

Container Depot Logistics Market Size & Share Analysis - Growth Trends and Forecast (2026 - 2031)

> **Industry:** Maritime, Port & Container Operations (Logistics & Supply Chain)

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Executive Market Summary

Market Metric	Details
Base Market Size	USD 62.07 billion
Projected Forecast (2031)	USD 62.07 billion
Growth Rate (CAGR)	5.74 %
Largest Market Region	N/A
Fastest-Growing Region	N/A

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Market Overview	Study Period	2020 - 2031
Market Size (2026)		USD 62.07 Billion
Market Size (2031)		USD 82.06 Billion
Growth Rate (2026 - 2031)		5.74 %
Fastest Growing Market		Middle East and Africa
Largest Market		Asia-Pacific
Market Concentration		Medium

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Market Overview

Container Depot Logistics Market Analysis by Mordor IntelligenceThe container depot logistics market size was valued at USD 58.54 billion in 2025 and is projected to reach USD 62.07 billion in 2026, and reach USD 82.06 billion by 2031, growing at a CAGR of 5.74% from 2026 to 2031.

The market is expanding as higher containerized trade volumes drive demand for off-port storage, handling, and repositioning capacity across major shipping corridors. The container depot logistics market is also benefiting from supply chain redesign, as manufacturers and logistics providers place more inventory and equipment at inland nodes to reduce congestion risk and improve transport flexibility. Asia-Pacific remains the largest regional base because export manufacturing, rail-linked inland depots, and coastal gateway traffic are concentrated there, while the Middle East and Africa are growing faster as new logistics corridors and private terminal investment gain pace. The container depot logistics market is also seeing a shift toward outsourced depot operations, as shipping lines and NVOCCs seek variable operating models and stronger service visibility. Growth is still moderated by land scarcity near ports, rising labor and safety costs, and uncertain payback from automation at mid-sized sites.

Key Report Takeaways* By depot type, inland container depots held 34.16% of the container depot logistics market share in 2025, while empty container depots recorded the highest projected CAGR at 8.60% through 2031.

* By service type, container storage services accounted for 38.92% of the container depot logistics market size in 2025, while container maintenance and repair services are forecast to expand at 9.76% CAGR through 2031.

* By container type, dry containers led with 79.08% of the container depot logistics market share in 2025, while reefer containers are projected to grow at the fastest CAGR of 8.18% through 2031.

* By trade orientation, international and transshipment container handling accounted for 62.47% of the container depot logistics market size in 2025, while domestic container movement is advancing at the highest CAGR of 7.89% through 2031.

* By geography, Asia-Pacific led with 59.99% of the container depot logistics market share in 2025, while the Middle East and Africa are set to expand at 7.61% CAGR through 2031.

Key Market Trends

Market Trends and InsightsDrivers Impact Analysis of Container Depot Logistics Market*Driver | (~) % Impact on CAGR Forecast | Geographic Relevance | Impact Timeline |

Growth In Containerized Trade Requiring Off-Port Buffer Capacity | +1.5% | Global, concentrated in APAC and North America | Short term (≤ 2 years) |

Rising Need For Faster Container Turnaround At Congested Ports | +1.1% | APAC core, spill-over to MEA and Europe | Short term (≤ 2 years) |

Expansion Of Reefer And Specialized Container Handling Needs | +0.8% | APAC, South America, Europe | Medium term (2-4 years) |

Digital Yard Visibility, Appointment Systems, And Real-Time Slot Allocation | +0.7% | North America and the EU are early adopters in APAC | Medium term (2-4 years) |

Shift Toward Outsourced Depot Operations By Shipping Lines And NVOCCs | +0.6% | Global, concentrated in APAC and South America | Medium term (2-4 years) |

Decarbonization Pressure Encouraging Depot-Level Electrification And Idle-Time Reduction | +0.4% | EU, North America, Singapore, Australia | Long term (≥ 4 years) |

Competitive Landscape

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The container depot logistics market is moderately consolidated at the top and fragmented across regional and mid-sized operators. A small group of global port and logistics companies, including APM Terminals, DP World, PSA International, CMA CGM Group, and COSCO SHIPPING, controls a large share of the highest-throughput gateway capacity. The container depot logistics market is being reshaped by vertical integration, as carriers and terminal groups now seek to manage port handling, depot operations, inland staging, and logistics services under a single commercial structure. CMA CGM and Stonepeak launched UNITED PORTS LLC in January 2026, with a USD 2.4 billion Stonepeak investment for a 25% minority stake in 10 major terminals, providing CMA CGM with greater capital flexibility for further supply chain expansion. That kind of deal raises the competitive bar for independent operators in the container depot logistics market because scale now matters in financing, technology, and customer retention.

The clearest openings in the container depot logistics market lie in technology-enabled mid-market depots, cold-chain nodes in underbuilt regions, and digital platforms that aggregate fragmented capacity. Mid-sized operators can still compete if they offer reliable slot management, clean compliance records, and better visibility than older manual yards. The container depot logistics market also has room for specialist providers that focus on reefer support, inspection, cleaning, and certified handling for regulated cargo. New digital tools matter because they enable smaller operators to connect to carrier systems and become approved nodes without owning a global footprint. By contrast, depots that lack electronic audit trails, recognized certifications, or service integration are steadily losing ground in higher-value cargo flows.

Large operators are responding with coordinated network investments rather than isolated projects in the container depot logistics market. PSA International expanded in Mumbai in 2025; APM Terminals opened Suape in 2026; DP World accelerated Lazaro Cardenas; and DP World deepened its Red Sea position through the Jeddah partnership. Those moves show that the container depot logistics market is increasingly being managed as a linked network of assets rather than as stand-alone yards. Operators with capital, data visibility, and inland connectivity are therefore in a stronger position to defend margins and win strategic contracts.

Container Depot Logistics Industry Leaders* APM Terminals

* DP World

* PSA International

* Hutchison Ports

* COSCO SHIPPING Lines Co., Ltd.

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Global Container Depot Logistics Market Report ScopeBy Depot TypeInland Container Depots (ICDs) |
Container Freight Stations (CFS) |
Empty Container Depots (ECDs) |
Port-Based Container Depots |

Segmentation Accordion Item

By Region/Country

- North America
 - United States
 - Canada
 - Mexico
- South America
 - Brazil
 - Peru
 - Chile
 - Argentina
 - Rest of South America
- Asia-Pacific
 - China
 - Japan
 - India
 - South Korea
 - Australia
 - South East Asia
 - Rest of Asia-Pacific
- Europe
 - United Kingdom
 - Germany
 - France
 - Spain
 - Italy
 - BENELUX (Belgium, Netherlands, and Luxembourg)
 - NORDICS (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden)
 - Rest of Europe
- Middle East and Africa
 - United Arab Emirates
 - Saudi Arabia
 - South Africa
 - Nigeria
 - Rest of the Middle East And Africa

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the 2031 value forecast for container depot logistics?

The container depot logistics market is forecast to reach USD 82.06 billion by 2031, up from USD 62.07 billion in 2026, at a 5.74% CAGR.

Which depot type leads today, and which is growing fastest?

Inland Container Depots led with 34.16% of revenue in 2025, while Empty Container Depots are projected to grow fastest at an 8.60% CAGR through 2031.

Why are reefer depots becoming more important in container depot logistics?

Reefer Containers are expanding at a 8.18% CAGR, and operators are adding specialized cold-chain infrastructure, such as plug-in capacity and monitored staging areas, to capture higher-value cargo.

Which service category contributes the most revenue?

Container Storage Services held the largest revenue share at 38.92% in 2025, as every container still requires temporary staging at some point in the transport cycle.

Which region is expanding the fastest?

The Middle East and Africa are the fastest-growing regions, with a projected 7.61% CAGR through 2031, supported by rerouted trade flows and new logistics corridor investment.

What is changing competition in container depot logistics?

Competition is shifting toward vertically integrated operators that combine terminals, depots, inland links, and digital systems, while smaller depots need stronger visibility, certifications, and niche services to stay relevant.