

Overall Summary

0.45% Demand (Loads)

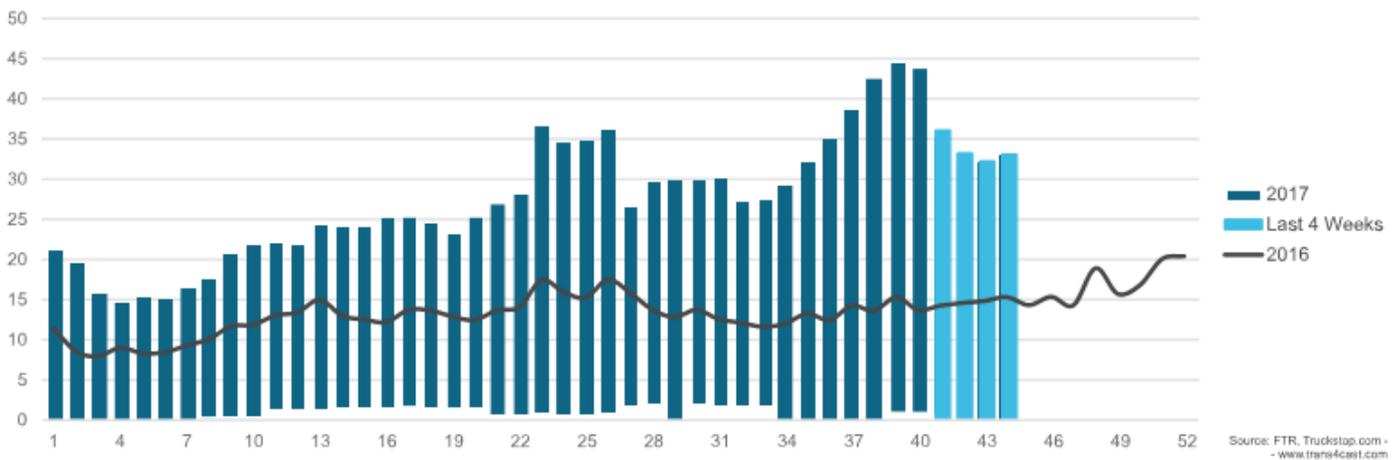
-2.09% Supply (Trucks)

2.59% Market Pressure

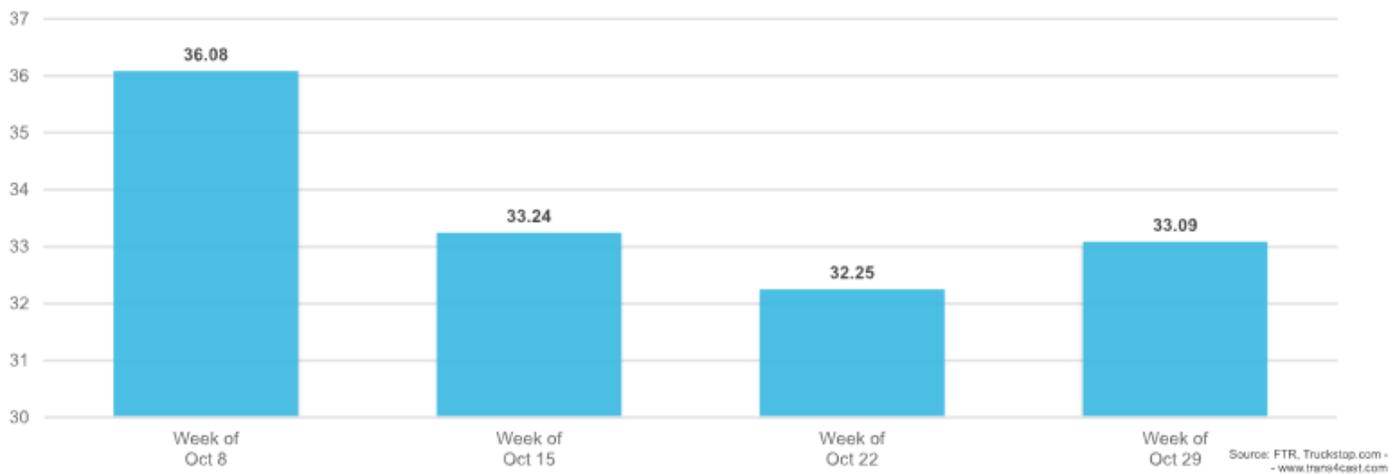
1.49% Rates

Weekly Market Demand Index (MDI)

Up 0.8 points from the previous week.



Last Four Weeks



What is the Market Demand Index? The Market Demand Index (MDI) is a measure of relative truck demand in the spot market. It compares load availability to truck availability. Over the last four weeks MDI has on average **decreased 2.9 points**. The latest week shows MDI is **up 0.8 from the previous week to 33.1**. **At this point last year MDI was 15.3**.

Load Searching vs. Load Availability



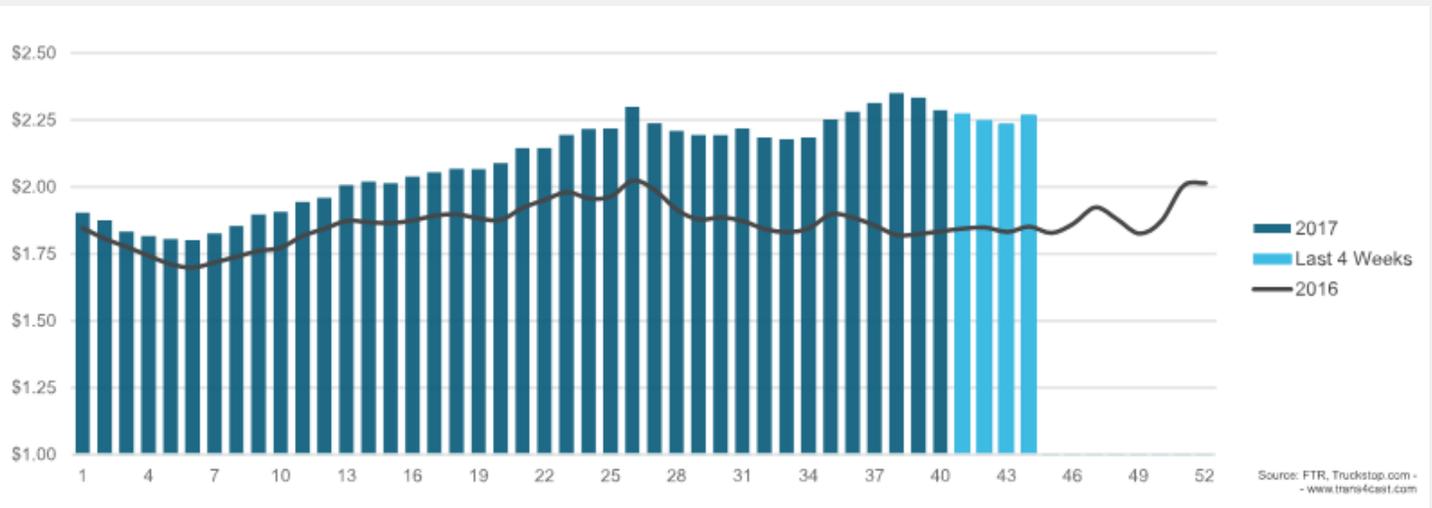
Load Availability increased 0.5% from the previous week. **Growth in Load Availability in the most recent week was more than growth in Load Searching. Load Searching decreased 3.7%** from the previous week.

Truck Searching vs. Truck Availability



Truck Availability decreased 2.1% from the previous week. **Growth in Truck Availability in the most recent week was less than growth in Truck Searching. Truck Searching increased 1.0%** from the previous week.

Rates 2017 YTD and 2016

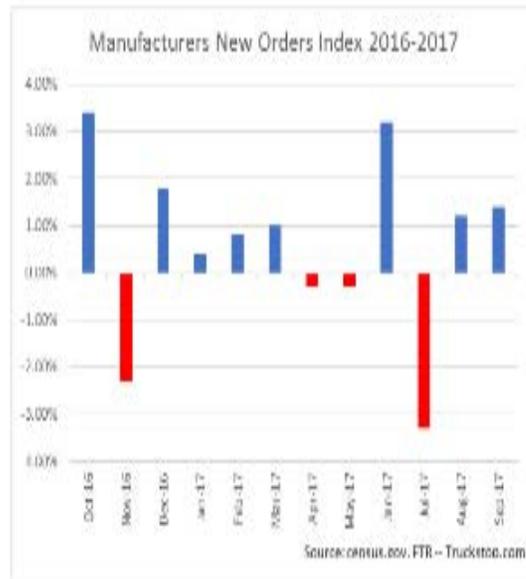


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This graph represents broker rates (including fuel) posted on the Truckstop.com load board. The latest week shows **rates were increased 1.5% from the previous week to \$2.27. Over the last four weeks rates have averaged a decrease of 0.2%. Rates are 22.4% higher versus this time last year.**

Another Strong Showing for Manufacturers



This week, the U.S. Census Bureau announced the September full report on manufacturers' shipments, inventories and orders which is a reliable barometer on the health of the economy reporting the month to month change in new orders for manufactured goods. September came in at an increase of \$6.5 billion or 1.4% to \$478.5 billion. After some uncertainty through the summer months of 2017, we've seen growth in three of the last four months including 1.2% growth in August which was followed up with our most recent numbers of 1.4%.

New Orders

New orders for manufactured durable goods in September, up three of the last four months, increased \$4.7 billion or 2.0 percent to \$238.4 billion. The new orders category was buoyed by a strong month in the transportation equipment segment, also showing growth in three of the last four months, with a 4.7% increase to \$80.9 billion.

Shipments

Shipments of manufactured durable goods in September, up four of the last five months, increased \$2.1 billion or 0.9 percent to \$240.3 billion, down from the previously published 1.0 percent increase. This followed a 0.7 percent August increase. Transportation equipment also drove the momentum in the shipments category with an increase of \$0.8 billion or 1.1 percent to \$79.5 billion.

Unfilled Orders

Unfilled orders for manufactured durable goods in September, up following two consecutive monthly decreases, increased \$2.7 billion or 0.2 percent to \$1,135.0 billion.

Inventories

Inventories of manufactured durable goods in September, up fourteen of the last fifteen months, increased \$2.6 billion or 0.6 percent to \$403.9 billion. Transportation equipment led the surge with an increase of \$1.0 billion to \$131.0 billion.

In summary, all of the strength shown in the report would indicate that we in the trucking industry are in for a strong fourth quarter of transporting all of these newly created goods and materials.