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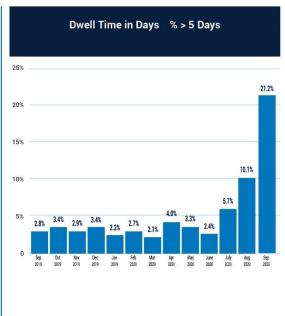
Container Dwell Time in September Among the Highest Ever Reported

Container dwell time at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach has increased, following the current cargo surge. Containers remained an average of 4.3 days upon arrival to their respective terminals during the month of September. This is the second highest dwell time average in any month since PMSA began tracking this data in 2016. The highest dwell time was in January 2019 when beneficial cargo owners (BCOs) rushed to bring in cargo before the tariffs on various Chinese products were enforced. Similarly, import volumes at San Pedro Bay ports have been on the rise as retailers and manufacturers replenish their inventories, prepare for upcoming holidays, and await the possibility of another surge in COVID-19 infections.

"Warehouses have reached capacity, creating a backup at marine terminals. BCOs usually have four days to pick up their cargo before demurrage fees are applied and while it seems they are taking advantage of that free storage time, the number of containers that exceeded a five day stay also increased," explained Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs at the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association. "21.2% of containers at San Pedro Bay ports exceeded a five day stay – the largest amount of containers to remain this long since PMSA began tracking this data," according to Alvarenga.

"The data indicates that terminals are certainly busy, but cargo continues to flow uninterrupted from terminals. Despite being positioned between increasing import volumes and full warehouses, terminal operators are successfully moving the crush of cargo out of the harbor," stated Alvarenga. "This is the third month in a row that San Pedro Bay ports have processed upwards of 1.6 million TEUs, and that is a testament to all of the men and women working in the supply chain. We need to continue working together to keep our port gateways fluid," added Alvarenga."





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