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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 in Norfolk, New York, and Oakland, but increased in Los Angeles/Long Beach over the previous week.
- Inland Locations:** Among the reported inland locations, Chicago, Dallas, Memphis, and Columbus are expected to have the most containers available over the next 3 weeks. Availability estimates in Chicago and Memphis fell this week, but increased in Dallas and Columbus.
- Equipment:** Overall, current week availability for all container types combined was down more than 1600 units from the previous week. This is the first drop in container availability estimates in 4 weeks.
 - Availability estimates increased at 11 of the 18 reported locations this week—particularly in New Orleans and Tacoma for 40ft high-cube and refrigerated containers. Overall, however, decreases outweighed increases. The decreases in container availability were mostly for 20ft refrigerated and dry containers, particularly in Chicago, New York, and Oakland (see table below).
 - Availability estimates for 40ft high-cube and refrigerated containers increased slightly; availability of 40ft refrigerated containers continues an upward trend for the sixth consecutive week.

Week-to-Week Comparison of Current Week Availability Estimates

Container type	Week of Aug 14-20	Week of Aug 21-27	Week of Aug 28-Sep 3	Week of Sep 4-10	% Change from Previous Week
20ft dry	11,234	12,339	12,164	10,420	-14%
40ft dry	9,021	9,489	9,159	8,936	-2%
40ft high-cube	18,978	18,650	19,128	19,415	2%
40ft refrigerated	3,311	3,319	3,626	3,718	3%
20ft refrigerated	241	321	314	260	-17%

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National Overview

Week of Sep 4-10, 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)

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

National Overview

Week of Sep 4-10, 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 4-10	85	56	52	40	37	1	.	.	.	.	271
Week 2: Sep 11-17	70	80	71	40	56	2	.	.	.	.	319
Week 3: Sep 18-24	55	83	70	40	61	3	.	.	.	.	312
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	136	106	83	50	39	3	.	.	.	.	417
Week 2: Sep 11-17	180	135	124	50	28	8	.	.	.	.	525
Week 3: Sep 18-24	130	133	164	50	35	6	.	.	.	.	518
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	120	74	69	65	17	1	.	.	.	.	346
Week 2: Sep 11-17	120	134	93	68	21	2	.	.	.	.	438
Week 3: Sep 18-24	120	190	109	87	15	2	.	.	.	.	523
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	58	31	5	1	1	-53	.	.	.	.	43
Week 2: Sep 11-17	62	30	5	2	1	-18	.	.	.	.	82
Week 3: Sep 18-24	59	30	5	4	1	-32	.	.	.	.	67
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	5	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Sep 11-17	6	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Sep 18-24	7	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14

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 4-10	642	314	284	280	65	8	.	.	.	.	1,593
Week 2: Sep 11-17	1,019	522	501	280	8	8	.	.	.	.	2,338
Week 3: Sep 18-24	1,385	610	605	280	6	8	.	.	.	.	2,894
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	76	45	25	8	-7	-900	.	.	.	.	-753
Week 2: Sep 11-17	190	159	93	10	6	-900	.	.	.	.	-442
Week 3: Sep 18-24	191	256	104	8	4	-900	.	.	.	.	-337
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	500	320	265	80	15	11	.	.	.	.	1,191
Week 2: Sep 11-17	500	538	417	151	3	10	.	.	.	.	1,619
Week 3: Sep 18-24	500	787	540	199	2	10	.	.	.	.	2,038
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	152	29	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	191
Week 2: Sep 11-17	163	30	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	203
Week 3: Sep 18-24	176	37	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	223
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	44	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 2: Sep 11-17	40	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
Week 3: Sep 18-24	36	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40

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 4-10	100	84	36	20	14	-4	.	.	.	.	250
Week 2: Sep 11-17	147	128	42	20	12	-1	.	.	.	.	348
Week 3: Sep 18-24	178	175	54	20	18	-3	.	.	.	.	442
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	40	39	16	14	6	2	.	.	.	.	117
Week 2: Sep 11-17	40	56	53	14	5	-1	.	.	.	.	167
Week 3: Sep 18-24	40	80	99	16	19	-2	.	.	.	.	252
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	18	15	10	8	2	-1	.	.	.	.	52
Week 2: Sep 11-17	14	15	11	18	18	0	.	.	.	.	76
Week 3: Sep 18-24	14	15	13	17	30	-1	.	.	.	.	88
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Sep 11-17	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Sep 18-24	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 11-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 18-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 4-10	111	35	14	10	3	-18	.	.	.	.	155
Week 2: Sep 11-17	132	52	29	12	3	-4	.	.	.	.	224
Week 3: Sep 18-24	154	73	38	12	3	-6	.	.	.	.	274
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	151	120	41	17	11	-5	.	.	.	.	335
Week 2: Sep 11-17	194	120	33	36	11	-2	.	.	.	.	392
Week 3: Sep 18-24	217	120	33	53	16	-4	.	.	.	.	435
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	190	93	50	15	14	-2	.	.	.	.	360
Week 2: Sep 11-17	240	121	50	15	32	-1	.	.	.	.	457
Week 3: Sep 18-24	284	151	50	14	31	-3	.	.	.	.	527
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Sep 11-17	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 3: Sep 18-24	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Sep 11-17	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Sep 18-24	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

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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: Sep 4-10	225	118	83	71	40	10	.	.	.	.	547
Week 2: Sep 11-17	332	142	145	105	40	10	.	.	.	.	774
Week 3: Sep 18-24	438	180	182	90	40	15	.	.	.	.	945
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	214	194	158	93	40	10	.	.	.	.	709
Week 2: Sep 11-17	263	210	291	221	40	8	.	.	.	.	1,033
Week 3: Sep 18-24	305	208	432	302	40	11	.	.	.	.	1,298
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	320	278	239	200	176	11	.	.	.	.	1,224
Week 2: Sep 11-17	470	407	254	200	345	10	.	.	.	.	1,686
Week 3: Sep 18-24	653	559	234	200	405	11	.	.	.	.	2,062
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	16	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 2: Sep 11-17	27	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 3: Sep 18-24	32	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 11-17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 18-24	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: Sep 4-10	84	2	1	0	-5	-7	.	.	.	.	75
Week 2: Sep 11-17	117	2	7	0	1	-9	.	.	.	.	118
Week 3: Sep 18-24	146	2	15	5	1	-8	.	.	.	.	161
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	46	14	10	8	6	1	.	.	.	.	85
Week 2: Sep 11-17	70	15	10	14	14	0	.	.	.	.	123
Week 3: Sep 18-24	90	12	10	10	17	1	.	.	.	.	140
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	50	47	10	5	4	2	.	.	.	.	118
Week 2: Sep 11-17	50	86	10	5	-1	5	.	.	.	.	155
Week 3: Sep 18-24	50	123	12	4	-2	5	.	.	.	.	192
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 11-17	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 18-24	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 11-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 18-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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: Sep 4-10	246	195	68	12	8	-116	.	.	.	.	413
Week 2: Sep 11-17	265	195	59	23	9	-168	.	.	.	.	383
Week 3: Sep 18-24	132	195	53	20	9	-192	.	.	.	.	217
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	109	100	46	27	1	-217	.	.	.	.	66
Week 2: Sep 11-17	86	100	29	41	2	-370	.	.	.	.	-112
Week 3: Sep 18-24	80	100	-68	35	4	-551	.	.	.	.	-400
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	300	90	72	71	26	5	.	.	.	.	564
Week 2: Sep 11-17	300	101	127	81	6	2	.	.	.	.	617
Week 3: Sep 18-24	300	155	-70	139	4	1	.	.	.	.	529
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	57	9	2	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	58
Week 2: Sep 11-17	58	43	2	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	93
Week 3: Sep 18-24	59	64	2	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	115
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	29	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 2: Sep 11-17	33	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 3: Sep 18-24	37	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38

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 4-10	54	42	20	1	-10	-10	.	.	.	.	97
Week 2: Sep 11-17	49	61	20	1	-7	-10	.	.	.	.	114
Week 3: Sep 18-24	77	79	20	-3	-4	-8	.	.	.	.	161
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	100	37	1	-5	-8	-10	.	.	.	.	115
Week 2: Sep 11-17	100	83	0	-2	-3	-12	.	.	.	.	166
Week 3: Sep 18-24	100	129	-1	-6	3	-15	.	.	.	.	210
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	140	106	23	6	1	-14	.	.	.	.	262
Week 2: Sep 11-17	140	161	25	6	-2	-15	.	.	.	.	315
Week 3: Sep 18-24	140	198	19	12	-4	-17	.	.	.	.	348
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	23	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Week 2: Sep 11-17	17	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
Week 3: Sep 18-24	9	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 11-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 18-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	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	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 4-10	1,300	842	436	139	45	-98	.	.	.	.	2,664
Week 2: Sep 11-17	1,300	823	637	312	50	-48	.	.	.	.	3,074
Week 3: Sep 18-24	1,300	786	796	487	50	73	.	.	.	.	3,492
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	1,500	1,264	989	354	130	45	.	.	.	.	4,282
Week 2: Sep 11-17	1,500	1,188	1,585	726	251	50	.	.	.	.	5,300
Week 3: Sep 18-24	1,500	1,050	2,418	1,220	356	50	.	.	.	.	6,594
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	5,700	2,182	1,743	267	60	-336	.	.	.	.	9,616
Week 2: Sep 11-17	5,700	2,030	2,805	15	60	-331	.	.	.	.	10,279
Week 3: Sep 18-24	5,700	1,978	3,849	206	60	-499	.	.	.	.	11,294
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	399	324	202	195	100	75	.	.	.	.	1,295
Week 2: Sep 11-17	541	276	250	202	100	75	.	.	.	.	1,444
Week 3: Sep 18-24	636	108	294	245	100	75	.	.	.	.	1,458
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	37	10	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53
Week 2: Sep 11-17	30	10	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49
Week 3: Sep 18-24	52	10	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	71

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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 4-10	75	57	14	2	-15	-53	.	.	.	.	80
Week 2: Sep 11-17	75	32	9	1	-40	-65	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Sep 18-24	75	21	7	2	-53	-80	.	.	.	.	-28
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	154	120	69	49	30	4	.	.	.	.	426
Week 2: Sep 11-17	236	120	77	2	55	10	.	.	.	.	500
Week 3: Sep 18-24	298	120	59	1	80	10	.	.	.	.	568
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	875	162	97	37	27	10	.	.	.	.	1,208
Week 2: Sep 11-17	875	245	176	11	71	8	.	.	.	.	1,386
Week 3: Sep 18-24	875	324	254	8	117	8	.	.	.	.	1,586
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	1	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Sep 11-17	12	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Sep 18-24	16	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 11-17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 18-24	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	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 4-10	172	39	37	20	-8	-11	.	.	.	.	249
Week 2: Sep 11-17	169	13	66	20	-8	-1	.	.	.	.	259
Week 3: Sep 18-24	165	-24	67	20	-7	-2	.	.	.	.	219
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	175	32	24	12	-2	-233	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Sep 11-17	175	53	59	7	-11	-385	.	.	.	.	-102
Week 3: Sep 18-24	175	56	59	5	-9	-536	.	.	.	.	-250
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	150	143	46	3	-3	-8	.	.	.	.	331
Week 2: Sep 11-17	150	116	64	-2	-1	-8	.	.	.	.	319
Week 3: Sep 18-24	150	84	51	-1	-11	-9	.	.	.	.	264
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	0	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-15
Week 2: Sep 11-17	0	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-20
Week 3: Sep 18-24	0	-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-25
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Sep 11-17	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Sep 18-24	-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 4-10	193	46	14	4	1	0	.	.	.	.	258
Week 2: Sep 11-17	26	-14	14	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	29
Week 3: Sep 18-24	102	-51	10	4	-1	0	.	.	.	.	64
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	17	13	12	2	2	0	.	.	.	.	46
Week 2: Sep 11-17	-45	-3	14	3	1	0	.	.	.	.	-30
Week 3: Sep 18-24	-59	-20	12	2	0	0	.	.	.	.	-65
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	57	16	14	4	0	-4	.	.	.	.	87
Week 2: Sep 11-17	51	19	16	-140	0	-4	.	.	.	.	-58
Week 3: Sep 18-24	47	19	10	-286	0	-3	.	.	.	.	-213
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	8	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Sep 11-17	6	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Sep 18-24	4	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	4	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Sep 11-17	4	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 18-24	4	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-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	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 4-10	473	450	435	277	67	30	.	.	.	.	1,732
Week 2: Sep 11-17	654	450	845	521	138	40	.	.	.	.	2,648
Week 3: Sep 18-24	916	450	1,259	666	131	45	.	.	.	.	3,467
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	618	550	376	151	25	-7	.	.	.	.	1,713
Week 2: Sep 11-17	949	550	655	411	35	68	.	.	.	.	2,668
Week 3: Sep 18-24	1,273	550	915	542	40	55	.	.	.	.	3,375
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	950	598	483	437	41	25	.	.	.	.	2,534
Week 2: Sep 11-17	950	1,042	688	836	37	35	.	.	.	.	3,588
Week 3: Sep 18-24	950	1,426	1,093	1,174	34	50	.	.	.	.	4,727
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	277	225	157	63	10	5	.	.	.	.	737
Week 2: Sep 11-17	350	297	196	100	10	5	.	.	.	.	958
Week 3: Sep 18-24	387	376	236	18	10	5	.	.	.	.	1,032
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	25	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35
Week 2: Sep 11-17	30	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
Week 3: Sep 18-24	35	5	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	43

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: Sep 4-10	233	101	50	8	1	-146	.	.	.	.	247
Week 2: Sep 11-17	271	63	50	9	32	-43	.	.	.	.	382
Week 3: Sep 18-24	332	32	50	11	27	69	.	.	.	.	521
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	252	110	80	41	12	-159	.	.	.	.	336
Week 2: Sep 11-17	268	95	80	24	10	-144	.	.	.	.	333
Week 3: Sep 18-24	321	127	80	18	10	-134	.	.	.	.	422
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	100	96	81	12	-14	-72	.	.	.	.	203
Week 2: Sep 11-17	100	205	54	9	95	2	.	.	.	.	465
Week 3: Sep 18-24	100	374	42	9	239	1	.	.	.	.	765
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	161	81	52	10	4	-4	.	.	.	.	304
Week 2: Sep 11-17	148	21	50	10	3	-50	.	.	.	.	182
Week 3: Sep 18-24	136	-61	52	10	1	-29	.	.	.	.	109
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	24	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 2: Sep 11-17	21	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Sep 18-24	20	1	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

*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: Sep 4-10	400	224	160	135	12	-33	.	.	.	.	898
Week 2: Sep 11-17	400	473	100	127	12	-57	.	.	.	.	1,055
Week 3: Sep 18-24	400	503	81	119	16	-58	.	.	.	.	1,061
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	216	150	107	96	51	14	.	.	.	.	634
Week 2: Sep 11-17	191	150	122	139	49	10	.	.	.	.	661
Week 3: Sep 18-24	186	150	72	127	42	14	.	.	.	.	591
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	770	650	115	14	-28	-82	.	.	.	.	1,439
Week 2: Sep 11-17	655	650	121	15	-129	-182	.	.	.	.	1,130
Week 3: Sep 18-24	494	650	140	20	-118	-348	.	.	.	.	838
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	219	66	41	30	1	-190	.	.	.	.	167
Week 2: Sep 11-17	179	26	30	30	1	-137	.	.	.	.	129
Week 3: Sep 18-24	156	-20	22	30	1	-200	.	.	.	.	-11
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	18	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
Week 2: Sep 11-17	22	10	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Week 3: Sep 18-24	26	10	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38

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: Sep 4-10	140	138	94	12	2	-202	.	.	.	.	184
Week 2: Sep 11-17	140	157	92	36	3	-130	.	.	.	.	298
Week 3: Sep 18-24	140	178	77	32	3	-60	.	.	.	.	370
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	161	57	10	6	-46	-263	.	.	.	.	-75
Week 2: Sep 11-17	81	120	10	7	-35	-346	.	.	.	.	-163
Week 3: Sep 18-24	-9	150	10	4	-40	-431	.	.	.	.	-316
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	329	109	80	8	-22	-528	.	.	.	.	-24
Week 2: Sep 11-17	328	182	80	6	-46	-642	.	.	.	.	-92
Week 3: Sep 18-24	412	219	80	7	-38	-735	.	.	.	.	-55
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	200	124	50	10	-3	-26	.	.	.	.	355
Week 2: Sep 11-17	202	119	70	10	8	-61	.	.	.	.	348
Week 3: Sep 18-24	203	121	150	10	19	-19	.	.	.	.	484
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	15	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 2: Sep 11-17	15	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Sep 18-24	15	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17

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 4-10	240	175	25	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	450
Week 2: Sep 11-17	240	483	20	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	752
Week 3: Sep 18-24	240	622	29	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	901
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	79	40	30	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	157
Week 2: Sep 11-17	22	34	30	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	95
Week 3: Sep 18-24	-17	103	30	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	123
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	75	14	8	-50	.	.	.	.	.	.	47
Week 2: Sep 11-17	55	31	8	-50	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 3: Sep 18-24	40	29	8	-50	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	187	22	20	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	245
Week 2: Sep 11-17	142	20	20	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	197
Week 3: Sep 18-24	89	20	20	22	.	.	.	.	.	.	151
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Sep 11-17	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Sep 18-24	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	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 4-10	171	77	10	5	-6	.	.	.	.	.	257
Week 2: Sep 11-17	148	81	10	5	13	.	.	.	.	.	257
Week 3: Sep 18-24	112	122	10	5	11	.	.	.	.	.	260
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	463	8	-12	-15	-126	.	.	.	.	.	318
Week 2: Sep 11-17	500	8	-1	-15	-153	.	.	.	.	.	339
Week 3: Sep 18-24	554	8	-8	-15	-204	.	.	.	.	.	335
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	131	39	8	-10	-311	.	.	.	.	.	-143
Week 2: Sep 11-17	-62	-56	10	-10	-220	.	.	.	.	.	-338
Week 3: Sep 18-24	-192	-235	10	-10	-230	.	.	.	.	.	-657
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	377	118	5	0	-230	.	.	.	.	.	270
Week 2: Sep 11-17	372	51	5	0	-195	.	.	.	.	.	233
Week 3: Sep 18-24	363	64	5	0	-157	.	.	.	.	.	275
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 4-10	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Sep 11-17	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Sep 18-24	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	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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