

MARKET

- Freight shipments fell 4.1% sequentially in June, reversing all of May's gain, according to data provided by Cass Information Systems. With a cooling in consumer spending and new highs in inflation (9.1% annualized, according to June data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics(BLS)), the freight industry appears to be on the downside of the freight cycle as the back half of 2022 begins. ([Freightwaves July 2022](#))
- The Cass Freight Expenditure Index, which measures the total amount spent on freight, reached an all-time high in June, jumping 8.3% from May on a seasonally adjusted comparison. It is up 25% year over year. ([Freightwaves July 2022](#))
- Trucking firms added 20,600 jobs in June according to the BLS. The jobs gain pushes trucking employment to nearly 5% above pre-pandemic peak levels in 2019. ([JOC July 2022](#))
- The average cost for a gallon of diesel gas in June was \$5.754. Up \$2.467 per gal year over year. ([US Energy Information Administration July 2022](#))

LTL

- The US Producer Price Index for long distance less-than-truckload (LTL) is up 9.71% year over year. ([YCHARTS July 2022](#))
- LTL carriers, from FedEx Freight at the top of the market on down, remain focused on "revenue quality." In its quarter ended May 31, FedEx Freight increased its revenue per hundredweight, a measure of profitability based partly on pricing, 30.2% y/y, while revenue per shipment rose 28%. Volumes dropped 3.8%. ([JOC June 2022](#))
- "For the next several years, LTL is going to be the most valuable combination of letters in the US ground transportation alphabet," Tom Schmitt, chairman and CEO of Forward Air. That's because LTL can deliver smaller shipments with a precision that is lacking in other modes, outside parcel Schmitt said. ([JOC July 2022](#))

TRUCKLOAD

- Spot truckload posted loads fell 20.2% from May to June and are down 26% year over year. ([DAT freight & Analytics July 2022](#))
- Spot van rates continued to fall for the 5th consecutive month to \$2.68/mile, compared to \$3.10/mile in January. ([DAT freight & Analytics July 2022](#))
- In May, net motor carrier revocations hit a record high of 9,300, according to an analysis of federal data by FTR Transportation Intelligence. This is a direct result of higher operating costs and a softening market. The majority of the carriers leaving the market are small fleets, 70% of which are just one truck. ([Freightwaves June 2022](#))
- Demand for Class 8 trucks remains strong, with orders totaling 15,500 in June and pushing out the backlog to 7.6 months. ([ACT research July 2022](#))

PARCEL

- USPS proposed rate hike of 6.5% went into effect July 10th. (Transportation & Logistics Council July 2022)
- FedEx is investing \$2 billion in a new plan known as “Network 2.0” which will optimize and combine resources between FedEx Express, Ground and Freight. By fiscal year 2027 FedEx expects to operate 100 fewer stations. ([SupplyChainDive June 2022](#))

MARITIME

- The Port of Los Angeles handled 876,611 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of total throughput for last month, making it the highest-performing June ever. ([Freightwaves July 2022](#))
- The Port of Long Beach handled a total throughput of 835,412 TEUs in June, up 15.3% y/y, making it the strongest June in the port’s history. ([Freightwaves July 2022](#))
- The combined number of import containers at both the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports dwelling for nine days or more has more than doubled since early February, to 48,932. Rail delays are the major culprit. “All eyes are focused on improving the rail product. Full stop. The bottom line is that we must take action on this issue immediately to avoid a nationwide logjam,” warned Gene Seroka, the executive director of the Port of Los Angeles. ([Freightwaves July 2022](#))