	.	.	2,672
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	1,692	400	740	553	48	50	.	.	.	.	3,483
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	333	154	151	150	80	10	.	.	.	.	878
Week 2: Oct 23-29	425	209	196	112	80	10	.	.	.	.	1,032
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	508	267	244	51	80	10	.	.	.	.	1,160
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	27	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Week 2: Oct 23-29	32	6	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	43
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	37	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	236	110	49	10	8	-5	.	.	.	.	408
Week 2: Oct 23-29	288	51	100	10	9	8	.	.	.	.	466
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	353	69	132	10	11	6	.	.	.	.	581
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	212	156	128	80	51	12	.	.	.	.	639
Week 2: Oct 23-29	276	85	168	80	34	10	.	.	.	.	653
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	325	141	203	80	27	10	.	.	.	.	786
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	400	353	194	38	12	10	.	.	.	.	1,007
Week 2: Oct 23-29	400	276	282	17	9	-50	.	.	.	.	934
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	400	406	374	-64	9	-65	.	.	.	.	1,060
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	319	94	56	10	4	-13	.	.	.	.	470
Week 2: Oct 23-29	280	116	44	10	3	-22	.	.	.	.	431
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	240	102	45	10	1	-15	.	.	.	.	383
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	20	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 2: Oct 23-29	21	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	22	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	193	175	100	79	12	-42	.	.	.	.	517
Week 2: Oct 23-29	175	218	100	80	12	-45	.	.	.	.	540
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	145	197	100	44	14	-79	.	.	.	.	421
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	468	162	90	33	10	-130	.	.	.	.	633
Week 2: Oct 23-29	520	191	90	23	9	-195	.	.	.	.	638
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	364	178	90	13	14	-263	.	.	.	.	396
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	761	662	600	174	10	-173	.	.	.	.	2,034
Week 2: Oct 23-29	805	632	600	261	15	-152	.	.	.	.	2,161
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	845	525	600	255	20	-170	.	.	.	.	2,075
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	42	30	14	1	-26	-135	.	.	.	.	-74
Week 2: Oct 23-29	43	30	-12	1	-10	-144	.	.	.	.	-92
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	85	30	-52	1	-76	-140	.	.	.	.	-152
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	10	3	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-7
Week 2: Oct 23-29	10	61	-32	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	10	64	-51	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	180	133	62	38	2	-18	.	.	.	.	397
Week 2: Oct 23-29	180	108	73	41	3	39	.	.	.	.	444
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	180	124	58	34	3	96	.	.	.	.	495
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	335	150	148	6	-6	-232	.	.	.	.	401
Week 2: Oct 23-29	256	150	286	7	-34	-330	.	.	.	.	335
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	185	150	331	4	-45	-433	.	.	.	.	192
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	536	350	349	0	-48	-467	.	.	.	.	720
Week 2: Oct 23-29	471	350	570	0	-61	-585	.	.	.	.	745
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	522	350	717	0	-75	-713	.	.	.	.	801
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	300	169	122	44	10	-18	.	.	.	.	627
Week 2: Oct 23-29	325	174	91	77	10	-78	.	.	.	.	599
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	350	165	93	110	10	-65	.	.	.	.	663
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	8	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Oct 23-29	8	1	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	8	1	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	100	34	18	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	161
Week 2: Oct 23-29	100	88	27	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	224
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	100	84	27	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	221
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	81	72	40	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	200
Week 2: Oct 23-29	100	51	40	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	199
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	79	36	40	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	162
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	175	29	22	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	232
Week 2: Oct 23-29	175	-13	27	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	197
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	175	-61	19	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	141
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	62	22	20	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	116
Week 2: Oct 23-29	-26	20	20	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	-107	20	20	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	-71
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Oct 23-29	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	95	91	10	5	3	.	.	.	.	.	204
Week 2: Oct 23-29	30	50	10	5	13	.	.	.	.	.	108
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	21	1	10	5	18	.	.	.	.	.	55
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	639	36	8	-15	-122	.	.	.	.	.	546
Week 2: Oct 23-29	574	57	8	-15	-124	.	.	.	.	.	500
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	508	-11	8	-15	-115	.	.	.	.	.	375
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	633	40	39	8	-215	.	.	.	.	.	505
Week 2: Oct 23-29	777	40	-111	10	-302	.	.	.	.	.	414
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	769	40	-248	10	-350	.	.	.	.	.	221
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	107	5	0	-111	-247	.	.	.	.	.	-246
Week 2: Oct 23-29	57	5	0	-349	-249	.	.	.	.	.	-536
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	64	5	0	-517	-240	.	.	.	.	.	-688
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 16-22	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Oct 23-29	13	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Oct 30-Nov 5	11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
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- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
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 - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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