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Weekly Container Overview

- **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, Memphis, Chicago, and Columbus are expected to have the most containers available over the next 3 weeks. Availability estimates increased at each of these locations, except Chicago, where availability fell by nearly 3,000 containers from the previous week, totaling a decrease of more than 4,300 containers over the past 2 weeks.
- **Equipment:** Overall, current week availability for all container types combined was up more than 1,800 units from the previous week.
 - Availability estimates increased at 12 of the 18 reported locations this week—particularly in some traditionally deficit locations such as New Orleans and Minneapolis. Significant increases were also experienced in Savannah and Norfolk.
 - Availability estimates for 20ft and 40ft dry containers increased by 11 percent; 40ft refrigerated containers also increased slightly. Availability of 40ft high-cube and 20ft refrigerated containers fell slightly from the previous week.

Week-to-Week Comparison of Current Week Availability Estimates

Container type	Week of Sep 4-10	Week of Sep 11-17	Week of Sep 18-24	Week of Sep 25-Oct 1	% Change from Previous Week
20ft dry	10,420	11,015	9,187	10,202	11%
40ft dry	8,936	9,842	8,583	9,492	11%
40ft high-cube	19,415	20,247	19,895	19,716	-1%
40ft refrigerated	3,718	3,595	3,815	3,903	2%
20ft refrigerated	260	229	241	237	-2%

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National Overview

Week of Sep 25-Oct 1, 2013

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput

Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers

W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)

National Overview

Week of Sep 25-Oct 1, 2013

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

National Overview

Week of Sep 25-Oct 1, 2013

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers

Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	135	63	48	40	28	1	.	.	.	.	315
Week 2: Oct 2-8	124	71	47	40	46	1	.	.	.	.	329
Week 3: Oct 9-15	112	110	44	40	72	2	.	.	.	.	380
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	221	132	100	50	26	2	.	.	.	.	531
Week 2: Oct 2-8	161	98	136	50	47	5	.	.	.	.	497
Week 3: Oct 9-15	145	159	172	50	67	7	.	.	.	.	600
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	206	120	75	28	18	1	.	.	.	.	448
Week 2: Oct 2-8	348	120	66	44	64	2	.	.	.	.	644
Week 3: Oct 9-15	440	120	112	30	82	2	.	.	.	.	786
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	68	29	19	5	1	-50	.	.	.	.	72
Week 2: Oct 2-8	72	29	22	5	1	-77	.	.	.	.	52
Week 3: Oct 9-15	78	29	25	5	1	-38	.	.	.	.	100
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	7	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Oct 2-8	7	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Oct 9-15	8	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Sep 25-Oct 1	547	312	280	221	8	-22	.	.	.	.	1,346
Week 2: Oct 2-8	973	371	280	279	8	7	.	.	.	.	1,918
Week 3: Oct 9-15	1,397	421	280	344	8	5	.	.	.	.	2,455
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	144	132	8	-37	-86	-900	.	.	.	.	-739
Week 2: Oct 2-8	304	138	10	-3	-219	-900	.	.	.	.	-670
Week 3: Oct 9-15	465	212	8	-8	-202	-900	.	.	.	.	-425
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	500	206	90	11	-27	-569	.	.	.	.	211
Week 2: Oct 2-8	500	407	116	10	-1	-500	.	.	.	.	532
Week 3: Oct 9-15	500	675	215	10	-6	-445	.	.	.	.	949
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	128	116	10	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	253
Week 2: Oct 2-8	146	130	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	286
Week 3: Oct 9-15	178	144	10	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	331
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	30	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Week 2: Oct 2-8	26	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
Week 3: Oct 9-15	22	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37

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: Sep 25-Oct 1	65	27	24	20	14	5	.	.	.	.	155
Week 2: Oct 2-8	112	36	48	20	12	0	.	.	.	.	228
Week 3: Oct 9-15	155	27	75	20	18	1	.	.	.	.	296
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	53	40	24	21	14	-7	.	.	.	.	145
Week 2: Oct 2-8	78	40	39	23	14	-1	.	.	.	.	193
Week 3: Oct 9-15	87	40	52	28	16	-1	.	.	.	.	222
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	48	18	15	12	2	0	.	.	.	.	95
Week 2: Oct 2-8	74	14	15	6	12	0	.	.	.	.	121
Week 3: Oct 9-15	97	14	15	12	11	2	.	.	.	.	151
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Oct 2-8	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Oct 9-15	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Oct 2-8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Oct 9-15	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: Sep 25-Oct 1	84	14	12	10	5	3	.	.	.	.	128
Week 2: Oct 2-8	110	18	34	12	-3	3	.	.	.	.	174
Week 3: Oct 9-15	137	32	50	12	-6	3	.	.	.	.	228
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	196	120	25	11	4	-7	.	.	.	.	349
Week 2: Oct 2-8	240	120	48	11	-2	1	.	.	.	.	418
Week 3: Oct 9-15	284	120	61	16	-3	8	.	.	.	.	486
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	226	50	48	15	4	0	.	.	.	.	343
Week 2: Oct 2-8	287	50	102	15	14	-1	.	.	.	.	467
Week 3: Oct 9-15	350	50	129	14	27	-2	.	.	.	.	568
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Oct 2-8	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Oct 9-15	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 2-8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 9-15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Sep 25-Oct 1	164	78	54	40	33	10	.	.	.	.	379
Week 2: Oct 2-8	289	81	82	40	68	10	.	.	.	.	570
Week 3: Oct 9-15	414	60	178	40	121	15	.	.	.	.	828
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	236	232	203	191	40	10	.	.	.	.	912
Week 2: Oct 2-8	332	369	248	205	40	8	.	.	.	.	1,202
Week 3: Oct 9-15	423	505	330	190	40	11	.	.	.	.	1,499
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	363	336	300	242	200	11	.	.	.	.	1,452
Week 2: Oct 2-8	536	472	388	280	200	10	.	.	.	.	1,886
Week 3: Oct 9-15	711	559	561	265	200	11	.	.	.	.	2,307
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	11	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Oct 2-8	19	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 3: Oct 9-15	28	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 2-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 9-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Sep 25-Oct 1	155	15	11	5	2	-5	.	.	.	.	183
Week 2: Oct 2-8	187	3	15	3	2	-7	.	.	.	.	203
Week 3: Oct 9-15	219	2	23	2	2	-8	.	.	.	.	240
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	46	10	10	8	6	-3	.	.	.	.	77
Week 2: Oct 2-8	60	10	13	12	3	-4	.	.	.	.	94
Week 3: Oct 9-15	74	10	21	10	1	-2	.	.	.	.	114
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	74	50	10	9	2	1	.	.	.	.	146
Week 2: Oct 2-8	105	50	12	9	3	2	.	.	.	.	181
Week 3: Oct 9-15	137	50	17	10	5	4	.	.	.	.	223
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	1	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Oct 2-8	1	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Oct 9-15	1	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 2-8	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 9-15	0	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: Sep 25-Oct 1	195	38	8	0	-18	-86	.	.	.	.	137
Week 2: Oct 2-8	195	40	9	-73	19	-87	.	.	.	.	103
Week 3: Oct 9-15	195	58	9	-111	17	-145	.	.	.	.	23
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	100	40	16	1	-45	-239	.	.	.	.	-127
Week 2: Oct 2-8	100	32	12	2	-81	-393	.	.	.	.	-328
Week 3: Oct 9-15	100	43	10	4	-96	-548	.	.	.	.	-487
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	300	106	79	25	5	-38	.	.	.	.	477
Week 2: Oct 2-8	300	117	78	-13	2	5	.	.	.	.	489
Week 3: Oct 9-15	300	165	134	-53	1	4	.	.	.	.	551
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	81	34	2	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	107
Week 2: Oct 2-8	79	55	2	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	126
Week 3: Oct 9-15	102	71	2	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	165
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	12	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Oct 2-8	16	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Oct 9-15	20	0	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Sep 25-Oct 1	110	48	20	0	-6	-10	.	.	.	.	162
Week 2: Oct 2-8	114	62	20	3	-1	-10	.	.	.	.	188
Week 3: Oct 9-15	96	74	20	7	-2	-8	.	.	.	.	187
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	100	58	11	2	-10	-10	.	.	.	.	151
Week 2: Oct 2-8	100	44	18	1	-12	0	.	.	.	.	151
Week 3: Oct 9-15	100	43	25	-4	-15	7	.	.	.	.	156
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	140	47	33	5	-3	-14	.	.	.	.	208
Week 2: Oct 2-8	140	60	39	-1	1	-15	.	.	.	.	224
Week 3: Oct 9-15	140	98	42	-5	-2	-17	.	.	.	.	256
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	36	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
Week 2: Oct 2-8	31	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
Week 3: Oct 9-15	33	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Oct 2-8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Oct 9-15	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	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: Sep 25-Oct 1	1,300	779	299	224	45	-169	.	.	.	.	2,478
Week 2: Oct 2-8	1,300	743	272	416	50	-19	.	.	.	.	2,762
Week 3: Oct 9-15	1,300	650	539	578	50	99	.	.	.	.	3,216
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	1,500	1,057	937	143	88	45	.	.	.	.	3,770
Week 2: Oct 2-8	1,500	1,091	1,516	225	551	50	.	.	.	.	4,933
Week 3: Oct 9-15	1,500	950	2,191	293	1,128	50	.	.	.	.	6,112
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	5,700	2,199	1,481	330	60	-28	.	.	.	.	9,742
Week 2: Oct 2-8	5,700	2,150	1,497	608	60	-145	.	.	.	.	9,870
Week 3: Oct 9-15	5,700	1,972	2,626	841	60	-291	.	.	.	.	10,908
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	304	215	187	126	100	75	.	.	.	.	1,007
Week 2: Oct 2-8	353	240	197	164	100	75	.	.	.	.	1,129
Week 3: Oct 9-15	484	246	-260	204	100	75	.	.	.	.	849
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	11	10	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 2: Oct 2-8	22	10	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Week 3: Oct 9-15	33	10	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	61

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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: Sep 25-Oct 1	75	53	18	8	7	3	.	.	.	.	164
Week 2: Oct 2-8	75	10	19	-15	13	2	.	.	.	.	104
Week 3: Oct 9-15	75	11	17	-32	14	2	.	.	.	.	87
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	259	120	73	38	10	4	.	.	.	.	504
Week 2: Oct 2-8	393	120	112	66	24	8	.	.	.	.	723
Week 3: Oct 9-15	491	120	174	92	20	10	.	.	.	.	907
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	875	150	115	83	11	10	.	.	.	.	1,244
Week 2: Oct 2-8	875	226	159	135	8	14	.	.	.	.	1,417
Week 3: Oct 9-15	875	408	198	189	8	12	.	.	.	.	1,690
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	7	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Oct 2-8	16	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Oct 9-15	18	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Oct 2-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Oct 9-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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: Sep 25-Oct 1	128	53	34	26	20	-8	.	.	.	.	253
Week 2: Oct 2-8	117	19	57	8	20	-8	.	.	.	.	213
Week 3: Oct 9-15	101	14	73	7	20	-7	.	.	.	.	208
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	175	50	23	22	13	-2	.	.	.	.	281
Week 2: Oct 2-8	175	-10	9	-7	-6	-11	.	.	.	.	150
Week 3: Oct 9-15	175	-75	5	-27	-39	-9	.	.	.	.	30
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	150	79	43	41	31	-8	.	.	.	.	336
Week 2: Oct 2-8	150	61	36	13	34	-8	.	.	.	.	286
Week 3: Oct 9-15	150	40	34	10	12	-9	.	.	.	.	237
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	0	-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
Week 2: Oct 2-8	0	-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-28
Week 3: Oct 9-15	0	-35	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-35
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Oct 2-8	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Oct 9-15	-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: Sep 25-Oct 1	150	14	8	2	0	-1	.	.	.	.	173
Week 2: Oct 2-8	121	14	-4	2	0	0	.	.	.	.	133
Week 3: Oct 9-15	89	10	-49	5	0	0	.	.	.	.	55
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	19	10	4	3	0	0	.	.	.	.	36
Week 2: Oct 2-8	7	14	-39	3	0	0	.	.	.	.	-15
Week 3: Oct 9-15	4	12	-115	6	0	0	.	.	.	.	-93
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	82	77	14	11	1	0	.	.	.	.	185
Week 2: Oct 2-8	-61	63	12	7	0	0	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Oct 9-15	-170	53	10	6	0	0	.	.	.	.	-101
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	6	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Oct 2-8	3	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Oct 9-15	0	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-7
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	9	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Oct 2-8	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Oct 9-15	9	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8

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: Sep 25-Oct 1	450	417	369	324	255	30	.	.	.	.	1,845
Week 2: Oct 2-8	450	592	593	506	136	40	.	.	.	.	2,317
Week 3: Oct 9-15	450	954	812	621	125	45	.	.	.	.	3,007
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	550	455	416	369	72	25	.	.	.	.	1,887
Week 2: Oct 2-8	550	645	701	628	30	35	.	.	.	.	2,589
Week 3: Oct 9-15	550	892	876	760	26	40	.	.	.	.	3,144
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	950	526	468	326	56	25	.	.	.	.	2,351
Week 2: Oct 2-8	950	816	766	559	35	35	.	.	.	.	3,161
Week 3: Oct 9-15	950	1,213	1,013	819	29	50	.	.	.	.	4,074
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	293	150	113	112	10	5	.	.	.	.	683
Week 2: Oct 2-8	340	138	153	184	10	5	.	.	.	.	830
Week 3: Oct 9-15	430	99	189	216	10	5	.	.	.	.	949
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	52	5	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	51
Week 2: Oct 2-8	57	5	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	57
Week 3: Oct 9-15	62	5	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	60

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: Sep 25-Oct 1	105	89	55	50	20	8	.	.	.	.	327
Week 2: Oct 2-8	36	118	138	50	14	9	.	.	.	.	365
Week 3: Oct 9-15	17	143	220	50	11	11	.	.	.	.	452
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	184	129	80	17	12	-30	.	.	.	.	392
Week 2: Oct 2-8	233	78	80	12	10	21	.	.	.	.	434
Week 3: Oct 9-15	288	56	80	8	10	62	.	.	.	.	504
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	361	294	122	100	12	-64	.	.	.	.	825
Week 2: Oct 2-8	538	358	117	100	9	-31	.	.	.	.	1,091
Week 3: Oct 9-15	695	572	73	100	9	-40	.	.	.	.	1,409
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	396	118	32	10	4	-9	.	.	.	.	551
Week 2: Oct 2-8	372	97	36	10	3	2	.	.	.	.	520
Week 3: Oct 9-15	319	94	45	10	1	-32	.	.	.	.	437
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	19	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Oct 2-8	17	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Oct 9-15	16	1	-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

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	400	266	108	18	12	0	.	.	.	.	804
Week 2: Oct 2-8	400	172	33	7	12	-11	.	.	.	.	613
Week 3: Oct 9-15	400	165	-3	-9	14	-26	.	.	.	.	541
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	422	151	150	10	7	-265	.	.	.	.	475
Week 2: Oct 2-8	451	216	150	9	37	-347	.	.	.	.	516
Week 3: Oct 9-15	471	229	150	14	32	-471	.	.	.	.	425
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	650	440	200	155	10	-134	.	.	.	.	1,321
Week 2: Oct 2-8	650	312	183	204	15	-89	.	.	.	.	1,275
Week 3: Oct 9-15	650	248	129	211	20	-93	.	.	.	.	1,165
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	212	38	30	1	-16	-157	.	.	.	.	108
Week 2: Oct 2-8	158	91	30	1	-45	-117	.	.	.	.	118
Week 3: Oct 9-15	115	91	30	1	-68	-155	.	.	.	.	14
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	20	10	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: Oct 2-8	17	10	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Week 3: Oct 9-15	14	10	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37

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: Sep 25-Oct 1	167	140	124	81	40	2	.	.	.	.	554
Week 2: Oct 2-8	320	140	66	44	68	3	.	.	.	.	641
Week 3: Oct 9-15	458	140	63	78	104	3	.	.	.	.	846
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	238	181	10	6	-29	-359	.	.	.	.	47
Week 2: Oct 2-8	301	62	10	7	-48	-399	.	.	.	.	-67
Week 3: Oct 9-15	375	0	10	4	-53	-635	.	.	.	.	-299
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	495	184	80	0	-52	-331	.	.	.	.	376
Week 2: Oct 2-8	454	229	80	0	-32	-293	.	.	.	.	438
Week 3: Oct 9-15	504	393	80	0	-37	-374	.	.	.	.	566
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	165	156	150	11	10	-5	.	.	.	.	487
Week 2: Oct 2-8	166	145	160	29	10	-30	.	.	.	.	480
Week 3: Oct 9-15	152	155	180	47	10	-88	.	.	.	.	456
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	12	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Oct 2-8	9	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Oct 9-15	8	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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

*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: Sep 25-Oct 1	325	240	47	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	622
Week 2: Oct 2-8	450	240	57	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	756
Week 3: Oct 9-15	441	240	68	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	759
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	278	64	30	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	380
Week 2: Oct 2-8	355	19	30	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	413
Week 3: Oct 9-15	316	-16	30	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	337
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	112	34	8	-50	.	.	.	.	.	.	104
Week 2: Oct 2-8	49	34	8	-50	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Week 3: Oct 9-15	-16	44	8	-50	.	.	.	.	.	.	-14
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	198	41	22	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	281
Week 2: Oct 2-8	188	31	20	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	259
Week 3: Oct 9-15	132	28	20	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	200
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	12	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Oct 2-8	11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Oct 9-15	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11

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: Sep 25-Oct 1	156	28	10	5	-22	.	.	.	.	.	177
Week 2: Oct 2-8	151	37	10	5	15	.	.	.	.	.	218
Week 3: Oct 9-15	142	25	10	5	13	.	.	.	.	.	195
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	372	49	8	7	-15	.	.	.	.	.	421
Week 2: Oct 2-8	360	23	8	13	-15	.	.	.	.	.	389
Week 3: Oct 9-15	392	-3	8	9	-15	.	.	.	.	.	391
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	39	8	-10	-23	-162	.	.	.	.	.	-148
Week 2: Oct 2-8	-128	10	-10	-87	-247	.	.	.	.	.	-462
Week 3: Oct 9-15	-333	10	-10	54	-260	.	.	.	.	.	-539
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	280	230	5	0	-214	.	.	.	.	.	301
Week 2: Oct 2-8	255	95	5	0	-224	.	.	.	.	.	131
Week 3: Oct 9-15	261	-85	5	0	-178	.	.	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 25-Oct 1	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Oct 2-8	11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Oct 9-15	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.
- 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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