

## Long Beach Cargo Down in May Same month last year reached record for Port

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Port of Long Beach cargo volumes in May fell compared to a year ago, when a historic high was set for the month.

A variety of factors are combining to impact international trade, according to Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero.

"One year into the trade war, escalating tariffs have pushed retailers to order goods early, warehouses are brimming with inventory as a result, and in response, ocean carriers are managing their vessels to deal with reduced demand," Cordero said. "We are hopeful Washington and Beijing can resolve their differences before we see long-term changes to the supply chain that impact jobs in both nations."



A total of 573,623 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) moved through the Port in May, 16.6% down compared to the same month in 2018. Imports decreased 19.5% to 290,568 TEUs. Exports declined 15.3% to 120,577 TEUs, while empty containers sent overseas dipped 11.7% to 162,479 TEUs.

Calendar year to date, the Port has handled more than 3 million containers, 6% fewer than the same point in 2018.

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

More detailed cargo numbers are at [www.polb.com/stats](http://www.polb.com/stats).

The Port of Long Beach is one of the world's premier seaports, a gateway for trans-Pacific trade and a trailblazer in goods movement and environmental stewardship. With 175 shipping lines connecting Long Beach to 217 seaports, the Port handles \$200 billion in trade annually, supporting hundreds of thousands of Southern California jobs.

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*Photo caption: COSCO Shipping Rose calls at the Port of Long Beach in May 2019.*

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