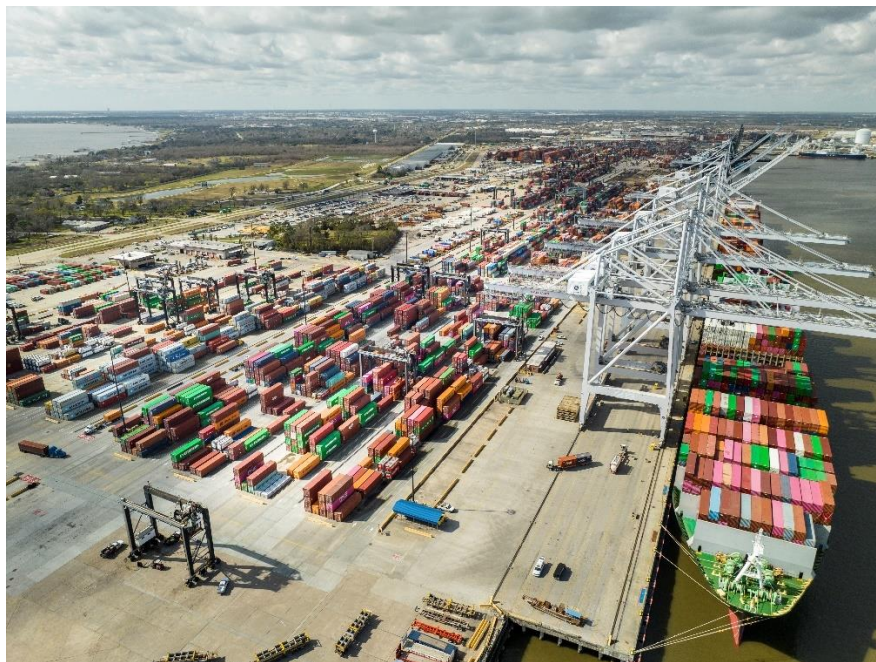




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Steady cargo volumes at Port Houston Loaded exports up through first half of year



Barbour's Cut Container Terminal, Port Houston

HOUSTON – Port Houston handled 315,983 TEUs in June 2023, making the total for the year thus far more than 1.8 million TEUs, a decrease of just 2% compared to last year's record-breaking year. Loaded exports continue to lead the way, with 673,228 TEUs through the first half of the year, an increase of 12% compared to last year. Loaded imports are down 7% year-to-date compared to last.

"It's not surprising that import volumes are slightly under last year's unprecedented pace," said Roger Guenther, Executive Director at Port Houston. "But container activity through Houston remains strong overall. To put it into perspective, import TEUs at Port Houston are up 30% compared to 2019, before the pandemic."

At Port Houston's breakbulk facilities, general cargo declined 22% year-to-date compared to 2022. However, there continues to be demand for rail, oil country goods, line pipe, and other products,

resulting in steel imports up 11% this month compared to June 2022. Auto import units at Port Houston, while down 10% in June are up 30% year-to-date compared to 2022.

Enhancements at Port Houston facilities include recently-added Union Pacific Railroad services to Denver, Salt Lake City, Oakland, Los Angeles, and El Paso and also BNSF Railway services to Greater Dallas/Fort Worth and Denver markets. In addition, work is nearing completion on our newest container dock at Bayport Container Terminal, which is expected to be open later this year.

“As we move into the traditional peak season toward the end of the year, we are ready for the world’s cargo,” said Guenther. “Our customers can continue to count on us for efficiency, reliability, and the top-notch customer service they expect from us.”

About Port Houston

For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the public wharves and terminals along the Houston Ship Channel, including the area’s largest breakbulk facility and two of the most efficient container terminals in the country. Port Houston is the advocate and a strategic leader for the Channel. The Houston Ship Channel complex and its more than 200 private and eight public terminals, collectively known as the Port of Houston, is the nation’s largest port for waterborne tonnage and an essential economic engine for the Houston region, the state of Texas, and the U.S. The Port of Houston supports 1.54 million jobs in Texas and 3.37 million jobs nationwide, and economic activity totaling \$439 billion in Texas – nearly 20 percent of Texas’ total gross domestic product (GDP) – and \$906 billion in economic impact across the nation. For more information, visit the website at PortHouston.com.

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