Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group

Port Performance Metrics

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- How do we address the diversity of port types and operations?
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U.S. Port Examples

- Port of Charleston selected metrics
- Port of Virginia selected metrics
- Port of Oakland performance metrics initiative

Foreign Examples

- Transport Canada Gateways & Trade Corridors Fluidity Indicator
- PPRISM ESPO Dashboard Pilot (through 2013)
- EU PORTOPIA program

Port of Charleston publishes selected weekly metrics









Port of Virginia Website Metrics

The Port of Virginia provides selected weekly metrics



Oakland's Port Efficiency Task Force has identified selected performance metrics of interest to customers and stakeholders:

- Truck wait-time outside terminal gates (street time)
- Truck turn-time within the marine terminal
- On-time vessel arrival
- Import dwell time (average time from vessel discharge to out-gate)
- Average rail transit time
- Percent of import shipments placed on Customs hold
- Average Customs hold time
- Chassis availability (inventory, out-of-service units/%, # units idle over 60-days)

Data are being compiled from multiple sources for publication on the Port website

Transport Canada Fluidity Indicator Program

Transport Canada collects and publishes data on transit time and reliability as well as port performance indicators



PORTOPIA objectives:

- To support the European Port Industry with meaningful performance data to increase individual port and port transport system performance
- To support policy formulation and monitor policy implementation

Data	Publicly available?
Throughput volume at	Yes, for most ports, available in PORTOPIA.
port level	
Throughput volume at	No, terminals do not disclose their volumes.
terminal level	
Total ship calls per port	Yes but imperfectly, not all ports report this publicly
Volume loaded and	No, this is proprietary to shipping lines (& terminals)
unloaded per ship	
Ship's time at berth	No, even though for ships with AIS such data can be
	generated.
Size (m2) of terminal	Imperfectly, for some terminals this is available,
	based on satellite images from Google, for others not,
	given the absence of visible 'boundaries' between
	terminals.
Quay length	Yes, based on satellite images from Google.

Capacity may be based on port/terminal estimates, third-party estimates, or engineering studies

Bulk, container, and inland ports may have different capacity metrics and concerns

Near-term throughput capacity may be limited by one or more factors, including:

- Terminal/yard storage capacity
- Berth length
- Berth/channel draft
- Handling equipment/crane capacity
- Operating hours
- Inland transport capacity

Bulk Terminal Capacity Factors



Container Terminal Capacity Factors



Marine Container Terminal Characteristics



Container yard capacity depends on acreage and storage density

- Lower storage densities usually mean less handling and lower cost
- Terminal designers and managers "densify" to accommodate rising volume

DENSITY	TYPE	COMMENT	
VERY LOW DENSITY 80 TEU/acre	Ro/Ro or Ship's Gear Wheeled Combination	Very small, barge, specialized Small, mixed, legacy	
	Dedicated Wheeled	Older terminals when new	
LOW DENSITY	Wheeled/Top-pick	Transition terminals	
80 TEU/acre	Top-pick/Wheeled		
MID DENSITY	Straddle/Top-pick/Wheeled	"Hybrid" terminal	
100-200 TEU/acre	RTG/Top-pick/Wheeled	Dominant "hybrid" type	
HIGH DENSITY	Straddle Carrier	NIT Virginia, Maher NYNJ	
160-300 TEU/acre	RTG	No US example	
VERY HIGH DENSITY	рмс	ADM Dortemouth	
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Assumptions and rules of thumb

- Maximum annual TEU slot turnover = 70 turns (5 day dwell, 350 days/yr)
- Crane available 16 hours/day (two shifts), 250 days/yr
- Modern crane maximum = 35 moves/hr
- Vessel spacing at berth = vessel beam
- Maximum of 260 annual calls per berth (5 per week)
- Working draft = channel/berth draft 3 feet
- Maximum vessel sailing draft = 92% of design draft
- Sustainable capacity = 80% of maximum capacity

Example: Terminal with 7 Cranes

- 7 cranes @ max of 4,000 hrs/yr = 28,000 crane hours
- 80% = 22,400 sustainable crane hours
- Maximum crane productivity of 35 containers per hour
- 80% = 28 cont./hr x 1.54 TEU/container = 54 TEU/hr
- Sustainable crane capacity = 54x22,400 = 1,209,600 TEU/yr

With existing terminal layouts and handling densities, U.S. container ports had reserve CY capacity in 2010



How do we measure utilization and productivity?

Utilization is throughput/capacity expressed as a percentage

- Utilization is strongly affected by the timing of capacity additions versus demand growth
- Low utilization may signal low productivity, loss of demand, or reserve capacity
- High utilization may signal high productivity, demand spikes, or capacity constraints

Productivity is typically a ratio of throughput per asset unit

- TEU or tons per acre
- Vessel or barge calls per berth
- Crane moves per hour

Averages summarize key characteristics and "smooth out" differences between terminals and over time

- Average truck turn time
- Average tons per vessel or barge call
- Average cranes per berth

Bulk & Container Port Basics

Common Accessible Port Data

- Cargo Tonnage
- Terminal Acres
- Berths & Length
- Vessel/Barge Calls & Sizes
- Vessel/Barge Dwell Time

Potential Common Port Metrics

- Tons per Acre
- Tons per Berth/Berth Foot
- Tons per Vessel/Barge Call
- Vessel Calls per Berth
- Average Vessel/Barge Size
- Average Vessel/Barge Dwell Time
- Tons per Vessel/Barge Hour

Container Port Data and Metrics

Port Metric	Data Needs	Availability?
Overall Port Metrics		
Annual TEU	Port TEU	Yes
Port TEU Capacity	Terminal Capacities	From terminals - definitions?
Excess/Reserve Capacity	Port TEU, Terminal Capacities	From terminals - definitions?
Land and CY Productivity		
TEU/Gross Acre	Port TEU, Gross Acres	Yes
TEU/Net Acre	Port TEU, Net Acres	Estimate Net Acres
TEU/CY Acre	Port TEU, CY Acres	Estimate CY Acres
Net/Gross Ratio	Gross Acres, Net Acres	Estimate Net Acres
CY Slot Turns	Port TEU, CY Slots	Estimate Slots
Container Dwell Time	Container Dwell time (by type?)	From terminals
Container Crane Productivity		
Annual TEU or Moves/Crane	Port TEU or moves, Cranes	Yes
Annual TEU or Moves/Available Crane Hour	Port TEU or moves, Cranes, Port hours	Yes
Avg. TEU or moves/Vessel Dwell Hour	Port TEU or moves, Vessel Dwell Time	Yes
Avg. TEU or moves/Working Crane Hour	Port TEU or moves, Working Crane Hours	From terminals - definitions?
Berth Productivity		
Cranes/Berth	Cranes, Berths	Yes
Gross acres/Berth	Acres, Berths	Yes
Net, CY acres/Berth	Acres, Berths	Estimate Net/CY Acres
Annual TEU or moves/Berth	Port TEU/moves, Berths	Yes
Annual TEU or moves/Foot	Port TEU/moves, Feet	Yes
Annual Vessel Calls/Berth	Vessel calls, Berths	Yes
Average Vessel Dwell Time	Vessel Calls, Vessel Dwell Time	Yes
Annual TEU or moves/Vessel call	Port TEU, Vessel calls	Yes

Truck, Rail, and Chassis Metrics

Port Metric	Data Needs	Availability?
Truck Productivity		
Average Total Truck Turn Time	Total Truck Turn Time	Needs New Data Sources
Average Terminal Turn Time	Terminal Turn Time	From terminals
Average Queue Time	Truck Queue Time	Needs New Data Sources
Trouble Ticket Frequency	Trouble Ticket Records	From terminals - definitions?
Rail Productivity		
Average Rail Container Dwell Time	Rail Container Dwell Time	From terminals - definitions?
Annual TEU/Moves per Rail Acre	Rail TEU. Rail Acres	Yes
Chassis Productivity		
Chassis Out of Service Ratio	Chassis fleet & OSS records	From Chassis Providers - Confidentiality?
Container per Chassis Ratio	Chassis availability by terminal	From Chassis Providers - Confidentiality?

Annual TEU per Acre has been used to compare U.S. container ports with each other and (often unfavorably) with foreign ports

Annual TEU per acre can be a misleading metric.

- TEU per acre measures land productivity, but land may be the least costly terminal asset
- On-dock rail intermodal facilities add to acreage and distort comparisons
- Terminal expansion adds capacity but reduces TEU per acre
- Some terminals have moved chassis and empty container storage to off-dock sites, effectively increasing acreage
- Higher CY storage densities increase TEU per acre but also increase costs and truck turn times

Average TEU Slots per CY Acre

- U.S. ports averaged about 190 TEU slots per CY acre in 2010
- Averages are due to port and terminal storage type mixes



TEU per CY Acre

Wheeled container yard means:

- Low storage density and no CY lift equipment
- Two longshore moves, one trucker move



TEU per CY Acre

Stacked container yard with chassis pool means:

- Higher storage density with CY lift equipment
- Four longshore moves, two trucker moves



Vessel dwell time is a function of:

- The number of containers or tonnage to be loaded and unloaded
- Terminal resources available (e.g. cranes per berth and vessel)
- The efficiency with which those resources are employed

Vessel dwell time is not a linear function of cargo volume, since each vessel typically requires:

- 2-4 hours to be tied up and readied for cargo operations
- 2-4 hours to be readied for departure after cargo operations

Vessel dwell time also varies with the timing of arrival and departure.

- Late vessels may result in overlapping calls and delays
- A vessel that arrives in mid-shift my not be worked until the start of the next full shift

AAPA and MARAD data can provide average vessel capacity and average TEU per vessel call



Crane moves per hour as a terminal efficiency metric poses methodological and data collection challenges.

- "Cranes moves" may include handling hatch covers and restowing containers as well as movement of imports and exports
- "Hours" may include or exclude scheduled breaks, yard congestion delays, and other factors depending on data collection practice
- Crane moves per hour can be affected by vessel stowage and adjacent bay constraints, particularly with large alliance vessels.
- The use of additional cranes to shorten vessel dwell time may compromise crane productivity
- Agreements between carriers and terminals sometimes specify the number of cranes to be provided per vessel call

Truck Turn Time

Truck turn time includes waiting/queue time and terminal time.

- Terminal turn times vary by time of day and transaction type
- Port-wide average terminal turn times could be compiled from terminal information systems
- Compiling queueing times would require new data collection efforts and technology applications.



Truck Turn Time

There is limited information on turn times at U.S. ports:

- Port of Oakland sponsors DrayQ with queue and terminal times from Bluetooth data
- Southern California Harbor Trucking Association (HTA) publishes
 monthly total turn time averages for LALB terminals from GPS data
- The Ports of Charleston and Virginia post weekly data on terminal turn time
- Some marine terminals publish turn times



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