

Port of Melbourne Trade Report - Jan 2026

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Approval - Approved by Saul Cannon, CEO on delegation from the PoM Board

Port of Melbourne Container Terminals Productivity

Container Terminals Productivity Information	Units	Port of Melbourne International Container Terminals
Total containers	Containers	145,512
Total containers	TEU	235,286
Average berth throughput	TEU / berth metre	92
Average container exchange	TEU / vessel visit	2,801
Average container exchange	Containers / vessel visit	1,732

Port of Melbourne Container Trade

Container Trade Sector	Units	Port of Melbourne
Full containers		
Full overseas imports	TEU	109,039
Full overseas exports	TEU	44,489
Full Bass Strait imports	TEU	7,229
Full Bass Strait exports	TEU	11,958
Full mainland coastal imports	TEU	1,216
Full mainland coastal exports	TEU	2,642
Total full containers	TEU	176,573
Total empty containers	TEU	85,703
Total containers	TEU	262,276
Total containers (excl Bass Strait direct)	TEU	237,036

Container Trade	Units	Port of Melbourne
Total transshipment containers	TEU	21,091
Total 20' or less containers	Containers	72,322
Total greater than 20' containers	Containers	94,977

Port of Melbourne Non Containerised Trade

Non Containerised Trade	Units	Port of Melbourne
Motor vehicle trade volume	revenue tonnes	600,282
Motor vehicle trade volume	units	34,592
Break bulk trade volume	revenue tonnes	85,905
Liquid bulk trade volume	revenue tonnes	490,034
Dry bulk trade volume	revenue tonnes	348,161
Other trade volume	revenue tonnes	371,684

Port of Melbourne Trade : Top Commodities

Containers

1. Furniture
2. Electrical Equipment
3. Misc. Manuf.
4. Metal Manufactures
5. Paper & Fibre Boards

Containers

6. Misc. Food Prep.
7. Cereal Grains
8. Machinery
9. Plastic Ware
10. Fruit & Veg

Break bulk

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

Liquid bulk

1. Petroleum Products
2. Chemicals
3. Tallow
4. Vegetable oils
5. Molasses

Dry bulk

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

Others

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

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.