

2
L250.8

B644 B1

27:06

Border Business Indicators

Government Publications
Texas State Documents

DFC 27 2003

Depository
Dallas Public Library

Vol. 27 No. 6 • June 2003

Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

U.S.-Mexico Trade: 2003 Trade Activity on the U.S.-Mexico Border

In the May 2003 issue of the *Border Business Indicators*' article "U.S.-Mexico Trade: 2001 vs. 2002 at a Glance," trade between the two countries was reviewed. Below, detailed tables exhibit the first four months of 2003 trade activity between the U.S. and Mexico.

In Table 1, the total dollar value of all merchandise trade was up 2.45 percent for 2003 year-to-date (YTD) against the same period in 2002, despite a slight drop in U.S. exports to Mexico (See also Chart "U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance" in Page 2).

Of the \$75.2 billion value of this merchandise trade between the two trading partners in 2003 YTD, \$61.9 billion or 82.3 percent was processed at U.S.-Mexico border ports of entry (See Table 2). The brunt of this merchandise value handled at the border was by Texas border ports of entry in the amount of \$48.3

billion or 78.0 percent (See Table 3).

Figures, on total trade value of merchandise processed at the border, showed that Laredo, Texas was first by capturing 39.7 percent of this trade activity with El Paso, Texas in second at 20.7 percent, and Otay Mesa Station, California a distant third with 9.7 percent (See Table 4).

On the back page, Tables 5 and 6 delineate the 27 ports of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border, and the dollar value of U.S. exports to Mexico, and U.S. imports from Mexico passing through them respectively.

Although trade activity between the U.S. and Mexico was up in 2003 through the month of April, the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico was also up—\$14.2 billion in 2003 YTD compared to \$11.8 billion for the same period in 2002. —B. Garcia

Table 1
U.S.-Mexico Trade
(In Millions of U.S. Dollars)

	2002 April YTD Total	2003 April YTD Total	'02 vs. '03 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	30.8	30.5	-0.97
U.S. Imports from Mexico	42.6	44.7	4.93
Total Trade	73.4	75.2	2.45

Table 2
U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In Millions of U.S. Dollars)

	2002 April YTD Total	2003 April YTD Total	'02 vs. '03 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	26.0	25.7	-1.15
U.S. Imports from Mexico	35.8	36.2	1.12
Total Trade	61.8	61.9	0.16

Table 3
U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed by Texas Border Ports
(In Millions of U.S. Dollars)

	2002 April YTD Total	2003 April YTD Total	'02 vs. '03 Percent Change
Texas Border Ports	48.0	48.3	0.62
Other U.S.-Mexico Border Ports	13.9	13.6	-2.16
Total Trade	61.9	61.9	0.00

Note: Figures may not match due to rounding.

Table 4
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade
Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2002 April YTD Total	2003 April YTD Total	'02 vs. '03 Percent Change
Brownsville	3,352,830,651	3,442,003,127	2.66
Del Rio	860,091,926	949,654,706	10.41
Eagle Pass	2,161,610,865	1,763,874,769	-18.40
Laredo	25,081,332,880	24,593,986,493	-1.94
Hidalgo	3,868,185,724	4,523,137,020	16.93
Rio Grande	62,691,467	60,705,350	-3.17
Progreso	41,106,952	38,790,302	-5.64
Roma	63,788,028	37,335,916	-41.47
Edinburg Airport	0	7,919	-
El Paso	12,412,780,343	12,791,453,119	3.05
Presidio	84,541,027	66,339,048	-21.53
Fabens	87,402	284,998	226.08
Columbus	8,782,210	13,395,622	52.53
Santa Teresa	237,302,243	337,375,486	42.17
Santa Teresa Airport	0	2,575	-
Andrade	395,590	460,738	16.47
Calexico	0	2,942,335	-
San Ysidro	6,134,490	15,906,819	159.30
Tecate	305,570,040	310,422,511	1.59
Otay Mesa Station	6,201,427,605	6,020,676,281	-2.91
Calexico-East	2,637,052,172	2,789,836,811	5.79
Douglas	210,070,158	166,329,928	-20.82
Lukeville	1,078,164	997,446	-7.49
Naco	34,961,744	13,724,371	-60.74
Nogales	3,900,885,860	3,626,276,855	-7.04
Sasabe	69,932	0	-100.00
San Luis	332,745,078	311,128,574	-6.50
Total	61,865,522,551	61,877,049,119	0.02

Continued on Back Page

Need More Detailed Information?

For more detailed information regarding border crossings, economic indicators and trade activity, visit the Center's web site:

<http://texascenter.tamiu.edu>

Technical Reports

The Texas Center's research activities have resulted in a series of technical reports on border economic issues ranging from infrastructure needs and environmental issues to the impact of NAFTA on Texas-Mexico trade relations and future business opportunities.

The Center continues its research tradition with activities spanning those areas involving border trade, business development and economic issues.

New research encompassing areas such as community development, health, culture, education and socioeconomic issues have been added to the series.

Technical Reports are freely available online for download in PDF format, unless otherwise noted.

The *Border Business Indicators* (ISSN 1091-9104) is published by the Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development, at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas.

Dr. Ray M. Keck, III
President, Texas A&M International University

Dr. J. Michael Patrick
Director, Texas Center

Baldomero G. Garcia
Associate Director, Texas Center

Leo Lozano
Database Specialist, Texas Center

S. Saul Solis
Data & Information Specialist, Texas Center

Eleni Athanatou
Student Research Assistant, Texas Center

Further information may be obtained by calling:
TEL. (956) 326-2546
FAX (956) 326-2544

or by writing to the addresses below:

E-mail: texascenter@tamiu.edu

Texas A&M International University
Texas Center
5201 University Boulevard
Laredo, TX 78041-1900

Printed at the TAMIU Print Shop on Recycled Paper



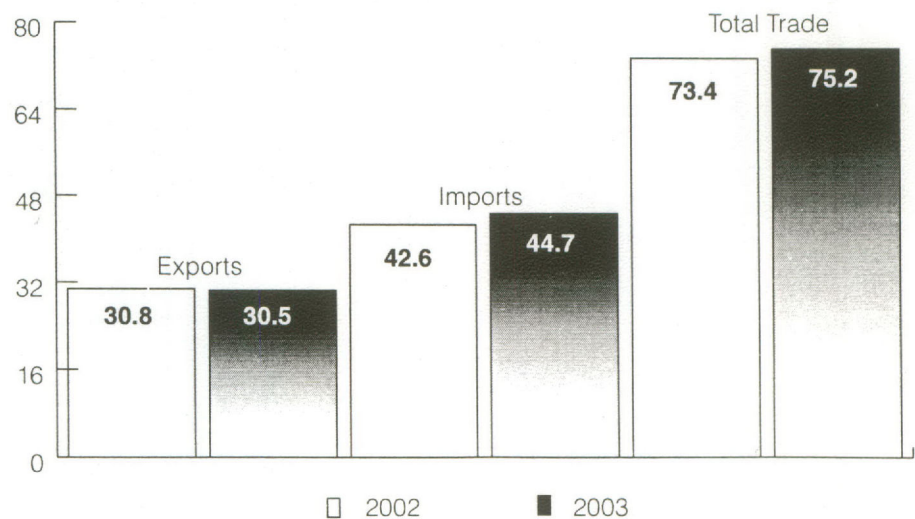
Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity for April 2003 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated ten indicators increased and twelve decreased. 2003 YTD comparisons to 2002 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico down 6.3 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 6.7 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 6.9 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 6.1 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico lost 6.8 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas lost 5.0 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 7.7 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 3.4 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased of 0.9 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a loss of 0.9 percent.
- Tourist Visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 4.7 percent.
- Total employment was up 2.3 percent, with 19,063 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in April 2003 was 8.8 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 1.1 percent.
- Total building permit values decreased 17.7 percent.
- Power Connections in service for residential were up 2.3 percent, commercial were up 3.5 percent and industrial were up 16.7 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 2.5 percent, and departures were down 2.8 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 18.6 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 3.8 percent, and outbound cargo went down 3.0 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

April 2003 Year-to-Date
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



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

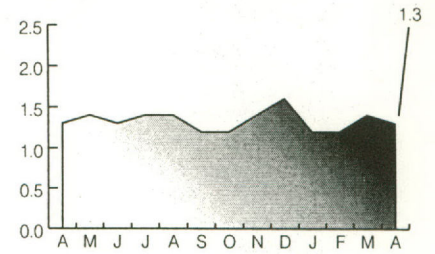
Disclaimer: Please note that the data contained in this and all issues of the *Border Business Indicators* is collected from different government agencies and private sources. Readers should note that different data-collecting agencies use dissimilar, often conflicting, techniques in collecting and compiling the information they publish. Because of this lack of uniformity, comparing different data could result in erroneous conclusions. While we are most grateful to our sources for their cooperation, we cannot assume responsibility for the comparability of the data.

Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Apr 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
		%Share	%Chg				
Brownsville	202,144	16.1	-9.0	913,202	810,664	16.0	-11.2
Del Rio	4,413	0.4	-19.3	20,597	21,226	0.4	3.1
Eagle Pass	50,203	4.0	0.5	199,027	188,463	3.7	-5.3
El Paso	458,055	36.4	-1.4	1,844,990	1,744,483	34.3	-5.4
Harlingen	86	0.0	59.3	237	240	0.0	1.3
Laredo	334,902	26.6	-2.1	1,365,393	1,297,436	25.5	-5.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	110,052	8.7	4.1	434,628	416,085	8.2	-4.3
Progreso	85,946	6.8	0.8	590,381	550,737	10.8	-6.7
Rio Grande	158	0.0	-75.7	2,022	1,176	0.0	-41.8
Roma	12,930	1.0	-0.4	52,376	51,435	1.0	-1.8
Total	1,258,889	100.0	-2.3	5,422,853	5,081,945	100.0	-6.3

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003: Down 2.3%
(In Millions)

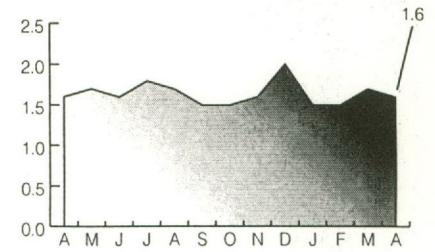


Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Apr 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
		%Share	%Chg				
Brownsville	226,609	14.5	-9.7	1,037,018	905,181	14.6	-12.7
Del Rio	7,193	0.5	4.2	31,073	31,451	0.5	1.2
Eagle Pass	63,381	4.1	-1.9	254,605	237,599	3.8	-6.7
El Paso	640,733	41.1	-2.4	2,588,615	2,427,077	39.0	-6.2
Laredo	373,773	24.0	-2.6	1,527,027	1,445,125	23.2	-5.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	142,787	9.2	5.0	559,267	540,790	8.7	-3.3
Presidio	2,049	0.1	0.0	8,469	9,063	0.1	7.0
Progreso	83,545	5.4	-1.5	587,269	550,585	8.9	-6.2
Rio Grande	1,285	0.1	-27.6	6,517	5,439	0.1	-16.5
Roma	16,126	1.0	-0.1	64,838	64,014	1.0	-1.3
Total	1,557,481	100.0	-2.8	6,664,698	6,216,324	100.0	-6.7

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003: Down 2.8%
(In Millions)

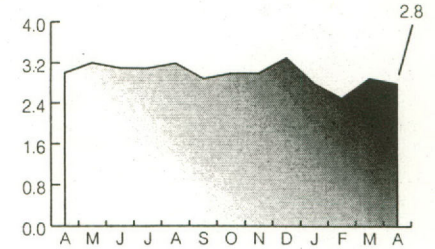


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Apr 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
		%Share	%Chg				
Brownsville	572,537	20.4	-8.7	2,427,301	2,256,829	20.5	-7.0
Del Rio	156,664	5.6	-8.1	672,340	614,861	5.6	-8.5
Eagle Pass	269,427	9.6	-5.2	1,116,546	1,060,100	9.6	-5.1
El Paso	349,566	12.5	-2.9	1,395,202	1,376,240	12.5	-1.4
Harlingen	55,460	2.0	-4.2	230,201	213,674	1.9	-7.2
Laredo	565,253	20.2	-5.1	2,293,636	2,153,021	19.6	-6.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	455,932	16.3	-13.1	2,053,078	1,816,678	16.5	-11.5
Pharr	137,567	4.9	-10.3	601,862	555,802	5.0	-7.7
Progreso	92,802	3.3	-6.2	411,479	382,176	3.5	-7.1
Rio Grande	53,146	1.9	-4.9	227,242	204,780	1.9	-9.9
Roma	93,508	3.3	-6.3	400,583	374,002	3.4	-6.6
Total	2,801,862	100.0	-7.4	11,829,470	11,008,163	100.0	-6.9

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003: Down 7.4%
(In Millions)

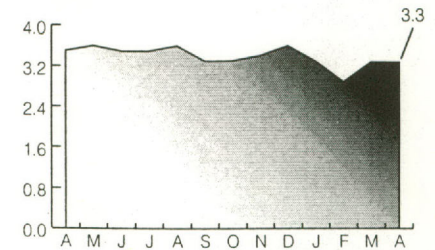


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Apr 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
		%Share	%Chg				
Brownsville	574,461	17.6	-6.0	2,390,218	2,264,548	17.7	-5.3
Del Rio	156,851	4.8	-10.2	689,874	620,704	4.8	-10.0
Eagle Pass	280,364	8.6	-5.0	1,163,026	1,125,049	8.8	-3.3
El Paso	665,270	20.4	2.9	2,555,201	2,530,009	19.7	-1.0
Harlingen	64,501	2.0	-10.2	294,375	251,611	2.0	-14.5
Laredo	586,838	18.0	-7.0	2,450,047	2,289,366	17.9	-6.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	414,597	12.7	-15.3	1,899,634	1,682,083	13.1	-11.5
Pharr	214,977	6.6	-6.6	866,744	824,216	6.4	-4.9
Presidio	56,367	1.7	-8.2	251,336	224,553	1.8	-10.7
Progreso	93,633	2.9	-8.6	427,961	382,754	3.0	-10.6
Rio Grande	59,019	1.8	-2.5	244,230	232,152	1.8	-4.9
Roma	95,430	2.9	-7.5	414,281	385,729	3.0	-6.9
Total	3,262,308	100.0	-6.2	13,646,927	12,812,774	100.0	-6.1

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003: Down 6.2%
(In Millions)



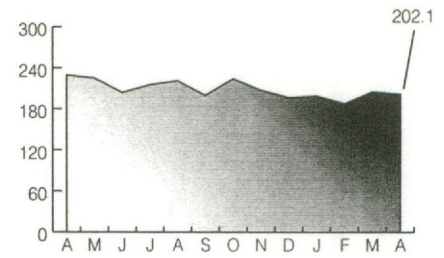
Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Apr 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	%Chg
		%Share	%Chg				
Brownsville	16,776	8.3	-17.0	72,917	66,810	8.4	-8.4
Del Rio	6,179	3.1	-8.1	25,500	25,238	3.2	-1.0
Eagle Pass	7,082	3.5	-7.4	29,099	28,325	3.6	-2.7
El Paso	22,596	11.2	-23.7	111,199	90,539	11.4	-18.6
Harlingen	2,729	1.4	-10.5	10,940	11,315	1.4	3.4
Laredo	111,881	55.4	-11.6	476,582	445,160	56.0	-6.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	1,918	0.9	-23.7	9,386	8,205	1.0	-12.6
Pharr	28,154	13.9	3.0	96,454	101,427	12.8	5.2
Progreso	2,116	1.0	-17.7	9,155	7,855	1.0	-14.2
Rio Grande	1,859	0.9	-6.8	7,757	7,425	0.9	-4.3
Roma	788	0.4	-32.1	4,273	3,112	0.4	-27.2
Total	202,078	100.0	-11.9	853,262	795,411	100.0	-6.8

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
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003: Down 11.9%
(In Thousands)



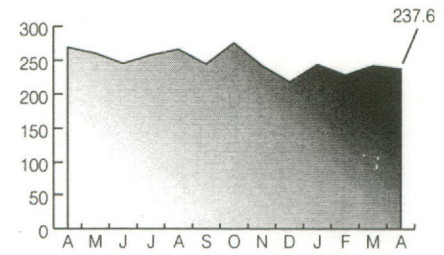
Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Apr 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	%Chg
		%Share	%Chg				
Brownsville	16,006	6.7	-10.1	67,221	62,846	6.6	-6.5
Del Rio	5,856	2.5	-15.2	23,635	23,408	2.5	-1.0
Eagle Pass	7,422	3.1	-8.0	29,420	28,864	3.0	-1.9
El Paso	49,454	20.8	-17.5	233,050	211,761	22.2	-9.1
Harlingen	3,081	1.3	-25.8	16,241	12,535	1.3	-22.8
Laredo	112,947	47.5	-12.7	476,557	452,290	47.5	-5.1
Pharr	37,481	15.8	2.8	133,599	140,263	14.7	5.0
Presidio	543	0.2	-4.9	2,878	1,908	0.2	-33.7
Progreso	1,465	0.6	-38.6	8,049	6,112	0.6	-24.1
Rio Grande	2,642	1.1	13.9	8,887	10,483	1.1	18.0
Roma	680	0.3	-33.1	3,744	2,422	0.3	-35.3
Falcon Heights	24	0.0	140.0	95	113	0.0	18.9
Total	237,601	100.0	-11.7	1,003,376	953,005	100.0	-5.0

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
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003: Down 11.7%
(In Thousands)



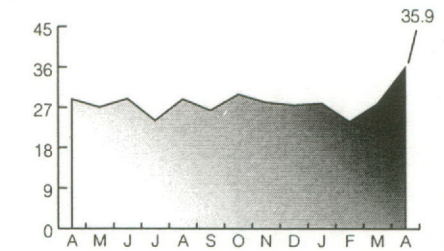
Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Apr 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	%Chg
		%Share	%Chg				
Brownsville	3,434	9.6	-13.8	16,429	13,410	11.6	-18.4
Eagle Pass	6,787	18.9	-18.6	30,216	24,823	21.5	-17.8
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	25,700	71.5	55.7	60,524	77,187	66.9	27.5
Total	35,921	100.0	24.6	107,169	115,420	100.0	7.7

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003: Up 24.6%
(In Thousands)



Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Apr 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	%Chg
		%Share	%Chg				
Brownsville	7,145	29.7	969.6	2,214	10,806	13.8	388.1
Eagle Pass	956	4.0	-61.0	8,710	4,624	5.9	-46.9
El Paso	2,128	8.8	-33.8	10,152	6,713	8.6	-33.9
Laredo	13,853	57.5	-8.2	54,622	56,108	71.7	2.7
Total	24,082	100.0	12.4	75,698	78,251	100.0	3.4

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003: Up 12.4%
(In Thousands)



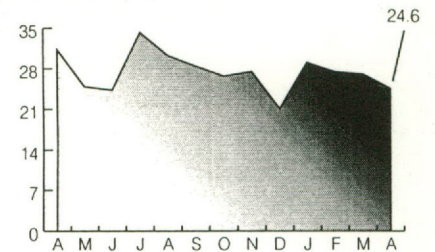
Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Apr 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	202,336	0.8	-82.3		7,263,654	4,744,705	4.4	-34.7
Del Rio	1,531,053	6.2	979.8		653,284	1,967,334	1.8	201.1
Eagle Pass	18,985,536	77.3	550.0		12,997,224	27,161,459	25.1	109.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	57,109	0.2	-98.1		12,996,853	13,767,637	12.7	5.9
Laredo	3,762,502	15.3	-84.2		72,946,227	60,299,728	55.7	-17.3
Progreso	14,256	0.1	-25.1		79,518	65,619	0.1	-17.5
Rio Grande	12,838	0.1	-81.1		237,853	148,167	0.1	-37.7
Roma	0	0.0	-100.0		89,400	33,217	0.0	-62.8
Total	24,565,629	100.0	-21.4		107,264,013	108,187,866	100.0	0.9

Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003: Down 21.4 %
(In Millions of U.S.\$)



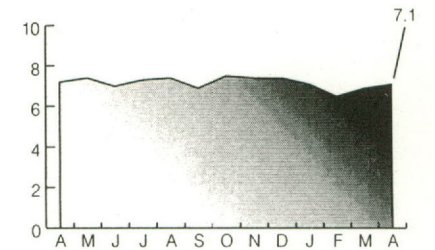
Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)

City	Apr 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,094,693	15.4	6.2		3,958,557	3,950,066	14.4	-0.2
Del Rio	315,903	4.5	-8.6		1,362,317	1,242,532	4.5	-8.8
Eagle Pass	588,896	8.3	8.3		2,164,479	2,322,691	8.5	7.3
El Paso	813,116	11.5	-8.4		3,389,024	3,213,162	11.7	-5.2
Harlingen	144,193	2.0	9.7		503,465	566,300	2.1	12.5
Laredo	2,573,443	36.3	-6.2		10,361,875	10,050,697	36.6	-3.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	844,170	11.9	0.8		3,280,942	3,362,073	12.2	2.5
Pharr	508,664	7.2	7.2		1,787,257	1,925,338	7.0	7.7
Roma	203,827	2.9	-8.0		886,850	815,432	3.0	-8.1
Total	7,086,903	100.0	-1.8		27,694,766	27,448,290	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
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003: Down 1.8 %
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

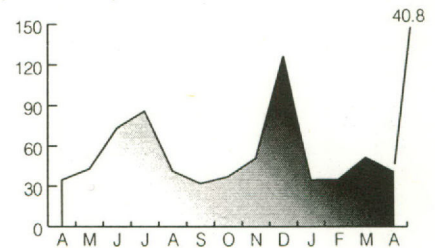


Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Apr 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	546	1.3	-1.4		2,635	2,494	1.5	-5.4
El Paso	6,425	15.7	29.8		22,627	22,872	14.1	1.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	9,916	24.3	21.1		43,699	41,230	25.5	-5.7
Brownsville	5,239	12.8	26.0		20,655	20,106	12.4	-2.7
Laredo	16,274	39.8	11.8		70,151	65,506	40.5	-6.6
Eagle Pass	2,439	6.0	16.3		10,025	9,524	5.9	-5.0
Total	40,839	100.0	18.4		169,792	161,732	100.0	-4.7

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003: Up 18.4 %
(In Thousands)



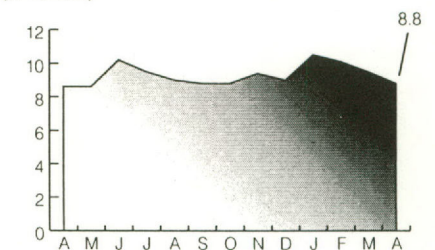
Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		02 vs. 03 Emp %Chg	Gain/Loss YTD
	Apr 03	Apr 03		Apr 03	YTD 02		
Brownsville	48,534	6,313	11.5	45,598	47,925	5.1	2,327
Del Rio	15,835	1,291	7.5	14,607	15,571	6.6	964
Eagle Pass	8,370	2,842	25.3	8,337	8,272	-0.8	-65
El Paso	245,956	21,143	7.9	234,497	243,412	3.8	8,914
Harlingen	27,882	2,147	7.1	26,196	27,533	5.1	1,337
Laredo	72,487	5,460	7.0	68,077	71,158	4.5	3,081
McAllen	51,608	4,780	8.5	48,769	50,357	3.3	1,588
Pharr	15,389	2,550	14.2	14,567	15,016	3.1	449
Rio Grande	5,557	924	14.3	5,006	5,475	9.4	469
Total	491,618	47,450	8.8	465,654	484,717	4.1	19,063
Texas Unemployment Rate			6.2				
U.S. Unemployment Rate			6.0				

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

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

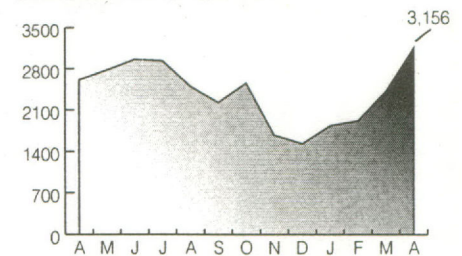
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003: Up 2.3 %
(In Percent)



Building Permits

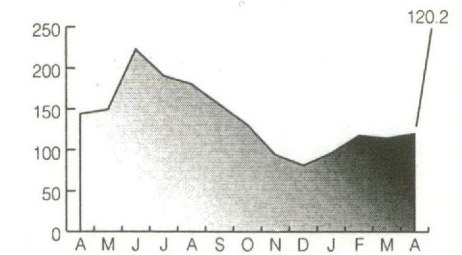
Number City	Apr 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	1,176	37.3	213.6	1,355	2,124	22.8	56.8
Del Rio	89	2.8	-1.1	236	384	4.1	62.7
Eagle Pass	68	2.2	17.2	187	192	2.1	2.7
El Paso	1,236	39.2	-15.5	4,054	4,461	47.8	10.0
Harlingen	102	3.2	15.9	326	310	3.3	-4.9
Laredo	295	9.3	-17.8	2,269	1,192	12.8	-47.5
McAllen	190	6.0	8.0	796	663	7.1	-16.7
Total	3,156	100.0	21.0	9,223	9,326	100.0	1.1

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003
(Number of Permits): Up 21.0%



Dollar Value City	Apr 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	16,770,613	14.0	-10.2	73,023,741	81,807,245	18.2	12.0
Del Rio	1,601,645	1.3	-3.2	30,954,306	8,839,907	2.0	-71.4
Eagle Pass	2,657,111	2.2	95.8	13,375,865	8,626,512	1.9	-35.5
El Paso	48,262,812	40.2	0.0	194,384,091	166,895,361	37.2	-14.1
Harlingen	7,994,777	6.7	81.3	17,160,156	22,241,829	5.0	29.6
Laredo	16,846,131	14.0	-32.2	118,167,238	84,250,440	18.8	-28.7
McAllen	26,069,880	21.7	-41.6	98,508,566	76,481,958	17.0	-22.4
Total	120,202,969	100.0	-16.4	545,573,962	449,143,252	100.0	-17.7

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Down 16.4%



Source: Permit Departments in cited cities

Note: Dollar value totals may not add up due to rounding.

Power Connections (in Service)

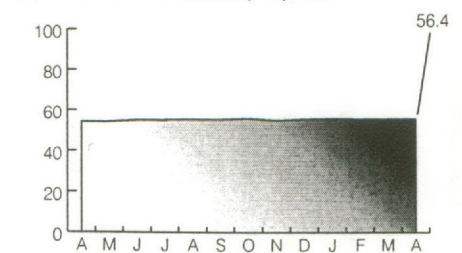
Residential City	Apr 03	02 vs. 03		Average YTD 02	Average YTD 03	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	33,137	7.3	2.4	32,051	33,233	7.4	3.7
Del Rio	14,381	3.2	2.0	13,950	14,337	3.2	2.8
Eagle Pass	10,192	2.2	2.7	9,937	10,142	2.2	2.1
El Paso	284,520	62.8	2.1	277,850	283,403	62.8	2.0
Harlingen	22,138	4.9	0.1	21,749	22,225	4.9	2.2
Laredo	54,089	11.9	3.3	51,808	53,702	11.9	3.7
McAllen	34,591	7.6	1.6	34,214	34,537	7.6	0.9
Total	453,048	100.0	2.1	441,557	451,580	100.0	2.3

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 2.1%



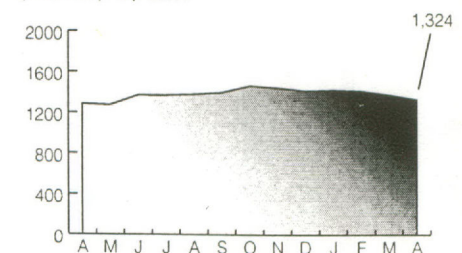
Commercial City	Apr 03	02 vs. 03		Average YTD 02	Average YTD 03	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	4,290	7.6	-0.8	4,220	4,333	7.7	2.7
Del Rio	2,262	4.0	5.6	2,098	2,286	4.1	9.0
Eagle Pass	1,568	2.8	7.1	1,510	1,576	2.8	4.4
El Paso	29,524	52.4	2.2	28,724	29,381	52.4	2.3
Harlingen	3,885	6.9	6.9	3,686	3,875	6.9	5.1
Laredo	8,623	15.3	8.1	7,990	8,507	15.2	6.5
McAllen	6,204	11.0	5.9	5,955	6,141	10.9	3.1
Total	56,356	100.0	3.8	54,182	56,098	100.0	3.5

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 3.8%



Industrial City	Apr 03	02 vs. 03		Average YTD 02	Average YTD 03	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	664	50.2	6.9	586	721	52.5	23.1
Del Rio	45	3.4	-2.2	40	44	3.2	10.7
Eagle Pass	30	2.3	-9.1	29	30	2.2	4.3
El Paso	143	10.8	3.6	139	142	10.3	2.3
Harlingen	105	7.9	-4.5	102	107	7.7	4.7
Laredo	217	16.4	3.3	179	212	15.4	18.3
McAllen	120	9.1	-4.0	104	119	8.7	15.2
Total	1,324	100.0	3.2	1,178	1,375	100.0	16.7

(Industrial): Up 3.2%



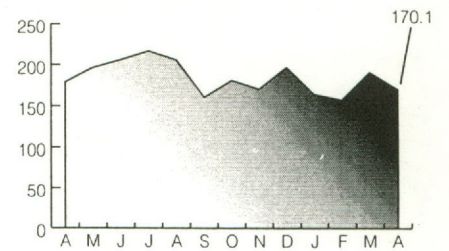
Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

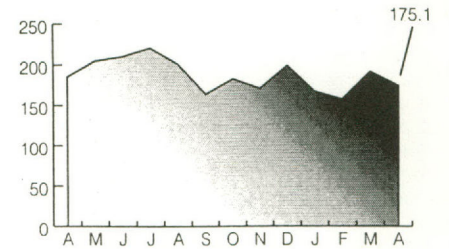
Arrivals City	Apr 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	5,027	3.0	-18.9		25,794	20,087	2.9	-22.1
El Paso	106,908	62.8	-4.1		431,154	417,409	61.2	-3.2
Harlingen	31,721	18.6	-1.6		123,724	131,982	19.4	6.7
Laredo	5,349	3.1	-18.4		25,096	22,281	3.3	-11.2
McAllen	21,115	12.4	-5.4		93,690	90,055	13.2	-3.9
Total	170,120	100.0	-4.9		699,458	681,814	100.0	-2.5

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Down 4.9%



Departures City	Apr 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	5,238	3.0	-21.8		25,938	19,859	2.9	-23.4
El Paso	109,324	62.4	-4.5		440,896	424,807	61.3	-3.6
Harlingen	32,671	18.7	-3.3		126,213	134,325	19.4	6.4
Laredo	5,386	3.1	-13.8		25,415	22,365	3.2	-12.0
McAllen	22,513	12.9	-5.6		94,901	91,836	13.2	-3.2
Total	175,132	100.0	-5.4		713,363	693,192	100.0	-2.8

(Departures – In Thousands): Down 5.4%

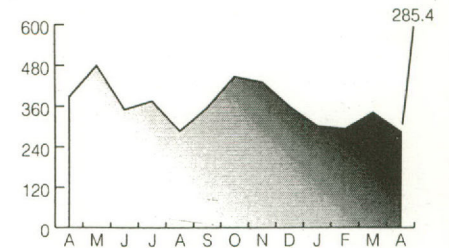


Source: Airports in cited cities

Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type	Apr 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	135,188	47.4	-17.3		789,170	699,305	57.0	-11.4
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		2,035	0	0.0	-100.0
Grain Bulk	4,700	1.6	0.0		16,918	22,106	1.8	30.7
Liquid	9,873	3.5	128.8		20,917	15,039	1.2	-28.1
Machinery	0	0.0	0.0		627	3,482	0.3	455.3
Petroleum	135,653	47.5	-38.1		675,751	486,214	39.7	-28.0
Total	285,414	100.0	-26.2		1,505,418	1,226,146	100.0	-18.6

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003: Down 26.2%
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



Source: Port of Brownsville

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

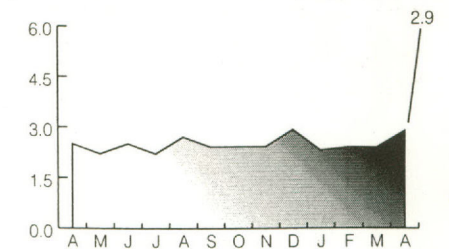
Inbound Cargo Type	Apr 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	12,848	0.3	5.3		19,053	26,421	0.2	38.7
Chemical	10,942	0.2	-13.5		43,632	39,593	0.2	-9.3
Dry Bulk	413,001	8.7	66.7		1,431,740	1,419,446	8.1	-0.9
Grain Bulk	6,463	0.1	0.0		1,344	20,775	0.1	1445.8
Liquid	3,246	0.1	0.0		22,086	47,522	0.3	115.2
Petroleum	4,274,076	90.5	0.6		15,421,404	16,035,234	91.2	4.0
Total	4,720,576	100.0	4.4		16,939,259	17,588,991	100.0	3.8

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
Apr. 2002 vs. Apr. 2003
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 4.4%



Outbound Cargo Type	Apr 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	29,119	1.0	1915.9		12,608	189,252	1.9	1401.0
Chemical	165,115	5.7	-24.4		502,465	620,498	6.1	23.5
Dry Bulk	360,380	12.4	35.5		1,013,903	967,988	9.6	-4.5
Grain Bulk	62,484	2.2	-55.9		619,162	256,361	2.5	-58.6
Liquid	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Petroleum	2,283,225	78.7	21.6		7,661,172	8,073,670	79.9	5.4
Total	2,900,324	100.0	15.8		9,809,310	10,107,768	100.0	3.0

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 15.8%



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 5
U.S. Exports to Mexico Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2002	2003	'02 vs. '03 Percent Change
	April YTD Total	April YTD Total	
Brownsville	1,747,689,543	1,770,519,570	1.31
Del Rio	436,375,660	442,206,083	1.34
Eagle Pass	1,367,574,235	915,263,781	-33.07
Laredo	10,111,371,147	9,757,384,203	-3.50
Hidalgo	1,646,586,380	1,990,263,097	20.87
Rio Grande	25,908,208	21,611,940	-16.58
Progreso	38,706,656	37,310,489	-3.61
Roma	56,864,677	33,687,821	-40.76
Edinburg Airport	0	7,919	-
El Paso	5,098,198,928	5,387,241,757	5.67
Presidio	34,957,071	15,739,162	-54.98
Fabens	87,402	284,998	226.08
Columbus	1,866,512	2,467,806	32.21
Santa Teresa	7,932,325	85,798,062	981.63
Santa Teresa Airport	0	2,575	-
Andrade	368,365	460,738	25.08
Calexico	0	2,942,335	-
San Ysidro	6,134,490	15,906,819	159.30
Tecate	154,843,304	146,764,515	-5.22
Otay Mesa Station	2,607,352,871	2,607,543,105	0.01
Calexico-East	1,150,688,879	1,193,046,917	3.68
Douglas	96,296,899	68,823,670	-28.53
Lukeville	974,835	970,657	-0.43
Naco	10,832,055	9,836,099	-9.19
Nogales	1,330,967,951	1,117,358,647	-16.05
Sasabe	69,932	0	-100.00
San Luis	100,438,097	95,197,849	-5.22
Total	26,033,086,422	25,718,640,614	-1.21

Table 6
U.S. Imports from Mexico Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2002	2003	'02 vs. '03 Percent Change
	April YTD Total	April YTD Total	
Brownsville	1,605,141,108	1,671,483,557	4.13
Del Rio	423,716,266	507,448,623	19.76
Eagle Pass	794,036,630	848,610,988	6.87
Laredo	14,969,961,733	14,836,602,290	-0.89
Hidalgo	2,221,599,344	2,532,873,923	14.01
Rio Grande	36,783,259	39,093,410	6.28
Progreso	2,400,296	1,479,813	-38.35
Roma	6,923,351	3,648,095	-47.31
Edinburg Airport	0	0	-
El Paso	7,314,581,415	7,404,211,362	1.23
Presidio	49,583,956	50,599,886	2.05
Fabens	0	0	-
Columbus	6,915,698	10,927,816	58.01
Santa Teresa	229,369,918	251,577,424	9.68
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	27,225	0	-100.00
Calexico	0	0	-
San Ysidro	0	0	-
Tecate	150,726,736	163,657,996	8.58
Otay Mesa Station	3,594,074,734	3,413,133,176	-5.03
Calexico-East	1,486,363,293	1,596,789,894	7.43
Douglas	113,773,259	97,506,258	-14.30
Lukeville	103,329	26,789	-74.07
Naco	24,129,689	3,888,272	-83.89
Nogales	2,569,917,909	2,508,918,208	-2.37
Sasabe	0	0	-
San Luis	232,306,981	215,930,725	-7.05
Total	35,832,436,129	36,158,408,505	0.91

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University (Tables 1-6)

Subscribe now to *Border Business Indicators*! Annual subscription rate is \$36.00 (12 monthly issues). Enclose this subscription form or photocopy with payment. Payable in U.S. funds only.

Type of Subscription: New Renewal

Check Method of Payment: Check Money Order

Payable to: Texas A&M International University

Send subscription to: Texas A&M International University
Border Business Indicators
Texas Center
5201 University Boulevard
Laredo, TX 78041-1900

Name _____

Title _____

Affiliation/Co. _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Telephone () _____

E-mail Address _____



Texas A&M International University
Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development
5201 University Boulevard
Laredo, TX 78041-1900

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Laredo, Texas
78041
Permit 231