

# JARRETT SUPPLY CHAIN REPORT



## MARKET

- The Cass Freight Index, which measures overall North American freight volumes and expenditures, reported shipment counts fell 0.4% month over month (m/m) in May, and are down 4% year over year (y/y). Freight expenditures were up 1.4% m/m, and 0.8% y/y. ([Cass Freight Index June 2025](#))
- The United States and China are nearing a deal on tariffs and other trade provisions after negotiations between the White House and Beijing officials the week of June 9. ([SupplyChainDive June 2025](#))
- President Trump made an official presidential proclamation, announcing plans to hike steel and aluminum tariffs up from 25% to 50%. The presidential proclamation exempts the United Kingdom from the heightened duties until at least July 9, as part of the recently proposed trade deal between the two countries. ([SupplyChainDive June 2025](#))
- The average price of diesel fuel in the U.S. was \$3.47/gallon on June 9. It is down 5.39% y/y. ([US EIA June 2025](#))

## LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOAD (LTL)

- FedEx Corp. has announced some of the new leaders for its less-than-truckload unit that is expected to be spun off into a new publicly traded company by June 2026. ([FreightWaves May 2025](#))
- After 22 months of consecutive tonnage increases following Yellow Corp.'s shutdown, LTL carrier Saia reported a modest decline in volume during May. ([FreightWaves June 2025](#))
- Soft demand for less-than-truckload (LTL) freight and service in the U.S. appears poised to get even softer, as publicly owned LTL providers prepare to release mid-quarter market reports. ([JOC June 2025](#))

## TRUCKLOAD (TL)

- The TL linehaul index, which tracks rates without fuel and accessorial surcharges, posted a 0.6% y/y increase for the month. The index decreased 0.8% from April to May. ([Cass Freight Index June 2025](#))

- Excess capacity made it difficult for truckload carriers to gain traction in the market, except through acquisitions. The largest truckload carriers reduced their capacity throughout the year, parking or selling underutilized trucks. ([JOC May 2025](#))
- Intermodal carriers sounded a little more upbeat than they were just a few weeks ago at an investor conference held in Chicago on Tuesday, June 10. ([FreightWaves June 2025](#))
- U.S. truckload rates increased slightly in May when compared to April. Dry van spot rates rose 0.5% m/m, and were up 1.0% y/y. Flatbed spot rates were flat m/m, and were up 1.2% y/y. The number of spot loads posted in May increased 5.3% m/m, and were up by 7.2% y/y. ([DAT Freight & Analytics June 2025](#))

## PARCEL

- UPS has rolled out a barrage of surcharge changes since May that could introduce further pricing pressure for shippers. The carrier has hiked its fuel fee calculations, added a new international levy and tweaked the list of ZIP codes in which delivery area surcharges apply, among other adjustments. ([SupplyChainDive June 2025](#))
- FedEx's fuel surcharge adjustments build upon ongoing pricing pressures that parcel shippers have seen over the past year. Fee additions, as well as increases and changes among major carriers are eating into rate discounts shippers have secured in a competitive market. ([SupplyChainDive June 2025](#))
- DHL Express Canada workers were locked out just after midnight on June 8 and went on strike in response hours later, after the two sides failed to reach a deal on a new collective bargaining agreement. ([SupplyChainBrain June 2025](#))
- Crowdsourced delivery technology company Veho has begun testing whether wheeled-legged parcel delivery robots - capable of navigating stairs, porches, gates and uneven terrain - can boost productivity in urban environments. ([FreightWaves May 2025](#))

## INTERNATIONAL

- Ocean freight rates from India to U.S. East Coast trade are gaining momentum as carriers shift vessels to the trans-Pacific following a pause in the steepest U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods. ([JOC May 2025](#))
- June has seen significant changes in trans-Pacific container rates, marking a significant shift on the shipping horizon as the peak season approaches. Container rates from Asia to the U.S. West Coast surged, as shippers pushed the peak season early to frontload

goods ahead of potential tariff pauses in July and August, while ocean lines implemented general rate increases as of June 1. ([FreightWaves June 2025](#))

- Retailers are forecasting an import cargo surge at U.S. ports this summer...as they brace for the peak back-to-school and fall-winter holiday seasons. ([FreightWaves June 2025](#))
- The Drewry WCI Composite index, which measures the bi-weekly ocean freight rate movements of 40-ft. containers in seven major maritime lanes, remained stable at \$3,543 per 40-ft. container on June 12. It is down 26.2% y/y. ([Drewry June 2025](#))