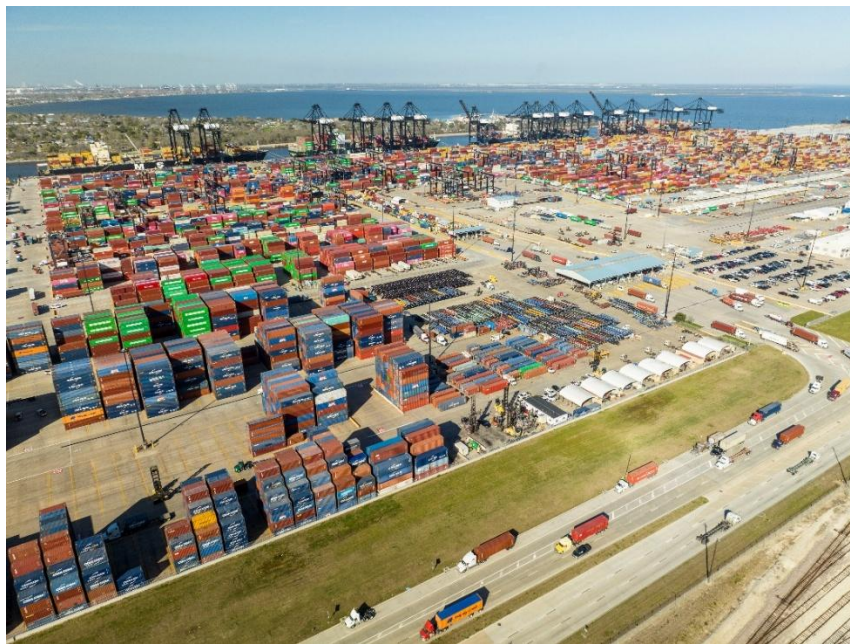




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## **Port Houston Records Double-Digit Gains in Standout July**



*Aerial view of Bayport Container Terminal*

**HOUSTON**—July was a standout month for Port Houston’s public terminals, with double-digit growth in key sectors that pushed year-to-date totals to new heights. Container volumes for July were up a remarkable 21% compared to July 2024, reaching 392,829 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). This is one of the Port’s strongest single-month performances on record. Throughout this year Port Houston has continued to demonstrate strong capacity for growth in containerized cargo and has seen its largest volumes ever. Year-to-date, Port Houston has handled 2,562,506 TEUs, up 6% and making this year the fastest paced in the Port’s history.

Loaded import growth at Port Houston surged 19% for the month of July compared to last year, the largest increase seen in a top five U.S. container port. Loaded exports, primarily resins, have steadily grown throughout the year and reached an 18% increase in July compared to last year. Port Houston continues to be the market leader for resins exports. Total loaded containers at Port Houston are up 5% so far this year.

General cargo volumes at Port Houston's public terminals rose 10% year-to-date through July. Notably, steel imports, comprised of a variety of products frequently used in the oil and gas market, were up 41% compared to July 2024 and 8% year-to-date, totaling 2,704,658 short tons so far this year. Overall tonnage across the public facilities reached 32,647,865 short tons through July, up 6% from the prior year.

"July's volume performance reflects our Port's commitment to providing a low-cost, high-service, low-risk gateway and demonstrates that our customers are trusting us with their cargo during these uncertain times," said Charlie Jenkins, CEO at Port Houston.

Port Houston continues to make important investments to prepare for the expected future cargo volumes. "During times like these it can be daunting to invest in infrastructure," said Jenkins, "But at Port Houston, our strategic investments have proven to be a strength that allows us to continue to meet the needs of our customers and bolsters shipper confidence in bringing new volumes to the region."

Wharf 7 at Bayport Container Terminal — a new 1,000-foot berth that will increase vessel capacity from four to five ships and decrease anchor wait time — is on track for completion nearly two months early. Construction is expected to wrap up in December. This is the latest addition that is part of a robust infrastructure growth plan that will continue to add container capacity at the public terminals.

Port Houston is also earning national recognition for its commitment to sustainable development. The Houston Ship Channel Expansion, or Project 11, recently received the Environmental Excellence Award from the Western Dredging Association (WEDA) for its beneficial use-focused design. Nearly 100% of the engineering-grade dredged material from the Galveston Bay segment (more than 15 million cubic yards) has been repurposed to create 10 acres of bird islands, 276 acres of intertidal marsh, and 324 acres of oyster reefs, while unlocking more than 600 acres of future operations and maintenance capacity.

"Project 11 is helping ensure the nation's number one waterway expands responsibly and remains one of the most important economic corridors in the world," Jenkins said. "This award underscores our view that growth and sustainability can work hand in hand and recognizes our team's thoughtful planning."

This recent expansion of the Houston Ship Channel now allows up to 17,000 TEU ships to call Bayport Terminal. The final Port-led portion of Project 11 dredging is scheduled to be complete later this summer. Additional segments will be led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

#### **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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