



## **Cargo Rises in September in Long Beach** **Double-digit growth continues during 'peak season'**

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Cargo volume climbed 14.7 percent at the Port of Long Beach in September compared to the same month one year ago, fueled by double-digit gains in both imports and exports of containerized goods.



A total of 587,114 TEUs (or twenty-foot equivalent container units) moved through Long Beach in September. Imports increased 16.2 percent to 307,981 TEUs. Exports rose by 17.2 percent to 134,676 TEUs.

Empties were up 9.4 percent to 144,457 TEUs. With imports exceeding exports, empties are sent overseas to be refilled with goods.

For the first nine months of 2013, cargo container volume is up 13.7 percent —including 16.2 percent more imports, 11.5 percent more exports and 10.8 percent more empties.

For the year's third quarter -- July-September -- imports are up 16.1 percent compared to third quarter 2012. For the Port of Long Beach and the Port of Los Angeles combined, imports are up 5.7 percent for the third quarter.

For Long Beach alone, September is the second busiest month of 2013 so far, behind August. Traditionally, August through October is the "peak season" for ocean-borne imports, as retailers prepare for a rise in buying as the end-of-the-year holidays approach.

For the latest monthly cargo numbers, [click here](#).

For more details on the cargo numbers, visit [www.polb.com/stats](http://www.polb.com/stats).

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