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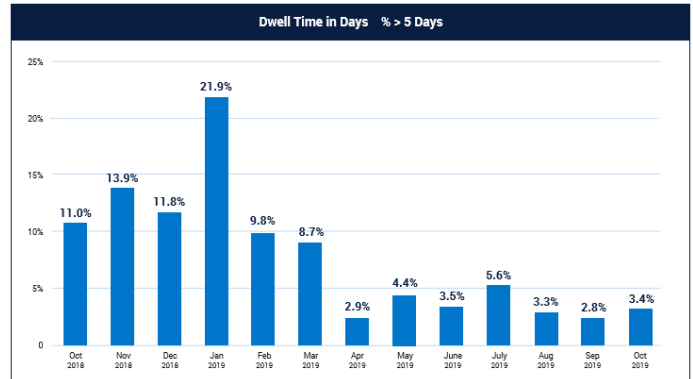
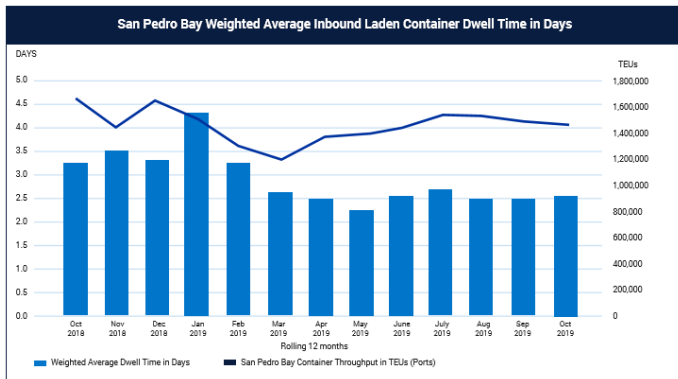
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**Fluid Operations According to October Container Dwell Time**

Container dwell time at San Pedro Bay ports remains relatively low and stable in recent months. The average time a container stayed at a terminal before departing for its destination was 2.56 days. “PMSA likes to see container dwell time under 3 days. Based on the numbers, October was another efficient one for our marine terminal operators,” explained Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs at Pacific Merchant Shipping Association.

Although the average dwell time was low, those containers that exceeded a five day stay, exceeded last month’s average. For the month of October, 3.4% of containers remained at terminals for five or more days before getting picked up – that’s slightly up from the 2.8% of containers who remained five or more days the month before.

Container dwell time is a valuable metric for all stakeholders in the supply chain because it is an indication of fluidity, or the lack thereof. Terminals become congested when cargo is not picked up in a timely manner. There are less container moves needed when containers are not stored for long periods of time, occupying valuable terminal space. The lower the dwell time, the faster the experience for truckers as well. “For October, container dwell time implies congestion was not an issue, but it is important to keep it that way,” emphasized Alvarenga.



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The Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) is an independent, not-for-profit association focused on global trade. PMSA operates offices in Oakland, Long Beach and Seattle, and represents owners and operators of marine terminals and U.S. and foreign vessels operating throughout the world.