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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, Norfolk, and Oakland are expected to have the most available containers among the reported port locations over the next 3 weeks. Availability estimates increased from the previous week at Los Angeles/Long Beach, Norfolk, and Oakland, but decreased in New York.
- **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 increased this week in Chicago and Dallas, but decreased in Memphis and Columbus.
- **Equipment:** Overall, current week availability for all container types combined decreased slightly, down 99 units from the previous week.
 - Availability estimates decreased at 10 of the 18 reported locations this week—particularly in Houston and Tacoma. Other locations saw increases such as New Orleans, Chicago, and Los Angeles/Long Beach particularly for 40ft high-cube containers.
 - Availability estimates fell for 20ft dry containers and both 20ft and 40ft refrigerated containers. Estimates for 40ft dry and high-cube containers increased slightly. See table below.

Week-to-Week Comparison of Current Week Availability Estimates

Container type	Week of Sep 18-24	Week of Sep 25-Oct 1	Week of Oct 2-8	Week of Oct 9-15	% Change from Previous Week
20ft dry	9,187	10,202	7,892	7,526	-5%
40ft dry	8,583	9,492	8,626	8,634	0.1%
40ft high-cube	19,895	19,716	18,636	19,471	4%
40ft refrigerated	3,815	3,903	3,828	3,306	-14%
20ft refrigerated	241	237	260	206	-21%

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National Overview

Week of Oct 9-15, 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

National Overview

Week of Oct 9-15, 2013

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers

Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	128	119	50	20	10	1	.	.	.	.	328
Week 2: Oct 16-22	125	120	50	24	-9	1	.	.	.	.	311
Week 3: Oct 23-29	112	152	50	51	12	2	.	.	.	.	379
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	161	159	52	20	4	2	.	.	.	.	398
Week 2: Oct 16-22	177	136	80	20	19	5	.	.	.	.	437
Week 3: Oct 23-29	160	172	114	20	33	7	.	.	.	.	506
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	263	108	40	31	24	1	.	.	.	.	467
Week 2: Oct 16-22	342	89	40	34	43	2	.	.	.	.	550
Week 3: Oct 23-29	423	132	40	70	35	2	.	.	.	.	702
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	70	30	16	5	1	-76	.	.	.	.	46
Week 2: Oct 16-22	75	30	19	5	1	-71	.	.	.	.	59
Week 3: Oct 23-29	80	30	22	5	1	-83	.	.	.	.	55
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	5	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Oct 16-22	6	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Oct 23-29	7	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

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 9-15	1,043	171	164	100	8	-12	.	.	.	.	1,474
Week 2: Oct 16-22	1,428	222	349	100	8	-9	.	.	.	.	2,098
Week 3: Oct 23-29	1,824	444	334	100	8	-5	.	.	.	.	2,705
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	107	70	8	-23	-143	-800	.	.	.	.	-781
Week 2: Oct 16-22	177	176	10	-5	-36	-800	.	.	.	.	-478
Week 3: Oct 23-29	166	281	8	-3	49	-800	.	.	.	.	-299
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	600	331	226	11	-11	-129	.	.	.	.	1,028
Week 2: Oct 16-22	600	616	324	10	-12	-89	.	.	.	.	1,449
Week 3: Oct 23-29	600	875	455	10	-10	-40	.	.	.	.	1,890
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	118	108	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	236
Week 2: Oct 16-22	135	111	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	256
Week 3: Oct 23-29	149	128	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	287
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	28	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: Oct 16-22	25	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
Week 3: Oct 23-29	22	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29

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	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 9-15	81	20	14	9	6	-6	.	.	.	.	124
Week 2: Oct 16-22	117	20	12	31	44	1	.	.	.	.	225
Week 3: Oct 23-29	155	20	18	34	68	0	.	.	.	.	295
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	30	19	14	12	10	-4	.	.	.	.	81
Week 2: Oct 16-22	30	42	14	26	14	-1	.	.	.	.	125
Week 3: Oct 23-29	30	53	16	41	21	-3	.	.	.	.	158
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	62	50	18	11	-2	-7	.	.	.	.	132
Week 2: Oct 16-22	85	50	14	9	-1	1	.	.	.	.	158
Week 3: Oct 23-29	109	50	14	17	-2	9	.	.	.	.	197
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Oct 16-22	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Oct 23-29	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Oct 16-22	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Oct 23-29	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

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	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 9-15	48	30	10	4	3	-1	.	.	.	.	94
Week 2: Oct 16-22	64	35	12	28	3	-1	.	.	.	.	141
Week 3: Oct 23-29	79	43	12	40	3	-2	.	.	.	.	175
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	83	38	30	11	3	0	.	.	.	.	165
Week 2: Oct 16-22	119	44	30	11	2	20	.	.	.	.	226
Week 3: Oct 23-29	153	54	30	16	-1	23	.	.	.	.	275
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	231	80	62	41	15	1	.	.	.	.	430
Week 2: Oct 16-22	282	80	79	50	15	1	.	.	.	.	507
Week 3: Oct 23-29	329	80	101	55	14	-2	.	.	.	.	577
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Oct 16-22	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 23-29	-1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 16-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 23-29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 9-15	251	134	109	83	10	10	.	.	.	.	597
Week 2: Oct 16-22	372	183	97	130	10	10	.	.	.	.	802
Week 3: Oct 23-29	492	141	82	181	10	15	.	.	.	.	921
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	200	196	190	47	10	5	.	.	.	.	648
Week 2: Oct 16-22	333	259	184	131	8	5	.	.	.	.	920
Week 3: Oct 23-29	461	287	178	165	11	5	.	.	.	.	1,107
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	336	304	300	281	207	11	.	.	.	.	1,439
Week 2: Oct 16-22	513	461	300	293	315	10	.	.	.	.	1,892
Week 3: Oct 23-29	680	546	300	270	410	11	.	.	.	.	2,217
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	12	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Oct 16-22	19	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Oct 23-29	26	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 16-22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 23-29	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 9-15	152	5	1	0	-5	-18	.	.	.	.	135
Week 2: Oct 16-22	174	6	1	-1	-7	0	.	.	.	.	173
Week 3: Oct 23-29	197	6	1	-1	-8	0	.	.	.	.	195
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	97	8	8	6	4	3	.	.	.	.	126
Week 2: Oct 16-22	117	9	12	5	5	3	.	.	.	.	151
Week 3: Oct 23-29	135	11	10	17	4	3	.	.	.	.	180
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	116	70	9	9	3	-2	.	.	.	.	205
Week 2: Oct 16-22	144	70	6	9	4	-1	.	.	.	.	232
Week 3: Oct 23-29	170	70	11	10	2	3	.	.	.	.	266
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Oct 16-22	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Oct 23-29	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 16-22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 23-29	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	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 9-15	150	50	40	8	-52	-400	.	.	.	.	-204
Week 2: Oct 16-22	150	8	43	9	-40	-544	.	.	.	.	-374
Week 3: Oct 23-29	150	5	44	9	-27	-700	.	.	.	.	-519
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	70	66	47	1	-35	-512	.	.	.	.	-363
Week 2: Oct 16-22	70	43	15	2	-45	-657	.	.	.	.	-572
Week 3: Oct 23-29	70	77	10	4	-60	-810	.	.	.	.	-709
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	500	105	98	5	2	-325	.	.	.	.	385
Week 2: Oct 16-22	500	137	89	2	-15	-350	.	.	.	.	363
Week 3: Oct 23-29	500	214	149	1	-20	-369	.	.	.	.	475
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	30	26	8	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	66
Week 2: Oct 16-22	25	40	7	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	74
Week 3: Oct 23-29	20	58	8	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	88
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	15	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Oct 16-22	19	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: Oct 23-29	23	0	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25

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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 9-15	20	14	4	2	-10	-58	.	.	.	.	-28
Week 2: Oct 16-22	20	17	-1	6	-10	-63	.	.	.	.	-31
Week 3: Oct 23-29	20	20	-3	11	-8	-82	.	.	.	.	-42
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	300	29	2	-10	-10	-12	.	.	.	.	299
Week 2: Oct 16-22	300	32	2	-7	-12	54	.	.	.	.	369
Week 3: Oct 23-29	300	37	1	-2	-15	24	.	.	.	.	345
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	200	86	34	5	-14	-18	.	.	.	.	293
Week 2: Oct 16-22	200	108	38	1	-15	-28	.	.	.	.	304
Week 3: Oct 23-29	200	165	30	-5	-17	-42	.	.	.	.	331
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	34	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
Week 2: Oct 16-22	36	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Week 3: Oct 23-29	32	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Oct 16-22	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Oct 23-29	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 9-15	950	826	486	45	-77	-166	.	.	.	.	2,064
Week 2: Oct 16-22	950	746	629	50	-123	22	.	.	.	.	2,274
Week 3: Oct 23-29	950	720	843	50	47	200	.	.	.	.	2,810
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	1,500	1,242	904	753	45	-102	.	.	.	.	4,342
Week 2: Oct 16-22	1,500	1,108	1,489	887	50	38	.	.	.	.	5,072
Week 3: Oct 23-29	1,500	1,008	2,140	1,634	50	179	.	.	.	.	6,511
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	4,400	2,536	1,907	721	60	-352	.	.	.	.	9,272
Week 2: Oct 16-22	4,400	2,246	2,722	820	60	-447	.	.	.	.	9,801
Week 3: Oct 23-29	4,400	2,150	3,412	1,026	60	-547	.	.	.	.	10,501
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	470	237	219	116	100	75	.	.	.	.	1,217
Week 2: Oct 16-22	537	280	219	72	100	75	.	.	.	.	1,283
Week 3: Oct 23-29	631	322	217	201	100	75	.	.	.	.	1,546
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	10	10	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 2: Oct 16-22	10	23	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
Week 3: Oct 23-29	10	36	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	64

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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 9-15	93	90	19	3	-34	-51	.	.	.	.	120
Week 2: Oct 16-22	48	90	19	2	-54	-37	.	.	.	.	68
Week 3: Oct 23-29	55	90	17	2	-73	-54	.	.	.	.	37
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	150	130	88	39	32	4	.	.	.	.	443
Week 2: Oct 16-22	150	205	121	87	23	8	.	.	.	.	594
Week 3: Oct 23-29	150	268	192	131	20	10	.	.	.	.	771
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	1,050	148	103	81	13	11	.	.	.	.	1,406
Week 2: Oct 16-22	1,050	171	146	171	17	8	.	.	.	.	1,563
Week 3: Oct 23-29	1,050	236	214	266	11	8	.	.	.	.	1,785
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	3	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Oct 16-22	14	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Oct 23-29	17	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 16-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 23-29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 9-15	91	67	20	19	-8	-17	.	.	.	.	172
Week 2: Oct 16-22	82	73	20	29	-8	2	.	.	.	.	198
Week 3: Oct 23-29	80	82	20	45	-7	3	.	.	.	.	223
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	300	79	41	25	-2	-14	.	.	.	.	429
Week 2: Oct 16-22	300	19	-15	9	-11	12	.	.	.	.	314
Week 3: Oct 23-29	300	-44	-47	-32	-9	8	.	.	.	.	176
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	70	58	12	-8	-16	-59	.	.	.	.	57
Week 2: Oct 16-22	70	62	11	-8	-24	-102	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Oct 23-29	70	66	7	-9	-26	-143	.	.	.	.	-35
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	0	-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
Week 2: Oct 16-22	0	-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-28
Week 3: Oct 23-29	0	-35	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-35
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Oct 16-22	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Oct 23-29	-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 9-15	272	14	5	0	0	-44	.	.	.	.	247
Week 2: Oct 16-22	-10	14	6	0	0	-104	.	.	.	.	-94
Week 3: Oct 23-29	-78	10	11	0	1	-190	.	.	.	.	-246
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	10	4	0	0	-14	-20	.	.	.	.	-20
Week 2: Oct 16-22	14	2	0	1	-25	-90	.	.	.	.	-98
Week 3: Oct 23-29	12	3	0	-3	-36	-162	.	.	.	.	-186
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	38	14	8	1	0	-65	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 2: Oct 16-22	22	12	14	0	0	-244	.	.	.	.	-196
Week 3: Oct 23-29	13	10	20	0	0	-391	.	.	.	.	-348
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	21	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Oct 16-22	18	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Oct 23-29	15	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	6	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Oct 16-22	6	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Oct 23-29	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 9-15	267	205	168	161	80	30	.	.	.	.	911
Week 2: Oct 16-22	532	345	353	178	80	40	.	.	.	.	1,528
Week 3: Oct 23-29	926	491	558	168	80	45	.	.	.	.	2,268
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	422	385	200	120	25	-36	.	.	.	.	1,116
Week 2: Oct 16-22	620	548	370	120	35	47	.	.	.	.	1,740
Week 3: Oct 23-29	817	848	608	120	40	40	.	.	.	.	2,473
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	607	400	282	125	45	25	.	.	.	.	1,484
Week 2: Oct 16-22	935	400	593	308	64	35	.	.	.	.	2,335
Week 3: Oct 23-29	1,529	400	992	666	55	50	.	.	.	.	3,692
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	262	126	34	10	5	-16	.	.	.	.	421
Week 2: Oct 16-22	373	181	88	10	5	112	.	.	.	.	769
Week 3: Oct 23-29	455	231	175	10	5	6	.	.	.	.	882
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	35	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
Week 2: Oct 16-22	40	5	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
Week 3: Oct 23-29	45	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50

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 9-15	133	65	10	8	-10	-47	.	.	.	.	159
Week 2: Oct 16-22	214	92	10	9	7	-147	.	.	.	.	185
Week 3: Oct 23-29	329	133	10	11	4	-131	.	.	.	.	356
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	212	80	12	9	-2	-10	.	.	.	.	301
Week 2: Oct 16-22	261	80	10	18	20	38	.	.	.	.	427
Week 3: Oct 23-29	321	80	10	62	15	86	.	.	.	.	574
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	400	351	209	65	12	-146	.	.	.	.	891
Week 2: Oct 16-22	400	538	303	60	9	-62	.	.	.	.	1,248
Week 3: Oct 23-29	400	589	420	39	9	-53	.	.	.	.	1,404
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	270	96	47	10	4	-16	.	.	.	.	411
Week 2: Oct 16-22	225	104	46	10	3	-13	.	.	.	.	375
Week 3: Oct 23-29	186	114	55	10	1	-22	.	.	.	.	344
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	19	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 2: Oct 16-22	19	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Oct 23-29	19	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22

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 9-15	243	100	56	26	12	-29	.	.	.	.	408
Week 2: Oct 16-22	215	100	65	-24	12	-42	.	.	.	.	326
Week 3: Oct 23-29	201	100	75	-4	14	-46	.	.	.	.	340
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	467	99	90	67	22	10	.	.	.	.	755
Week 2: Oct 16-22	178	111	90	59	30	9	.	.	.	.	477
Week 3: Oct 23-29	15	123	90	51	22	14	.	.	.	.	315
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	600	543	158	130	10	-159	.	.	.	.	1,282
Week 2: Oct 16-22	600	515	90	203	15	-122	.	.	.	.	1,301
Week 3: Oct 23-29	600	432	41	253	20	-13	.	.	.	.	1,333
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	113	107	30	1	-33	-130	.	.	.	.	88
Week 2: Oct 16-22	66	107	30	1	-73	-135	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Oct 23-29	14	108	30	1	-63	-144	.	.	.	.	-54
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	10	8	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 2: Oct 16-22	10	10	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Week 3: Oct 23-29	10	12	65	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	87

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 9-15	180	104	91	4	2	-11	.	.	.	.	370
Week 2: Oct 16-22	180	207	103	45	3	-25	.	.	.	.	513
Week 3: Oct 23-29	180	309	76	38	3	-71	.	.	.	.	535
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	211	177	150	6	-11	-433	.	.	.	.	100
Week 2: Oct 16-22	286	-40	150	7	-55	-553	.	.	.	.	-205
Week 3: Oct 23-29	402	-45	150	4	-60	-668	.	.	.	.	-217
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	469	371	350	0	-89	-511	.	.	.	.	590
Week 2: Oct 16-22	359	579	350	0	-59	-598	.	.	.	.	631
Week 3: Oct 23-29	367	788	350	0	-55	-694	.	.	.	.	756
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	300	158	135	13	10	-20	.	.	.	.	596
Week 2: Oct 16-22	325	154	110	54	10	-80	.	.	.	.	573
Week 3: Oct 23-29	350	154	117	91	10	-65	.	.	.	.	657
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	4	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Oct 16-22	3	1	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Oct 23-29	2	1	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

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 9-15	184	100	18	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	312
Week 2: Oct 16-22	177	100	33	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	319
Week 3: Oct 23-29	170	100	38	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	318
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	184	108	40	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	340
Week 2: Oct 16-22	163	96	40	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	308
Week 3: Oct 23-29	141	77	40	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	265
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	175	60	8	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	250
Week 2: Oct 16-22	175	34	8	-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	189
Week 3: Oct 23-29	175	30	8	-78	.	.	.	.	.	.	135
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	26	22	22	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	90
Week 2: Oct 16-22	-24	15	20	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Week 3: Oct 23-29	-110	3	20	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	-67
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Oct 16-22	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Oct 23-29	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4

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 9-15	229	16	10	5	-17	.	.	.	.	.	243
Week 2: Oct 16-22	161	16	10	5	-17	.	.	.	.	.	175
Week 3: Oct 23-29	138	14	10	5	-7	.	.	.	.	.	160
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	418	67	8	-15	-223	.	.	.	.	.	255
Week 2: Oct 16-22	288	70	8	-15	-73	.	.	.	.	.	278
Week 3: Oct 23-29	300	38	8	-15	-80	.	.	.	.	.	251
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	303	40	8	7	-494	.	.	.	.	.	-136
Week 2: Oct 16-22	233	40	10	-22	-276	.	.	.	.	.	-15
Week 3: Oct 23-29	593	40	10	-208	-285	.	.	.	.	.	150
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	213	106	5	0	-245	.	.	.	.	.	79
Week 2: Oct 16-22	126	-107	5	0	-247	.	.	.	.	.	-223
Week 3: Oct 23-29	156	-367	5	0	-249	.	.	.	.	.	-455
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 9-15	11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Oct 16-22	13	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Oct 23-29	14	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

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.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- 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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