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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

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National Overview

Week of Dec 3-9, 2014

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 Dec 3-9, 2014

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers

Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	190	174	86	79	55	40	.	.	.	.	624
Week 2: Dec 10-16	190	224	101	104	56	40	.	.	.	.	715
Week 3: Dec 17-23	190	271	109	128	48	50	.	.	.	.	796
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	252	175	143	94	75	40	.	.	.	.	779
Week 2: Dec 10-16	252	208	197	100	81	40	.	.	.	.	878
Week 3: Dec 17-23	252	240	267	135	77	40	.	.	.	.	1,011
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	422	230	205	135	60	39	.	.	.	.	1,091
Week 2: Dec 10-16	422	317	168	186	60	106	.	.	.	.	1,259
Week 3: Dec 17-23	422	354	198	233	80	90	.	.	.	.	1,377
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	47	29	20	10	5	-57	.	.	.	.	54
Week 2: Dec 10-16	29	44	20	10	5	-72	.	.	.	.	36
Week 3: Dec 17-23	9	59	20	10	5	-64	.	.	.	.	39
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	6	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Dec 10-16	7	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Dec 17-23	8	1	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: Dec 3-9	524	290	252	72	13	0	.	.	.	.	1,151
Week 2: Dec 10-16	689	426	252	67	258	0	.	.	.	.	1,692
Week 3: Dec 17-23	763	567	252	70	340	0	.	.	.	.	1,992
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	885	146	94	0	-66	-105	.	.	.	.	954
Week 2: Dec 10-16	1,063	320	86	0	-66	-91	.	.	.	.	1,312
Week 3: Dec 17-23	1,144	374	91	0	-66	-66	.	.	.	.	1,477
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	743	253	199	0	-27	-970	.	.	.	.	198
Week 2: Dec 10-16	1,134	218	314	0	0	-970	.	.	.	.	696
Week 3: Dec 17-23	1,367	224	450	0	21	-970	.	.	.	.	1,092
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	148	10	0	0	-59	.	.	.	.	.	99
Week 2: Dec 10-16	154	10	0	0	-94	.	.	.	.	.	70
Week 3: Dec 17-23	149	10	0	0	-126	.	.	.	.	.	33
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Dec 10-16	19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: Dec 17-23	19	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19

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

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

Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	48	40	31	18	14	-1	.	.	.	.	150
Week 2: Dec 10-16	54	51	31	22	14	-2	.	.	.	.	170
Week 3: Dec 17-23	67	62	31	26	14	-1	.	.	.	.	199
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	78	29	15	0	-7	-8	.	.	.	.	107
Week 2: Dec 10-16	78	39	25	0	-2	-5	.	.	.	.	135
Week 3: Dec 17-23	78	47	26	0	3	-6	.	.	.	.	148
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	212	34	33	4	0	-31	.	.	.	.	252
Week 2: Dec 10-16	212	53	37	5	0	-38	.	.	.	.	269
Week 3: Dec 17-23	212	49	55	3	0	-47	.	.	.	.	272
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Dec 10-16	18	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Dec 17-23	23	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Dec 10-16	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Dec 17-23	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

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

Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	54	54	51	26	-1	-3	.	.	.	.	181
Week 2: Dec 10-16	67	57	66	26	3	-3	.	.	.	.	216
Week 3: Dec 17-23	79	80	82	26	1	-3	.	.	.	.	265
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	96	68	35	34	0	-1	.	.	.	.	232
Week 2: Dec 10-16	128	90	39	34	0	0	.	.	.	.	291
Week 3: Dec 17-23	163	112	54	34	0	0	.	.	.	.	363
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	280	104	92	33	0	-10	.	.	.	.	499
Week 2: Dec 10-16	280	120	141	43	0	-6	.	.	.	.	578
Week 3: Dec 17-23	280	133	169	72	0	-9	.	.	.	.	645
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Dec 10-16	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Dec 17-23	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Dec 10-16	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Dec 17-23	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3

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	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: Dec 3-9	359	233	136	129	48	10	.	.	.	.	915
Week 2: Dec 10-16	476	309	219	135	48	10	.	.	.	.	1,197
Week 3: Dec 17-23	598	366	270	120	48	10	.	.	.	.	1,412
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	327	280	248	186	176	50	.	.	.	.	1,267
Week 2: Dec 10-16	508	264	383	186	305	50	.	.	.	.	1,696
Week 3: Dec 17-23	693	230	460	186	358	50	.	.	.	.	1,977
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	722	639	603	554	379	50	.	.	.	.	2,947
Week 2: Dec 10-16	661	1,019	921	554	747	50	.	.	.	.	3,952
Week 3: Dec 17-23	640	1,270	1,248	554	978	50	.	.	.	.	4,740
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	22	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 2: Dec 10-16	44	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
Week 3: Dec 17-23	68	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	68
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Dec 10-16	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Dec 17-23	-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	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: Dec 3-9	51	34	21	0	-2	-24	.	.	.	.	80
Week 2: Dec 10-16	67	41	26	0	-1	-24	.	.	.	.	109
Week 3: Dec 17-23	85	46	24	0	-3	-24	.	.	.	.	128
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	60	55	27	22	15	10	.	.	.	.	189
Week 2: Dec 10-16	73	66	22	22	10	10	.	.	.	.	203
Week 3: Dec 17-23	87	81	21	22	10	10	.	.	.	.	231
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	164	110	76	44	20	19	.	.	.	.	433
Week 2: Dec 10-16	164	150	93	51	20	18	.	.	.	.	496
Week 3: Dec 17-23	164	182	109	52	20	16	.	.	.	.	543
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Dec 10-16	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Dec 17-23	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Dec 10-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Dec 17-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Dec 3-9	470	272	100	81	20	-186	.	.	.	.	757
Week 2: Dec 10-16	470	263	100	96	12	-137	.	.	.	.	804
Week 3: Dec 17-23	470	288	100	109	16	-153	.	.	.	.	830
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	262	199	137	100	2	-222	.	.	.	.	478
Week 2: Dec 10-16	262	206	134	100	-1	-242	.	.	.	.	459
Week 3: Dec 17-23	262	246	115	100	-10	-328	.	.	.	.	385
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	3,192	594	242	100	63	-13	.	.	.	.	4,178
Week 2: Dec 10-16	3,192	705	390	100	117	-19	.	.	.	.	4,485
Week 3: Dec 17-23	3,192	725	468	100	114	-25	.	.	.	.	4,574
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	150	126	66	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	344
Week 2: Dec 10-16	150	151	78	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	381
Week 3: Dec 17-23	150	165	85	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	402
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	11	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Dec 10-16	15	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: Dec 17-23	19	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Dec 3-9	76	50	30	12	-1	-64	.	.	.	.	103
Week 2: Dec 10-16	83	58	30	18	-1	-64	.	.	.	.	124
Week 3: Dec 17-23	87	66	30	25	-2	-64	.	.	.	.	142
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	44	4	0	0	-42	-43	.	.	.	.	-37
Week 2: Dec 10-16	52	30	3	0	-42	-57	.	.	.	.	-14
Week 3: Dec 17-23	54	18	1	0	-42	-66	.	.	.	.	-35
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	234	176	50	23	2	0	.	.	.	.	485
Week 2: Dec 10-16	234	184	67	61	2	0	.	.	.	.	548
Week 3: Dec 17-23	234	192	87	76	1	0	.	.	.	.	590
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	58	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	61
Week 2: Dec 10-16	52	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56
Week 3: Dec 17-23	43	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Dec 10-16	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Dec 17-23	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

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	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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

Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	864	700	579	495	336	-84	.	.	.	.	2,890
Week 2: Dec 10-16	830	700	579	773	481	-234	.	.	.	.	3,129
Week 3: Dec 17-23	540	700	579	1,048	759	-232	.	.	.	.	3,394
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	1,500	1,014	958	491	328	258	.	.	.	.	4,549
Week 2: Dec 10-16	1,500	1,014	869	922	547	269	.	.	.	.	5,121
Week 3: Dec 17-23	1,500	1,014	880	1,667	763	341	.	.	.	.	6,165
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	5,648	3,000	2,426	1,279	1,017	-54	.	.	.	.	13,316
Week 2: Dec 10-16	5,648	3,000	2,179	1,864	812	216	.	.	.	.	13,719
Week 3: Dec 17-23	5,648	3,000	2,235	3,753	605	451	.	.	.	.	15,692
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	828	300	236	216	104	75	.	.	.	.	1,759
Week 2: Dec 10-16	733	300	207	262	107	75	.	.	.	.	1,684
Week 3: Dec 17-23	707	300	148	468	107	75	.	.	.	.	1,805
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	128	85	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	223
Week 2: Dec 10-16	137	84	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	231
Week 3: Dec 17-23	149	82	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	241

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	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: Dec 3-9	166	119	99	60	39	4	.	.	.	.	487
Week 2: Dec 10-16	166	132	135	60	53	8	.	.	.	.	554
Week 3: Dec 17-23	166	103	167	60	47	6	.	.	.	.	549
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	247	154	70	50	29	9	.	.	.	.	559
Week 2: Dec 10-16	532	229	70	50	38	-5	.	.	.	.	914
Week 3: Dec 17-23	562	240	70	100	44	2	.	.	.	.	1,018
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	612	335	217	131	80	54	.	.	.	.	1,429
Week 2: Dec 10-16	612	574	316	181	80	42	.	.	.	.	1,805
Week 3: Dec 17-23	612	680	420	222	100	44	.	.	.	.	2,078
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	12	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Dec 10-16	16	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 3: Dec 17-23	23	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Dec 10-16	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 3: Dec 17-23	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2

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	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	118	50	30	-3	-29	-196	.	.	.	.	-30
Week 2: Dec 10-16	125	50	50	7	-29	-335	.	.	.	.	-132
Week 3: Dec 17-23	117	50	43	5	-29	-475	.	.	.	.	-289
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	220	100	72	26	20	14	.	.	.	.	452
Week 2: Dec 10-16	220	100	95	28	-13	19	.	.	.	.	449
Week 3: Dec 17-23	220	100	110	27	-55	13	.	.	.	.	415
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	900	122	50	44	43	-49	.	.	.	.	1,110
Week 2: Dec 10-16	900	152	50	45	36	-172	.	.	.	.	1,011
Week 3: Dec 17-23	900	177	30	40	30	-296	.	.	.	.	881
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	1	0	-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-18
Week 2: Dec 10-16	1	0	-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-25
Week 3: Dec 17-23	1	0	-33	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-32
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Dec 10-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Dec 17-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Dec 3-9	39	35	10	2	0	-26	.	.	.	.	60
Week 2: Dec 10-16	39	31	10	4	0	-32	.	.	.	.	52
Week 3: Dec 17-23	39	-5	10	7	0	-46	.	.	.	.	5
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	86	41	10	8	0	-7	.	.	.	.	138
Week 2: Dec 10-16	84	-43	10	8	2	-18	.	.	.	.	43
Week 3: Dec 17-23	85	-128	10	8	1	-58	.	.	.	.	-82
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	117	46	27	10	1	-276	.	.	.	.	-75
Week 2: Dec 10-16	111	46	28	10	1	-451	.	.	.	.	-255
Week 3: Dec 17-23	104	46	6	10	1	-622	.	.	.	.	-455
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	28	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Week 2: Dec 10-16	16	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: Dec 17-23	2	-4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	26	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29
Week 2: Dec 10-16	23	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 3: Dec 17-23	21	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24

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: Dec 3-9	1,072	815	800	755	623	314	.	.	.	.	4,379
Week 2: Dec 10-16	1,263	1,148	800	755	720	294	.	.	.	.	4,980
Week 3: Dec 17-23	1,442	1,489	800	755	950	305	.	.	.	.	5,741
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	800	675	543	458	337	209	.	.	.	.	3,022
Week 2: Dec 10-16	800	902	723	458	398	134	.	.	.	.	3,415
Week 3: Dec 17-23	800	1,140	1,003	458	499	184	.	.	.	.	4,084
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	4,376	1,620	1,073	924	800	381	.	.	.	.	9,174
Week 2: Dec 10-16	4,376	1,939	1,515	1,061	800	338	.	.	.	.	10,029
Week 3: Dec 17-23	4,376	2,267	1,966	1,649	800	350	.	.	.	.	11,408
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	424	242	189	60	50	10	.	.	.	.	975
Week 2: Dec 10-16	496	304	284	73	50	10	.	.	.	.	1,217
Week 3: Dec 17-23	626	371	381	77	50	10	.	.	.	.	1,515
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	21	11	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
Week 2: Dec 10-16	23	13	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Week 3: Dec 17-23	25	14	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44

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

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

Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	392	357	341	221	200	-10	.	.	.	.	1,501
Week 2: Dec 10-16	489	383	361	221	200	-27	.	.	.	.	1,627
Week 3: Dec 17-23	588	427	379	221	200	-20	.	.	.	.	1,795
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	361	348	121	47	0	-142	.	.	.	.	735
Week 2: Dec 10-16	409	345	86	23	0	-142	.	.	.	.	721
Week 3: Dec 17-23	468	346	10	19	0	-142	.	.	.	.	701
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	576	421	400	398	329	35	.	.	.	.	2,159
Week 2: Dec 10-16	576	514	400	476	437	50	.	.	.	.	2,453
Week 3: Dec 17-23	576	561	300	548	478	49	.	.	.	.	2,512
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	142	81	47	30	10	-5	.	.	.	.	305
Week 2: Dec 10-16	131	37	57	30	10	-4	.	.	.	.	261
Week 3: Dec 17-23	139	-10	64	30	10	-4	.	.	.	.	229
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	9	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Dec 10-16	10	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Dec 17-23	11	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

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

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

Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	467	282	141	102	100	62	.	.	.	.	1,154
Week 2: Dec 10-16	507	309	141	118	100	33	.	.	.	.	1,208
Week 3: Dec 17-23	534	192	141	182	100	42	.	.	.	.	1,191
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	338	247	150	106	-12	-56	.	.	.	.	773
Week 2: Dec 10-16	390	-97	150	116	5	-56	.	.	.	.	508
Week 3: Dec 17-23	448	-376	150	123	-7	-56	.	.	.	.	282
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	1,251	510	360	200	76	-235	.	.	.	.	2,162
Week 2: Dec 10-16	954	510	419	200	72	-169	.	.	.	.	1,986
Week 3: Dec 17-23	92	510	448	200	64	-180	.	.	.	.	1,134
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	243	225	165	80	30	-21	.	.	.	.	722
Week 2: Dec 10-16	194	172	233	80	30	-35	.	.	.	.	674
Week 3: Dec 17-23	113	137	271	100	30	-43	.	.	.	.	608
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	77	18	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	105
Week 2: Dec 10-16	82	22	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	114
Week 3: Dec 17-23	87	21	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	118

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

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

Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	400	341	295	254	221	36	.	.	.	.	1,547
Week 2: Dec 10-16	400	341	383	276	337	28	.	.	.	.	1,765
Week 3: Dec 17-23	400	341	485	321	447	32	.	.	.	.	2,026
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	348	332	327	150	130	-1	.	.	.	.	1,286
Week 2: Dec 10-16	348	412	193	150	109	-15	.	.	.	.	1,197
Week 3: Dec 17-23	348	421	349	150	86	-10	.	.	.	.	1,344
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	1,992	457	203	150	52	-118	.	.	.	.	2,736
Week 2: Dec 10-16	1,992	380	148	150	13	-136	.	.	.	.	2,547
Week 3: Dec 17-23	1,992	812	83	100	20	-171	.	.	.	.	2,836
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	157	100	98	38	10	-34	.	.	.	.	369
Week 2: Dec 10-16	65	100	70	54	10	-19	.	.	.	.	280
Week 3: Dec 17-23	55	100	56	68	10	-12	.	.	.	.	277
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	10	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Dec 10-16	9	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Dec 17-23	8	1	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	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	166	134	50	7	-64	.	.	.	.	.	293
Week 2: Dec 10-16	192	123	50	0	-64	.	.	.	.	.	301
Week 3: Dec 17-23	196	108	100	-37	-64	.	.	.	.	.	303
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	496	300	174	123	90	.	.	.	.	.	1,183
Week 2: Dec 10-16	496	300	169	102	86	.	.	.	.	.	1,153
Week 3: Dec 17-23	496	300	166	87	97	.	.	.	.	.	1,146
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	952	300	210	106	16	.	.	.	.	.	1,584
Week 2: Dec 10-16	952	300	203	83	-109	.	.	.	.	.	1,429
Week 3: Dec 17-23	952	400	197	79	-209	.	.	.	.	.	1,419
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	706	607	400	20	18	.	.	.	.	.	1,751
Week 2: Dec 10-16	458	627	400	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	1,505
Week 3: Dec 17-23	270	673	400	20	-5	.	.	.	.	.	1,358
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	22	16	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: Dec 10-16	28	16	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
Week 3: Dec 17-23	37	16	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54

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: Dec 3-9	85	80	10	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	185
Week 2: Dec 10-16	73	80	-32	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	131
Week 3: Dec 17-23	73	80	-54	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	109
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	207	90	80	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	378
Week 2: Dec 10-16	193	93	80	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	367
Week 3: Dec 17-23	300	98	80	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	479
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	240	92	25	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	377
Week 2: Dec 10-16	210	94	25	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	349
Week 3: Dec 17-23	223	11	25	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	279
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	203	50	5	-152	.	.	.	.	.	.	106
Week 2: Dec 10-16	158	50	5	-287	.	.	.	.	.	.	-74
Week 3: Dec 17-23	155	50	5	-414	.	.	.	.	.	.	-204
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 3-9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Dec 10-16	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Dec 17-23	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	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 TSA 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.
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