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## **Port Houston Starts New Year on the Rise Biggest January on Record for Container Volumes**



*Port Houston's Barbours Cut Container Terminal*

**HOUSTON** – Port Houston has had a great start to the year as its total container volumes have exceeded any other January on record at its facilities. In the first month of this year, total container volumes reached 332,961 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), which is a 4% increase compared to the same month last year.

"Import and export demand through Houston remains strong and we are certainly off to a great start in 2024," said Roger Guenther, Executive Director at Port Houston.

In fact, container imports increased by 3% in January to 154,493 TEUs, which were driven primarily by strong imports from China in advance of the Lunar New Year. Loaded export volumes also soared, up 9% from the same period last year and totaling 124,137 TEUs. This set a new Port Houston record for loaded exports in January.

Looking toward Port Houston's multipurpose facilities, steel volumes declined by 46% in January compared to the same month last year. Total tonnage across all of Port Houston's terminals declined by 6% in January, totaling 4,187,541 tons.

#### **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 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](http://PortHouston.com).

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