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SITC 7 Type Merchandise Composes Half or More Processed at Top Ports

In the December issue of the *Border Business Indicators*, the composition of merchandise trade—U.S. exports to Mexico plus U.S. imports from Mexico processed at the top five border ports of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border—was highlighted. Approximately

fifty percent or more of this merchandise was coded as Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) 7.

Below, table 1 shows a more detailed breakdown of this type of merchandise with total trade dollar values year-to-date. —B. Garcia

Table 1
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade Dollar Value via Top 5 U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
Merchandise Composition SITC Code 7 (2-Digit)
November 2002 Year-to-Date vs. November 2003 Year-to-Date

Laredo, Texas SITC	Description	Total Trade \$ Value YTD		% Change YTD 2002 vs. 2003	% Share YTD of Total Trade \$ Value for Port	
		Nov 2002	Nov 2003		Nov 2002	Nov 2003
71	Power Generating Machinery and Equipment	4,065,847,504	4,550,734,819	11.9	5.52	6.28
72	Machinery Specialized for Particular Industries	985,974,928	887,874,330	-9.9	1.34	1.22
73	Metalworking Machinery	244,337,612	200,642,616	-17.9	0.33	0.28
74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	3,397,921,150	3,585,933,767	5.5	4.61	4.95
75	Office Machines and Automatic Data Processing Machines	3,612,653,375	2,666,211,044	-26.2	4.90	3.68
76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	2,645,214,967	2,755,891,183	4.2	3.59	3.80
77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts	6,850,397,834	7,218,836,315	5.4	9.30	9.96
78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	23,589,249,654	21,658,229,647	-8.2	32.01	29.88
79	Transport Equipment, N.E.S.	151,685,842	146,897,508	-3.2	0.21	0.20
Total Trade Dollar Value for Port of Laredo (All SITC Codes)		73,688,696,109	72,490,021,635	-1.6	100.00	100.00

El Paso, Texas SITC	Description	Total Trade \$ Value YTD		% Change YTD 2002 vs. 2003	% Share YTD of Total Trade \$ Value for Port	
		Nov 2002	Nov 2003		Nov 2002	Nov 2003
71	Power Generating Machinery and Equipment	1,101,759,510	1,168,537,984	6.1	3.07	3.22
72	Machinery Specialized for Particular Industries	199,583,168	253,089,346	26.8	0.56	0.70
73	Metalworking Machinery	57,608,657	51,624,717	-10.4	0.16	0.14
74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	1,608,604,268	1,486,054,150	-7.6	4.48	4.10
75	Office Machines and Automatic Data Processing Machines	3,560,470,995	5,549,890,038	55.9	9.91	15.30
76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	5,350,542,221	4,364,404,607	-18.4	14.90	12.03
77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts	9,499,136,362	9,134,226,613	-3.8	26.45	25.17
78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	2,359,344,471	2,570,164,546	8.9	6.57	7.08
79	Transport Equipment, N.E.S.	38,040,819	7,537,404	-80.2	0.11	0.02
Total Trade Dollar Value for Port of El Paso (All SITC Codes)		35,919,449,510	36,284,664,938	1.0	100.00	100.00

Otay Mesa Station, California SITC	Description	Total Trade \$ Value YTD		% Change YTD 2002 vs. 2003	% Share YTD of Total Trade \$ Value for Port	
		Nov 2002	Nov 2003		Nov 2002	Nov 2003
71	Power Generating Machinery and Equipment	238,699,639	293,097,391	22.8	1.27	1.63
72	Machinery Specialized for Particular Industries	89,858,739	134,167,361	49.3	0.48	0.74
73	Metalworking Machinery	25,921,538	28,148,357	8.6	0.14	0.16
74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	566,914,826	599,989,802	5.8	3.02	3.33
75	Office Machines and Automatic Data Processing Machines	2,308,683,517	1,226,280,485	-46.9	12.28	6.80
76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	3,100,046,399	3,146,080,705	1.5	16.49	17.46
77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts	3,239,718,004	2,994,588,963	-7.6	17.24	16.62
78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	422,445,989	592,610,631	40.3	2.25	3.29
79	Transport Equipment, N.E.S.	31,692,503	25,591,823	-19.2	0.17	0.14
Total Trade Dollar Value for Port of Otay Mesa Station (All SITC Codes)		18,796,163,794	18,021,124,096	-4.1	100.00	100.00

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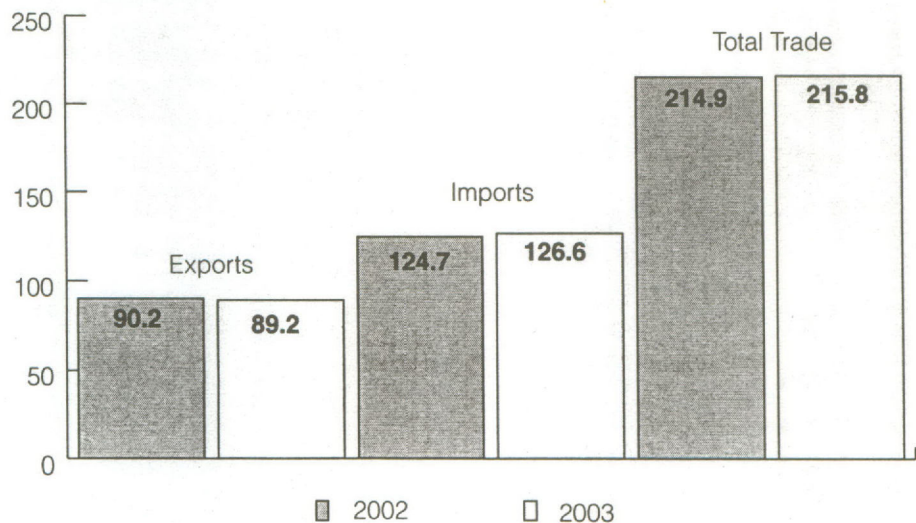
Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity for November 2003 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated thirteen indicators increased and nine decreased. 2003 YTD comparison to 2002 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 6.3 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 6.5 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 6.1 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 6.6 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico lost 4.7 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas lost 5.5 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 2.4 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went down 6.9 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs decreased 5.5 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 0.1 percent.
- Tourist Visas issued for entry into Mexico were up 0.8 percent.
- Total employment was up 4.0 percent, with 19,088 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in November 2003 was 8.9 percent.
- Total building permits issued dropped 0.7 percent.
- Total building permit values decreased 8.6 percent.
- Power Connections in service for residential were up 2.6 percent, commercial were up 3.3 percent and industrial were up 2.2 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 2.7 percent, and departures were down 2.9 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 21.5 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Chrisit went up 5.9 percent, and outbound cargo went up 5.4 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

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



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

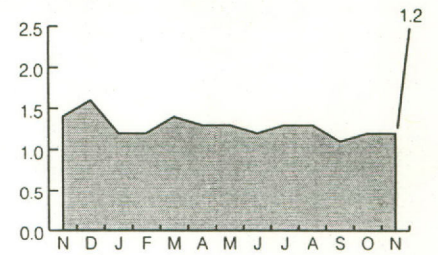
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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Nov 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	201,081	15.6	-1.2		2,431,505	2,219,839	16.1	-8.7
Del Rio	1,845	0.1	-57.2		50,856	52,633	0.4	3.5
Eagle Pass	49,796	3.9	4.0		538,518	531,360	3.9	-1.3
El Paso	449,517	34.9	-13.5		5,435,451	4,924,531	35.8	-9.4
Harlingen	71	0.0	1.4		710	695	0.0	-2.1
Laredo	347,246	27.0	-3.8		3,804,098	3,599,313	26.2	-5.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	121,444	9.4	9.2		1,169,692	1,196,361	8.7	2.3
Progreso	102,950	8.0	14.1		1,113,005	1,094,231	8.0	-1.7
Rio Grande	139	0.0	54.4		3,759	2,443	0.0	-35.0
Roma	12,962	1.0	1.8		136,366	135,322	1.0	-0.8
Total	1,287,051	100.0	-4.7		14,683,960	13,756,728	100.0	-6.3

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003: Down 4.7%
(In Millions)

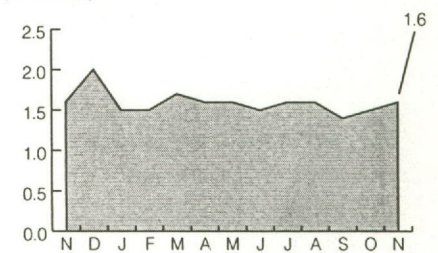


Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Nov 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	225,598	14.1	-0.7		2,747,264	2,488,480	14.7	-9.4
Del Rio	9,209	0.6	16.9		83,102	86,751	0.5	4.4
Eagle Pass	61,418	3.8	1.3		694,862	662,957	3.9	-4.6
El Paso	643,268	40.1	-5.3		7,515,035	6,934,347	40.8	-7.7
Laredo	386,744	24.1	-4.4		4,283,613	3,978,884	23.4	-7.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	154,506	9.6	7.4		1,503,673	1,523,888	9.0	1.3
Presidio	2,176	0.1	1.6		23,718	22,975	0.1	-3.1
Progreso	104,045	6.5	9.8		1,116,786	1,098,652	6.5	-1.6
Rio Grande	1,244	0.1	17.2		15,252	13,505	0.1	-11.5
Roma	16,963	1.1	10.4		170,414	170,898	1.0	0.3
Total	1,605,171	100.0	-1.9		18,153,719	16,981,337	100.0	-6.5

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003: Down 1.9%
(In Millions)

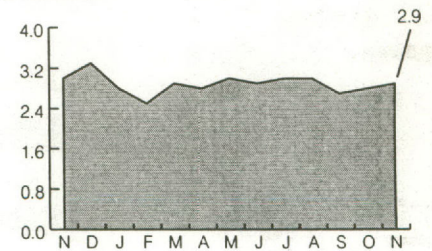


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Nov 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	560,504	19.6	-10.2		6,895,513	6,264,680	20.1	-9.1
Del Rio	156,189	5.5	-10.4		1,910,809	1,729,135	5.5	-9.5
Eagle Pass	267,750	9.4	-8.7		3,115,262	2,937,433	9.4	-5.7
El Paso	382,742	13.4	3.1		3,904,330	4,102,058	13.1	5.1
Harlingen	57,611	2.0	2.6		638,061	615,471	2.0	-3.5
Laredo	591,225	20.7	-0.5		6,513,851	6,345,477	20.3	-2.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	456,302	16.0	-10.9		5,756,855	5,034,577	16.1	-12.5
Pharr	144,560	5.1	-6.7		1,711,218	1,584,198	5.1	-7.4
Progreso	90,972	3.2	-2.2		1,076,271	1,024,054	3.3	-4.9
Rio Grande	51,607	1.8	-8.5		619,944	556,646	1.8	-10.2
Roma	93,377	3.3	-10.3		1,095,314	1,017,036	3.3	-7.1
Total	2,852,839	100.0	-6.0		33,237,428	31,210,765	100.0	-6.1

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003: Down 6.0%
(In Millions)

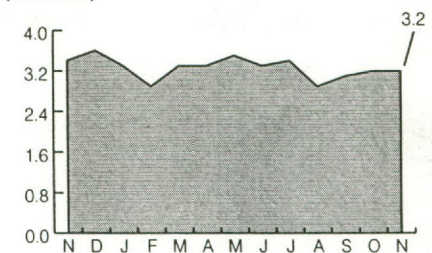


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Nov 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	561,680	17.6	-7.9		6,828,232	6,267,236	17.7	-8.2
Del Rio	154,633	4.8	-9.9		1,945,961	1,735,534	4.9	-10.8
Eagle Pass	276,950	8.7	-5.9		3,216,294	3,057,341	8.6	-4.9
El Paso	618,194	19.4	-1.4		6,937,268	6,902,185	19.5	-0.5
Harlingen	66,262	2.1	1.1		788,327	714,488	2.0	-9.4
Laredo	586,113	18.4	-3.5		6,836,907	6,484,290	18.3	-5.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	403,378	12.6	-11.9		5,296,318	4,548,062	12.9	-14.1
Pharr	217,272	6.8	-3.1		2,473,527	2,356,765	6.7	-4.7
Presidio	61,714	1.9	8.1		682,616	642,186	1.8	-5.9
Progreso	93,970	2.9	-0.3		1,112,252	1,027,119	2.9	-7.7
Rio Grande	59,215	1.9	1.0		660,283	633,271	1.8	-4.1
Roma	94,324	3.0	-7.6		1,116,025	1,024,380	2.9	-8.2
Total	3,193,705	100.0	-5.2		37,894,010	35,392,857	100.0	-6.6

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003: Down 5.2%
(In Millions)



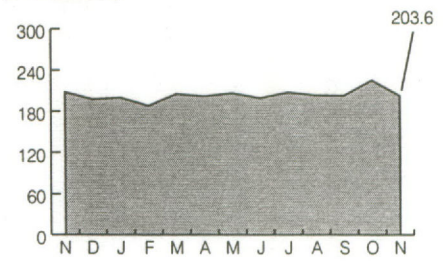
Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Nov 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	16,921	8.3	2.5	200,110	183,829	8.2	-8.1
Del Rio	5,318	2.6	-13.3	72,656	67,306	3.0	-7.4
Eagle Pass	7,435	3.7	6.5	81,051	79,435	3.5	-2.0
El Paso	24,979	12.3	0.7	286,469	259,928	11.6	-9.3
Harlingen	2,515	1.2	-13.5	36,454	34,704	1.5	-4.8
Laredo	116,693	57.3	-5.0	1,339,906	1,263,984	56.4	-5.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	1,224	0.6	-45.0	24,956	21,725	1.0	-12.9
Pharr	24,290	11.9	14.2	255,410	280,632	12.5	9.9
Progreso	1,554	0.8	-13.3	24,112	20,530	0.9	-14.9
Rio Grande	1,827	0.9	20.8	20,366	21,740	1.0	6.7
Roma	801	0.4	-11.0	11,139	8,913	0.4	-20.0
Total	203,557	100.0	-2.1	2,352,629	2,242,726	100.0	-4.7

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
Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003: Down 2.1%
(In Thousands)



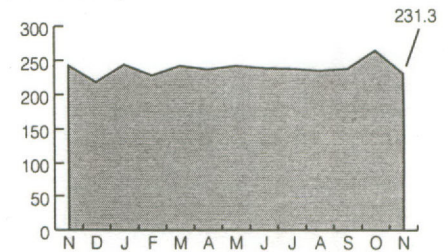
Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Nov 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	15,171	6.6	2.0	186,055	174,744	6.6	-6.1
Del Rio	5,238	2.3	0.0	67,930	61,618	2.3	-9.3
Eagle Pass	7,341	3.2	3.2	83,717	80,733	3.1	-3.6
El Paso	55,716	24.1	-4.9	656,198	607,651	23.0	-7.4
Harlingen	2,702	1.2	-12.3	46,639	37,440	1.4	-19.7
Laredo	107,250	46.4	-9.8	1,331,486	1,246,177	47.1	-6.4
Pharr	32,495	14.0	7.3	362,387	372,400	14.1	2.8
Presidio	839	0.4	62.3	5,964	5,010	0.2	-16.0
Progreso	1,500	0.6	-6.3	22,151	18,170	0.7	-18.0
Rio Grande	2,691	1.2	34.1	24,226	32,461	1.2	34.0
Roma	349	0.2	-42.1	9,071	6,818	0.3	-24.8
Falcon Heights	21	0.0	-47.5	331	208	0.0	-37.2
Total	231,313	100.0	-4.7	2,796,155	2,643,430	100.0	-5.5

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
Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003: Down 4.7%
(In Thousands)



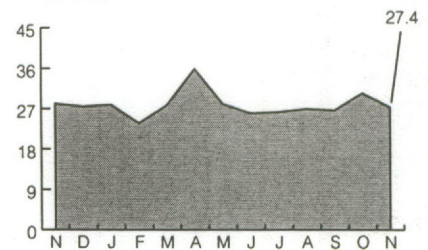
Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Nov 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	3,283	12.0	-20.4	46,211	37,249	12.1	-19.4
Eagle Pass	6,047	22.0	-6.0	78,690	68,099	22.2	-13.5
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	18,095	66.0	3.4	175,191	202,081	65.7	15.3
Total	27,425	100.0	-2.3	300,092	307,429	100.0	2.4

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003: Down 2.3%
(In Thousands)

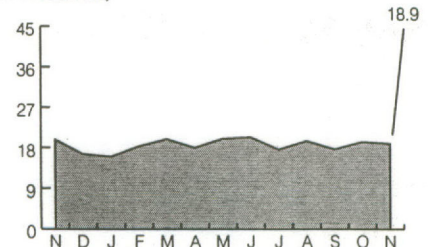


Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Nov 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	530	2.8	-24.3	6,903	9,456	4.6	37.0
Eagle Pass	1,401	7.4	-19.6	22,913	14,292	7.0	-37.6
El Paso	1,734	9.2	-24.9	28,638	18,906	9.2	-34.0
Laredo	15,244	80.6	1.1	162,289	162,870	79.2	0.4
Total	18,909	100.0	-4.6	220,743	205,524	100.0	-6.9

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003: Down 4.6%
(In Thousands)

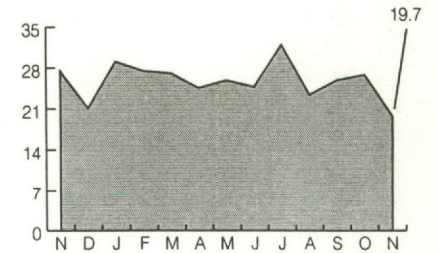


Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Nov 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,593,867	8.1	8.2		17,285,941	15,037,076	5.2	-13.0
Del Rio	83,218	0.4	-78.5		2,141,930	2,774,630	1.0	29.5
Eagle Pass	402,254	2.0	-85.8		38,186,984	36,263,009	12.7	-5.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	3,298,180	16.7	62.6		31,022,164	37,968,199	13.2	22.4
Laredo	14,274,485	72.4	-31.0		213,682,796	193,867,175	67.6	-9.3
Progreso	18,301	0.1	27.8		203,074	176,256	0.1	-13.2
Rio Grande	19,427	0.1	-37.3		570,812	401,140	0.1	-29.7
Roma	13,333	0.1	-5.2		233,920	143,843	0.1	-38.5
Total	19,703,065	100.0	-28.3		303,327,620	286,631,328	100.0	-5.5

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
 Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003: Down 28.3%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

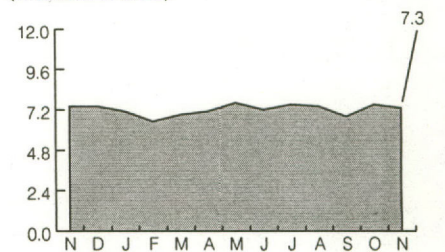


Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)

City	Nov 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,173,404	16.1	2.7		11,461,060	11,835,975	15.0	3.3
Del Rio	317,439	4.4	-9.9		3,869,458	3,541,793	4.5	-8.5
Eagle Pass	581,692	8.0	-8.8		6,280,263	6,340,782	8.1	1.0
El Paso	881,878	12.1	0.0		9,384,604	9,357,553	11.9	-0.3
Harlingen	156,624	2.1	7.7		1,484,126	1,664,834	2.1	12.2
Laredo	2,673,349	36.7	-2.4		29,522,235	29,141,762	37.0	-1.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	842,142	11.5	2.7		9,188,231	9,324,632	11.8	1.5
Pharr	463,100	6.4	7.9		5,058,860	5,351,106	6.8	5.8
Roma	202,596	2.8	-10.8		2,411,807	2,191,147	2.8	-9.1
Total	7,292,223	100.0	-1.1		78,660,643	78,749,584	100.0	0.1

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
 Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003: Down 1.1%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

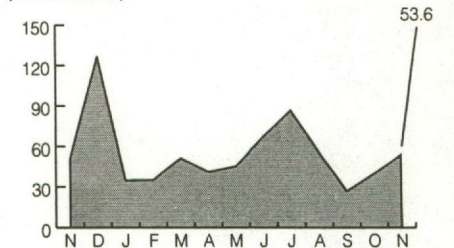


Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Nov 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	846	1.6	-21.4		9,008	8,112	1.5	-9.9
El Paso	6,461	12.1	8.4		78,334	81,165	15.1	3.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	12,206	22.8	7.4		114,034	117,692	21.9	3.2
Brownsville	6,660	12.4	12.4		66,075	68,110	12.7	3.1
Laredo	24,074	44.9	-3.9		244,422	232,636	43.4	-4.8
Eagle Pass	3,326	6.2	166.9		20,305	28,489	5.3	40.3
Total	53,573	100.0	5.8		532,178	536,204	100.0	0.8

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
 Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003: Up 5.8%
 (In Thousands)



Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		02 vs. 03		Gain/Loss
	Nov 03	Nov 03		Nov 03	YTD 02	YTD 03	Emp %Chg	
Brownsville	48,765	6,780	12.2	46,521	48,471	4.2	1,950	
Del Rio	16,145	1,192	6.9	14,895	15,934	7.0	1,039	
Eagle Pass	8,167	2,241	21.5	8,262	8,256	-0.1	-6	
El Paso	251,188	22,403	8.2	238,558	247,131	3.6	8,573	
Harlingen	28,015	2,305	7.6	26,726	27,846	4.2	1,120	
Laredo	73,430	4,877	6.2	69,194	71,959	4.0	2,765	
McAllen	52,599	5,292	9.1	48,487	50,917	5.0	2,430	
Pharr	15,684	2,823	15.3	14,467	15,183	4.9	716	
Rio Grande	5,754	880	13.3	5,087	5,589	9.9	502	
Total	499,747	48,793	8.9	472,197	491,285	4.0	19,088	
Texas Unemployment Rate			6.3					
U.S. Unemployment Rate			5.9					

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

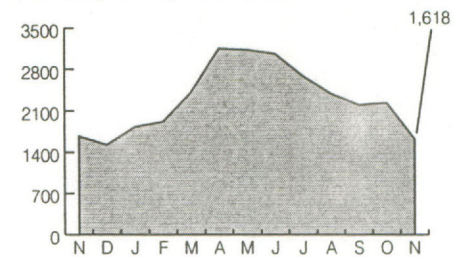
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
 Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003: Down 5.3%
 (In Percent)



Building Permits

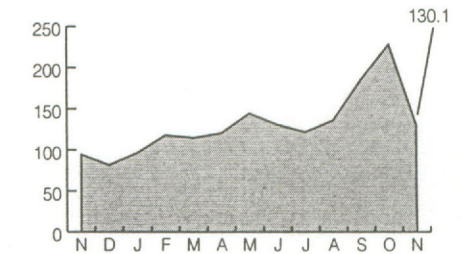
Number	02 vs. 03			YTD			
City	Nov 03	%Share	%Chg	YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	390	24.1	56.0	3,592	6,747	25.3	87.8
Del Rio	30	1.9	-63.4	1,501	784	2.9	-47.8
Eagle Pass	45	2.8	2.3	517	500	1.9	-3.3
El Paso	757	46.8	-15.1	14,093	12,236	45.9	-13.2
Harlingen	42	2.6	-23.6	754	878	3.3	16.4
Laredo	213	13.2	-3.2	4,473	3,534	13.3	-21.0
McAllen	141	8.7	10.2	1,912	1,988	7.5	4.0
Total	1,618	100.0	-3.2	26,842	26,667	100.0	-0.7

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003
(Number of Permits): Down 3.2%



Dollar Value	02 vs. 03			YTD			
City	Nov 03	%Share	%Chg	YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	19,806,999	15.2	66.1	202,231,327	254,732,591	16.7	26.0
Del Rio	873,845	0.7	49.3	45,423,388	17,827,770	1.2	-60.8
Eagle Pass	1,667,420	1.3	-16.8	26,761,507	29,035,178	1.9	8.5
El Paso	26,131,815	20.1	-40.4	739,672,843	470,614,787	30.9	-36.4
Harlingen	3,028,870	2.3	-53.8	69,804,845	59,233,070	3.9	-15.1
Laredo	12,609,455	9.7	-30.9	396,933,392	236,044,077	15.5	-40.5
McAllen	66,007,907	50.7	494.3	187,693,484	457,478,165	30.0	143.7
Total	130,126,312	100.0	38.0	1,668,520,786	1,524,965,638	100.0	-8.6

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Up 38.0%

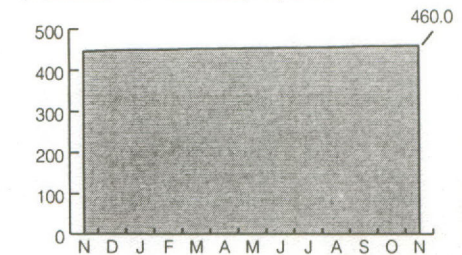


Source: Permit Departments in cited cities
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Power Connections (in Service)

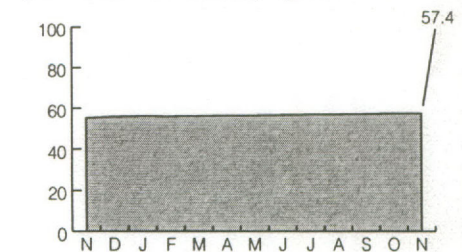
Residential	02 vs. 03			YTD			
City	Nov 03	%Share	%Chg	YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	33,364	7.3	4.3	32,166	33,323	7.3	3.6
Del Rio	14,506	3.2	2.0	14,121	14,403	3.2	2.0
Eagle Pass	10,358	2.3	3.2	9,942	10,234	2.2	2.9
El Paso	288,298	62.7	2.4	279,265	285,485	62.7	2.2
Harlingen	22,716	4.9	3.7	21,802	22,349	4.9	2.5
Laredo	55,541	12.1	5.6	52,358	54,543	12.0	4.2
McAllen	35,213	7.7	4.1	33,933	34,670	7.6	2.2
Total	459,996	100.0	3.1	443,587	455,008	100.0	2.6

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 3.1%



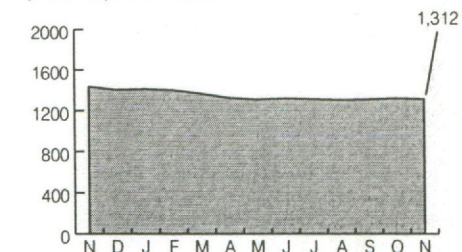
Commercial	02 vs. 03			YTD			
City	Nov 03	%Share	%Chg	YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	4,514	7.9	11.6	4,262	4,408	7.8	3.4
Del Rio	2,292	4.0	2.8	2,166	2,279	4.0	5.2
Eagle Pass	1,585	2.8	3.4	1,523	1,582	2.8	3.8
El Paso	30,132	52.5	3.3	28,933	29,720	52.5	2.7
Harlingen	3,884	6.8	1.9	3,759	3,881	6.9	3.2
Laredo	8,618	15.0	3.5	8,159	8,551	15.1	4.8
McAllen	6,381	11.1	6.5	6,008	6,217	11.0	3.5
Total	57,406	100.0	4.2	54,811	56,637	100.0	3.3

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 4.2%



Industrial	02 vs. 03			YTD			
City	Nov 03	%Share	%Chg	YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	649	49.5	-15.6	664	679	50.9	2.2
Del Rio	44	3.4	2.3	43	44	3.3	2.3
Eagle Pass	30	2.3	3.4	31	30	2.2	-4.4
El Paso	145	11.1	2.1	141	143	10.7	1.2
Harlingen	104	7.9	-4.6	109	106	7.9	-2.4
Laredo	215	16.4	2.9	200	211	15.8	5.9
McAllen	125	9.5	-6.0	118	122	9.1	3.2
Total	1,312	100.0	-8.5	1,306	1,335	100.0	2.2

(Industrial): Down 8.5%

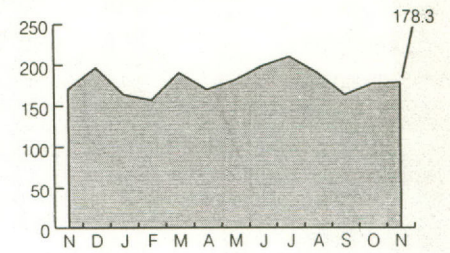


Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company
Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

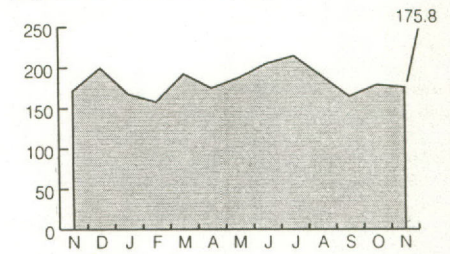
City	Nov 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	4,883	2.7	0.5		64,845	56,225	2.8	-13.3
El Paso	113,871	63.9	3.6		1,296,961	1,253,544	63.3	-3.3
Harlingen	29,317	16.4	1.5		353,127	353,564	17.8	0.1
Laredo	6,248	3.5	8.0		71,463	65,419	3.3	-8.5
McAllen	23,993	13.5	13.9		250,758	252,690	12.8	0.8
Total	178,312	100.0	4.6		2,037,154	1,981,442	100.0	-2.7

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Up 4.6%



City	Nov 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	5,048	2.9	3.7		65,003	56,750	2.8	-12.7
El Paso	112,415	63.9	1.9		1,319,219	1,271,898	63.3	-3.6
Harlingen	28,368	16.1	-3.5		359,432	358,073	17.8	-0.4
Laredo	6,342	3.6	10.2		72,297	66,444	3.3	-8.1
McAllen	23,651	13.5	12.0		253,198	256,520	12.8	1.3
Total	175,824	100.0	2.6		2,069,149	2,009,685	100.0	-2.9

(Departures – In Thousands): Up 2.6%



Source: Airports in cited cities

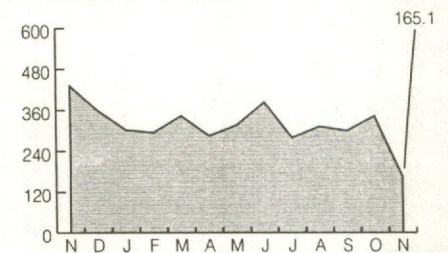
Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type	Nov 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	93,703	56.8	-62.3		2,162,607	2,125,254	64.0	-1.7
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		2,035	6	0.0	-99.7
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0		19,709	72,549	2.2	268.1
Liquid	1,451	0.9	-63.1		54,234	42,080	1.3	-22.4
Machinery	0	0.0	0.0		2,233	3,797	0.1	70.0
Petroleum	69,905	42.4	-60.9		1,990,592	1,079,440	32.5	-45.8
Total	165,059	100.0	-61.7		4,231,410	3,323,126	100.0	-21.5

Source: Port of Brownsville

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

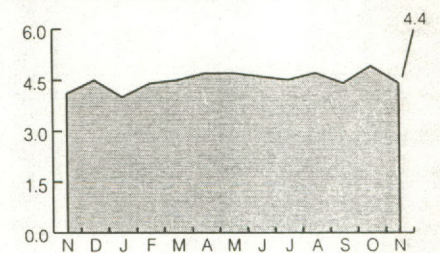
Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003: Down 61.7%
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



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

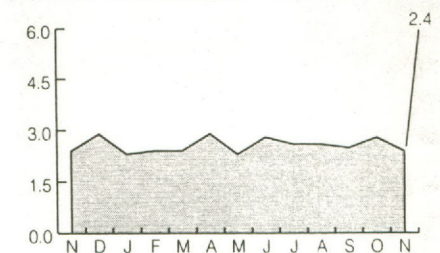
Cargo Type	Nov 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	5,051	0.1	-47.5		88,684	98,751	0.2	11.4
Chemical	8,698	0.2	-33.6		111,023	110,947	0.2	-0.1
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	320,617	7.3	-5.7		3,947,790	3,928,302	7.9	-0.5
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	-100.0		25,729	27,239	0.1	5.9
Liquid	34,930	0.8	0.0		65,538	173,118	0.3	164.2
Petroleum	4,046,383	91.6	9.7		42,708,298	45,358,232	91.3	6.2
Total	4,415,678	100.0	8.8		46,947,061	49,696,589	100.0	5.9

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
Nov. 2002 vs. Nov. 2003
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 8.8%



Cargo Type	Nov 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	5,030	0.2	-75.5		44,125	212,366	0.8	381.3
Chemical	174,271	7.3	-3.6		1,382,243	1,741,716	6.2	26.0
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	103,466	4.4	-54.0		2,577,423	2,426,317	8.6	-5.9
Grain Bulk	130,8007	5.5	10.2		1,643,689	1,395,686	5.0	-15.1
Liquid	0	0.0	0.0		0	39,297	0.1	0.0
Petroleum	1,959,540	82.6	5.6		21,000,191	22,270,761	79.3	6.1
Total	2,373,114	100.0	-1.1		26,647,671	28,086,142	100.0	5.4

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 1.1%



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 1 (Continued)
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade Dollar Value via Top 5 U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
Merchandise Composition SITC Code 7 (2-Digit)
November 2002 Year-to-Date vs. November 2003 Year-to-Date

SITC	Description	Total Trade \$ Value YTD		% Change YTD 2002 vs. 2003	% Share YTD of Total Trade \$ Value for Port	
		Nov 2002	Nov 2003		Nov 2002	Nov 2003
Hidalgo, Texas						
71	Power Generating Machinery and Equipment	718,457,327	776,244,995	8.0	6.14	5.84
72	Machinery Specialized for Particular Industries	227,789,322	270,642,013	18.8	1.95	2.04
73	Metalworking Machinery	29,896,733	19,866,058	-33.6	0.26	0.15
74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	745,468,565	1,036,211,871	39.0	6.37	7.79
75	Office Machines and Automatic Data Processing Machines	602,334,291	919,715,263	52.7	5.15	6.92
76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	1,608,825,971	1,819,937,379	13.1	13.75	13.69
77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts	2,287,913,625	2,876,737,477	25.7	19.56	21.64
78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	746,637,330	679,191,080	-9.0	6.38	5.11
79	Transport Equipment, N.E.S.	11,850,747	44,689,119	277.1	0.10	0.34
Total Trade Dollar Value for Port of Hidalgo (All SITC Codes)		11,697,356,437	13,294,619,461	13.7	100.00	100.00
Nogales, Arizona						
71	Power Generating Machinery and Equipment	140,210,657	85,411,280	-39.1	1.40	0.90
72	Machinery Specialized for Particular Industries	103,292,657	94,181,382	-8.8	1.03	0.99
73	Metalworking Machinery	40,279,356	46,509,708	15.5	0.40	0.49
74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	504,440,356	503,005,320	-0.3	5.03	5.31
75	Office Machines and Automatic Data Processing Machines	370,644,952	242,106,136	-34.7	3.69	2.56
76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	826,173,017	853,282,055	3.3	8.23	9.01
77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts	2,066,075,294	1,866,513,070	-9.7	20.59	19.71
78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	1,562,771,084	996,996,102	-36.2	15.58	10.53
79	Transport Equipment, N.E.S.	2,738,129	2,116,016	-22.7	0.03	0.02
Total Trade Dollar Value for Port of Nogales (All SITC Codes)		10,033,642,015	9,467,509,015	-5.6	100.00	100.00

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

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