

# Do U.S. container terminals need more capacity? And if so, how can they achieve this?

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# U.S. Southeast and Gulf Container Terminals Market Overview

- Market demand grew at 5.9% CAGR since 2009
- 2029 Demand may be between 20M to 26M TEU
- Potential to handle additional 6 to 12M TEU



	Estimated Study Area Population			Ports Throughput	
	Coastal	Non-Coastal	Total	TEU/year	TEU/1M People
Year 2010	80,310,739	41,854,895	122,165,634	9,341,240	76,464
Year 2018	88,522,771	42,836,329	131,359,100	14,142,663	107,664
% Growth	10.2%	2.3%	7.5%	51.4%	41%

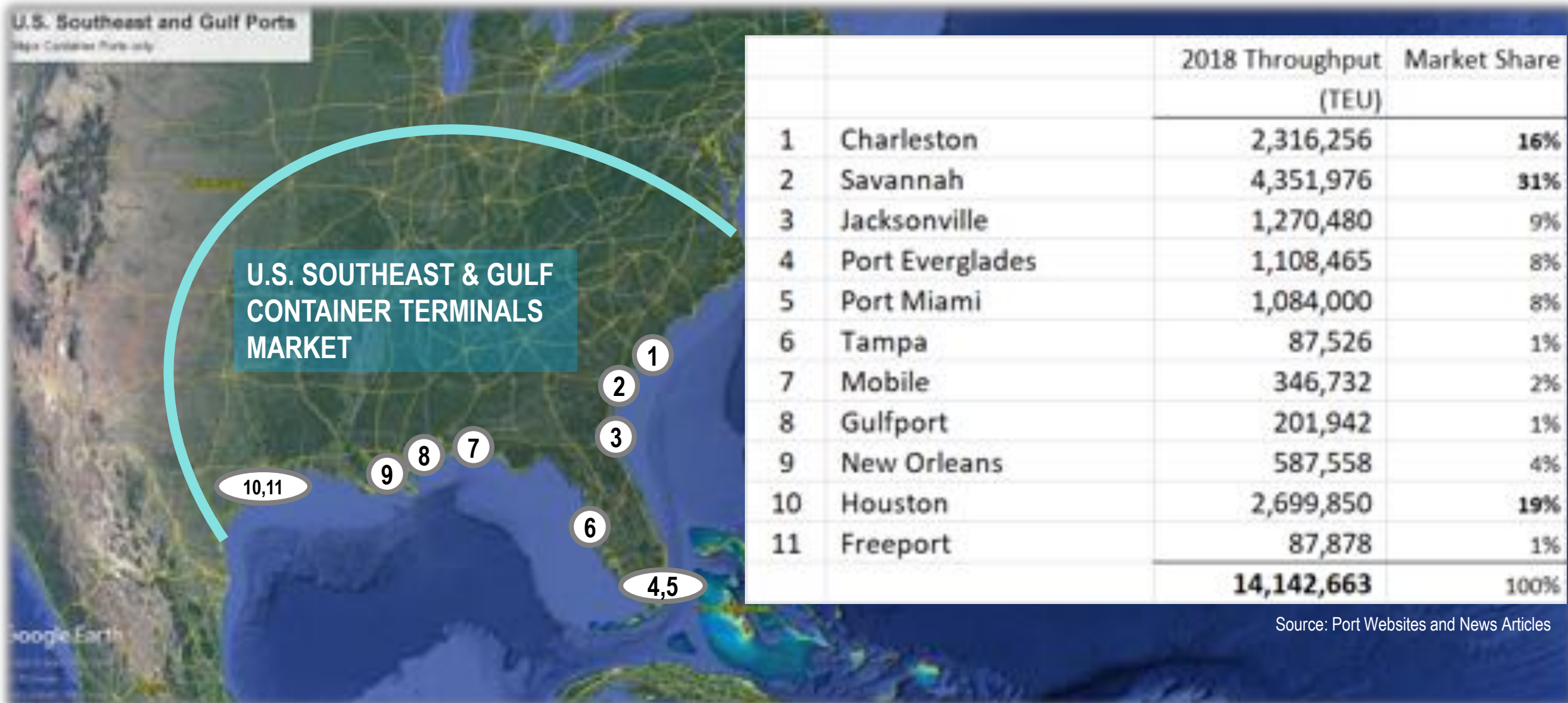
Source: U.S. Census Data, Port Websites and News Articles

Coastal: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas  
Non-Coastal: Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, New Mexico and growing...





# Year 2018 Market Size was ~15M TEU, 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of it Handled by 3 Ports



# When the Market grows, Most Ports grow...Some more than others

## U.S. Southeast and Gulf Ports

### Growth > 5.9% CAGR

- Charleston (7.8%)
- Savannah (7.1%)
- Jacksonville (6%)
- Tampa (6.7%)
- Mobile (13.5%)
- New Orleans (6.8%)

### Growth < 5.9% CAGR

- Port Everglades (3.7%)
- Miami (3.3%)
- Gulfport (-0.3%)
- Houston (4.5%)
- Freeport (2.4%)

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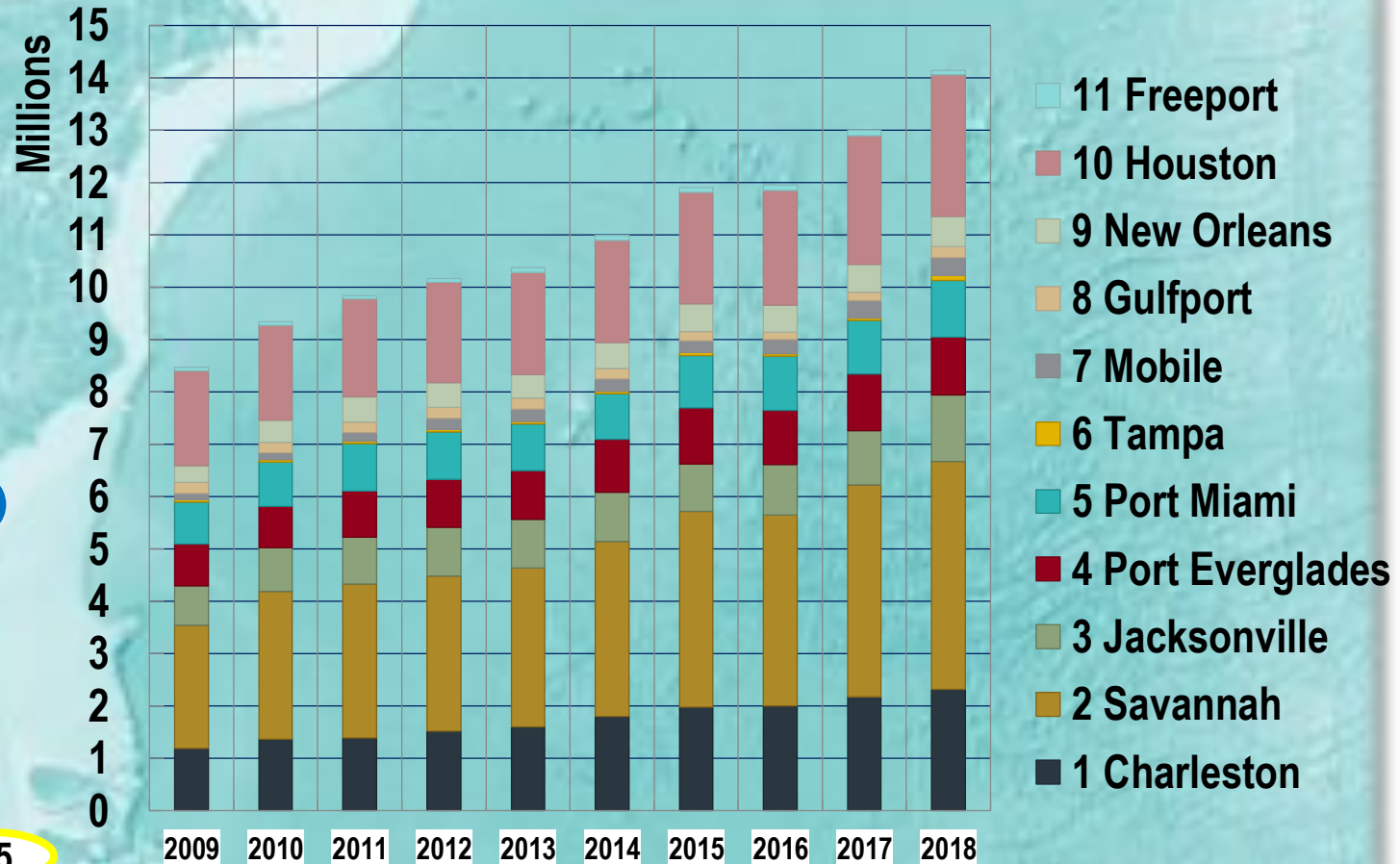
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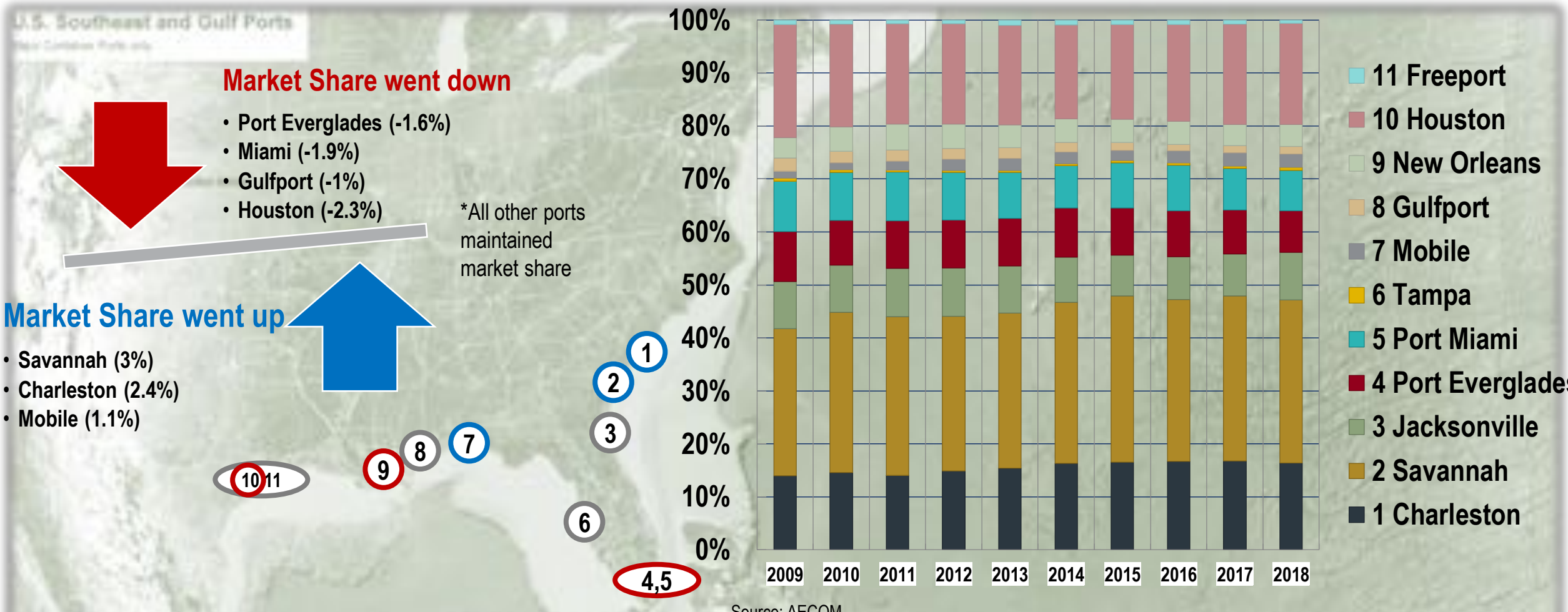
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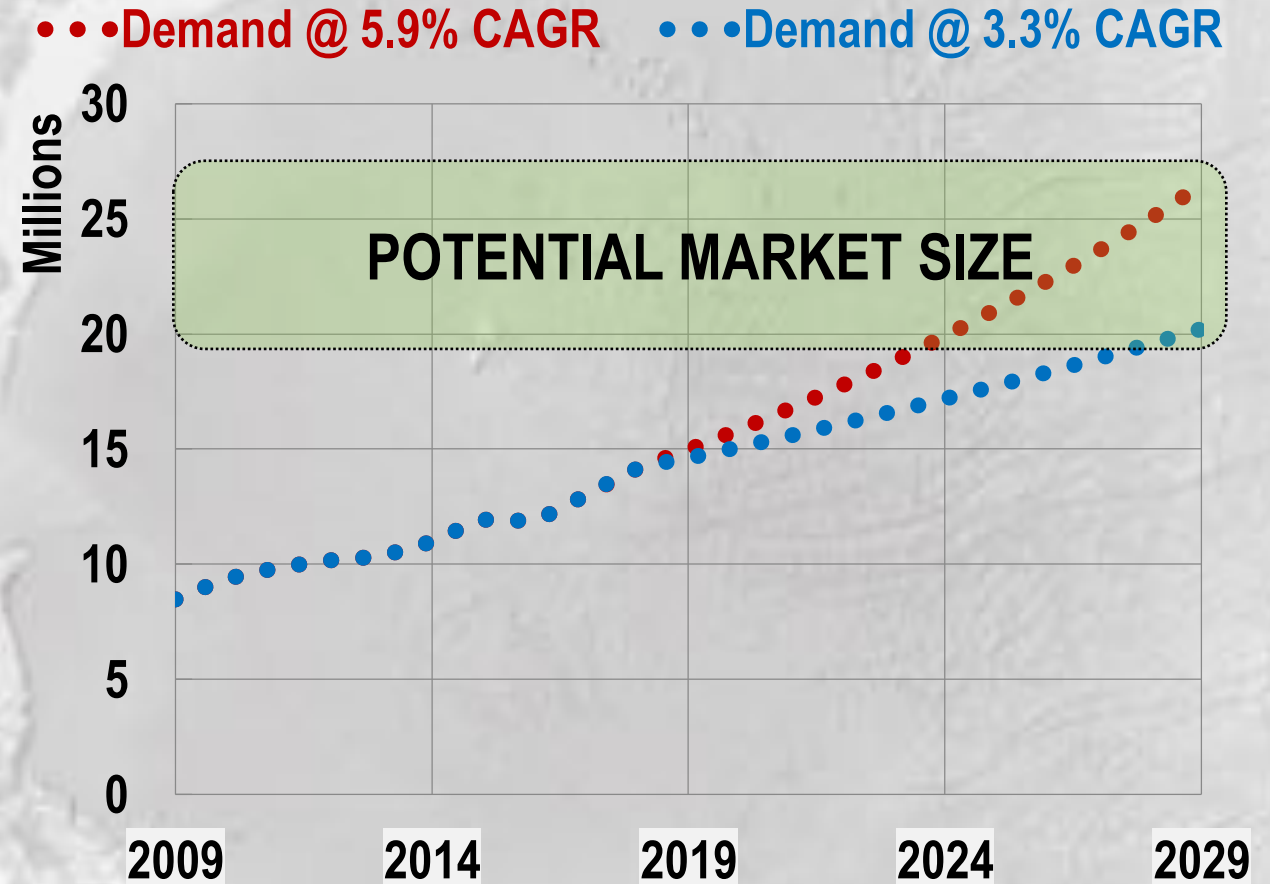


# Market Shifting towards Ports with Faster & Extended Reach to Customers



# Year 2029: Potential 20M to 26M Annual TEU Market

- Additional 6M to 12M TEU Demand
- Likely Demand @ 5.9% CAGR of 26M\*
- Low Demand @ 3.3% CAGR of 20M\*, accounts for
  - Similar population growth
  - 140,000 TEU / 1M Population (National Avg)



\* Disclaimer: this forecast should not be used for financing or construction of any Project

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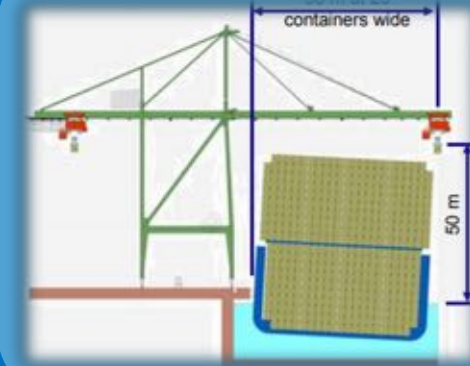
# Capacity Depends on Several Factors, Some in Your Control, Some not

## 1. Ships & Berths



Ship Sizes  
Ship Schedules  
Berth Length  
Soil Conditions  
Berth Design

## 2. Quay Cranes

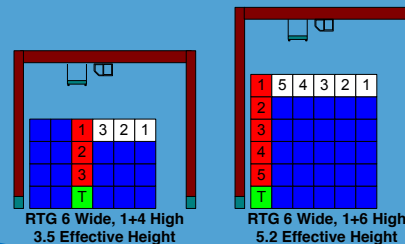


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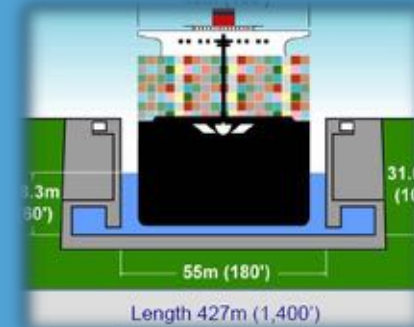
## 6. TOS

## 3. Container Yard

Storage Mode  
Number of Yard Cranes  
Dwell Times  
Stacking Heights



Arrival Patterns  
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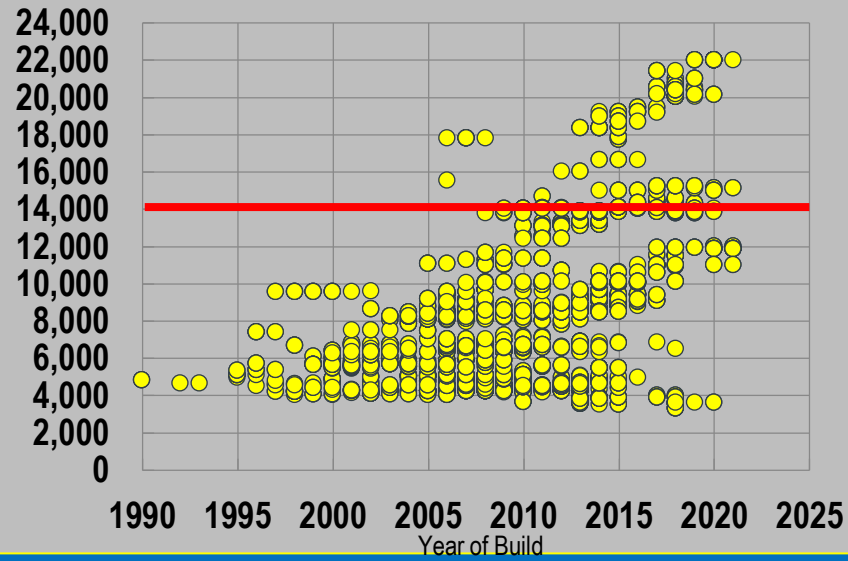


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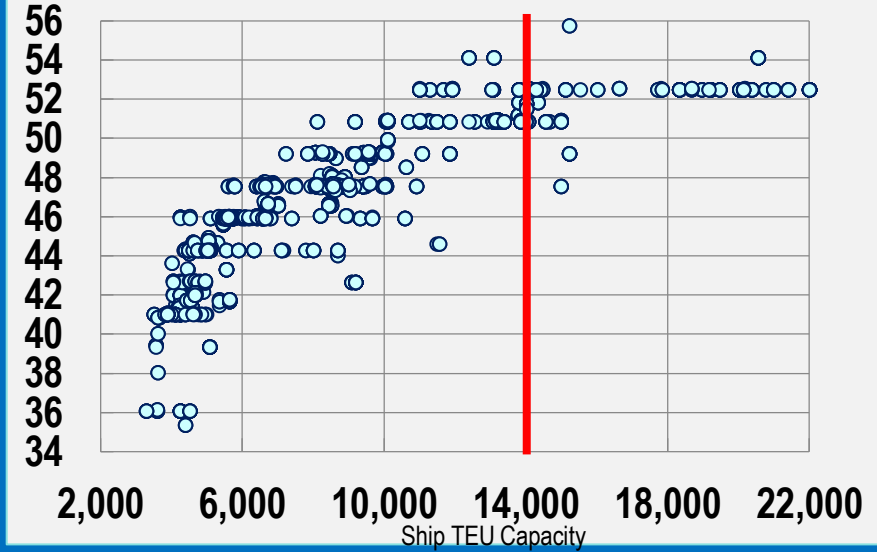
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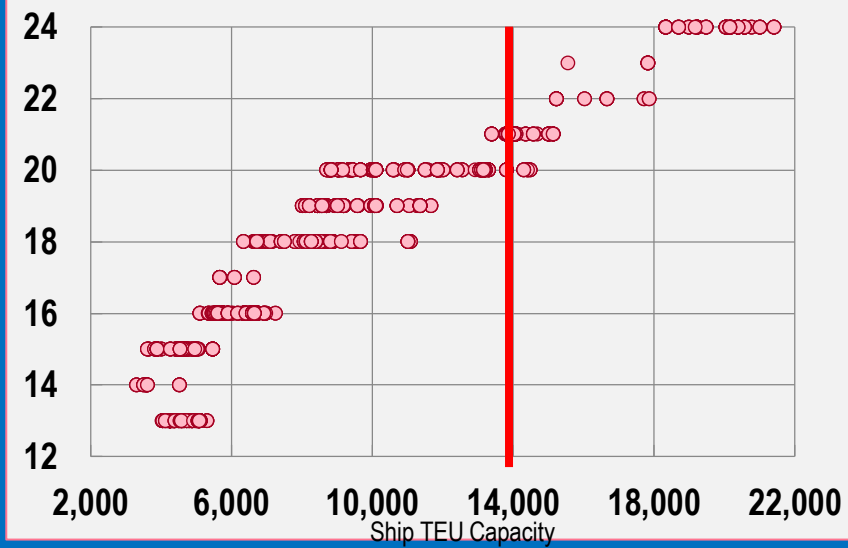
### Year of Build vs. TEU Capacity



### TEU Capacity vs. Fully Loaded Draft (ft)

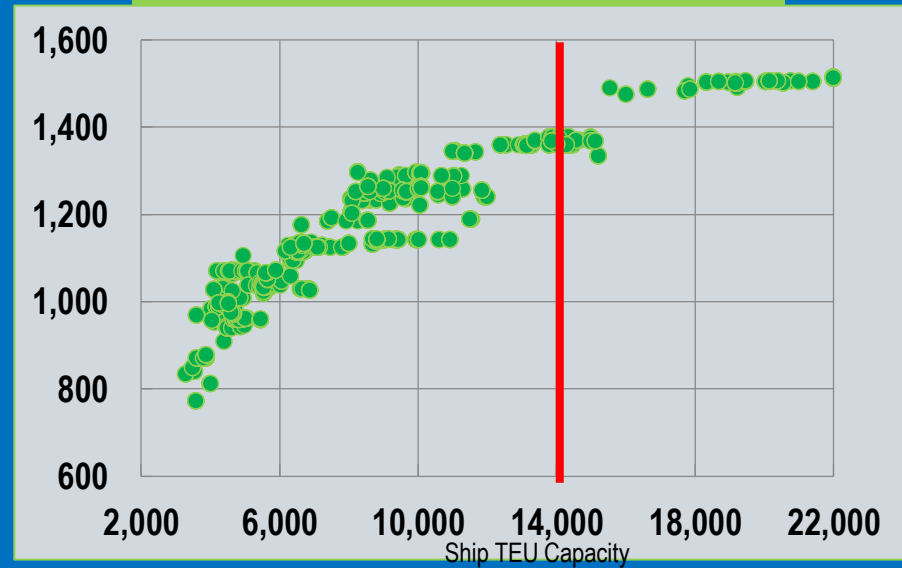


### TEU Capacity vs. Beam (Containers Wide)



## MIGHTY SHIPS

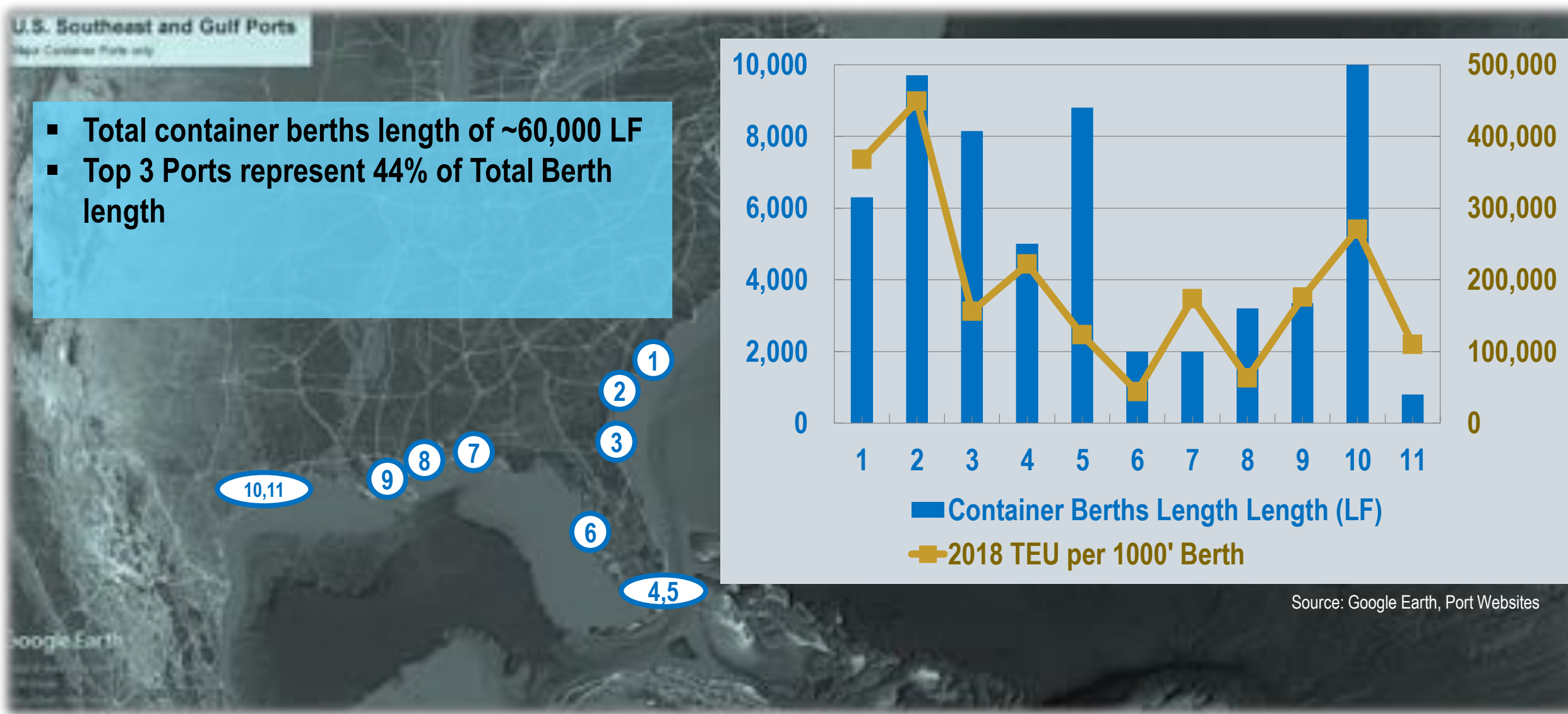
### TEU Capacity vs. LOA+Beam (ft)



Source: 2018 Fairplay Data



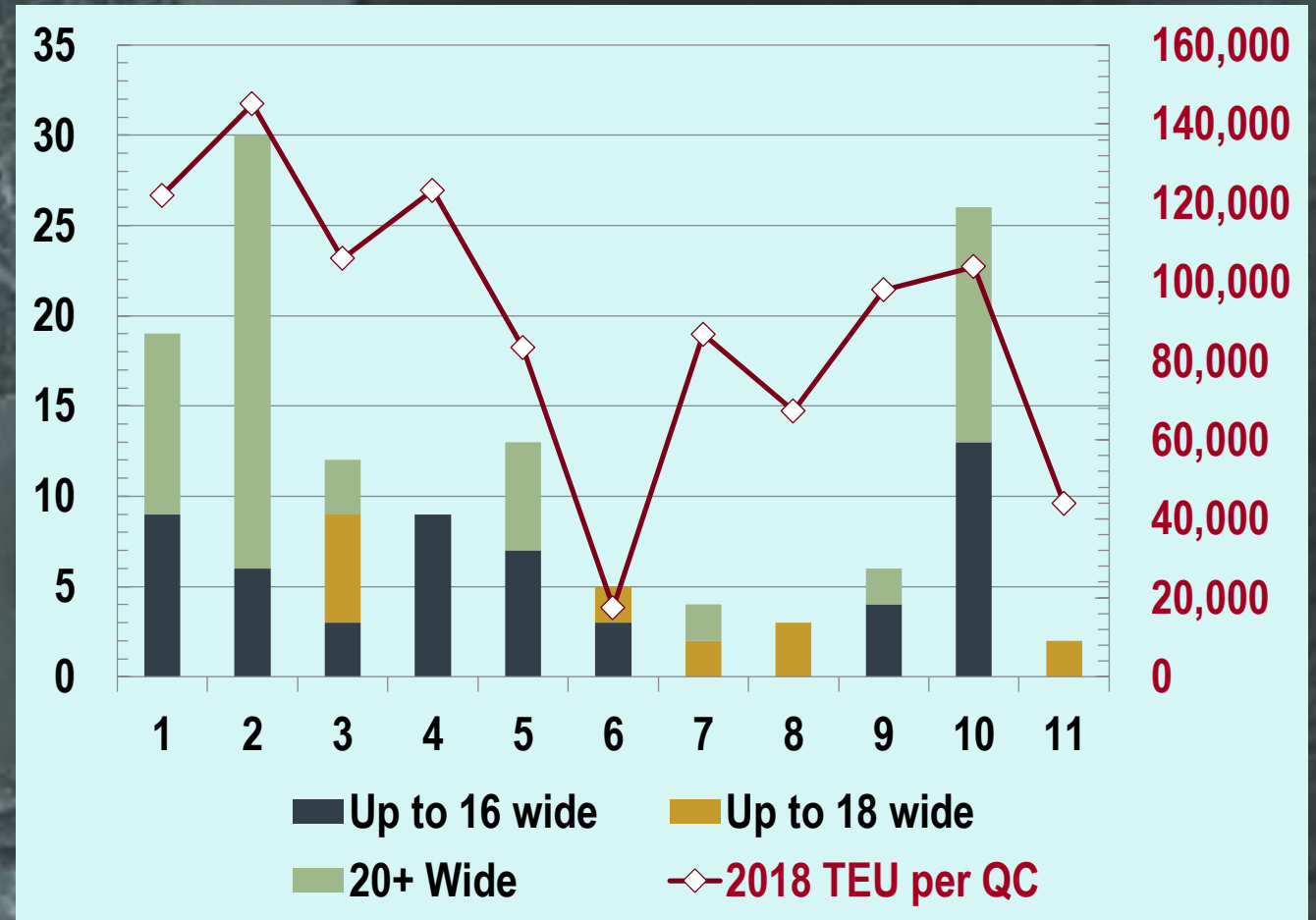
# 1. Container Berth Lengths and Average Throughput per 1000' Berth



## 2. Number of Quay Cranes and Average Throughput per Crane

U.S. Southeast and Gulf Ports  
Major Container Ports only

- Approx. 130 cranes in the market
- 47% cranes can handle 14K TEU ships
- Industry Averaged at 91,000 TEU per QC
- 2.3 QCs per 1000' of wharf



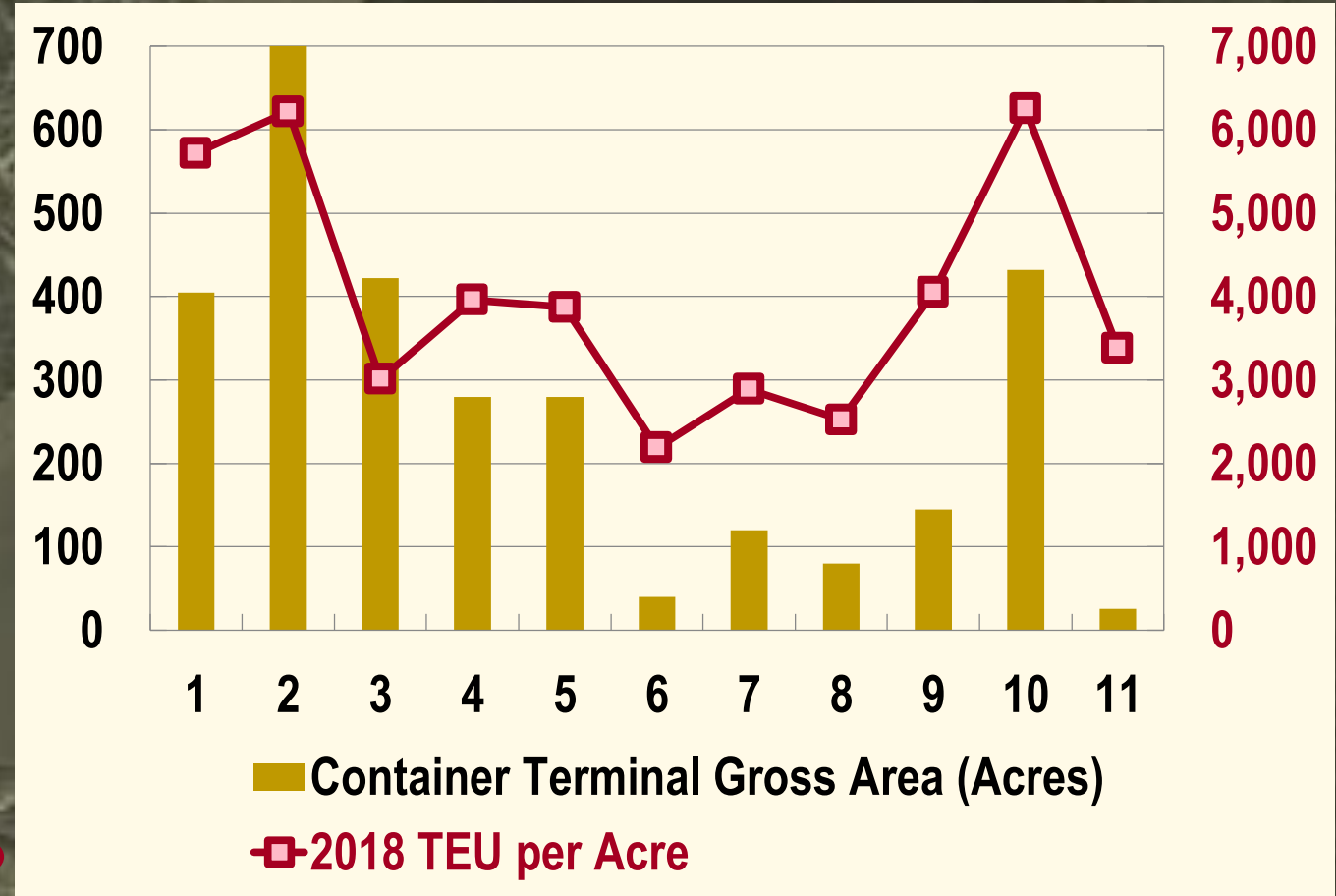
Source: Google Earth, Port Websites

### 3. Container Terminal Gross Area and Throughput Per Acre

#### U.S. Southeast and Gulf Ports

Map Container Ports only

- Approx. 3000 acres operating in the market
- Only 4 Ports ● run RTGs in Container Yard, others operate with RS/TP/SP/Whl ○
- Industry Averaged at 4000 TEU per Acre



Source: Google Earth, Port Websites

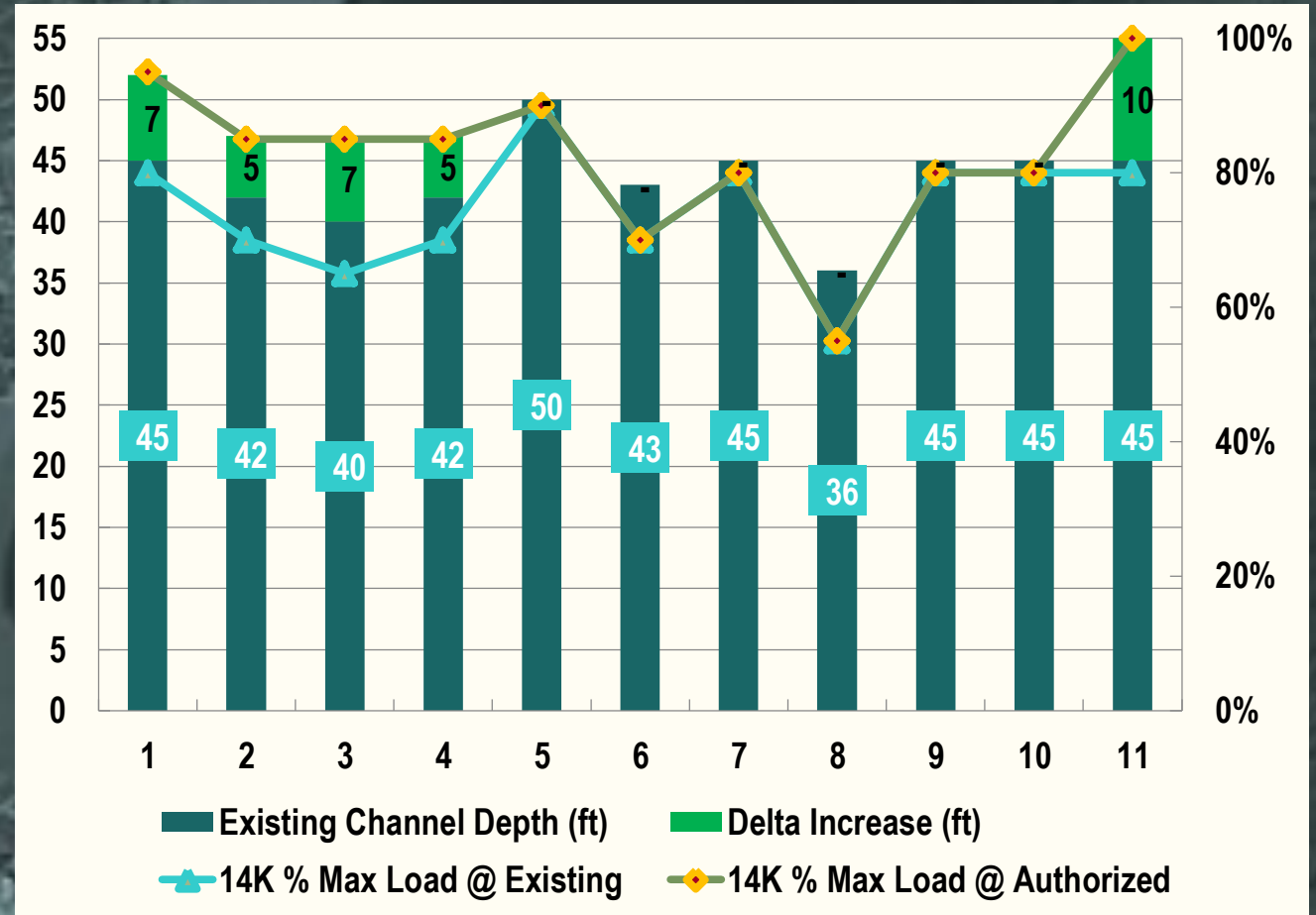


## 5. Existing and Authorized Channel Depth vs. 14000 TEU Vessel Max Load

### U.S. Southeast and Gulf Ports

Map Container Ports only

- Southeast Ports Tides of up to 7' twice/day
- Deepening Under Construction
- Existing depth allow for average 75% of capacity on a 14,000 TEU Vessel
- Authorized depths will increase it to 82%



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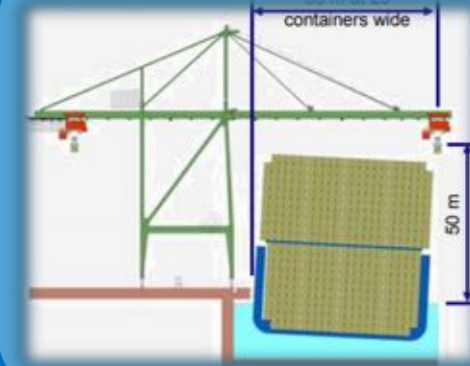
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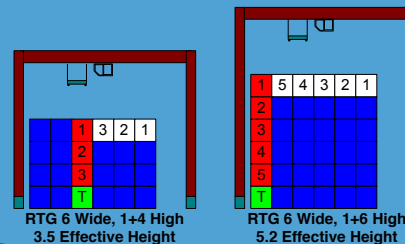
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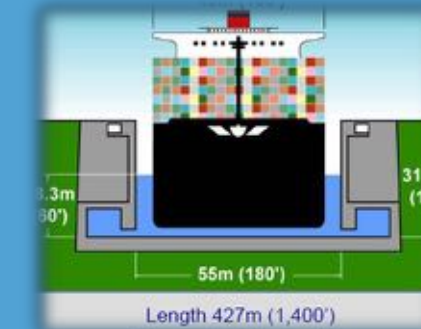


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# AECOM Port Planning & Capacity Analysis Tools

<https://www.aecom.com/services/seaports-rail-simulation-models/>



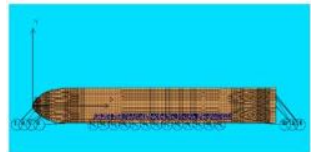
**Real-time and Fast-time Ship Simulations.** For channel navigation and harbor optimization



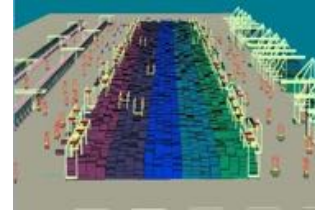
**Coastal Resiliency Modeling.** State of the Art model to analyze coastal storm and urban drainage



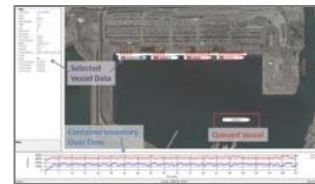
**HarborSym and VNM.** Analysis of channel capacity and evaluation of NED benefits of dredging projects.



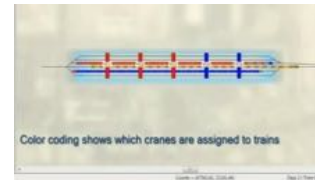
**Static & Dynamic Mooring Analysis.** Optimize wharf and bulkheads design.



**GMTS.** Simulates full container terminal including vessel, yard, gate, rail and truck activities.



**BERTHA.** Long term capacity model to analyze terminal capacity and sensitivity of dock operations.



**RailOps.** Evaluates network capacity of rail systems and intermodal yard and inland Ports.



**VISSIM.** Simulates trucks on public street networks and at terminal gates, including roundabouts.



# Container Terminal Capacity Calculation Method

## Berth Capacity per Unit Berth

- Calculate unit berth capacity by vessel group
- Apply unit berth capacities to each terminal at each Port based on 2018 berth lengths
- Assume Ports will buy new cranes to handle demand and strengthen existing berths

Large	Medium	Small	Very Small	
14,000	9,000	5,000	2,000	TEU vessel
52	49	46	39	Max vessel draft fully loaded
1,400	1,300	1,100	780	Berth length required (ft), inc. gap
1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	TEU to lifts factor
8,000	5,143	2,857	1,143	max container lifts per vessel (one way)
16,000	10,286	5,714	2,286	max container lifts per vessel (two way)
75%	80%	80%	80%	Max vessel utilization factor
12,000	8,229	4,571	1,829	Practical max container lifts per vessel (two way)
25%	25%	20%	15%	Max average parcel size at one port
3,000	2,057	914	274	Max average parcel size at one port (container lifts)
5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	Dock cranes assigned per vessel
30.0	30.0	28.0	20.0	Productivity per dock crane (mv/hr)
900,000.00	710,000.00	460,000.00	190,000.00	Annual unit berth capacity (TEU)

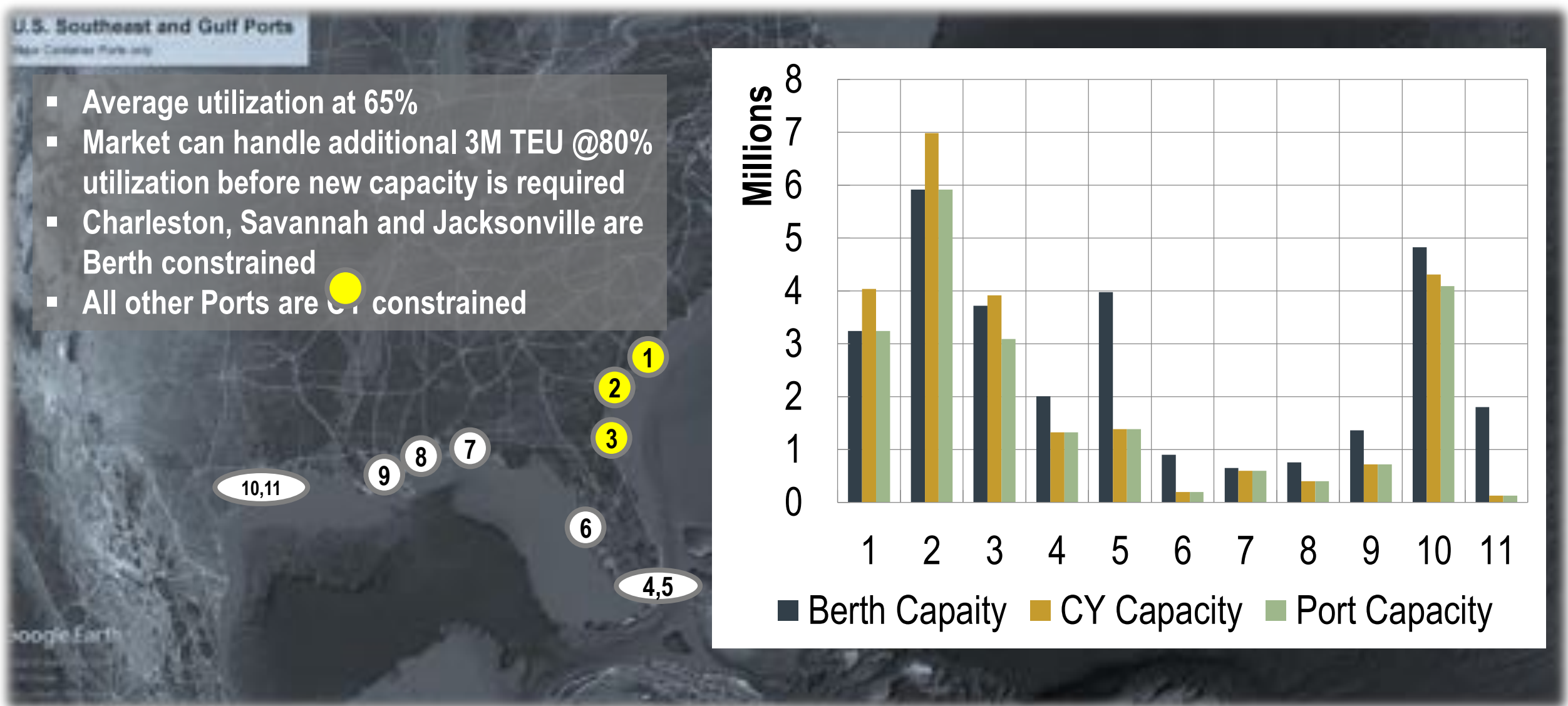
# Container Terminal Capacity Calculation Method

## Container Yard Capacity Per Acre

- Calculate unit CY capacity by equip/operations type
- Apply unit CY capacities to container terminal gross area at each Port
- Assume terminal stays with existing operation and Port buys additional equipment as required

	RS/TP	RTG	Whl
TGS capacity per gross acre [a]	53	79	77
Mean storage height (containers) [b]	2.5	3.5	1.0
TEU static capacity [c=a*b]	131	276	77
Mean dwell time (days) [d]	7.0	7.0	7.0
Turnovers per year per TEU static capacity [e=365/d]	52.14	52.14	52.14
TEU capacity without peaking [f=c*e]	6,844	14,372	4,015
Seasonal throughput peak factor [g]	1.20	1.20	1.20
Weekly inventory peak factor [h]	1.15	1.20	1.20
<b>Annual CY Capacity in TEUs [i=f/g/h]</b>	<b>4,960</b>	<b>9,980</b>	<b>2,790</b>

# Estimated Existing Market Capacity is Approximately 21M TEU / Year



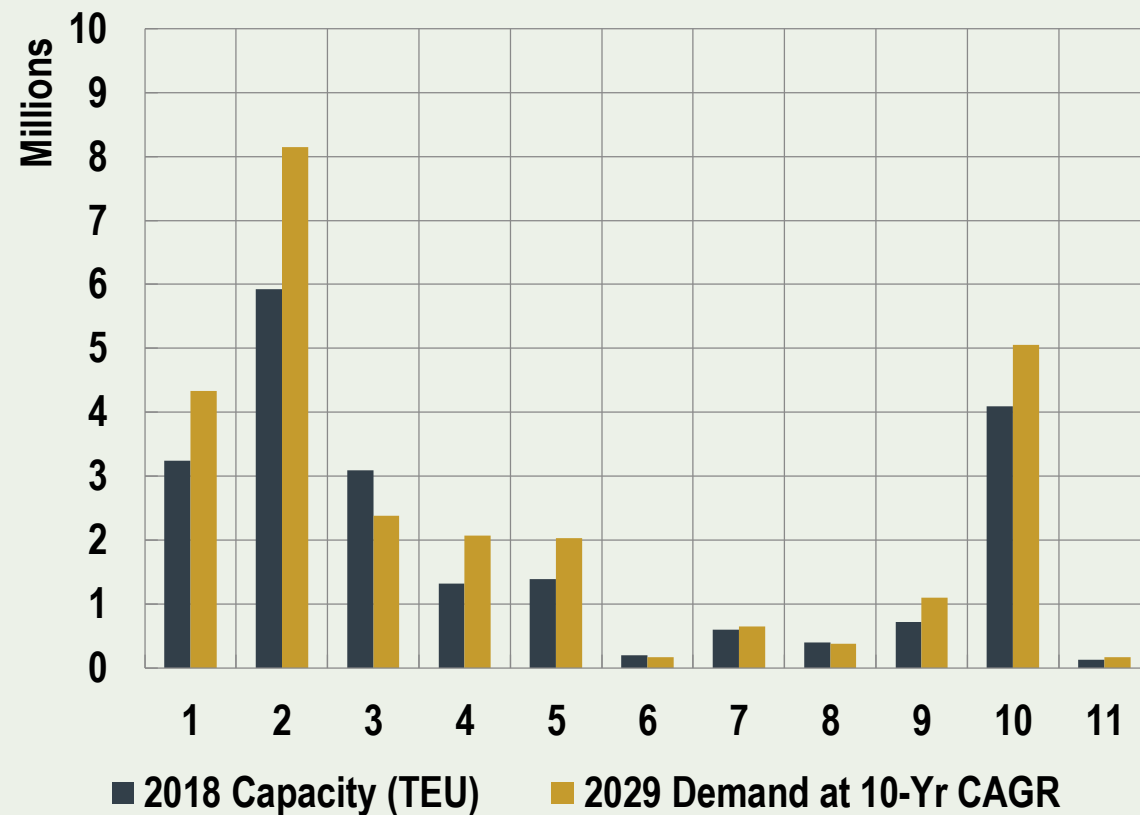


# Net 6M TEU Capacity Required to meet 2029 Demand at 10-Yr CAGR

## U.S. Southeast and Gulf Ports

Map Container Ports only

- New capacity of up to 9M TEU required
- Charleston, Savannah, Port Everglades, Miami, Mobile, New Orleans and Houston will need additional capacity
- Jacksonville, Tampa may have surplus capacity, potential for additional growth



# Market Added Approximately 4M TEU Capacity since 2009

- Excessive capacity was available since the 2008 downturn
- Most of the capacity gain is incremental and AS-NEEDED basis
  - Charleston: added capacity at Wando Welch Terminal but converted Columbus Street Terminal, with net loss of approximately 2500 ft berth, 43 acres and 2 QCs
  - Savannah added 100+ acres of container yard and added 7+ new QCs and retrofitted berths
  - Jacksonville added 75+ acres and 4 QCs
  - Miami added 65+ acres and 1 QC
  - Mobile, new capacity became available
  - New Orleans added 45+ acres and upgraded the berth
  - Houston added 2000+ ft of Berth, 60+ acres of container yard and added new 8 QCs and retrofitted berths
  - Freeport, new capacity became available

# 7M TEU of New Container Terminal Capacity by 2029

- Additional new capacity of 2M TEU required to meet 10-Yr CAGR growth trend
- 7M TEU of publicly known planned new capacity by 2029
  - Charleston HLT Terminal: 2.4M TEU
  - Savannah: Plans to expand to 8M TEU, additional 2M TEU
  - Port Everglades Southport Turning Notch: 1M TEU
  - Port Miami conversion to RTGs: 200k TEU
  - Port of New Orleans Nashville Ave Upgrades: 700k TEU
  - Bayport Wharf Upgrades: 400k TEU
  - Port Canaveral: 200k TEU
  - Port Manatee: 200k TEU

## Additional Capacity Post 2029:

- Jasper County Terminal (SC+GA): 1500 Acres, 6.2M TEU Capacity



# Concluding Remarks

