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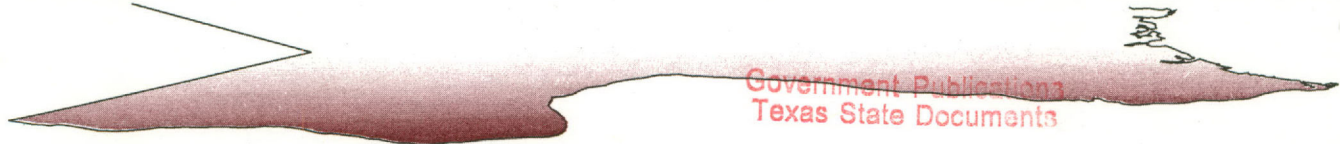
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U.S.-Mexico Trade Up in the First Half of 2005

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In the May 2005 issue of the *Border Business Indicators*, first quarter 2005 figures for U.S.-Mexico trade registered an increase over the same period in 2004. That trend continued in the second quarter of 2005. Following three years of flat end-of-year trade value totals (2001-2003), the first half of 2005 has marked an ongoing growth in U.S.-Mexico trade (See Table 1).

U.S. exports to Mexico, for June 2005 year-to-date, registered a gain of 8.2 percent over the same period in 2004. U.S. imports from Mexico rose by 8.7 percent for the same time frame.

U.S. exports were up, but the U.S. was unable to reduce its trade deficit with Mexico. The deficit year-to-date was \$24.5 billion an increase of 9.9 percent for the same period in the previous year. This was due to a surge in U.S. imports from Mexico in the second quarter of 2005.

Table 3 delineates the total dollar value of trade activity—U.S. exports plus U.S. imports—at the individual border ports of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border for the first half of 2005 in comparison with the same period in 2004.

On the back page, tables 4 and 5 provide the dollar value of U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico for the same period.

In upcoming issues of the *Border Business Indicators*, these trends in trade activity will be reviewed. In addition, the composition of trade or type of goods that comprise these dollar values will also be examined.

—B. Garcia

Table 1
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade
June 2004 YTD vs. June 2005 YTD
All figures are in Billions of U.S. Dollars

	June 2004 YTD		June 2005 YTD		Absolute \$ Change		% Change	
	June 2004 YTD	June 2005 YTD	June 2004 YTD	June 2005 YTD	04 vs. 05	%	04 vs. 05	%
Exports	53.5	57.9	53.5	57.9	4.4	8.2	8.2	8.2
Imports	75.8	82.4	75.8	82.4	6.6	8.7	8.7	8.7
Total	129.3	140.3	129.3	140.3	11.0	8.5	8.5	8.5

Historically, the trade of goods between the U.S. and Mexico has been concentrated on the border. The percentage of the dollar value of goods in trade between them has been in the 80th percentile. The first half of 2005 showed that percentage to be 80.7 percent.

The border ports continue to be the hubs of trade activity between the partners. Table 2 exhibits the dollar value of the trade activity that took place on the border in the first half of this year.

Table 2
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade Activity via U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
June 2004 YTD vs. June 2005 YTD
All figures are in Billions of U.S. Dollars

	June 2004 YTD		June 2005 YTD		Absolute \$ Change		% Change	
	June 2004 YTD	June 2005 YTD	June 2004 YTD	June 2005 YTD	04 vs. 05	%	04 vs. 05	%
Exports	45.4	48.5	45.4	48.5	3.1	6.8	6.8	6.8
Imports	61.3	64.7	61.3	64.7	3.4	5.5	5.5	5.5
Total	106.8	113.2	106.8	113.2	6.4	6.0	6.0	6.0

Table 3
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade Activity via U.S.-Mexico Border by Port
June 2004 YTD vs. June 2005 YTD
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port	June 2004 YTD		June 2005 YTD		Absolute \$ Change		% Change	
	June 2004 YTD	June 2005 YTD	June 2004 YTD	June 2005 YTD	04 vs. 05	%	04 vs. 05	%
Brownsville	5,452,066,961	5,519,632,666	5,452,066,961	5,519,632,666	67,565,705	1.2	1.2	1.2
Del Rio	1,411,654,206	1,536,182,067	1,411,654,206	1,536,182,067	124,527,861	8.8	8.8	8.8
Eagle Pass	3,320,395,362	3,648,513,730	3,320,395,362	3,648,513,730	328,118,368	9.9	9.9	9.9
Laredo	43,831,470,833	45,557,549,696	43,831,470,833	45,557,549,696	1,726,078,863	3.9	3.9	3.9
Hidalgo	7,828,596,353	9,151,206,953	7,828,596,353	9,151,206,953	1,322,610,600	16.9	16.9	16.9
Rio Grande	104,866,348	109,689,492	104,866,348	109,689,492	4,823,144	4.6	4.6	4.6
Progreso	64,843,548	59,989,027	64,843,548	59,989,027	-4,854,521	-7.5	-7.5	-7.5
Roma	37,410,663	40,846,741	37,410,663	40,846,741	3,436,078	9.2	9.2	9.2
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
El Paso	21,323,499,836	21,402,583,587	21,323,499,836	21,402,583,587	79,083,751	0.4	0.4	0.4
Presidio	169,124,538	201,750,146	169,124,538	201,750,146	32,625,608	19.3	19.3	19.3
Fabens	12,559,671	2,861,426	12,559,671	2,861,426	-9,698,245	-77.2	-77.2	-77.2
Columbus	19,097,045	16,014,443	19,097,045	16,014,443	-3,082,602	-16.1	-16.1	-16.1
Santa Teresa	573,824,176	613,220,924	573,824,176	613,220,924	39,396,748	6.9	6.9	6.9
Santa Teresa Airport	10,157	7,875	10,157	7,875	-2,282	-22.5	-22.5	-22.5
Andrade	922,837	1,680,094	922,837	1,680,094	757,257	82.1	82.1	82.1
Calexico	2,844,410	2,865,926	2,844,410	2,865,926	21,516	0.8	0.8	0.8
San Ysidro	20,224,905	62,806,652	20,224,905	62,806,652	42,581,747	210.5	210.5	210.5
Tecate	491,898,558	565,528,819	491,898,558	565,528,819	73,630,261	15.0	15.0	15.0
Otay Mesa Station	10,513,017,970	11,381,715,433	10,513,017,970	11,381,715,433	868,697,463	8.3	8.3	8.3
Calexico-East	4,471,453,242	5,385,838,542	4,471,453,242	5,385,838,542	914,385,300	20.4	20.4	20.4
Douglas	362,681,099	586,768,300	362,681,099	586,768,300	224,087,201	61.8	61.8	61.8
Lukeville	5,665,527	4,062,909	5,665,527	4,062,909	-1,602,618	-28.3	-28.3	-28.3
Naco	39,385,667	56,448,400	39,385,667	56,448,400	17,062,733	43.3	43.3	43.3
Nogales	6,265,017,495	6,832,526,594	6,265,017,495	6,832,526,594	567,509,099	9.1	9.1	9.1
Sasabe	1,955,350	5,517,478	1,955,350	5,517,478	3,562,128	182.2	182.2	182.2
San Luis	454,966,312	492,356,981	454,966,312	492,356,981	37,390,669	8.2	8.2	8.2
Total	106,779,453,069	113,238,164,901	106,779,453,069	113,238,164,901	6,458,711,832	6.0	6.0	6.0

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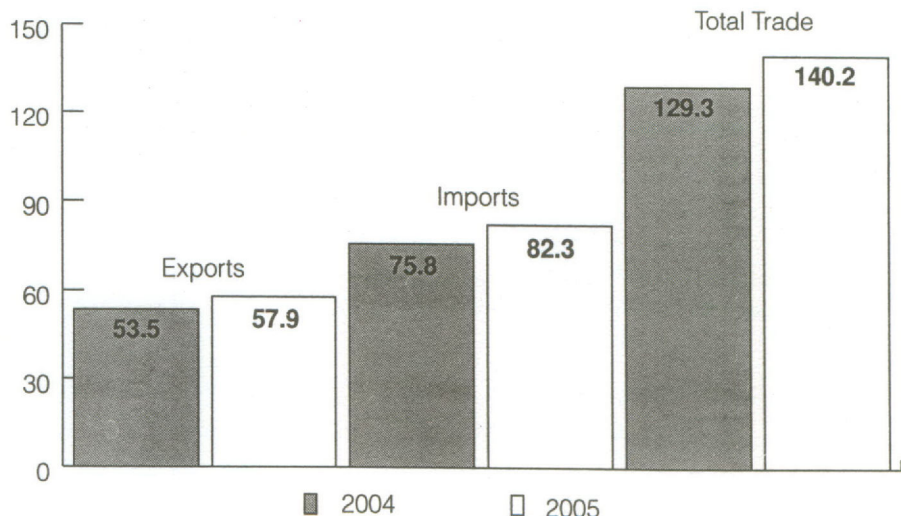
Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity for June 2005 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated fifteen indicators increased and seven decreased. 2005 YTD comparisons to 2004 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 1.4 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 3.2 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico rose 0.1 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 3.0 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 4.1 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 1.0 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 10.0 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 6.8 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 15.1 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 0.9 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 1.5 percent.
- Total employment was up 2.2 percent, with 10,579 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in June 2005 was 6.7 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 14.0 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 13.5 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.0 percent, commercial were up 1.5 percent and industrial were down 0.8 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were up 7.1 percent, and departures were up 7.3 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 0.8 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 0.7 percent, and outbound cargo went up 3.3 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

June 2005 Year-to-Date
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division, Data Dissemination Branch

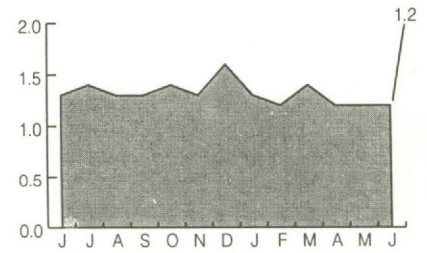
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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	180,738	14.6	-6.9		1,194,942	1,082,701	14.3	-9.4
Del Rio	3,393	0.3	-51.7		38,450	27,499	0.4	-28.5
Eagle Pass	48,704	3.9	0.2		294,406	304,611	4.0	3.5
El Paso	507,351	40.9	-8.0		2,645,854	2,801,022	36.9	5.9
Harlingen	101	0.0	31.2		575	583	0.0	1.4
Laredo	308,255	24.9	-6.3		2,006,868	1,909,750	25.2	-4.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	105,973	8.5	2.8		673,574	651,095	8.6	-3.3
Progreso	73,508	5.9	-4.0		767,153	733,477	9.7	-4.4
Rio Grande	109	0.0	-53.4		1,696	1,147	0.0	-32.4
Roma	11,391	0.9	5.4		73,648	74,963	1.0	1.8
Total	1,239,523	100.0	-6.1		7,697,166	7,586,848	100.0	-1.4

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005: Down 6.1%
(In Millions)

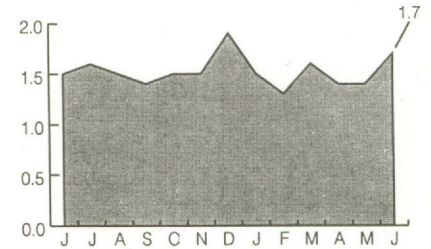


Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	216,592	12.8	-0.7		1,340,958	1,303,891	14.5	-2.8
Del Rio	5,724	0.3	-32.8		58,499	43,023	0.5	-26.5
Eagle Pass	54,951	3.2	-5.9		355,400	343,441	3.8	-3.4
El Paso	551,457	32.5	-9.3		3,655,582	3,279,827	36.5	-10.3
Laredo	342,299	20.2	-7.5		2,249,035	2,104,824	23.4	-6.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	434,683	25.6	236.9		833,710	1,071,104	11.9	28.5
Presidio	1,920	0.1	-15.7		13,440	12,034	0.1	-10.5
Progreso	73,331	4.3	-5.3		675,475	726,116	8.1	7.5
Rio Grande	928	0.1	-5.4		6,755	5,672	0.1	-16.0
Roma	15,016	0.9	5.5		96,438	99,759	1.1	3.4
Total	1,696,901	100.0	14.1		9,285,292	8,989,691	100.0	-3.2

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005: Up 14.1%
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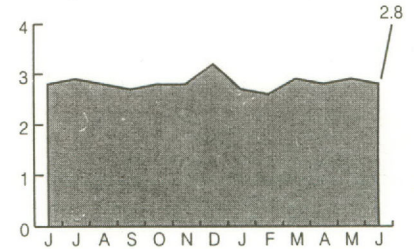


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	556,461	19.7	1.8		3,334,595	3,388,611	20.2	1.6
Del Rio	144,241	5.1	-6.8		928,271	851,073	5.1	-8.3
Eagle Pass	262,730	9.3	1.7		1,594,580	1,593,900	9.5	0.0
El Paso	443,735	15.7	21.6		2,168,595	2,320,057	13.8	7.0
Harlingen	58,451	2.1	4.4		341,330	347,755	2.1	1.9
Laredo	547,919	19.4	-5.3		3,437,035	3,304,746	19.7	-3.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	455,386	16.1	1.4		2,709,873	2,722,255	16.2	0.5
Pharr	148,890	5.3	0.2		873,210	899,236	5.4	3.0
Progreso	81,410	2.9	-2.3		545,754	528,384	3.1	-3.2
Rio Grande	47,929	1.7	0.3		303,476	306,984	1.8	1.2
Roma	83,064	2.9	-0.6		536,813	521,314	3.1	-2.9
Total	2,830,216	100.0	2.1		16,773,532	16,784,315	100.0	0.1

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005: Up 2.1%
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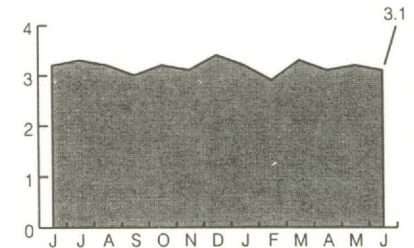


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	559,966	18.1	2.0		3,348,599	3,407,428	18.1	1.8
Del Rio	151,194	4.9	-2.7		928,429	910,308	4.8	-2.0
Eagle Pass	272,418	8.8	0.7		1,667,234	1,661,272	8.8	-0.4
El Paso	597,647	19.3	-5.7		3,880,387	3,488,344	18.6	-10.1
Harlingen	65,490	2.1	3.7		393,863	389,237	2.1	-1.2
Laredo	542,064	17.5	-5.7		3,479,546	3,353,096	17.8	-3.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	434,683	14.0	2.2		2,544,232	2,650,602	14.1	4.2
Pharr	195,382	6.3	-4.4		1,239,153	1,161,072	6.2	-6.3
Presidio	62,167	2.0	3.5		372,158	370,511	2.0	-0.4
Progreso	81,119	2.6	-4.4		624,201	524,383	2.8	-16.0
Rio Grande	52,413	1.7	-3.0		351,022	343,318	1.8	-2.2
Roma	83,198	2.7	-1.4		547,197	527,507	2.8	-3.6
Total	3,097,741	100.0	-2.0		19,376,021	18,787,078	100.0	-3.0

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005: Down 2.0%
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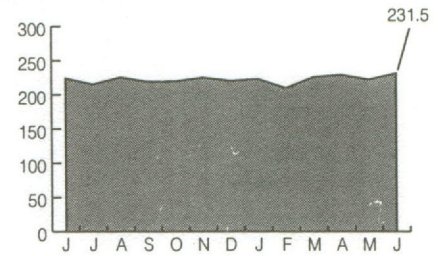


Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	17,898	7.7	1.3		99,605	102,218	7.6	2.6
Del Rio	5,749	2.5	0.8		32,680	48,443	3.6	48.2
Eagle Pass	8,311	3.6	-5.5		50,012	47,708	3.6	-4.6
El Paso	28,244	12.2	10.6		145,271	153,346	11.4	5.6
Harlingen	4,567	2.0	23.3		17,729	21,250	1.6	19.9
Laredo	127,411	55.0	1.2		713,081	722,105	53.8	1.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	1,747	0.8	-14.0		10,521	10,249	0.8	-2.6
Pharr	32,287	13.9	5.6		190,123	201,223	15.0	5.8
Progreso	1,278	0.6	1.6		10,707	11,525	0.9	7.6
Rio Grande	3,135	1.4	55.8		13,040	18,109	1.4	38.9
Roma	845	0.4	-10.2		5,541	5,113	0.4	-7.7
Total	231,472	100.0	3.3		1,288,310	1,341,289	100.0	4.1

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities
 Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks. El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas.

Trucks into Mexico All Cited Cities
 Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005: Up 3.3%
 (In Thousands)

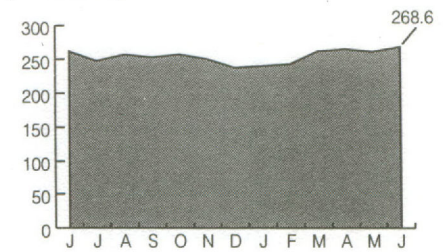


Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	16,568	6.2	1.0		93,274	93,645	6.1	0.4
Del Rio	5,829	2.2	3.2		32,702	31,599	2.1	-3.4
Eagle Pass	8,375	3.1	-4.7		49,584	49,629	3.2	0.1
El Paso	63,788	23.7	-0.9		363,837	363,467	23.6	-0.1
Harlingen	4,609	1.7	15.3		19,286	22,225	1.4	15.2
Laredo	122,789	45.7	3.8		692,983	693,002	45.0	0.0
Pharr	40,039	14.9	4.6		235,258	244,239	15.9	3.8
Presidio	345	0.1	-48.0		3,658	2,624	0.2	-28.3
Progreso	1,459	0.5	6.0		9,794	10,940	0.7	11.7
Rio Grande	4,115	1.5	27.7		20,523	24,867	1.6	21.2
Roma	710	0.3	-2.2		4,177	4,410	0.3	5.6
Falcon Heights	7	0.0	-30.0		49	42	0.0	-14.3
Total	268,633	100.0	2.6		1,525,125	1,540,669	100.0	1.0

Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo & U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso
 Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks.

Trucks into Texas All Cited Cities
 Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005: Up 2.6%
 (In Thousands)

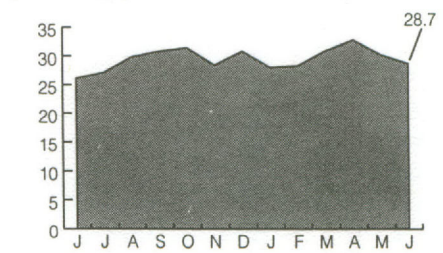


Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	2,454	8.5	15.3		16,553	19,988	11.2	20.8
Eagle Pass	6,121	21.3	17.9		32,909	36,533	20.4	11.0
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	20,138	70.1	7.1		113,201	122,402	68.4	8.1
Total	28,713	100.0	9.9		162,663	178,923	100.0	10.0

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities
 Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
 Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005: Up 9.9%
 (In Thousands)



Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	424	2.0	8.2		2,731	4,126	3.2	51.1
Eagle Pass	1,878	8.7	5.6		8,845	10,722	8.3	21.2
El Paso	5,128	23.6	-9.2		24,894	31,288	24.2	25.7
Laredo	14,257	65.7	-6.2		84,637	83,236	64.3	-1.7
Total	21,687	100.0	-5.8		121,107	129,372	100.0	6.8

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities & U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
 Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005: Down 5.8%
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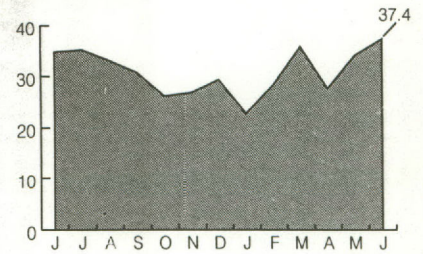


Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	3,609,001	9.6	19.9		12,094,092	14,288,461	7.7	18.1
Del Rio	136,678	0.4	76.3		414,302	727,381	0.4	75.6
Eagle Pass	1,633,473	4.4	101.0		4,250,206	7,402,051	4.0	74.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	4,676,026	12.5	41.6		23,380,401	24,469,403	13.1	4.7
Laredo	27,309,091	73.0	-0.7		121,229,816	138,951,475	74.6	14.6
Progreso	18,755	0.1	-27.9		157,627	173,861	0.1	10.3
Rio Grande	28,670	0.1	4.5		125,709	150,094	0.1	19.4
Roma	19,536	0.1	-25.1		226,885	114,796	0.1	-49.4
Total	37,431,231	100.0	7.6		161,879,038	186,277,522	100.0	15.1

Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo
 Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
 Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005: Up 7.6%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

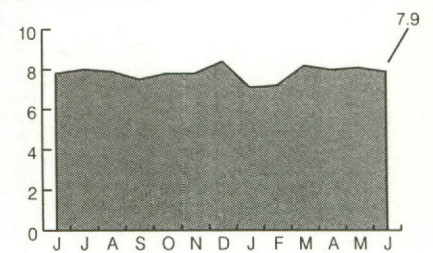


Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)

City	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,173,362	14.8	0.0		6,990,560	7,053,540	15.2	0.9
Del Rio	286,529	3.6	-7.9		1,928,914	1,463,153	3.2	-24.1
Eagle Pass	580,123	7.3	1.7		3,482,064	3,510,805	7.6	0.8
El Paso	1,163,245	14.7	3.4		6,572,157	6,819,500	14.7	3.8
Harlingen	183,349	2.3	11.9		960,151	1,032,343	2.2	7.5
Laredo	2,813,053	35.6	-0.3		16,282,011	16,353,493	35.2	0.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	955,552	12.1	15.0		5,007,849	5,594,633	12.1	11.7
Pharr	569,892	7.2	-3.6		3,589,045	3,423,509	7.4	-4.6
Roma	181,789	2.3	-0.5		1,179,902	1,142,142	2.5	-3.2
Total	7,906,893	100.0	1.8		45,992,652	46,393,118	100.0	0.9

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities
 Note: El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas (Toll-free). Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Bridge Revenues All Cited Cities
 Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005: Up 1.8%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

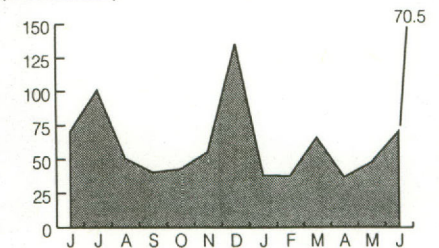


Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	977	1.4	22.4		4,992	3,421	1.2	-31.5
El Paso	13,487	19.1	4.0		52,051	54,953	18.5	5.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	13,841	19.6	-3.4		70,899	66,664	22.4	-6.0
Brownsville	9,555	13.6	64.7		34,694	37,939	12.8	9.4
Laredo	29,433	41.8	-11.3		123,422	119,242	40.1	-3.4
Eagle Pass	3,157	4.5	-2.6		15,568	14,859	5.0	-4.6
Total	70,450	100.0	0.2		301,626	297,078	100.0	-1.5

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
 Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005: Up 0.2%
 (In Thousands)

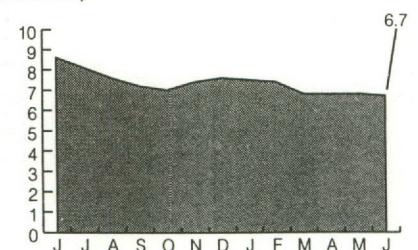


Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		04 vs. 05 Emp %Chg	Gain/Loss YTD
	Jun 05	Jun 05		YTD 04	YTD 05		
Brownsville	56,513	4,750	7.8	47,827	55,600	16.3	7,773
Del Rio	14,753	996	6.3	15,353	14,192	-7.6	-1,161
El Paso	234,430	17,575	7.0	245,834	245,228	-0.2	-605
Harlingen	24,003	1,665	6.5	27,476	23,615	-14.1	-3,861
Laredo	75,747	4,928	6.1	75,785	81,088	7.0	5,303
McAllen	53,583	3,116	5.5	54,091	53,124	-1.8	-967
Pharr	20,403	1,398	6.4	16,129	20,228	25.4	4,099
Total	479,432	34,428	6.7	482,495	493,074	2.2	10,579
Texas Unemployment Rate							5.4
U.S. Unemployment Rate							5.2

Source: Texas Workforce Commission
 Note: Figures are preliminary and subject to revision. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

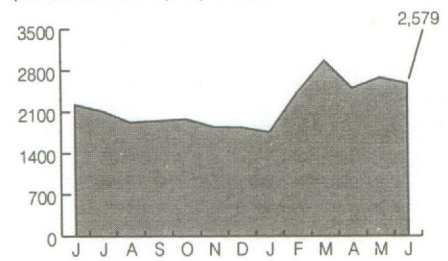
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
 Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005: Down 24.4%
 (In Percent)



Building Permits

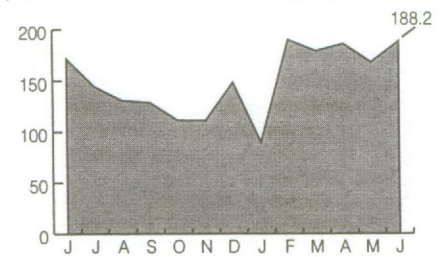
Number City	04 vs. 05			YTD			
	Jun 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	358	13.9	-4.5	2,188	1,939	13.0	-11.4
Del Rio	88	3.4	-10.2	455	866	5.8	90.3
Eagle Pass	38	1.5	-35.6	278	301	2.0	8.3
El Paso	1,150	44.6	30.5	6,157	6,694	44.9	8.7
Harlingen	302	11.7	177.1	509	1,702	11.4	234.4
Laredo	410	15.9	9.3	2,076	2,284	15.3	10.0
McAllen	233	9.0	-28.5	1,408	1,116	7.5	-20.7
Total	2,579	100.0	16.0	13,071	14,902	100.0	14.0

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005
(Number of Permits): Up 16.0%



Dollar Value City	04 vs. 05			YTD			
	Jun 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	29,017,840	15.4	73.8	137,459,283	138,854,775	13.9	1.0
Del Rio	961,430	0.5	-44.0	8,883,937	12,992,305	1.3	46.2
Eagle Pass	8,116,688	4.3	11.5	29,294,452	33,992,924	3.4	16.0
El Paso	67,043,758	35.6	-16.8	340,613,587	438,682,021	43.9	28.8
Harlingen	9,529,714	5.1	6.3	60,010,259	39,379,491	3.9	-34.4
Laredo	53,054,832	28.2	85.8	188,945,598	229,477,456	23.0	21.5
McAllen	20,485,544	10.9	-25.5	115,488,067	106,363,904	10.6	-7.9
Total	188,209,807	100.0	9.9	880,695,184	999,742,876	100.0	13.5

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Up 9.9%

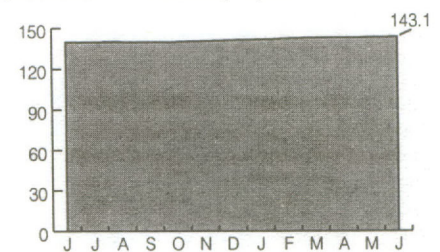


Source: Permit Departments in cited cities
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Power Connections (in Service)

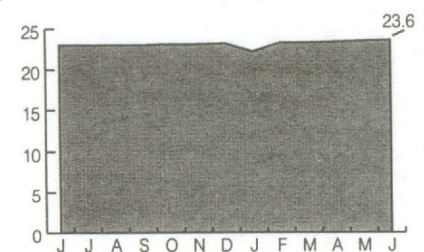
Residential City	04 vs. 05			Average		YTD	
	Jun 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	14,694	10.2	0.5	14,599	14,667	10.3	0.5
Eagle Pass	10,749	7.5	2.6	10,456	10,707	7.5	2.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	23,153	16.1	2.2	22,822	23,063	16.2	1.1
Laredo	58,161	40.6	3.2	56,142	57,628	40.4	2.6
McAllen	36,624	25.5	2.8	35,792	36,588	25.6	2.2
Total	143,381	100.0	2.6	139,810	142,652	100.0	2.0

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 2.6%



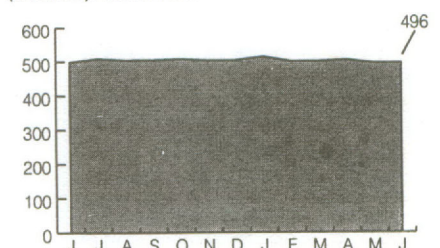
Commercial City	04 vs. 05			Average		YTD	
	Jun 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,295	9.7	0.4	2,290	2,303	9.9	0.6
Eagle Pass	1,685	7.2	3.9	1,602	1,680	7.2	4.9
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,020	17.1	2.3	3,908	3,823	16.5	-2.2
Laredo	8,934	37.9	2.6	8,705	8,850	38.1	1.7
McAllen	6,624	28.1	3.3	6,383	6,565	28.3	2.9
Total	23,558	100.0	2.6	22,888	23,222	100.0	1.5

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 2.6%



Industrial City	04 vs. 05			Average		YTD	
	Jun 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	44	8.9	2.3	43	45	8.9	4.7
Eagle Pass	30	6.0	3.4	30	30	6.0	2.8
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	101	20.4	2.0	102	103	20.5	0.5
Laredo	202	40.7	-2.9	210	204	40.7	-2.5
McAllen	119	24.0	0.0	122	120	23.9	-1.6
Total	496	100.0	-0.4	506	502	100.0	-0.8

(Industrial): Down 0.4%



Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company
Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

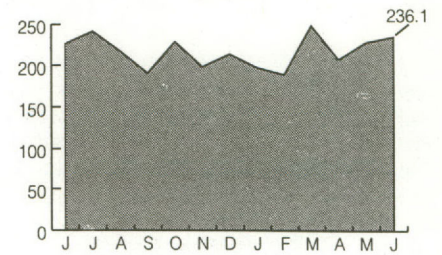
City	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Brownsville	6,504	2.8	14.0		32,382	37,752	2.9	16.6
El Paso	153,218	64.9	3.2		780,157	804,004	61.3	3.1
Harlingen	37,183	15.8	-1.5		220,483	247,882	18.9	12.4
Laredo	8,562	3.6	35.2		38,252	46,905	3.6	22.6
McAllen	30,596	13.0	9.1		153,076	175,315	13.4	14.5
Total	236,063	100.0	4.3		1,224,350	1,311,858	100.0	7.1

City	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Brownsville	6,502	2.7	14.1		33,498	38,832	2.9	15.9
El Paso	157,226	64.9	4.3		793,704	817,223	60.9	3.0
Harlingen	38,182	15.8	-2.8		227,344	257,394	19.2	13.2
Laredo	8,066	3.3	25.2		37,979	45,863	3.4	20.8
McAllen	32,413	13.4	11.1		157,503	181,865	13.6	15.5
Total	242,389	100.0	4.8		1,250,028	1,341,177	100.0	7.3

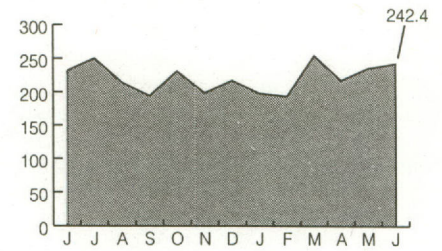
Source: Airports in cited cities

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities

Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005
(Arrivals - In Thousands): Up 4.3%



(Departures - In Thousands): Up 4.8%



Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

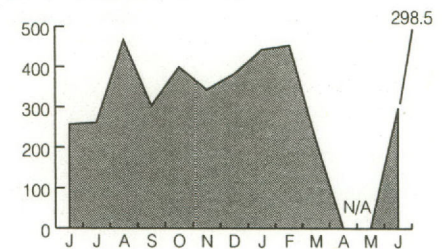
Cargo Type	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Break Bulk	0	0.0	-100.0		707,767	658,250	46.6	-7.0
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	-100.0		27,343	20,470	1.5	-25.1
Liquid	85,276	28.6	7393.5		16,576	90,520	6.4	446.1
Machinery	0	0.0	-100.0		121,065	65,478	4.6	-45.9
Ores-Minerals	29,028	9.7	N/A		0	29,028	2.1	0.0
Other	9,411	3.2	N/A		0	9,411	0.7	0.0
Petroleum	168,200	56.3	87.1		708,717	531,446	37.7	-25.0
Steel-Other Minerals	6,586	2.2	N/A		0	6,586	0.5	0.0
Total	298,501	100.0	16.0		1,581,468	1,411,189	100.0	-10.8

Source: Port of Brownsville

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo

Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005: Up 16.0%
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



Port of Corpus Christi (Cargo in U.S. Tons)

Cargo Type	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Break Bulk	21,919	0.5	-53.9		158,336	185,358	0.7	17.1
Chemical	17,838	0.4	158.0		56,181	75,317	0.3	34.1
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	536,948	12.0	41.3		2,221,364	2,641,556	9.7	18.9
Grain Bulk	1,908	0.0	N/A		0	7,882	0.0	0.0
Liquid	65,170	1.5	N/A		98,137	137,372	0.5	40.0
Petroleum	3,823,607	85.6	-17.8		24,450,776	24,127,219	88.8	-1.3
Total	4,467,389	100.0	-12.1		26,984,794	27,174,704	100.0	0.7

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo

Jun. 2004 vs. Jun. 2005
(Inbound - In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 12.1%



Cargo Type	Jun 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Break Bulk	11,764	0.5	-53.7		91,702	83,379	0.5	-9.1
Chemical	154,236	6.4	-17.9		1,045,821	830,881	5.4	-20.6
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	238,264	10.0	23.8		1,355,816	2,162,341	14.1	59.5
Grain Bulk	105,346	4.4	36.1		855,683	855,483	5.6	0.0
Liquid	26,148	1.1	0.0		50,834	80,132	0.5	57.6
Petroleum	1,857,227	77.6	-4.9		11,438,674	11,322,866	73.8	-1.0
Total	2,392,986	100.0	-1.7		14,838,531	15,335,082	100.0	3.3

Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

(Outbound - In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 1.7%

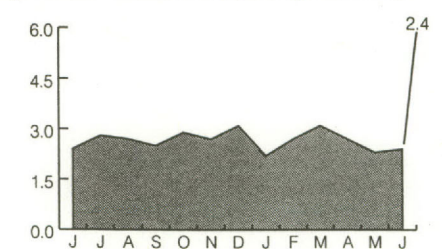


Table 4. U.S. Exports to Mexico via U.S.-Mexico Border by Port

Port	June 2004 YTD	June 2005 YTD	Absolute	
			\$ Change 04 vs. 05	% Change 04 vs. 05
Brownsville	2,826,516,872	2,990,832,059	164,315,187	5.8
Del Rio	638,620,740	718,591,422	79,970,682	12.5
Eagle Pass	1,629,120,895	1,722,273,961	93,153,066	5.7
Laredo	18,724,654,061	19,560,716,629	836,062,568	4.5
Hidalgo	3,314,326,655	3,882,486,504	568,159,849	17.1
Rio Grande	37,760,776	39,074,834	1,314,058	3.5
Progreso	60,717,982	55,585,502	-5,132,480	-8.5
Roma	31,517,170	36,129,661	4,612,491	14.6
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	-
El Paso	9,121,122,603	9,245,607,059	124,484,456	1.4
Presidio	86,959,442	121,654,902	34,695,460	39.9
Fabens	12,559,671	2,861,426	-9,698,245	-77.2
Columbus	5,195,006	6,558,733	1,363,727	26.3
Santa Teresa	212,716,196	217,743,855	5,027,659	2.4
Santa Teresa Airport	10,157	7,875	-2,282	-22.5
Andrade	922,837	1,680,094	757,257	82.1
Calexico	2,844,410	2,865,926	21,516	0.8
San Ysidro	20,188,044	62,806,652	42,618,608	211.1
Tecate	225,934,774	262,316,984	36,382,210	16.1
Otay Mesa Station	4,337,520,399	4,555,583,142	218,062,743	5.0
Calexico-East	1,806,510,601	2,301,220,392	494,709,791	27.4
Douglas	125,475,881	159,277,194	33,801,313	26.9
Lukeville	5,647,194	4,024,829	-1,622,365	-28.7
Naco	24,311,948	36,606,336	12,294,388	50.6
Nogales	2,066,433,074	2,364,452,556	298,019,482	14.4
Sasabe	1,955,350	5,517,478	3,562,128	182.2
San Luis	118,865,299	150,324,801	31,459,502	26.5
Total	45,438,408,037	48,506,800,806	3,068,392,769	6.8

Table 5. U.S. Imports from Mexico via U.S.-Mexico Border by Port

Port	June 2004 YTD	June 2005 YTD	Absolute	
			\$ Change 04 vs. 05	% Change 04 vs. 05
Brownsville	2,625,550,089	2,528,800,607	-96,749,482	-3.7
Del Rio	773,033,466	817,590,645	44,557,179	5.8
Eagle Pass	1,691,274,467	1,926,239,769	234,965,302	13.9
Laredo	25,106,816,772	25,996,833,067	890,016,295	3.5
Hidalgo	4,514,269,698	5,268,720,449	754,450,751	16.7
Rio Grande	67,105,572	70,614,658	3,509,086	5.2
Progreso	4,125,566	4,403,525	277,959	6.7
Roma	5,893,493	4,717,080	-1,176,413	-20.0
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	-
El Paso	12,202,377,233	12,156,976,528	-45,400,705	-0.4
Presidio	82,165,096	80,095,244	-2,069,852	-2.5
Fabens	0	0	0	-
Columbus	13,902,039	9,455,710	-4,446,329	-32.0
Santa Teresa	361,107,980	395,477,069	34,369,089	9.5
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	0	-
Andrade	0	0	0	-
Calexico	0	0	0	-
San Ysidro	36,861	0	-36,861	-100.0
Tecate	265,963,784	303,211,835	37,248,051	14.0
Otay Mesa Station	6,175,497,571	6,826,132,291	650,634,720	10.5
Calexico-East	2,664,942,641	3,084,618,150	419,675,509	15.7
Douglas	237,205,218	427,491,106	190,285,888	80.2
Lukeville	18,333	38,080	19,747	107.7
Naco	15,073,719	19,842,064	4,768,345	31.6
Nogales	4,198,584,421	4,468,074,038	269,489,617	6.4
Sasabe	0	0	0	-
San Luis	336,101,013	342,032,180	5,931,167	1.8
Total	61,341,045,032	64,731,364,095	3,390,319,063	5.5

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas.

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