

The Year in Review:

2009 U.S. Containerized Import Ports Report





About our 2009 U.S. Containerized Import Ports Report:

As the most innovative and advanced U.S. trade information provider to the international trade community, Zepol has created this report of the top 50 U.S. ports for port authorities, steamship lines, 3PLs, importers, and suppliers of the United States market. This report provides a better understanding of where the U.S. transportation market has been in 2009 and where it is going in the future.

Not only do we list the top 50 U.S. ports based on TEU, but also their foreign port and carrier partners (by SCAC). In addition, we have listed some of their key consignees who imported significant TEU quantities according to U.S. Customs. There is also a 12 month trend for each port's TEU volumes. Using U.S. Census data, we have provided a list of the most important products for each port through the first 11 months of 2009.

All data was retrieved using Zepol's trade data tools, Trade**IQ**[™] and Trade**View**[™]. These products are subscription services for the international trade arena. Subscribers have access to additional information for each port, carrier, product, and importer at both a transactional and aggregate level.

Data is reported as it is released by government sources. In many cases, multiple sources will not show data that correlates. Most of these cases are accounted for based on how products arrive in the United States and the manner in which the U.S. government records the shipment data.

TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) are derived from U.S. Customs trade data. TEUs include all containerized shipments released via U.S. Customs' Automated Manifest System (AMS), including empties and excluding NVOCC Bill of Lading records. Values of trade are the total imports for the first 11 months of 2009 and all of 2008 from U.S. Census trade statistics.

The international ports reported are the last foreign ports the shipments left from before reaching the United States. Key importers are taken from a sampling of some of the top well known companies using the port for imports. Carriers are based upon the reported Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC) included on shipments.

Zepol hopes that the information in this report will be informative and help your organization plan for 2010 by fully understanding your market.

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¹ U.S. Customs allows importers to conceal the identity of their shipments. Thus, not all major importers for ports will be listed. Major companies using this treatment for their shipments include Wal Mart, Home Depot, and Target Corporation.



Summary of Port Review 2009

			2009			
	2009 TEU	2008 TEU	TEU Change	2009 Value	2008 Value	# of Bills of Lading
#1 - Los Angeles, CA	3,791,071	4,443,987	-14.69%	\$169,245,899,298	\$210,537,839,892	1,751,151
#2 - Long Beach, CA	2,932,514	3,567,627	-17.80%	\$44,399,190,507	\$59,956,631,169	1,321,361
#3 - Seattle, WA (See Report Note)	1,598,069	1,475,757	8.29%	\$25,626,440,001	\$30,212,317,613	627,642
<u>#4 - Newark, NJ</u> ²	1,562,014	1,838,854	-15.06%	\$98,278,631,499	\$127,482,879,523	761,463
#5 - Houston, TX	1,130,941	1,083,606	4.37%	\$48,518,537,003	\$78,985,305,249	295,593
#6 - Savannah, GA	1,096,042	1,238,987	-11.54%	\$27,718,215,950	\$36,347,852,793	384,083
#7 - New York, NY ³	876,386	922,432	-4.99%	\$15,298,265,465	\$18,251,093,472	711,977
#8 - Tacoma, WA (See Report Note)	784,255	1,071,426	-26.80%	\$19,226,090,709	\$27,108,371,089	361,435
#9 - Oakland, CA	755,791	820,821	-7.92%	\$21,160,784,080	\$26,363,443,422	327,510
#10 - Norfolk, VA	720,603	838,572	-14.07%	\$24,051,716,914	\$30,032,508,566	301,875
#11 - Charleston, SC	642,950	910,446	-29.38%	\$28,684,019,307	\$40,114,785,623	295,331
#12 - Miami, FL	488,167	521,442	-6.38%	\$9,591,992,476	\$11,279,841,117	197,217
#13 - Port Everglades, FL	425,252	517,065	-17.76%	\$6,769,692,458	\$10,577,655,034	131,983
#14 - San Juan, PR	372,584	354,422	5.12%	\$4,787,161,978	\$5,373,075,833	135,045
#15 - Baltimore, MD	238,808	270,368	-11.67%	\$19,475,174,836	\$29,279,430,745	116,779
#16 - Honolulu, HI	162,798	79,137	105.72%	\$3,282,056,250	\$5,572,734,056	61,754
#17 - Philadelphia, PA	158,060	213,571	-25.99%	\$24,478,422,742	\$42,605,180,758	80,211
#18 - New Orleans, LA	154,603	158,369	-2.38%	\$40,086,113,165	\$49,557,679,038	35,694
#19 - Wilmington, DE	140,404	145,985	-3.82%	\$3,635,123,346	\$6,663,684,147	13,001
#20 - Jacksonville, FL	128,755	105,755	21.75%	\$6,520,332,630	\$11,835,928,679	32,234
#21 - West Palm Beach, FL	110,322	127,910	-13.75%	\$447,936,884	\$706,465,967	32,090
#22 - Gulfport, MS	104,389	114,646	-8.95%	\$1,219,719,537	\$1,598,778,710	14,408
#23 - Wilmington, NC	101,383	91,408	10.91%	\$3,769,527,590	\$3,418,211,920	41,062
<u>#24 - Portland, OR</u>	97,035	141,550	-31.45%	\$7,225,080,775	\$12,049,127,478	39,031
<u>#25 - Boston, MA</u>	89,988	96,249	-6.50%	\$6,995,624,135	\$9,783,334,766	51,149
<u>#26 - Mobile, AL</u>	57,042	47,485	20.13%	\$5,414,580,919	\$8,827,269,794	14,598
<u>#27 - San Diego, CA</u>	48,132	46,409	3.71%	\$4,201,131,491	\$7,122,132,513	20,022
#28 - Chester, PA	39,816	58,717	-32.19%	\$5,527,017,177	\$9,500,265,810	17,822
#29 - Freeport, TX	36,652	33,178	10.47%	\$7,567,266,585	\$13,830,659,574	6,539
<u>#30 - Tampa, FL</u>	24,807	23,273	6.59%	\$1,370,192,399	\$2,729,212,821	11,789
#31 - Everett, WA	21,843	20,490	6.60%	\$1,300,244,595	\$1,004,916,288	6,356
#32 - Panama City, FL	20,729	25,522	-18.78%	\$1,519,668,805	\$2,818,829,424	11,288
#33 - Port Hueneme, CA	15,900	17,012	-6.54%	\$3,582,860,245	\$5,510,330,397	6,572
#34 - Port Manatee, FL	13,615	4,699	189.76%	\$392,795,742	\$682,268,148	3,684
#35 - Fernandina Beach, FL	11,398	13,450	-15.26%	\$5,341,668	\$21,558,446	421
#36 - Fort Pierce, FL	8,156	6,146	32.72%	\$5,593,598	\$20,845,098	837
#37 - Mayaguez, PR	6,110	10,434	-41.44%	\$165,563,021	\$377,908,066	3,469
#38 - Galveston, TX	6,013	6,070	-0.93%	\$2,495,010,184	\$4,038,705,845	8,233
#39 - Richmond-Petersburg,VA	5,110	23,836	-78.56%	\$240,403,861	\$1,189,713,312	1,815
#40 - Anchorage, AK	3,623	3,345	8.30%	\$26,860,046,822	\$32,135,746,403	1,958
#41 - Lake Charles, LA	2,785	4,051	-31.24%	\$9,051,136,078	\$12,762,478,582	1,871
#42 - Chicago, IL	2,383	1,783	33.64%	\$78,357,493,392	\$92,698,146,118	3,753
#43 - Longview, WA	2,122	973	118.23%	\$585,296,856	\$595,509,920	1,403
#44 - Portsmouth, NH	738	247	198.58%	\$540,089,818	\$834,785,714	525
#45 - Vancouver, WA	736	612	20.13%	\$1,393,513,903	\$1,351,765,684	2,121
#46 - Gramercy, LA	721 577	961	-24.97%	\$6,425,274,425	\$15,482,342,816	1,238
#47 - Port Townsend, WA	577 567	55 530	944.80%	\$982,965,206	\$1,878,201,655 \$24,721,087,868	1 306
#48 - Corpus Christie, TX #49 - Beaumont, TX	567 456	539 589	5.19%	\$14,739,118,822 \$9,739,671,037	\$24,721,087,868 \$18,491,498,719	1,306
			-22.58%		\$18,491,498,719	672
<u>#50 - Newport News, VA</u>	407	12,886	-96.84%	\$1,751,563,321	\$3,443,407,382	1,475

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² Shipments for Newark represent U.S. Port code 1003, commonly grouped with New York U.S. Port Code 1001. ³ Shipments for New York represent U.S. Port code 1001, commonly grouped with Newark U.S. Port Code 1003.



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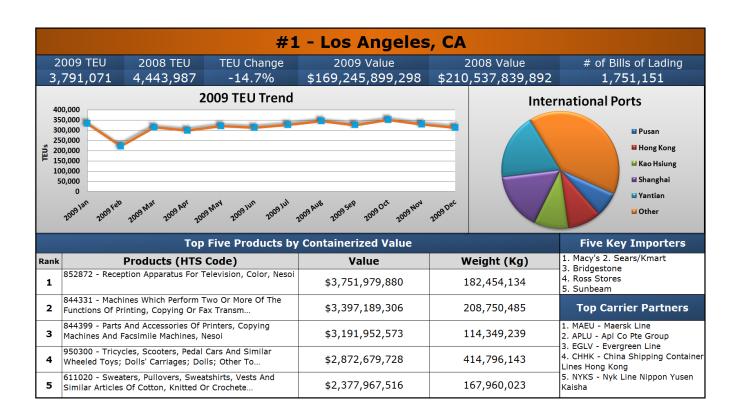
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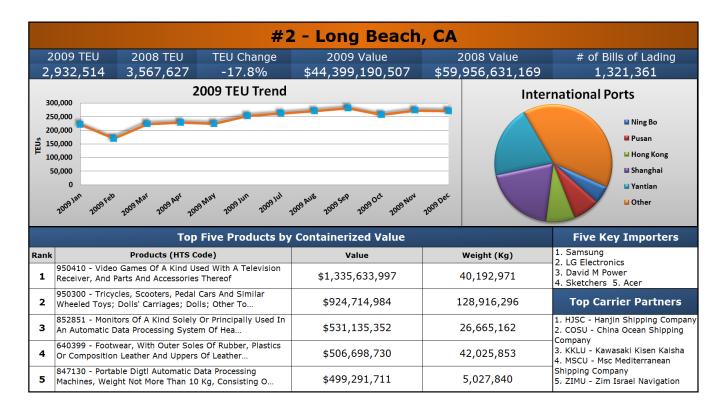
This is particularly prominent for the ports of Tacoma and Seattle as imports to and exports from Prince Rupert and Vancouver are often recorded as imports for the United States as part of the collection method. Therefore, the port of entry for some imports reported will in reality be a Canadian port.

This recording method leads to an overstatement of imports for the ports of Seattle and Tacoma. In addition, some of the consignees and carriers listed will be transporting containers through Canadian ports rather than Seattle and Tacoma.

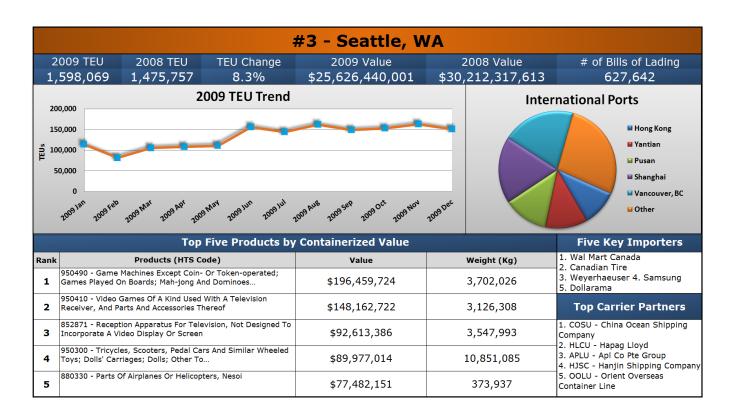
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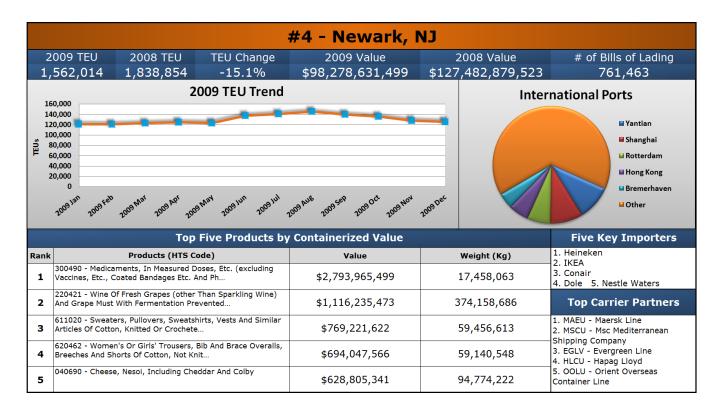




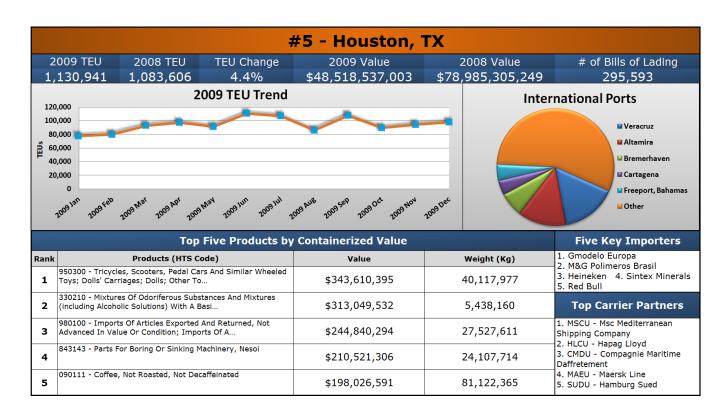


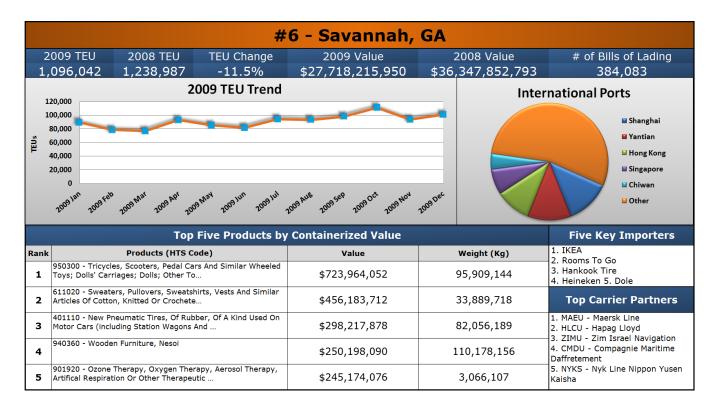




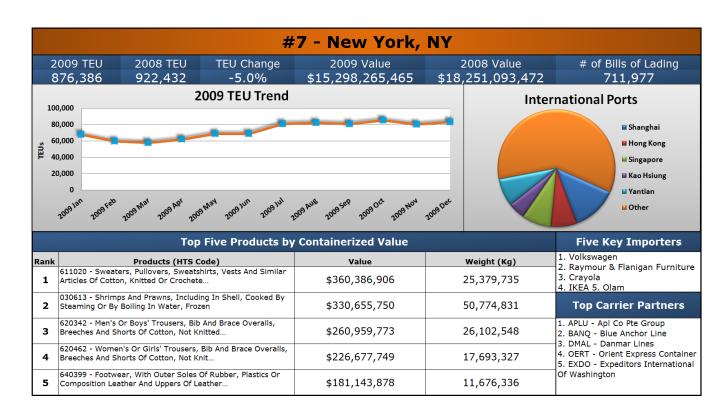


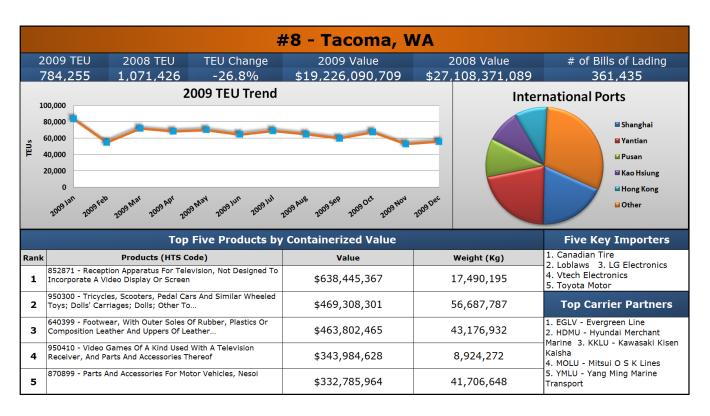






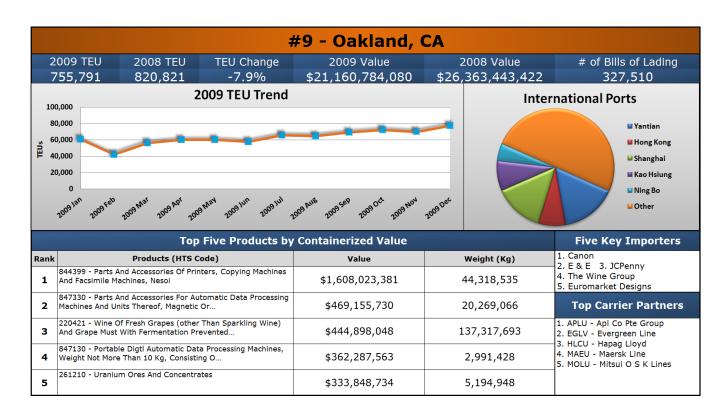


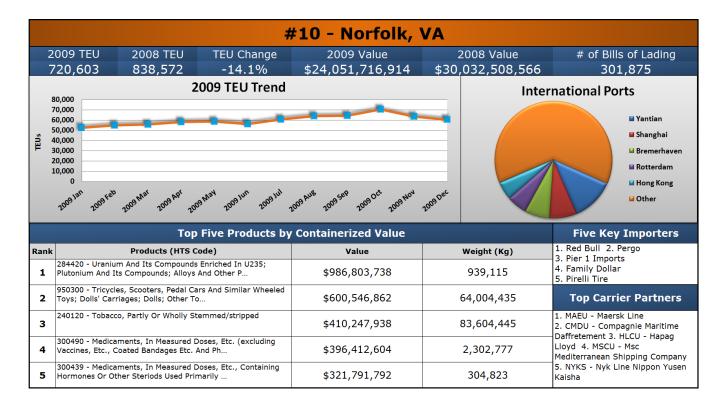




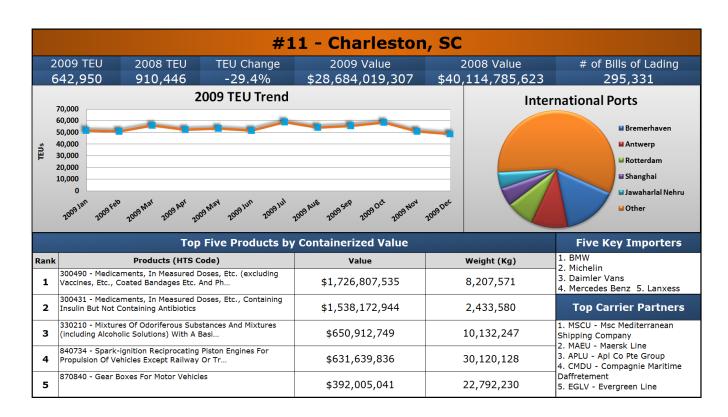
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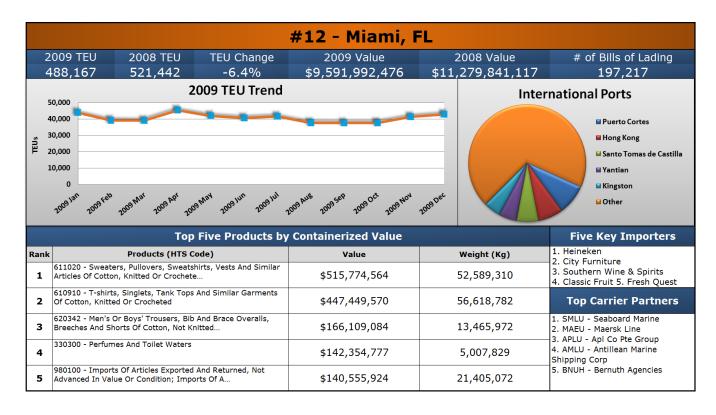




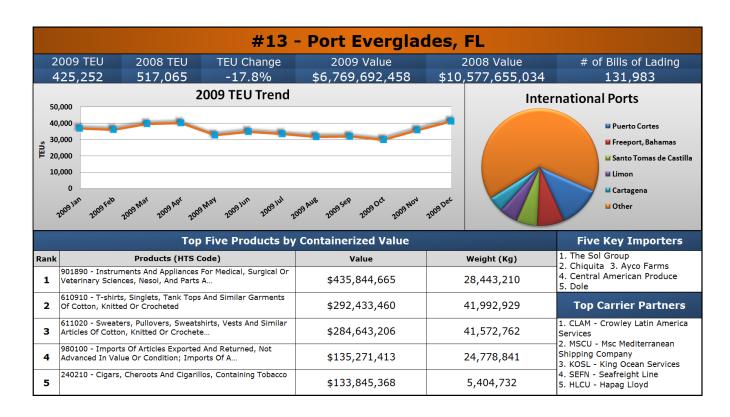


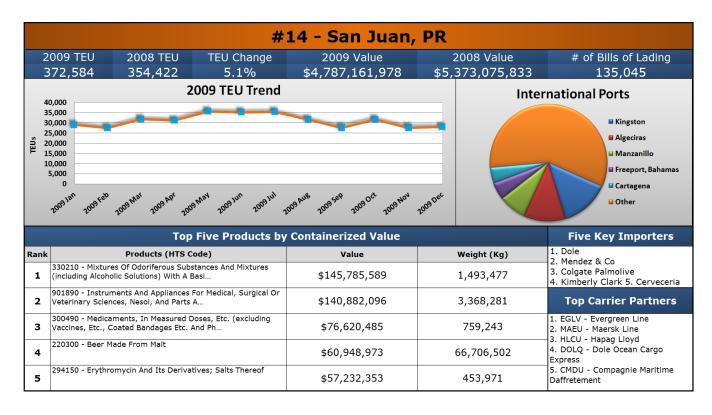




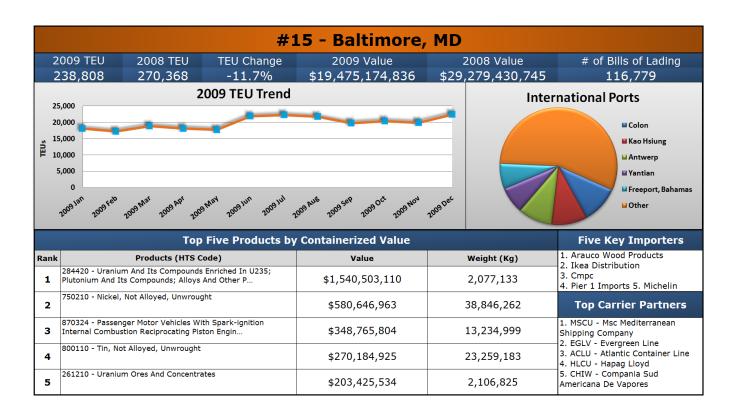


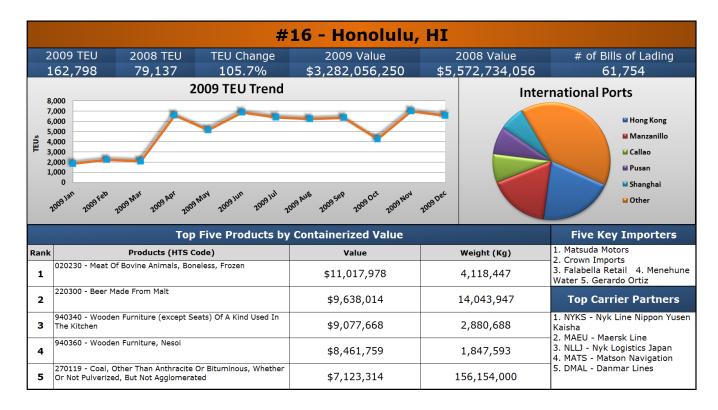




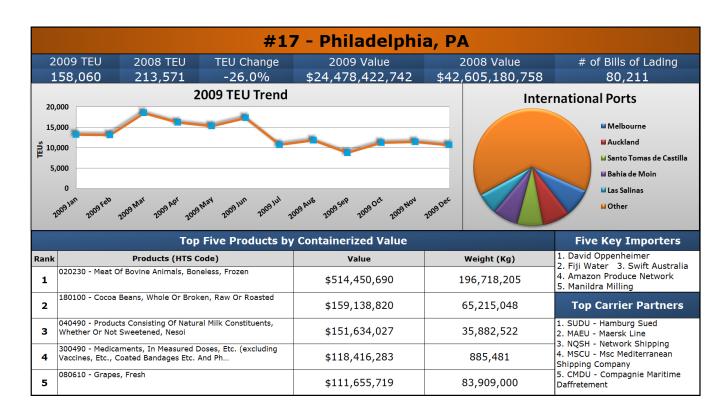


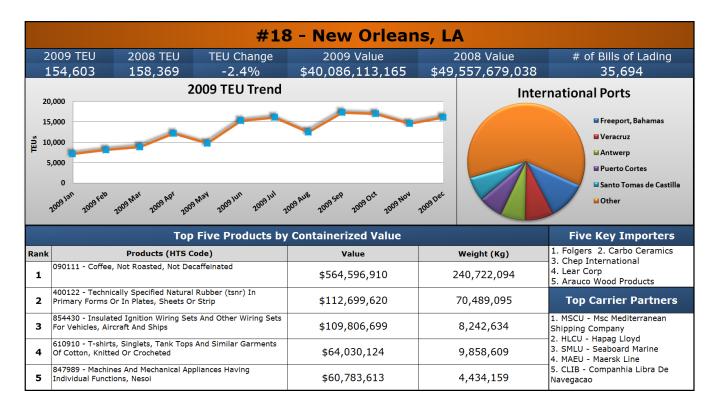




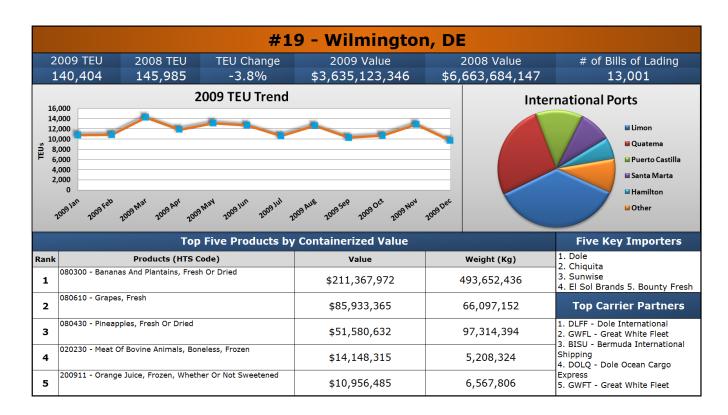


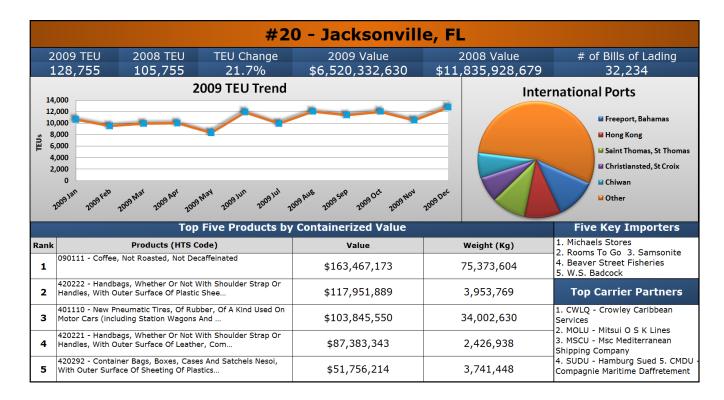






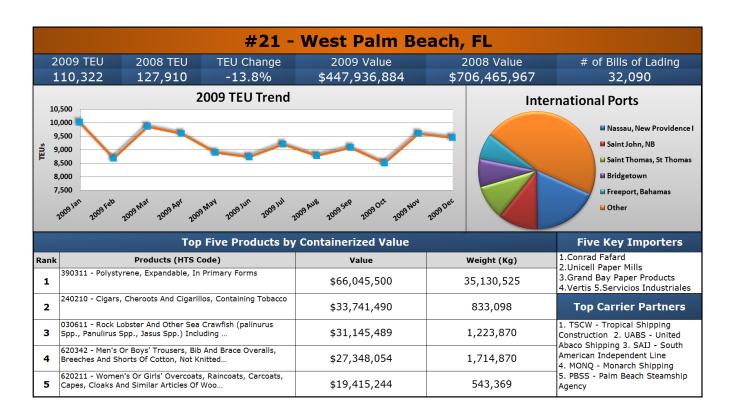


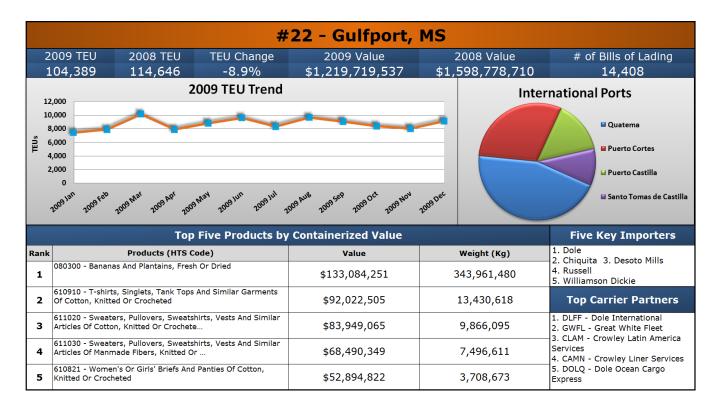




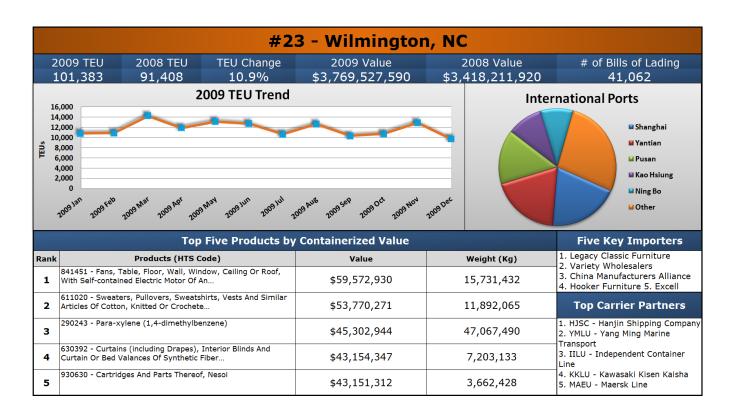
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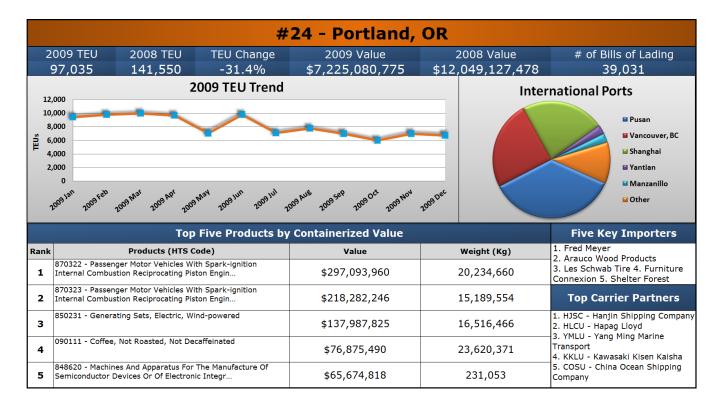




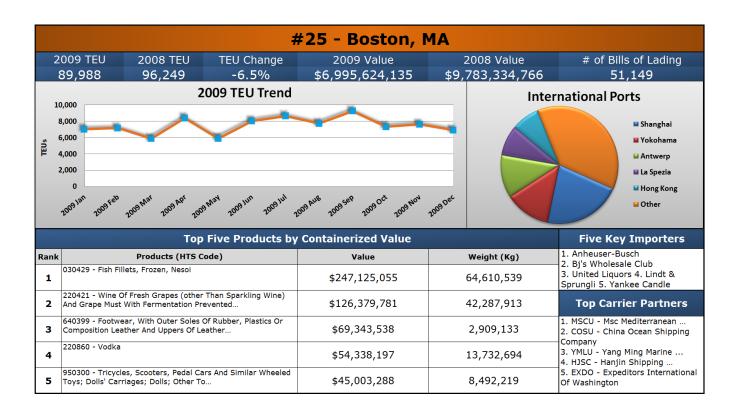


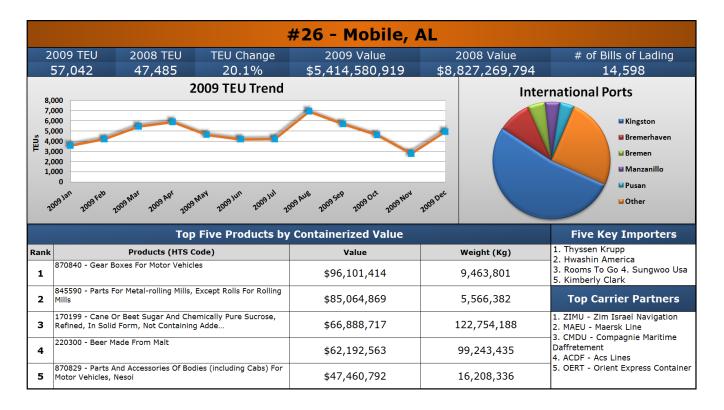




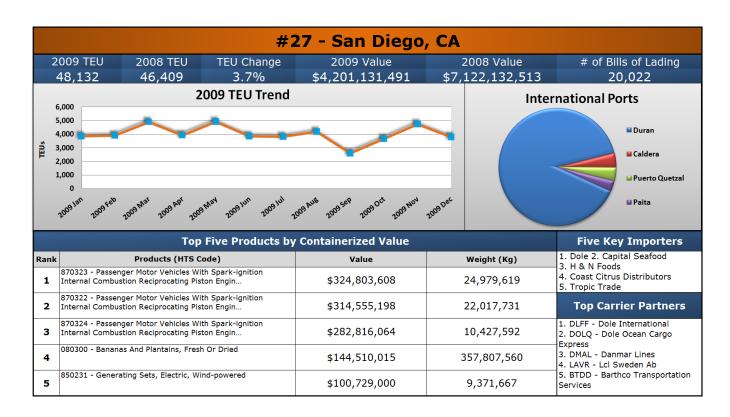


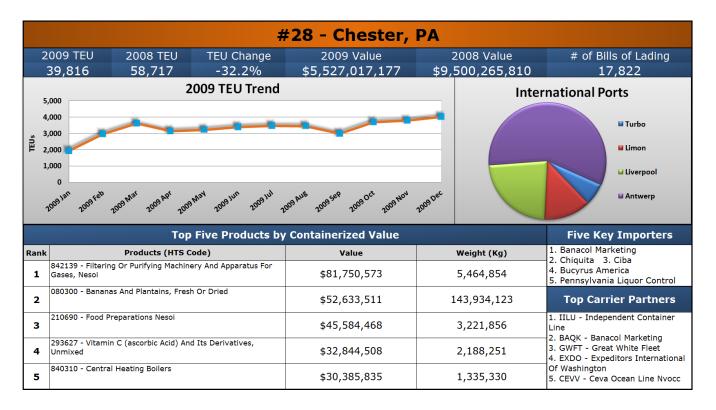




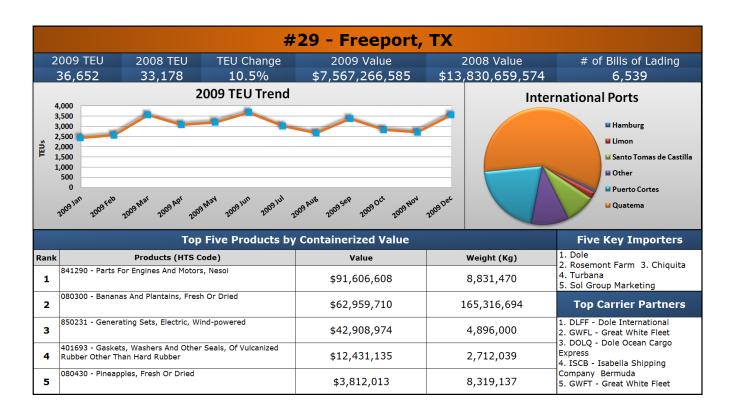


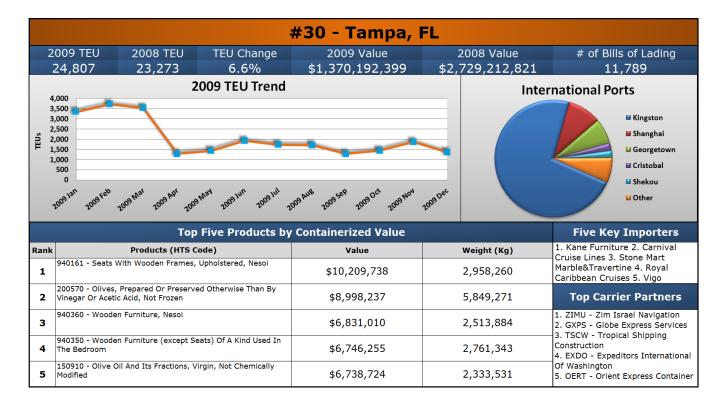




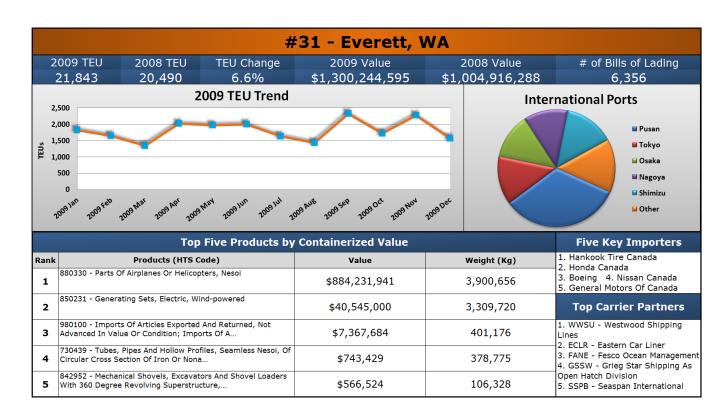


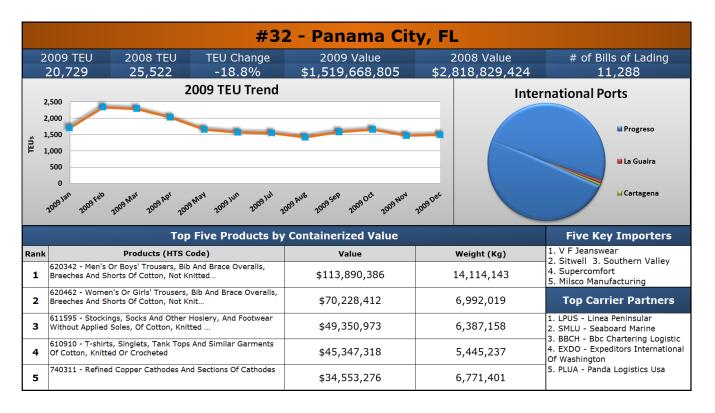




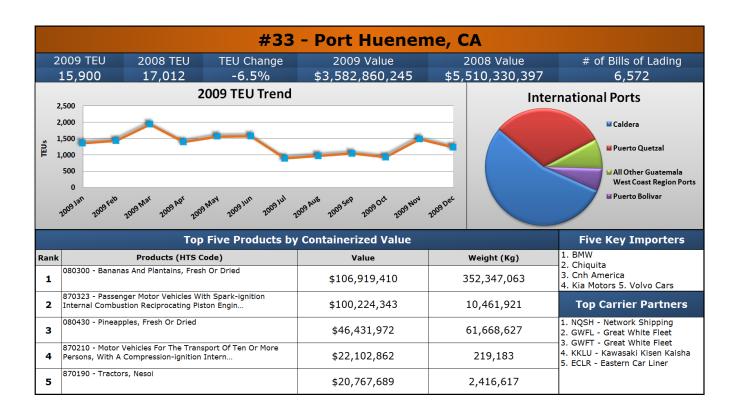


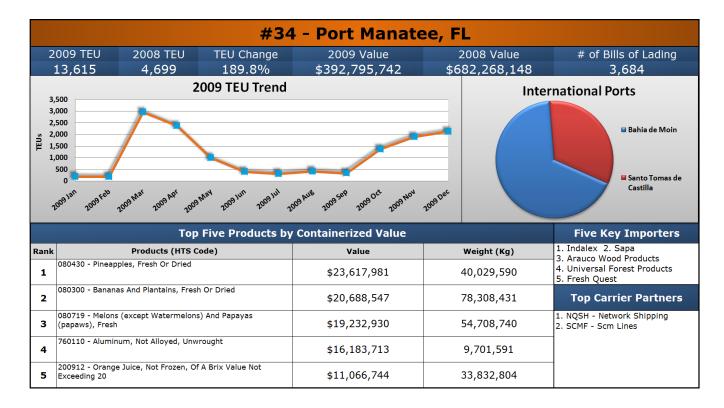




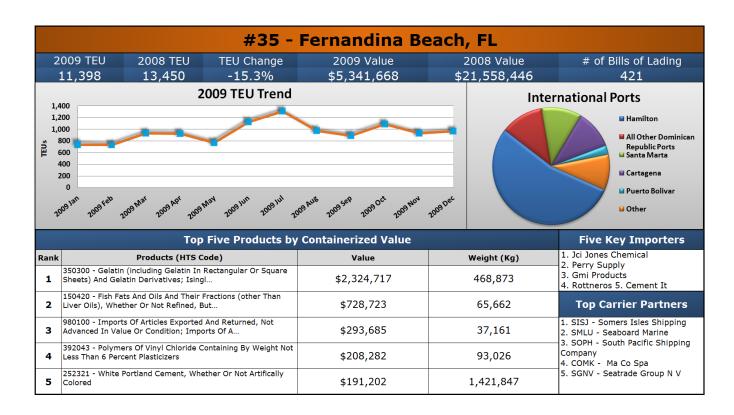


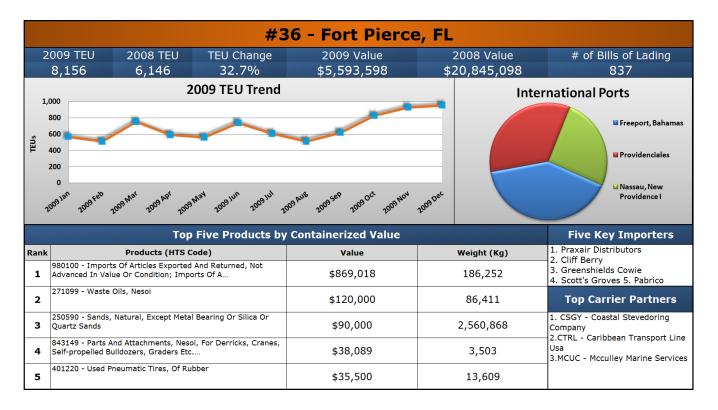




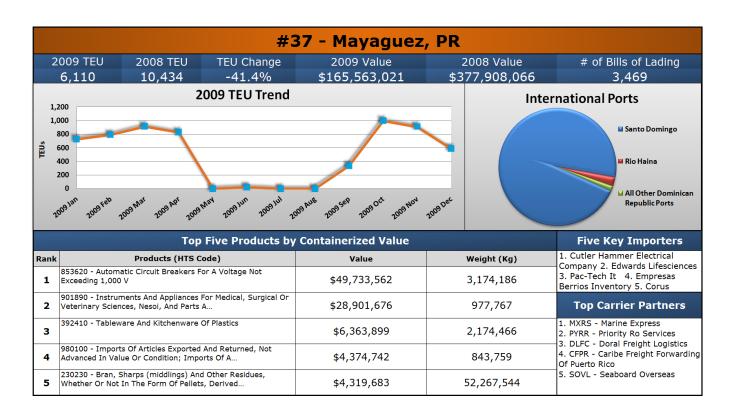


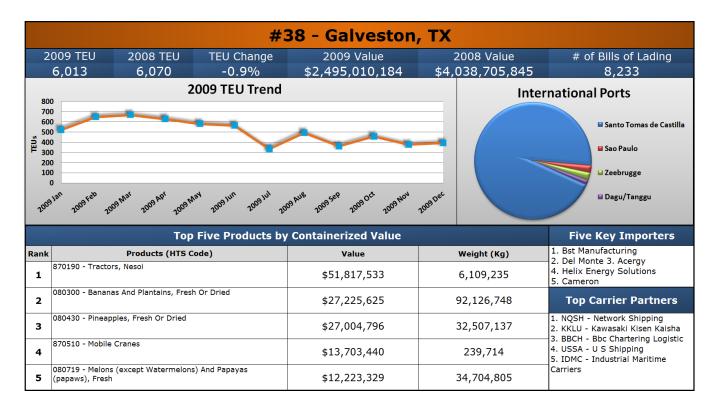




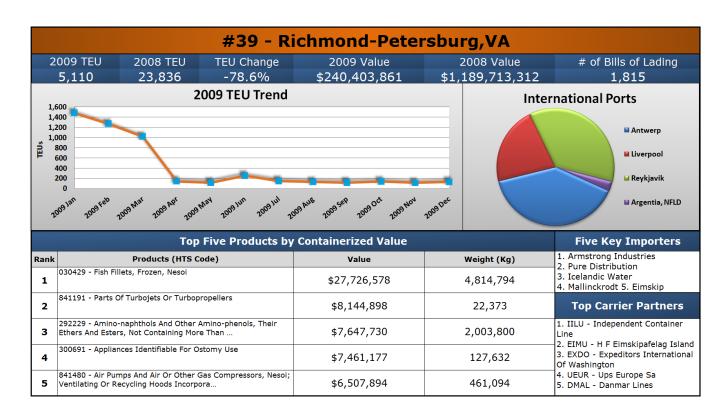


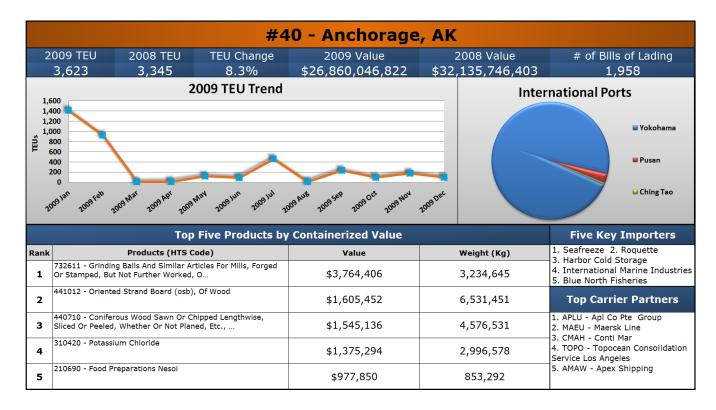




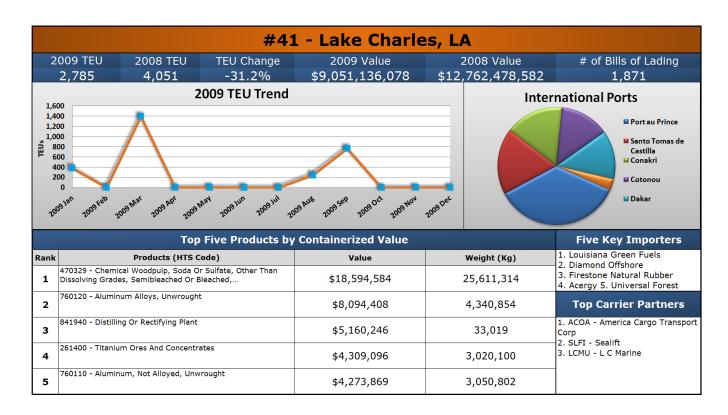


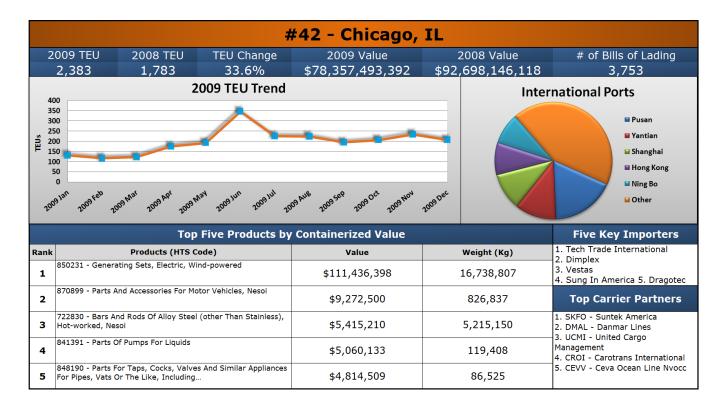




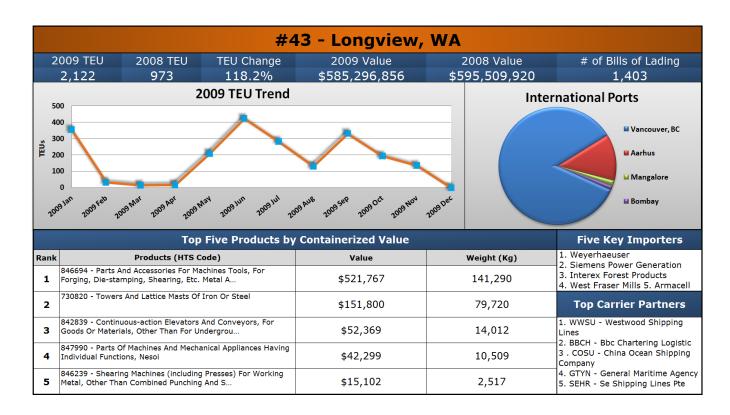


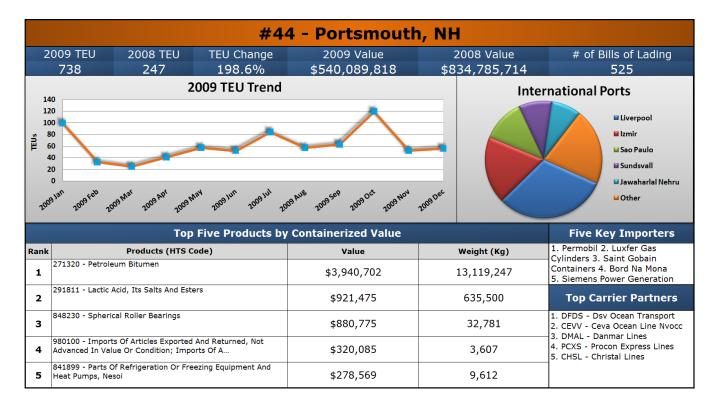




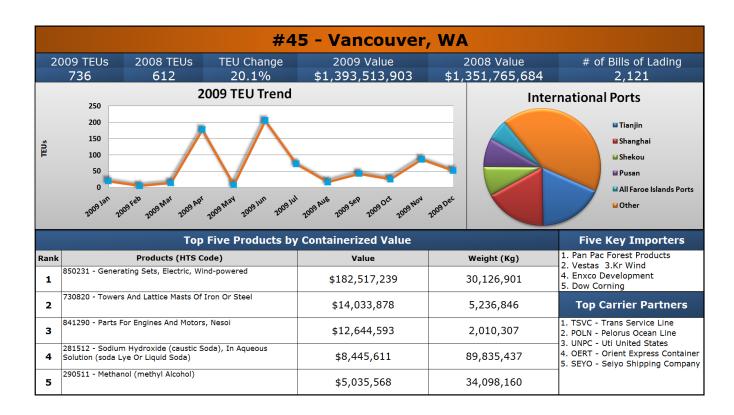


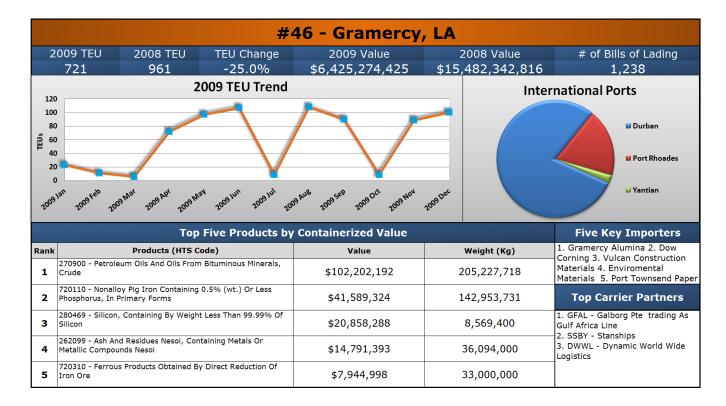




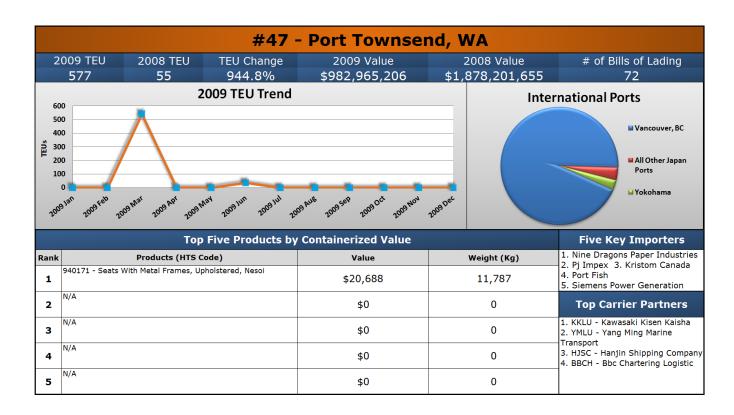


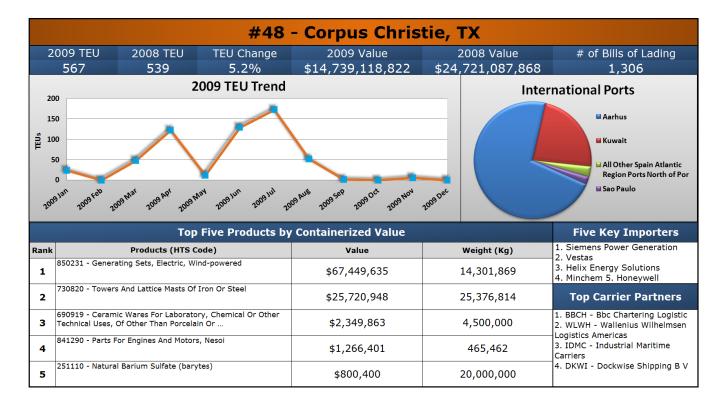




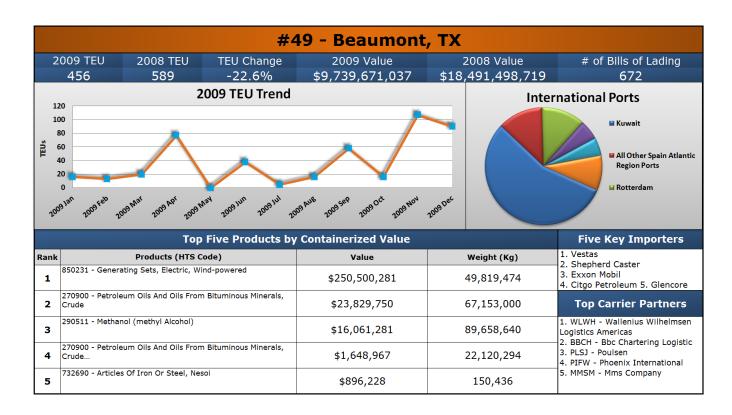


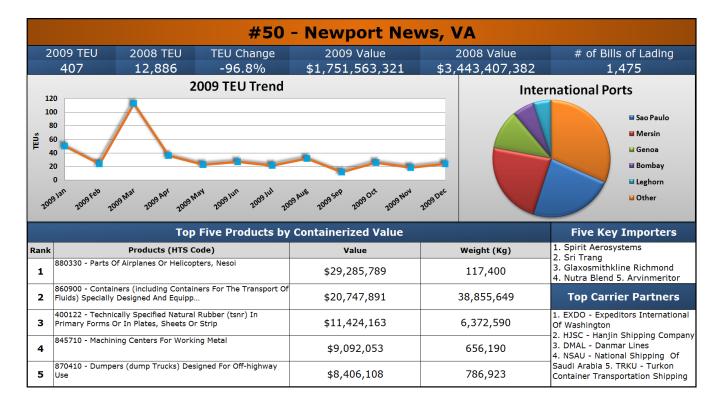














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