Transportation Market Update

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Schneider's goal is to provide the latest market insights to help you navigate the ongoing market volatility.

Whether moving a critical load, keeping your supply chain going or long-term planning, Schneider remains committed to safely and securely delivering your freight.

Schneider leverages data and analytics from multiple sources to provide the most up-to-date insights available including, but not limited to, FTR, DAT, FreightWaves SONAR, Cass Information Systems, Inc., FleetOwner, FMCSA, The New York Times, ATRI and Transport Topics. For the latest information and updates, visit Schneider's Trending Topics page.



Less than two weeks away! Transportation Sustainability Summit: July 26 - 27, 2022



Jake Vandeloo, John Bozec, Brian Stuelpner and Rodney Cromwell Schneider



Joe Annotti Gladstein, Neandross and Associates (GNA)



Nate HIII Daimler Trucks

At this event, you will learn about the acceleration of sustainability across transportation and the key trends and challenges. You will also gain a better understanding of electric infrastructure and green policy and trade from our outstanding presenter lineup, including Daimler Trucks and Gladstein, Neandross and Associates (GNA) -- as well as get up-close-and-personal with an electric truck!

Register now to join us in Long Beach, CA, and move from "Pledge to Plan."



Shipping freight cross-border? Register for our next event: The Cross-Border Capacity Evolution, on August 25, 2022



Bernardo Rodarte, Jessica Valdez and Michael Baumgardt Schneider

U.S. Mexico Foundation

Valeria Moy IMCO

Humberto Vargas Union Pacific Mexico

Jonathan Mulch Kansas City Southern

Organizations that are shipping beyond U.S. borders are taking notice that these constant evolutions require revolutionary changes to their transportation strategy. During this event, Schneider is bringing U.S.-Mexico shippers together with the U.S.-Mexico Foundation, Union Pacific and Kansas City Southern Railroads, and the Mexican Institute for Competitiveness (IMCO), to help cross-border shippers revolutionize the way they approach their transportation strategy.

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In the news: AB-5, California's Worker Classification Law, Stands as Supreme

Court Decides NOT to hear case

The U.S. Supreme Court announced on June 30 it won't review whether AB-5, a California state worker classification law, applies to truck drivers.

This law – which relates to the classification of workers either as employees or independent contractors – has been on the books in California for two years, but federal courts have blocked the law from applying to truck drivers due to ongoing litigation and appeals.

But now, with the Supreme Court's June 30 decision, the injunction will be lifted making compliance with AB-5 a reality for trucking companies in California.



ABC test

Must answer yes to these three parts to classify as independent contractor:

- The worker is free from the control and direction of the hirer in relation to the performance of the work, both under the contract and in fact;
- The worker performs work that is outside the usual course of the hirer's business; AND
- The worker is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, or business of the same nature as the work performed for the hirer

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AB-5: In Practical Terms What Does The Supreme Court Decision Mean For Shippers?

In California:

- In the coming months, we expect to see Owner Operator truck drivers do one of three things: (1) convert to employee drivers; (2) go it alone by obtaining their own operating authority and insurance, and then managing their loads across multiple shippers/brokers (as opposed to leasing on with a single carrier); or (3) exit the California market.
- As it relates to Schneider, we have already positioned our California services in a way that allows us to meet the commitments to you, our valued customer. Even though AB-5 is now applicable to trucking companies, we will see little to no impact to Schneider operations and our ability to service our customers.

In Other States:

- This does not change the Owner Operator model in states other than California.
- Owner Operators are, and will continue to be, an important source of capacity for the industry.
- As it relates to Schneider, we are proud to do business with Owner Operators in states other than California.





Update for Port Shippers: West coast port labor union contracts expired on July 1, 2022, as negotiations continue

- The current contract, which covers the International Longshore and Warehouse Union's more than 22,000 workers at the 29 ports dotting the Pacific coast of the U.S., expired July 1.
- Both organizations expected the contract to expire and are actively working to reach an agreement.
 While there has been no contract extension, they are assuring shippers that cargo will keep moving.
- Various industry associations—including the National Retail Federation, American Chemistry Council,
 California Trucking Association, and the National Industrial Transportation League, and many others—
 recently penned a letter to President Biden, calling on the White House to reach a new agreement
 without any disruption to port operations, specifically pointing out the upcoming Peak Season.

Now is the time to put contingency and port diversification plans in place >>



Schneider's advice for Port shippers: Now is the time to put contingency and port diversification plans in place.

- Disruption will continue.
- A seismic shift is needed in how shippers map their freight transport.
- Shippers should consider shifting/multi-port and distribution strategies to reduce risk.
- Maintain strategic business relationships with providers who can help your supply chain stay nimble through the utilization of new strategies and ideas -- "don't fear failure."
- Be willing to try new strategies and take calculated risks.

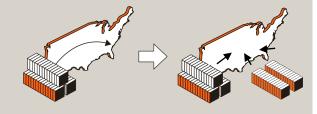
How? Keep going >>



Here are a few creative solutions and trends we've been helping shippers implement to keep freight moving in a challenging market.

Contact us to get the capacity you need

Port Optimization



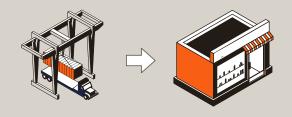
An alternative or multigateway strategy may better support your supply chain.

Pop up DCs



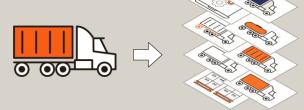
A relief valve for inventory storage. Keeping freight nearby without overcrowding your DC.

DC Bypass



Flow SKUs directly to stores to alleviate DC congestion.

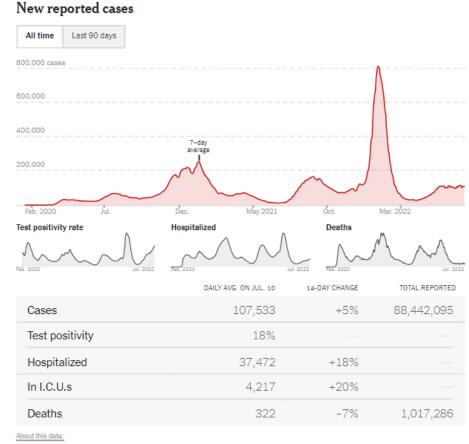
Schneider Capacity Stacking[™]



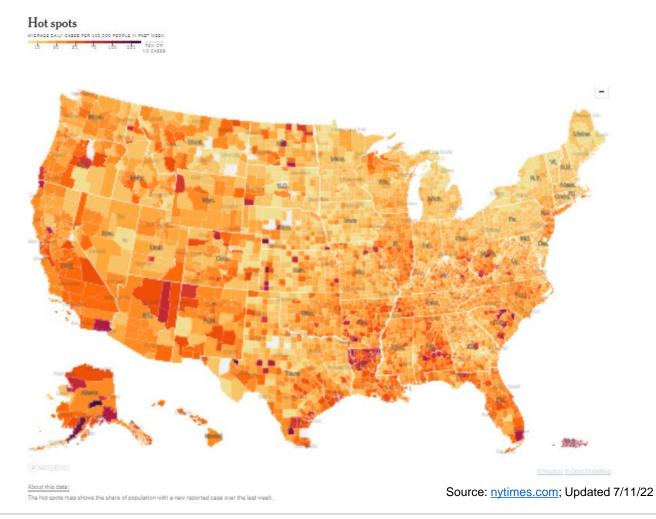
Customized capacity, using multimodal, dedicated and dynamic pricing solutions.



COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations rise throughout the country due to the emerging dominance of the BA.5 variant



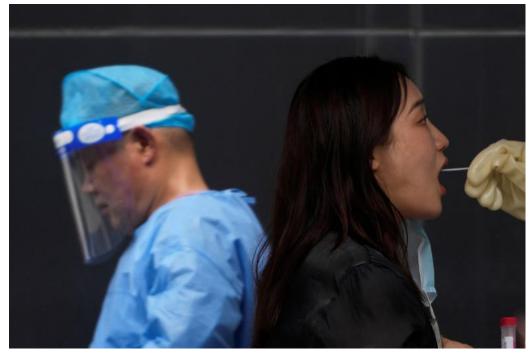
Sources: State and local health agencies (cases, deaths); U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (test positivity, hospitalizations, I.C.U. patients). Test positivity, hospitalizations, I.C.U.s and deaths show seven-day averages. Hospitalization data may not yet be available for yesterday. Test positivity is based only on P.C.R. test results reported to the federal government and is for the most recent seven days in which at least 40 states have reported testing data. 14-day change is hidden if not enough data is available to make a comparison. Figures shown are the most recent data available.





In the news: China not out of the COVID-19 woods

- Multiple Chinese cities are adopting fresh COVID-19 curbs, from business halts to lockdowns, to rein in new infections, with the commercial hub of Shanghai bracing for another mass testing effort after finding a highly-transmissible Omicron subvariant.
- China has said curbs must be as targeted as possible to reduce damage to the world's No. 2 economy, after this year's major disruptions clogged global supply chains and hit international trade.



Source: REUTERS/Aly Song

• The discovery of a local infection with the BA.5.2.1 subvariant raises the stakes of quickly limiting a small outbreak to avert more disruptive steps similar to the lockdown in April and May that affected the global economy and markets.

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Source: <u>nytimes.com</u>, <u>reuters.com</u>; Updated 7/11/22



Outbound Tender Volume Index

Compared to the Outbound Tender Volume Index levels during this time in the previous three years, current OTVI is -18% lower than 2021, -10% lower than 2020, and 13% higher than 2019.



2020-2021 2019-2020 2022 2018-2019

Outbound tender volumes represent demand for capacity in the origin area. An increase in volume represents an increase in demand.

Source: FreightWaves; Updated 7/11/22

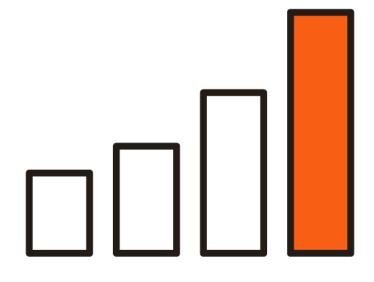


Outbound Tender Volume Index

FreightWaves Sonar analysis says that as typical with holidays, the Fourth of July holiday has skewed volume levels. Since OTVI is calculated as a seven-day moving average, and since freight demand on July Fourth was effectively absent, the current dip should not be alarming by itself.

Nevertheless, demand from retail shippers is historically quiet in the period from now until mid- to late August, after which retailers begin to restock their shelves for the back-to-school season. Given that many retailers have already noted record levels of inventory amid slowing consumer demand, even the traditional peak in August and September might be less "peaky" than usual.

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This Year's
Peak Season
Still Needs to
be Planned For >>

Source: FreightWaves; Updated 7/11/22



Peak Season 2022: Expect the Unexpected

Though the market is beginning to soften from 2021, volumes are still competitive with 2018 – 2020. And, despite the fact that many retailers are sitting on inventory, the second half of the year holiday and promotion seasons are upon us. In an environment where nothing is certain, one thing is – there will always be some level of a Peak Season to meet the holiday and promotion demands of the second half of the year.

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Your Peak Season Checklist for 2022, to help you expect the unexpected.

▶ Plan ahead

Provide your carriers your forecast as soon as possible, so they can understand the surge you are expecting, and help you to develop the best plan for your freight needs. If your business experiences any sort of surge in freight volumes, your carriers need to prepare behind the scenes to meet your needs.

► Leverage strategies like Schneider Capacity StackingSM

By planning ahead with your carriers, those that provide multiple services, like Schneider, can help you to develop the best mode diversification plan to move your freight efficiently and cost-effectively, whether via Van Truckload, Intermodal, Port Services, Brokerage, Dedicated, Bulk or more.

► Set up digital connections with carriers

By connecting digitally via API or TMS with your carriers, you will get quick and easy quotes on your freight, saving you time and resources, when you need to move quickly. In addition, we offer Schneider FreightPower® for quick and easy quoting, booking and tracking of your Schneider freight.



Outbound Tender Reject Index

Outbound Tender Reject levels have declined for all modes and are at 7% overall. Truckload rejects are at 7%, Reefer rejects are at 8% -- while Flatbed rejects have been consistently higher at 25%.



Outbound tender rejects are an indication of available capacity in the origin market of the freight. If rejections are increasing, capacity may be tightening in that area.

Source: FreightWaves; Updated 7/11/22



Outbound Tender Reject Index by length of haul

The graph below details outbound tender rejects based on length of haul, regardless of mode. Since our last report, rejects have decreased for all lengths of haul.

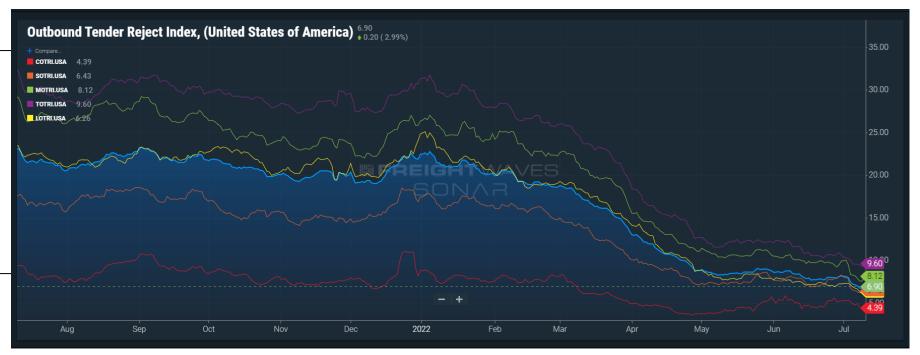
City/local (< 100 miles): 4%

Short-haul (100-250 miles): 6%

Mid-haul (250-450 miles): 8%

Tweener (450-800 miles): 10%

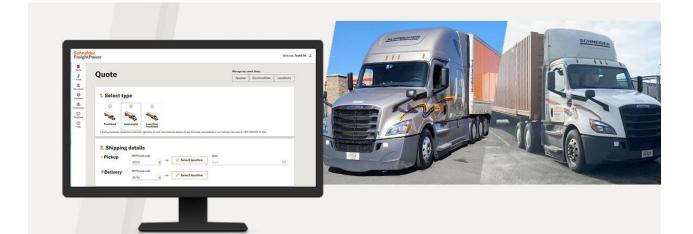
Long-haul (800+ miles): 6%



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