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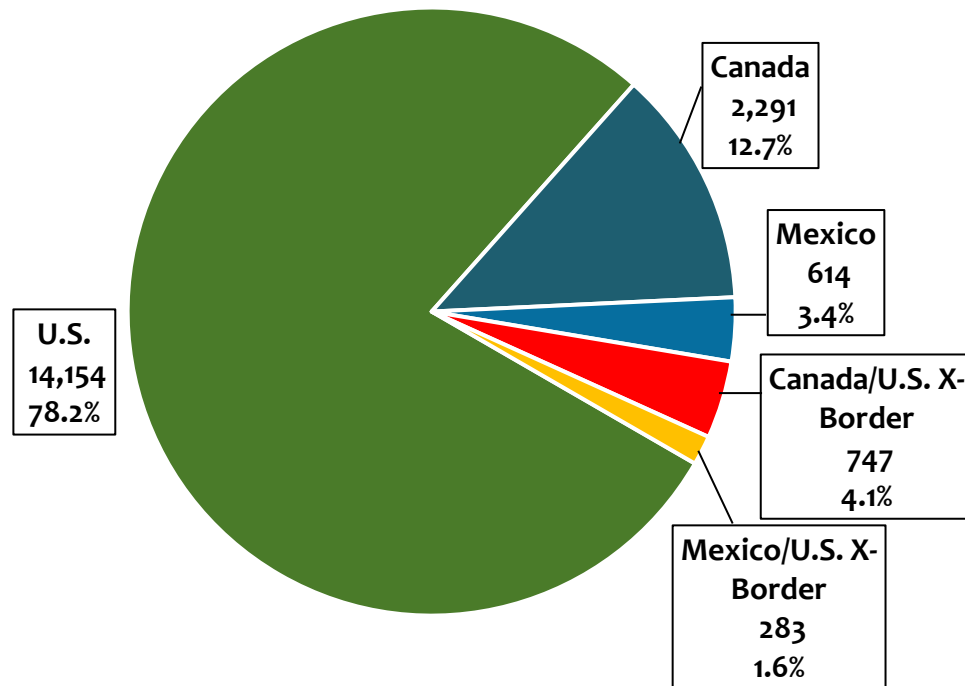


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# NORTH AMERICA 2024

2024 North America Revenue Moves (000)

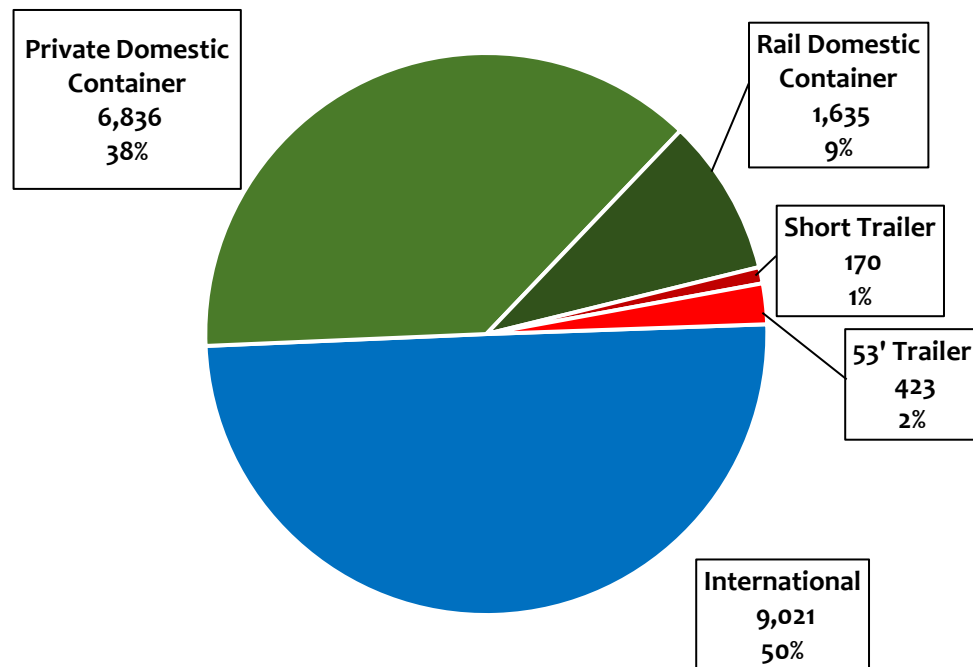


December 2024	M/M	Y/Y	YTD
<b>International</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>13.9%</b>
<i>Private Domestic Container</i>	<i>-4.6%</i>	7.4%	6.0%
<i>Rail Domestic Container</i>	<i>-3.3%</i>	10.0%	2.3%
Total Domestic Container	-4.4%	7.9%	5.3%
<i>Short Trailer</i>	<i>-2.4%</i>	5.0%	<i>-19.8%</i>
<i>53' Trailer</i>	1.6%	<i>-15.5%</i>	<i>-14.4%</i>
Total Trailer	0.4%	-10.4%	-16.0%
<b>Domestic</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

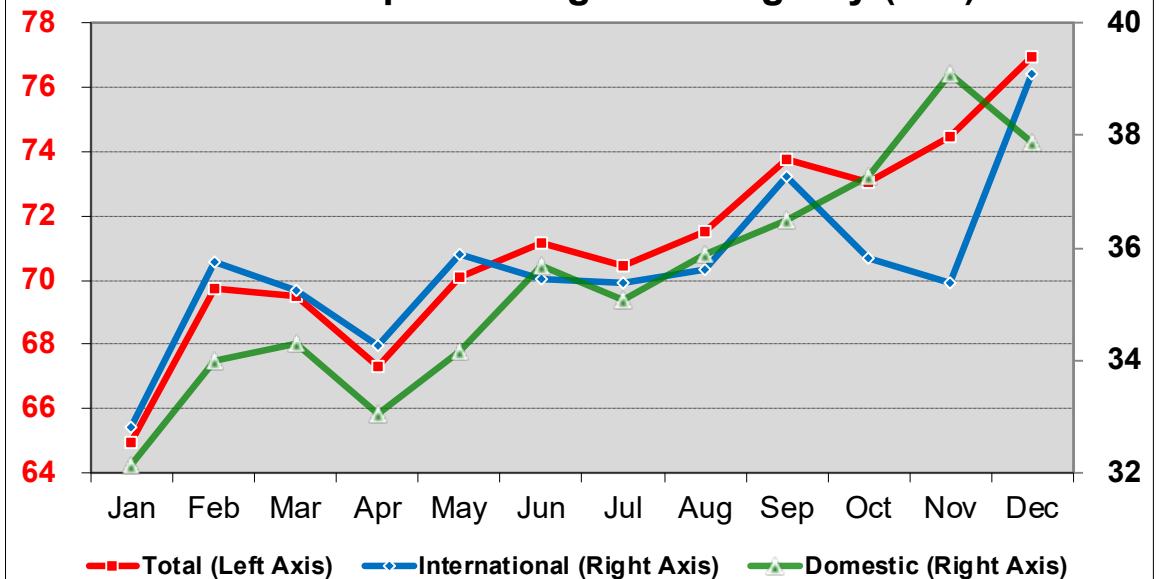
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# NORTH AMERICA 2024

2024 North America Revenue Moves (000)



Rev. Moves per Average Working Day (000)



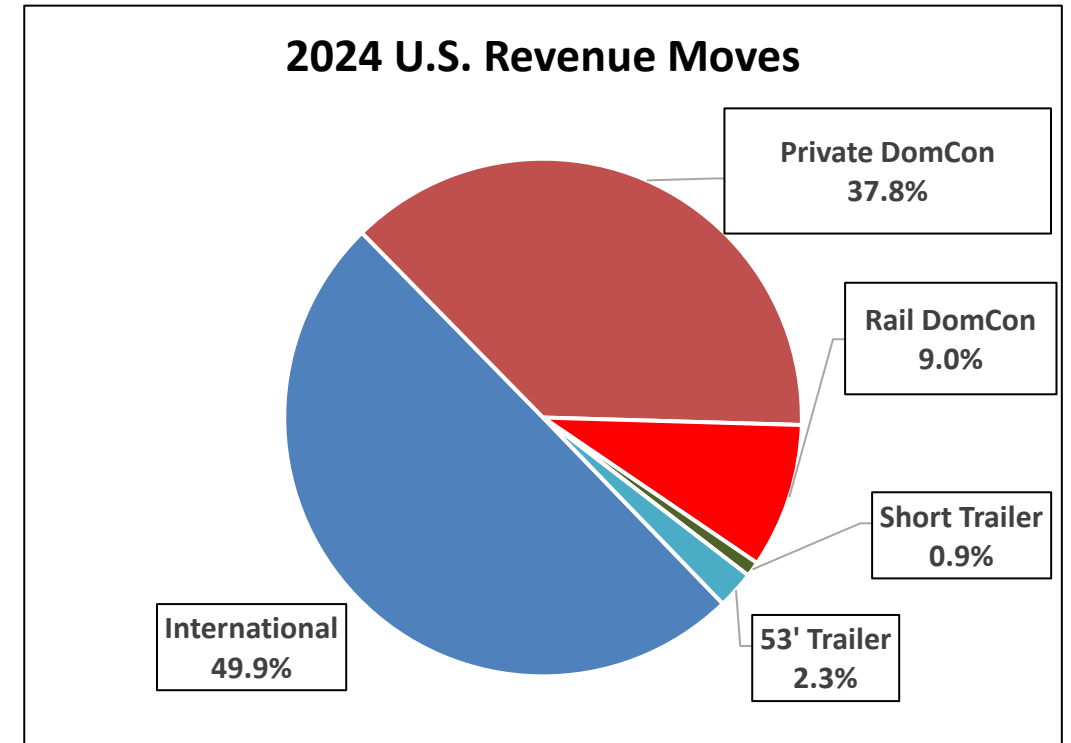
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# U.S. 2024 REVENUE MOVES

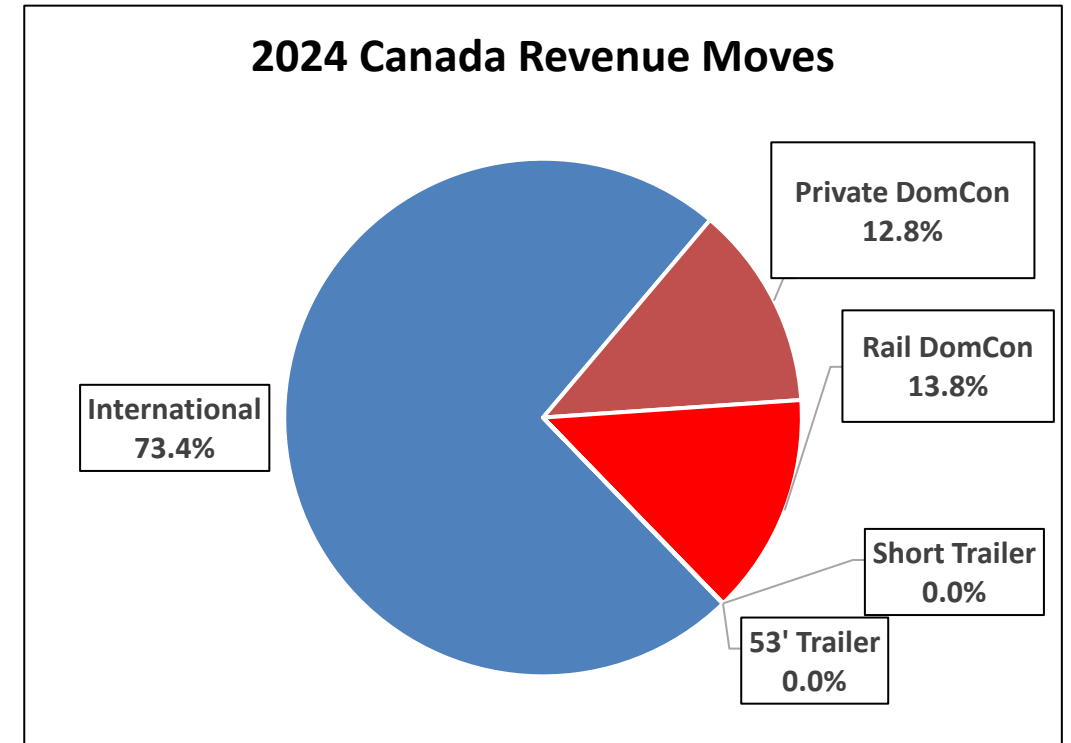
2024 U.S.	Rev Moves (000)	Y/Y %
<b>International</b>	<b>6,265</b>	<b>19.7%</b>
<i>Private Domestic Container</i>	<i>6,177</i>	<i>4.7%</i>
<i>Rail Domestic Container</i>	<i>1,121</i>	<i>7.2%</i>
<b>Total Domestic Container</b>	<b>7,298</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
<i>Short Trailer</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>-19.8%</i>
<i>53' Trailer</i>	<i>422</i>	<i>-14.4%</i>
<b>Total Trailer</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>-16.0%</b>
<b>Domestic</b>	<b>7,889</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>14,154</b>	<b>9.9%</b>



Sources: IANA ETSO, GTC Analysis

# CANADA 2024 REVENUE MOVES

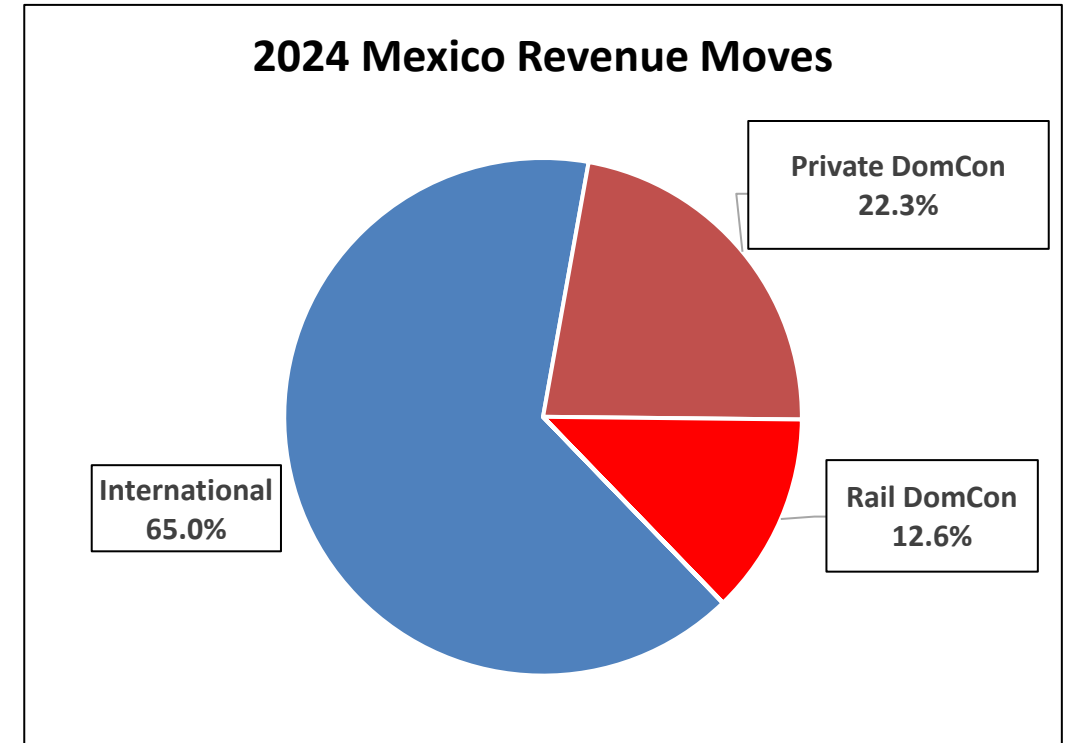
2024 Canada	Rev Moves (000)	Y/Y %
<b>International</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
<i>Private Domestic Container</i>	292	-1.6%
<i>Rail Domestic Container</i>	317	-3.8%
<b>Total Domestic Container</b>	<b>7,298</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<i>Short Trailer</i>	0	-100.0%
<i>53' Trailer</i>	1	-15.6%
<b>Total Trailer</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-15.7%</b>
<b>Domestic</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>3.4%</b>



Sources: IANA ETSO, GTC Analysis

# MEXICO 2024 REVENUE MOVES

2024 Mexico	Rev Moves (000)	Y/Y %
<b>International</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>7.2%</b>
<i>Private Domestic Container</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>188.0%</i>
<i>Rail Domestic Container</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>28.5%</i>
<b>Total Domestic Container</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>99.0%</b>
<i>Short Trailer</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>34.1%</i>
<i>53' Trailer</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1000.0%</i>
<b>Total Trailer</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>157.4%</b>
<b>Domestic</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>99.0%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>27.8%</b>

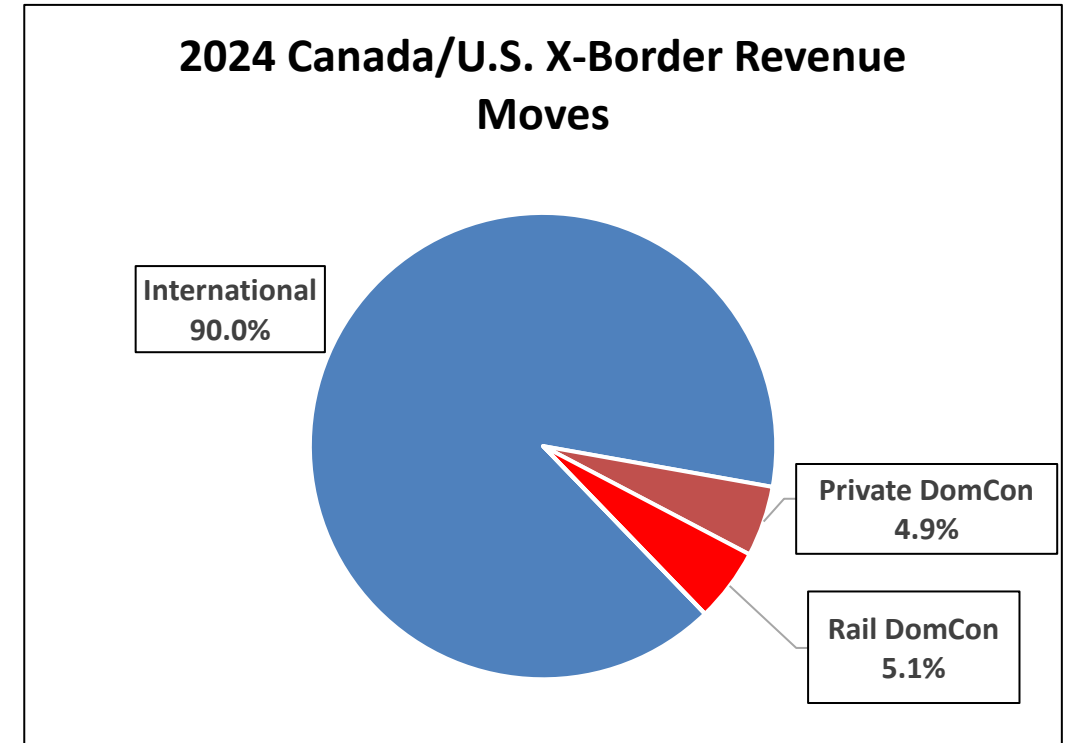


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# CANADA/U.S. X-BORDER 2024 REVENUE MOVES

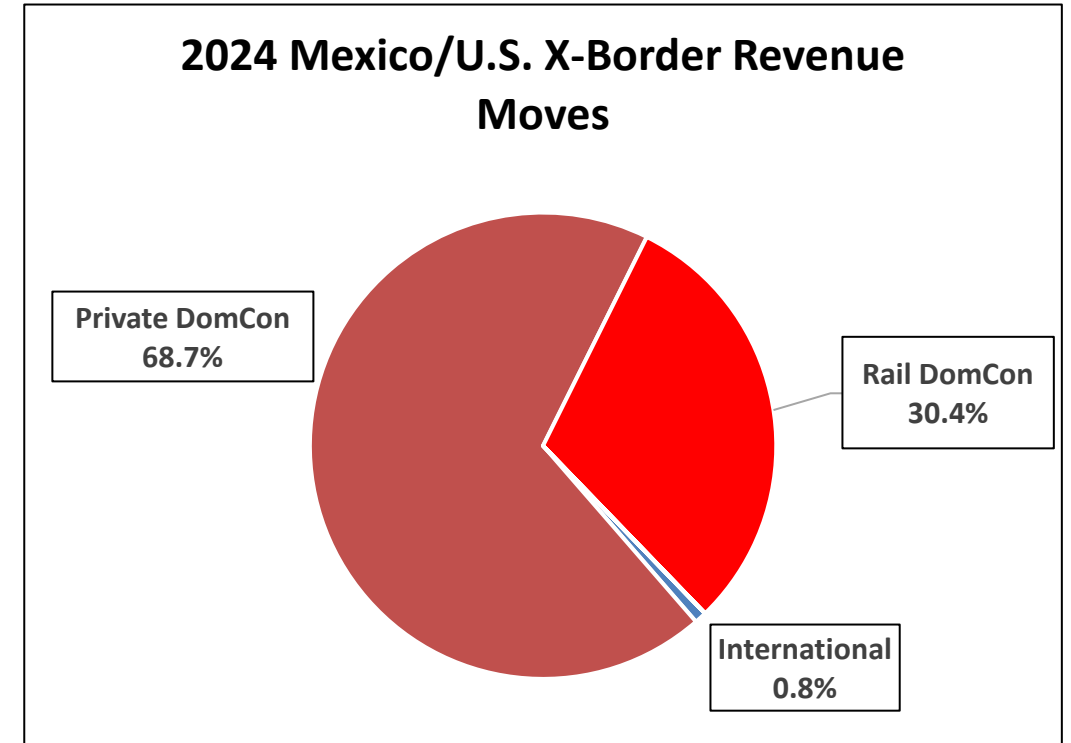
2024 Canada/U.S. X-Border	Rev Moves (000)	Y/Y %
<b>International</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>
<i>Private Domestic Container</i>	37	-17.8%
<i>Rail Domestic Container</i>	38	-11.0%
<b>Total Domestic Container</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-14.5%</b>
<i>Short Trailer</i>	0	NA
<i>53' Trailer</i>	0	NA
<b>Total Trailer</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Domestic</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-14.5%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>-6.9%</b>



Sources: IANA ETSO, GTC Analysis

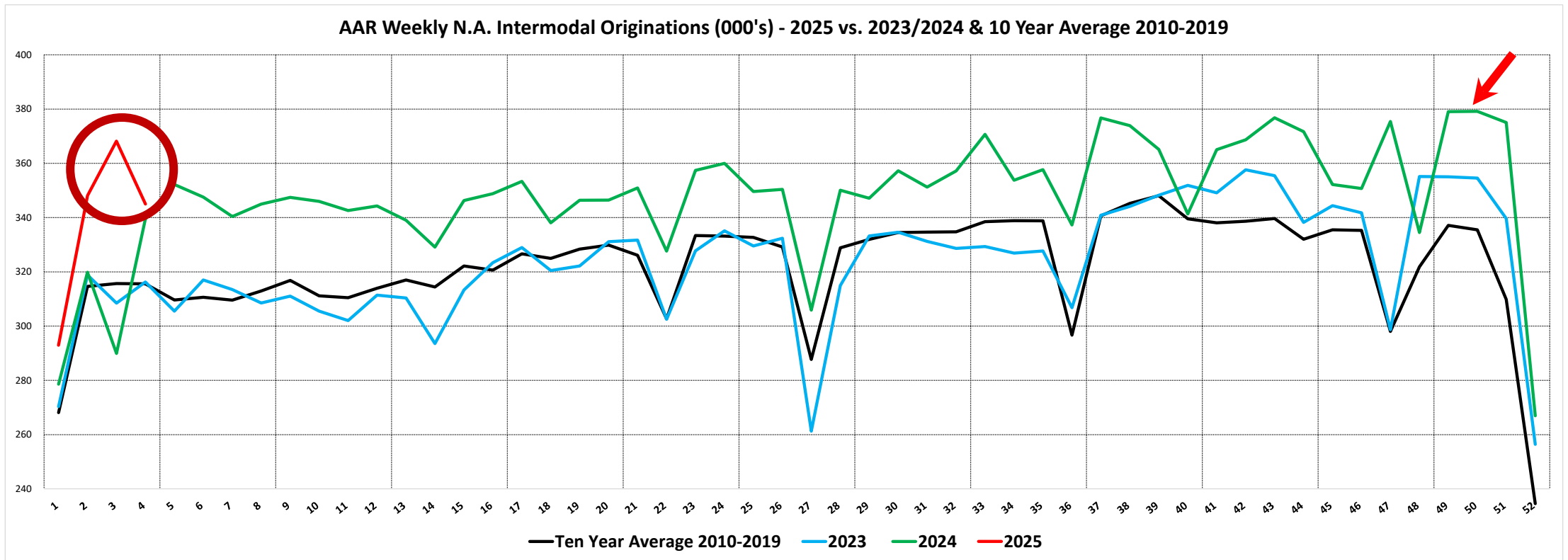
# MEXICO/U.S. X-BORDER 2024 REVENUE MOVES

2024 Mexico/U.S. X-Border	Rev Moves (000)	Y/Y %
<b>International</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-64.6%</b>
<i>Private Domestic Container</i>	195	16.0%
<i>Rail Domestic Container</i>	86	-30.0%
<b>Total Domestic Container</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>
<i>Short Trailer</i>	0	275.0%
<i>53' Trailer</i>	0	-81.0%
<b>Total Trailer</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-50.0%</b>
<b>Domestic</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>



Sources: IANA ETSO, GTC Analysis

# *INTERMODAL FINISHED 2024 STRONG AND THAT HAS CONTINUED INTO 2025*



Sources: AAR, GTC Analysis

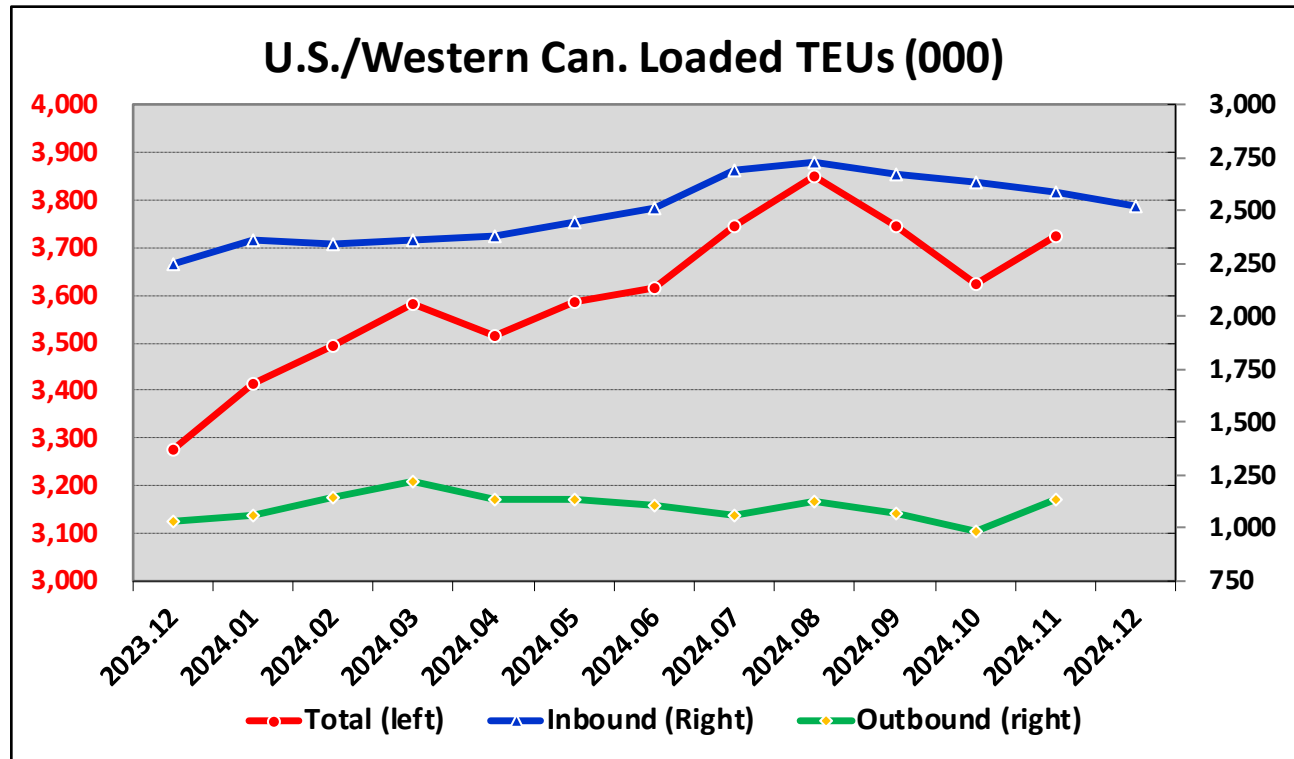


# THE WESTERN RAILROADS AND CPKC HAVE SEEN STRONG GAINS THUS FAR THIS YEAR

				WEEK ENDING:		1/25/2025			
	Most Recent Week			4 Week Average		Quarter to Date		Year to Date	
	Volume	W/W Change	Y/Y Change	Volume	Y/Y Change	Volume	Y/Y Change	Volume	Y/Y Change
	AAR WEEKLY INTERMODAL ORIGINATIONS								
North America	344,988	-6.3%	1.6%	338,559	10.3%	1,354,235	10.3%	1,354,235	10.3%
United States	265,672	-6.4%	2.5%	259,541	10.9%	1,038,164	10.9%	1,038,164	10.9%
	AAR WEEKLY INTERMODAL ORIGINATIONS + RECEIVED IN INTERCHANGE								
BNSF	103,642	-5.3%	6.9%	100,640	14.3%	402,561	14.3%	402,561	14.3%
CN	38,641	-9.0%	-3.8%	40,294	9.0%	161,176	9.0%	161,176	9.0%
CPKC	33,144	-6.7%	5.3%	32,213	14.6%	128,853	14.6%	128,853	14.6%
CSX	51,205	-11.4%	-8.0%	51,426	2.7%	205,703	2.7%	205,703	2.7%
GMXT	16,438	8.9%	6.6%	14,261	0.7%	57,042	0.7%	57,042	0.7%
NS	74,108	-8.5%	-7.5%	71,354	1.6%	285,414	1.6%	285,414	1.6%
UP	79,957	-2.2%	17.9%	75,133	23.3%	300,533	23.3%	300,533	23.3%

Sources: AAR, GTC Analysis

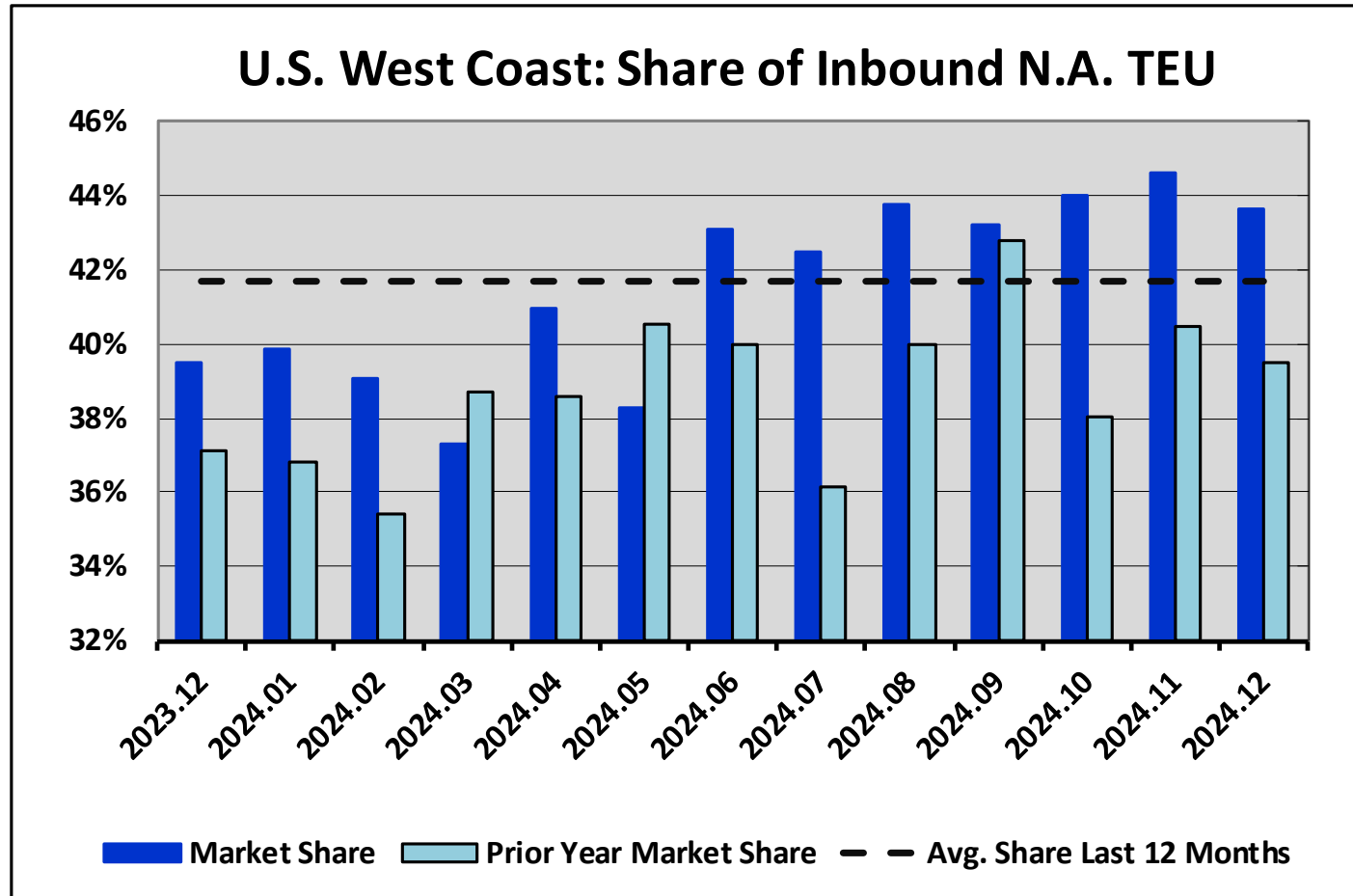
# IMPORTS TEUS HAVE EASED DOWN VERY SLOWLY SINCE AUGUST – STILL PRETTY STRONG!



U.S./Western Can	Preliminary Inbound Statistics: 000 TEU's			
Dec 2024	Current Month	QTD	YTD	Last 12 Months
Inbound (NSA)	2,518	7,740	30,243	30,243
Vs. Prior Mo.	-2.7%			
Vs. Prior Year	12.0%	11.2%	13.1%	13.1%
Seasonally Adjusted	2,603			
Vs. Prior Mo.	-1.3%			

Source: Port Reports, IHS PIERS, GTC Analysis

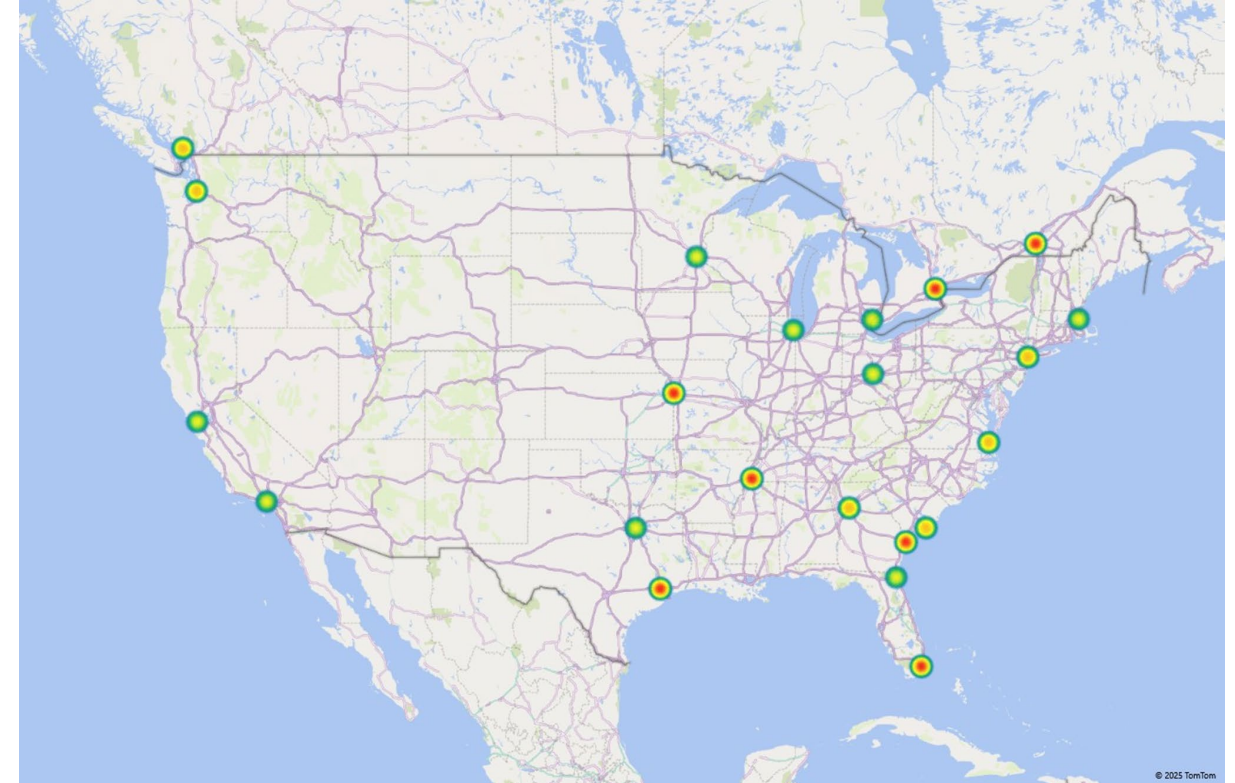
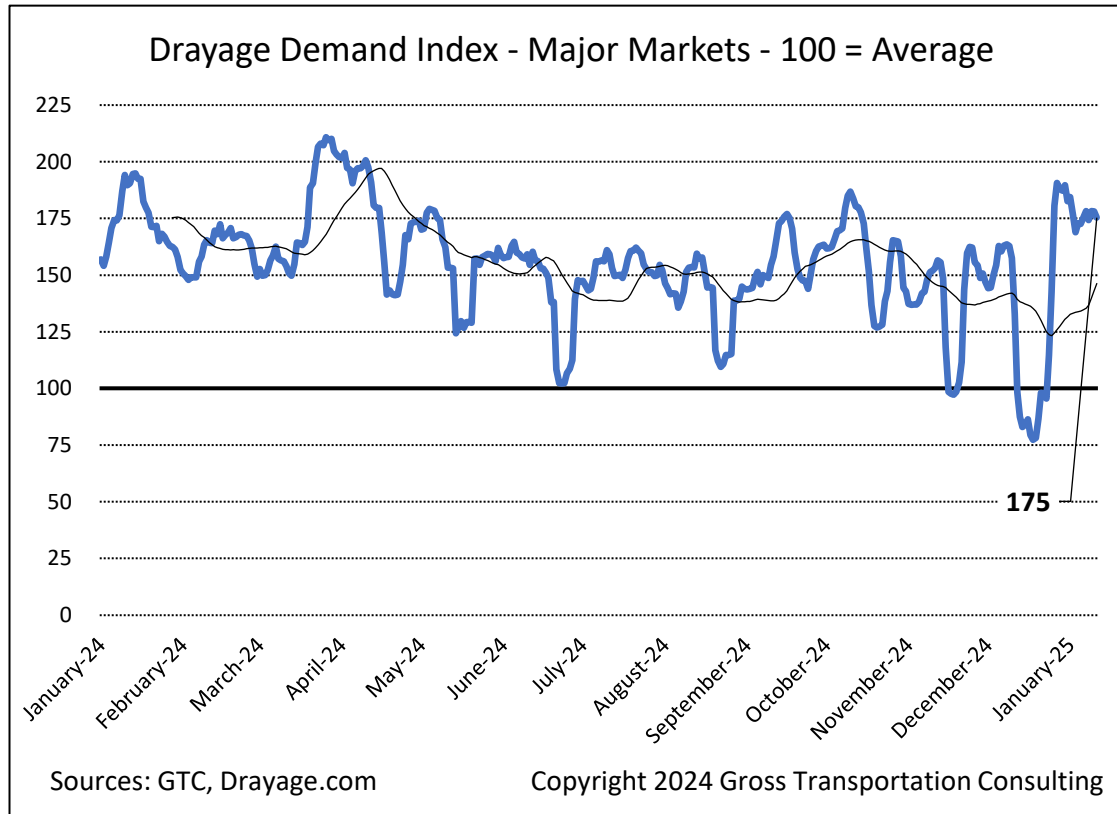
# WEST COAST DIVERSION – THE LAST HURRAH?



Sources: Port Reports, PIERS Data, GTC Analysis

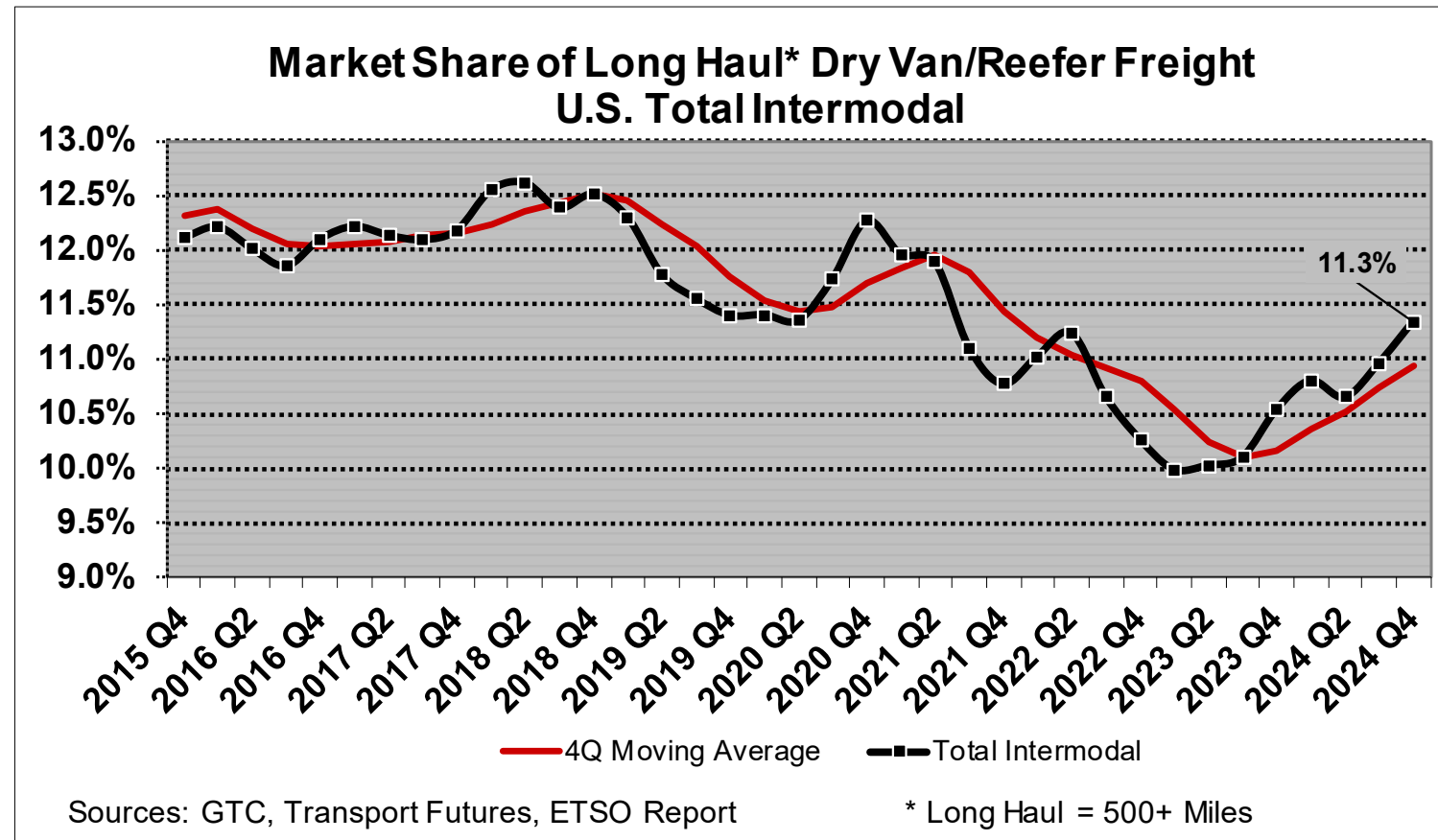


# ***THE DRAYAGE MARKETS HAVE TIGHTENED A BIT – PRE-TARIFF SURGE AND/OR WEATHER***



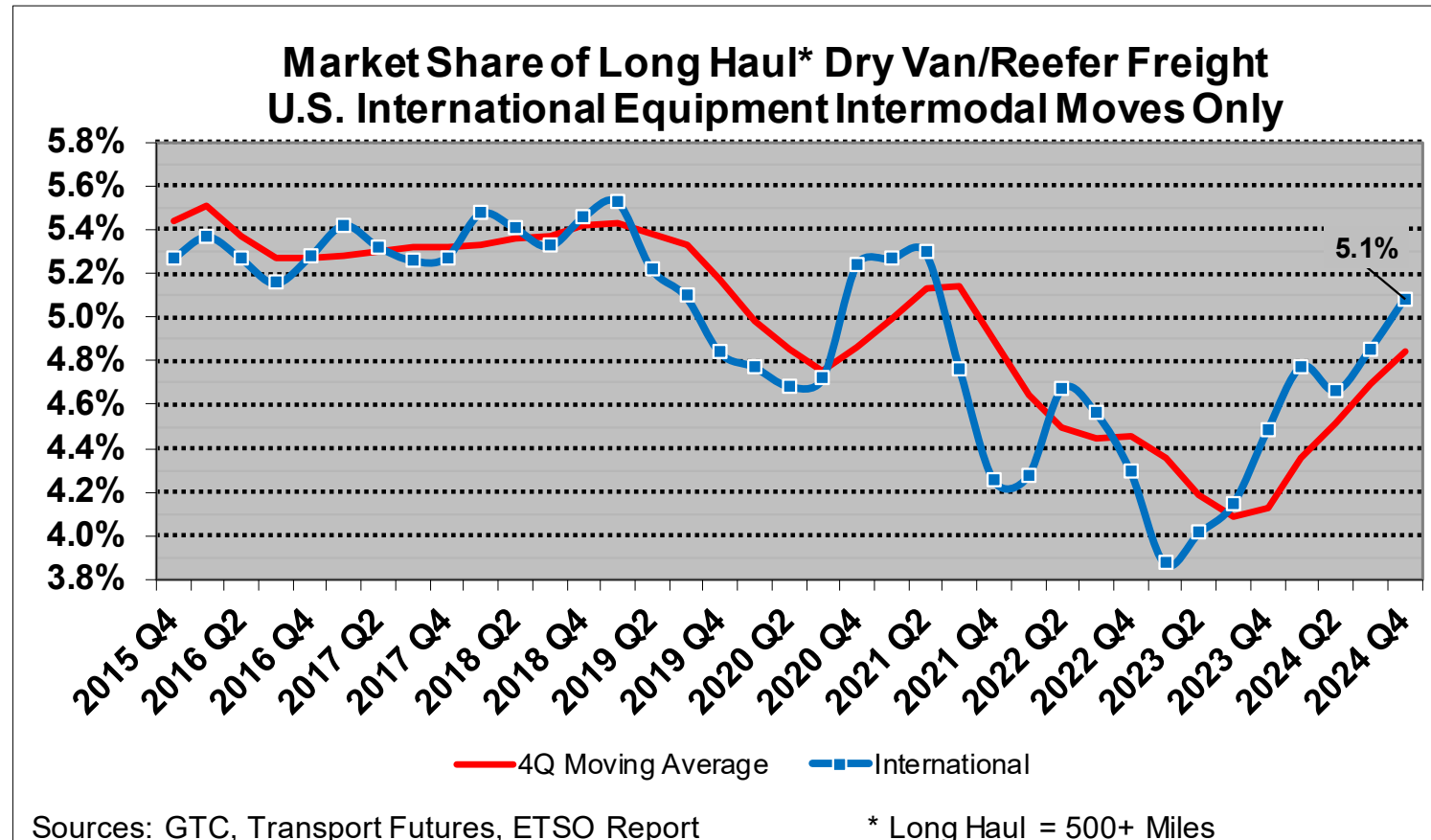
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# 2024 Q4 SAW THE HIGHEST MARKET SHARE IN THE PAST THREE YEARS



Sources: IANA ETSO, Transport Futures, GTC Analysis

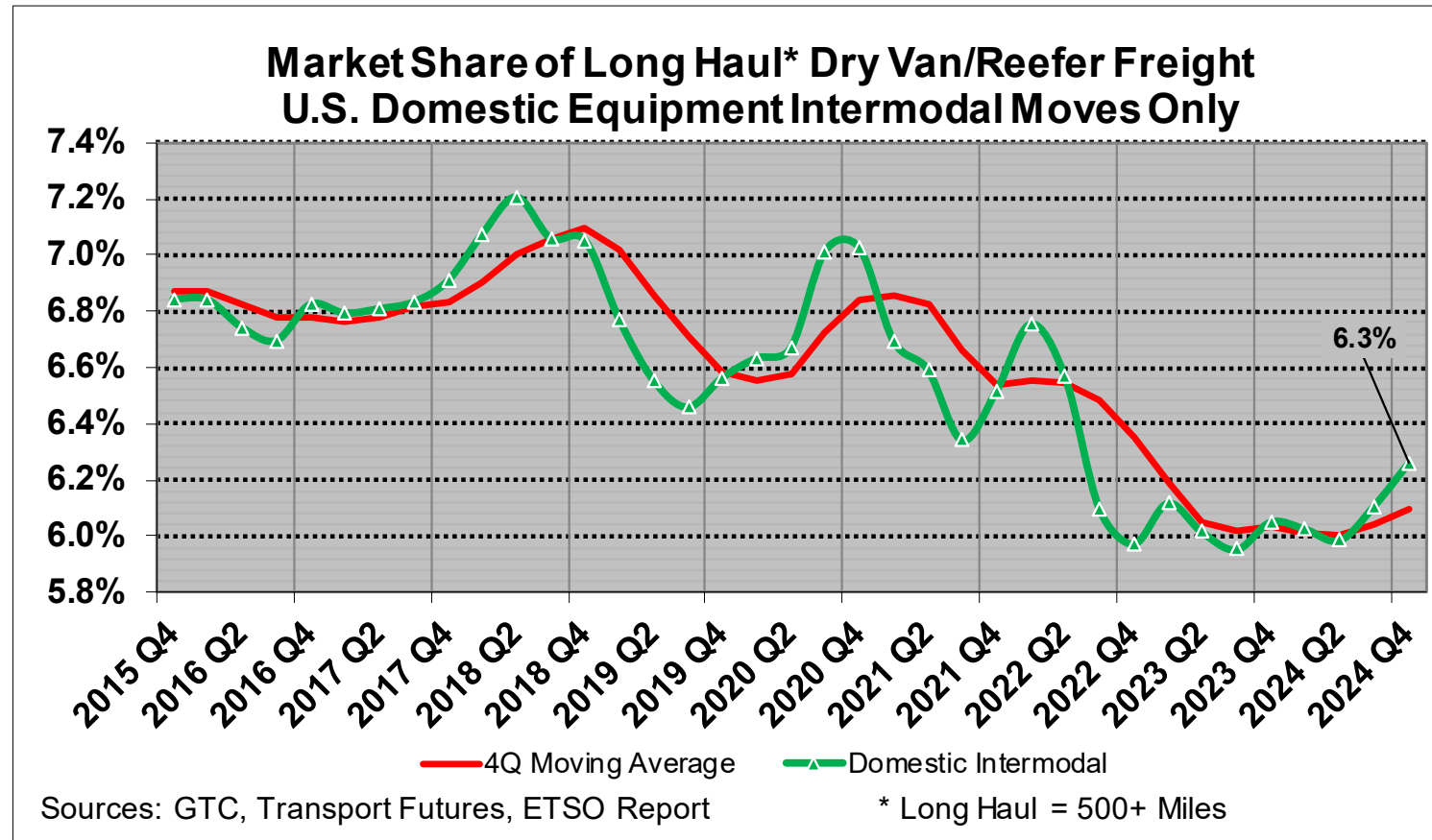
# ***IPI HAS PROVIDED MOST OF THE HORSEPOWER FOR THE SHARE INCREASE – UP UNTIL NOW***



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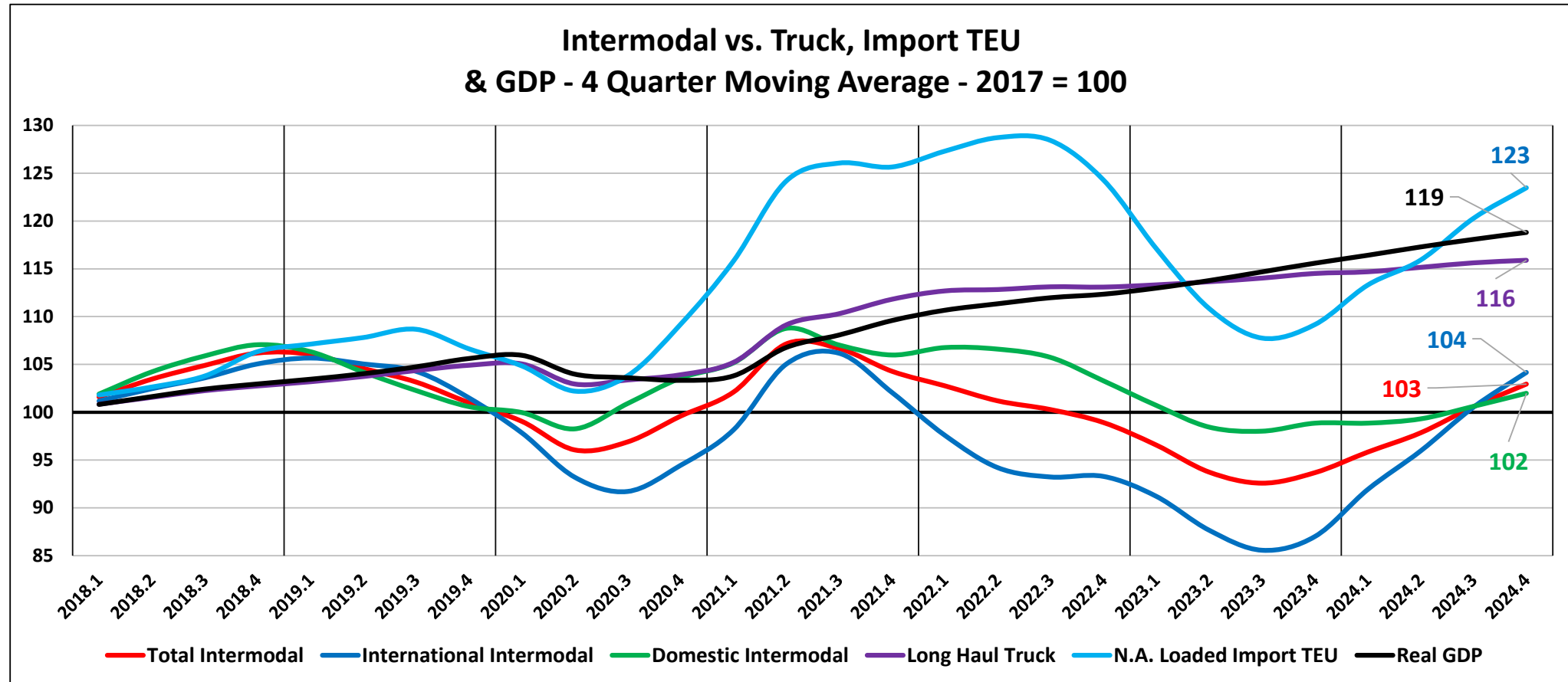


# ***BIG NEWS – DOMESTIC SHARE RECOVERY LOOKS TO BE FINALLY UNDERWAY!***



Sources: IANA ETSO, Transport Futures, GTC Analysis

# THERE IS A LOT OF GROUND TO MAKE UP



Sources: IANA ETSO, Transport Futures, PIERS, Port Reports, U.S. BEA, GTC Analysis

# ***MAJOR 2024 THEMES***

- The intermodal network showed good resilience in the face of repeated disruptions (labor, weather, war)
- Big surge in imports following a weak 2023. Strong retail sales, and, more recently, ILA/tariff pull-forward get credit.
- Strong IPI growth driven by West Coast diversions.
- Slow-motion recovery in Domestic intermodal. Lots of capacity waiting to be put into service.
- Canada suffered from repeated labor disruptions.
- Weak performance on the Mexico border.
- Strong Domestic growth within Mexico, especially Privates.

# 2024 FORECAST SCORECARD

North American Intermodal		
2024	Forecast	Actual
Total	5.5%	8.5%
International	6.7%	13.9%
Domestic	4.4%	3.5%
Domestic Container	6.0%	5.3%
Total Trailer	-14.1%	-16.0%
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- Overall result not too bad – but the result of offsetting errors. It's good to be lucky.
- Way too low on International
- A bit too optimistic on Domestic
- Grade: C+ or B-



# ***OUTLOOK – MAGA EFFECTS***

- Import pull-forward ending, continued turbulence ahead.
- Tariff threats are not just a negotiating tool, but rather a likelihood. Where, when and how much remain big questions.
- Mexico/Canada tariffs might not be that big a deal, intermodally speaking.
- Panama Canal an unexpected, potential “Black Swan” flashpoint.
- Downside economic risks include inflation, workforce disruption. Kiss those interest rate reductions good-bye.

# *OUTLOOK*

- Intermodal has demonstrated operational resilience in the face of major disruption. This will reassure shippers.
- In the absence of major changes in intermodal strategy, improvement in intermodal market share continues as truck rates begin to firm.
- Domestic intermodal outgrows modest truck improvement.
- Imports shift back to the East Coast, especially if Red Sea/Suez route re-opens.
- IPI boom comes to an end, minimal growth next year, depending on tariff situation.
- Ocean rates crater, substantial near-term vessel bunching and congestion possible.
- Downside risks include inflation, workforce disruption.

# *Thanks! Questions?*

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