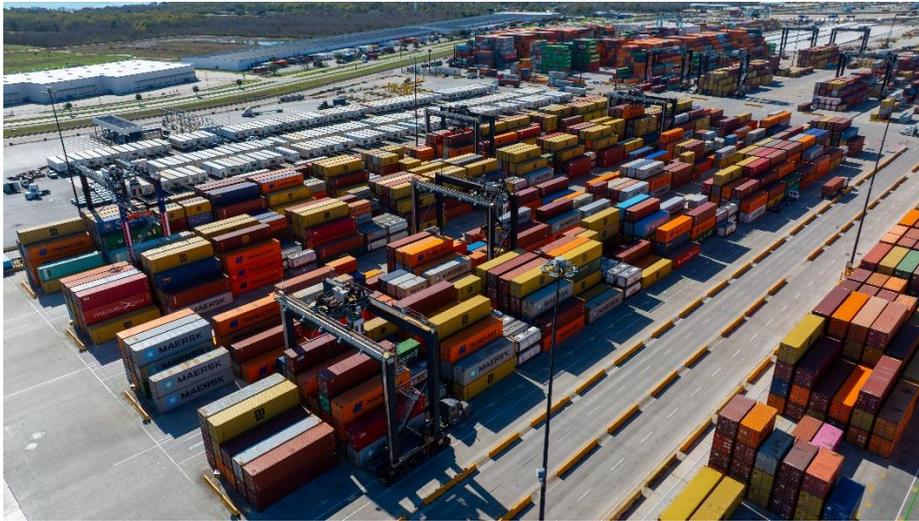




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Port Houston Volumes Up 4% in February



Aerial view of container yard in Port Houston's Barbours Cut Terminal.

HOUSTON — Cargo volumes continued strong at Port Houston in February, up 4% with 4,380,996 short tons handled across the Port's eight public terminals. That brings the year-to-date total to 8,927,585 short tons, a 5% increase year-to-date.

Container activity remained flat this month, with Port Houston handling 326,799 TEUs in February, bringing year-to-date container volumes to 696,833 TEUs, a 2% increase compared with the same period last year. In the first two months of the year, loaded exports increased 5%, and loaded imports rose 3% compared to last year, reflecting continued demand for goods moving through the Houston Ship Channel.

At the Port's multi-purpose facilities, February volumes for dry and liquid bulk were up 28% and 31% respectively, while steel declined 27% year-to-date due to cyclical demand and global market conditions.

The Port Houston team is focused on maintaining an efficient gateway to serve growing customer needs. In February, Port Houston leaders met with top container customers to share current infrastructure projects and priorities, as well as long-term plans to facilitate growth. Over the past decade, Port Houston has been the fastest-growing major container port in the United States, with container volumes increasing at a compound annual growth rate of 7.2% — roughly twice the rate of the next-fastest port. With anticipated continued strong growth in containers, Port Houston is planning now for future needs.

“In February our Port Commission approved the start of construction of Wharf 1 at the Bayport Container Terminal,” said Charlie Jenkins, CEO of Port Houston. “This will add 1,300 linear feet of wharf space when it’s complete in 2028. We also recently completed Wharf 7 at Bayport, which is now open to vessels. Projects like these wharf additions increase our berth capacity significantly and allow us to handle more cargo than ever before.”

As regional demand for cargo continues to grow, Port Houston is also strongly advocating for public officials to expedite roadway connectivity projects. Key freight corridors, such as State Highway 146 and State Highway 225, connect Port Houston’s Barbours Cut and Bayport Container Terminals to regional distribution centers and inland markets. Continued investment in these corridors is essential to ensuring the region’s transportation infrastructure keeps pace with cargo demand.

“We’re routinely meeting with officials to emphasize the importance of their investments in these roadways,” said Jenkins. “Reliable landside connectivity is a crucial component to growth in cargo for our region, which translates to growth in jobs and the overall economy.”

About Port Houston

For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the eight 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.

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