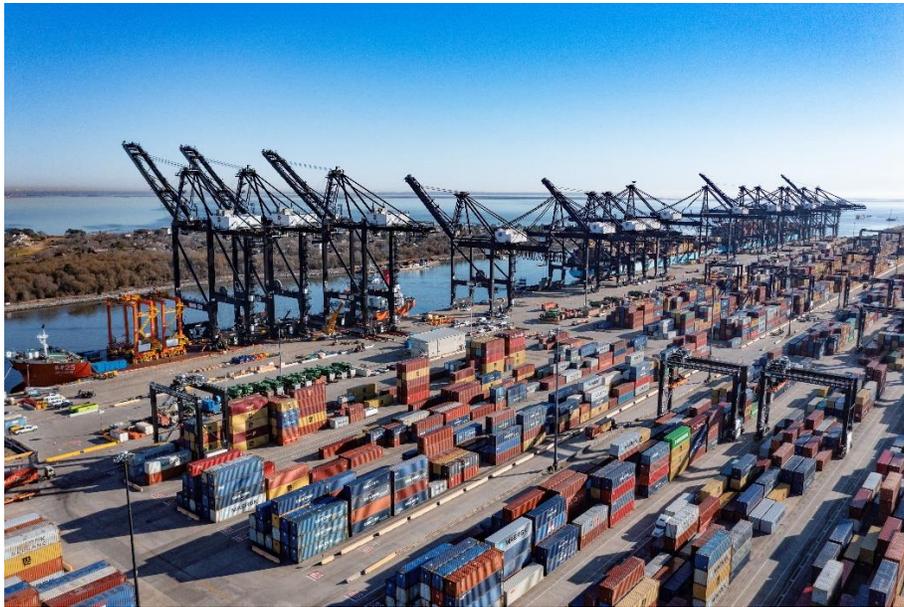




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Biggest July ever for container TEUs at Port Houston More than 2 million TEUs handled so far this year



Bayport Container Terminal, Port Houston

HOUSTON – Container volumes at Port Houston this July were the highest of any previous July on record. A total of 344,163 TEUs were handled during the month, a 5% increase from July 2022. Year-to-date, 2,202,538 TEUs were handled at Port Houston terminals, only 1% less than last year's record volumes.

In July, loaded import volumes at Port Houston were 166,151 TEUs, an increase of 4% compared to last July. Loaded export volumes were up 15% at 117,652 TEUs. Year-to-date loaded export volumes are up 12% compared to last year, mainly due to the strong demand for resins. Overall, Port Houston is seeing a balanced flow of containers, with 51% imports and 49% exports so far this year.

Recently, Port Houston received three new ship-to-shore (STS) cranes at the Bayport Container Terminal as part of an expansion plan to add a wharf at that location. This terminal enhancement will meet future needs and increase overall efficiency and capacity, benefiting both importers and exporters. The cranes will support service of the 15,000 TEU-sized vessels expected to call upon the 2024 completion of the

Bayport Channel portion of the Houston Ship Channel Expansion – Project 11. "These continued investments at Port Houston terminals are part of an overall strategic plan that aims to facilitate smooth flow of goods, create new, good-paying jobs, and drive overall prosperity for our region," said Roger Guenther, Executive Director at Port Houston. "The Houston market continues to thrive and we are well-positioned now and for the future," Guenther added.

Total tonnage across all Port Houston terminals is down 3% through July at 29,850,836 short tons. Steel is down 5% for July 2023 compared to the same month last year, totaling 451,193 tons. However, auto import units have increased by 56% year-to-date compared to the same time period in 2022.

Port Houston is the nation's fifth-largest container port in one of the fastest-growing cities and sits along the Houston Ship Channel, which is the number one waterway in the U.S. Later this year industry leaders will gather in Houston at the second annual Houston International Maritime Conference (HIMC), sponsored by Port Houston. From October 30 – November 1, HIMC attendees will network and enjoy panel discussions on topics including ocean carrier alliances, terminal fluidity, chemicals and resins, breakbulk and project cargo, technology, sustainability, and more. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit <https://porthouston.com/himc/>.

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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