

Port of Melbourne Trade Report - Aug 2026

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Port of Melbourne Container Terminals Productivity

Container Terminals Productivity Information	Units	Port of Melbourne International Container Terminals
Total containers	Containers	183,213
Total containers	TEU	296,288
Average berth throughput	TEU / berth metre	116
Average container exchange	TEU / vessel visit	2,993
Average container exchange	Containers / vessel visit	1,851

Port of Melbourne Container Trade

Container Trade Sector	Units	Port of Melbourne
Full containers		
Full overseas imports	TEU	135,438
Full overseas exports	TEU	69,668
Full Bass Strait imports	TEU	8,633
Full Bass Strait exports	TEU	11,791
Full mainland coastal imports	TEU	4,232
Full mainland coastal exports	TEU	4,781
Total full containers	TEU	234,543
Total empty containers	TEU	88,758
Total containers	TEU	323,301
Total containers (excl Bass Strait direct)	TEU	299,567

Container Trade	Units	Port of Melbourne
Total transshipment containers	TEU	34,864
Total 20' or less containers	Containers	85,711
Total greater than 20' containers	Containers	118,795

Port of Melbourne Non Containerised Trade

Non Containerised Trade	Units	Port of Melbourne
Motor vehicle trade volume	revenue tonnes	847,362
Motor vehicle trade volume	units	48,200
Break bulk trade volume	revenue tonnes	88,765
Liquid bulk trade volume	revenue tonnes	460,295
Dry bulk trade volume	revenue tonnes	577,073
Other trade volume	revenue tonnes	334,819

Port of Melbourne Trade : Top Commodities

Containers

1. Furniture
2. Fruit & Veg
3. Electrical Equipment
4. Misc. Manuf.
5. Metal Manufactures

Break bulk

1. New Motor Vehicles
2. Transport Equip.
3. Machinery
4. Second Hand Motor Veh.
5. Metal Manufactures

Dry bulk

1. Cereal Grains
2. Cement
3. Crude Fert & Minerals, NEI
4. Fruit & Veg
5. Gypsum

Containers

6. Paper & Fibre Boards
7. Plastic Ware
8. Stockfeed
9. Cereal Grains
10. Misc. Food Prep.

Liquid bulk

1. Petroleum Products
2. Chemicals
3. Tallow
4. Vegetable oils
5. Oils, Fats, Wax

Others

1. Misc. Manuf.
2. Misc. Food Prep.
3. Dairy Products
4. Timber
5. Livestock

Glossary

Revenue tonnes - a quantity measure based on the greater of weight in mass tonnes and volume in cubic metres

TEU - a twenty foot equivalent unit, the international measure for standardizing container throughput numbers.

Motor Vehicles - comprises of new motor vehicles, second hand motor vehicles and transport equipment.

Bass Strait direct - domestic cargo only, shipped direct from Melbourne to Tasmania, or Tasmania to Melbourne.