Containerized cargo has grown rapidly over the past few years and is concentrated at a few large water ports. The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach together handle about one-third of all container traffic at water ports in the United States. Container trade at these two ports doubled between 1997 and 2006, slightly higher than the growth rate reported for container cargo overall.

**FIGURE 3-16. TOP 25 WATER PORTS BY CONTAINERIZED CARGO: 2006 (THOUSANDS OF TEUs)**

Key: TEUs = twenty-foot equivalent units.