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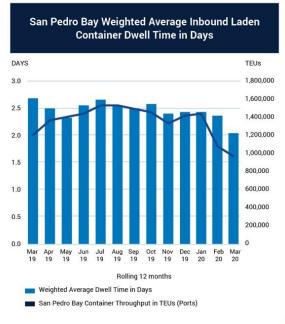
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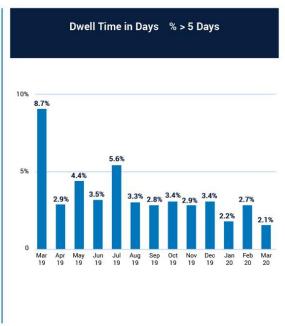
Lowest Container Dwell Time

Containers flowed fluidly through San Pedro Bay ports in March. On average, containers remained at terminals for two days before departing for their destination during the month of March – the lowest since PMSA began tracking container dwell time in 2016.

The number of containers that exceeded five days was also the lowest recorded – only 2.1%.

Container dwell time is an indicative metric of fluidity and efficiency at San Pedro Bay ports. Marine terminal operators work most efficiently when cargo is picked up in a timely manner because old containers do not accumulate and create congestion. "The low container dwell times in March could have been a result of the lower volumes caused by the pandemic, but if cargo ends up being abandoned at marine terminals do to broader economic troubles, it could affect terminal efficiency and cargo flow. It is something we will monitor going forward" said Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs at Pacific Merchant Shipping Association.





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About the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA)

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.