

Shanghai hits 40 million TEU milestone as volumes grow at Chinese ports

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Port of Ningbo

From January to October 2024, Chinese ports handled a total of 276.4 million TEUs, reflecting a 7.6% year-on-year growth.

In October, Shanghai Port recorded a container throughput of 4.15 million TEUs, up by 3.8% compared to the same month last year, while Ningbo Zhoushan Port processed 3.31 million TEUs, marking a 12.9% year-on-year increase. Shenzhen was the third busiest port in China with 2.8 million TEUs in October.

Port	Containers Throughput (in '0000 TEUs)			
	October	YoY %	January–October	YoY %
Shanghai	415	3.8%	4325	7.6%
Ningbo&Zhoushan	331	12.9%	3283	8.8%
Tianjin	190	3.8%	2024	4.1%
Qingdao	260	5.7%	2576	7.8%
Shenzhen	280	19.7%	2766	14.9%
Guangzhou	227	5.1%	2175	4.7%
Xiamen	95	-10.4%	742	-4.0%
Beibu Gulf	85	11.8%	742	14.3%

Regarding the year-to-date volumes, Shanghai reached the 40 million TEU milestone, having already moved 43.25 million TEUs in 2024. Ningbo Zhousan Port is in the second place with 32.83 million TEUs, while Shenzhen and Qingdao follow with 27.66 million TEUs and 25.76 million TEUs respectively.

Shenzhen Port has shown the largest year-on-year growth among the Chinese ports, with a 14.9% increase, followed by Beibu Gulf, Ningbo Zhousan, Qingdao and Shanghai ports.

On the lower end of the rankings, Xiamen and Beibu Gulf have each handled 7.42 million TEUs so far in 2024, with Beibu Gulf showing a significant 14.3% year-over-year growth but Xiamen reporting a 4% decline.