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U.S.-Mexico Trade: 2001 vs. 2002 at a Glance

In the April 2003 issue of the *Border Business Indicators*' article "Laredo: The Port of Choice," Laredo, Texas was cited as the port of choice for total merchandise trade crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. As noted in the article, Laredo handled 41 percent of the dollar value of the merchandise, which was processed by U.S.-Mexico border ports.

The following tables provide a detail view of this trade activity on the border for the years 2001 and 2002. Table 1 exhibits the dollar value of all merchandise trade between the U.S. and Mexico for the two periods. Table 2 shows the dollar amounts of this trade that crossed through U.S.-Mexico border ports. In Table 3, ports that processed \$1 billion or more in total dollar value are listed. Finally, Table 4 delineates the percent shares of the total dollar value of merchandise expedited at the border and listed ports (See Back Page).

Although trade between the U.S. and Mexico slowed down in 2001 and 2002, the first quarter figures for 2003 indicate that it is in an upswing and is above last year's levels (See Chart "U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance" in Page 2). —*B. Garcia*

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

	2001	2002	Percent Change 01 vs. 02
Exports	101,508.8	97,530.5	-3.9
Imports	131,432.8	134,732.2	2.5
Total	232,941.6	232,262.7	-0.3

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

	2001	2002	Percent Change 01 vs. 02
Exports	85,123.2	81,955.2	-3.7
Imports	109,178.1	111,514.7	2.1
Total	194,301.3	193,469.9	-0.4

Table 3
U.S. Exports to Mexico
Through U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In Millions of Dollars)

Port Name	2001	2002	Percent Change 01 vs. 02
Laredo	34,729.5	32,375.1	-6.8
El Paso	15,956.1	15,904.7	-0.3
Otay Mesa Station	8,302.0	8,531.2	2.8
Hidalgo	5,715.4	5,764.5	0.9
Brownsville	5,883.5	5,444.6	-7.5
Nogales	4,621.5	3,848.2	-16.7
Calexico-East	3,199.0	3,644.2	13.9
Eagle Pass	3,922.2	3,402.6	-13.2
Del Rio	1,222.8	1,298.6	6.2

U.S. Imports from Mexico
Through U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In Millions of Dollars)

Port Name	2001	2002	Percent Change 01 vs. 02
Laredo	45,061.6	46,980.7	4.3
El Paso	22,355.3	22,716.0	1.6
Otay Mesa Station	11,169.5	11,831.9	5.9
Nogales	7,890.2	6,947.7	-11.9
Hidalgo	6,707.8	6,902.0	2.9
Brownsville	5,109.1	4,915.4	-3.8
Calexico-East	4,148.9	4,764.8	14.8
Eagle Pass	2,816.7	2,660.4	-5.5
Del Rio	1,152.6	1,372.1	19.0

U.S.-Mexico Total Trade
Through U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In Millions of Dollars)

Port Name	2001	2002	Percent Change 01 vs. 02
Laredo	79,791.1	79,355.8	-0.5
El Paso	38,311.4	38,620.7	0.8
Otay Mesa Station	19,471.5	20,363.1	4.6
Hidalgo	12,423.2	12,666.5	2.0
Nogales	12,511.7	10,795.9	-13.7
Brownsville	10,992.6	10,360.0	-5.8
Calexico-East	7,347.8	8,409.1	14.4
Eagle Pass	6,738.9	6,063.0	-10.0
Del Rio	2,375.4	2,670.7	12.4

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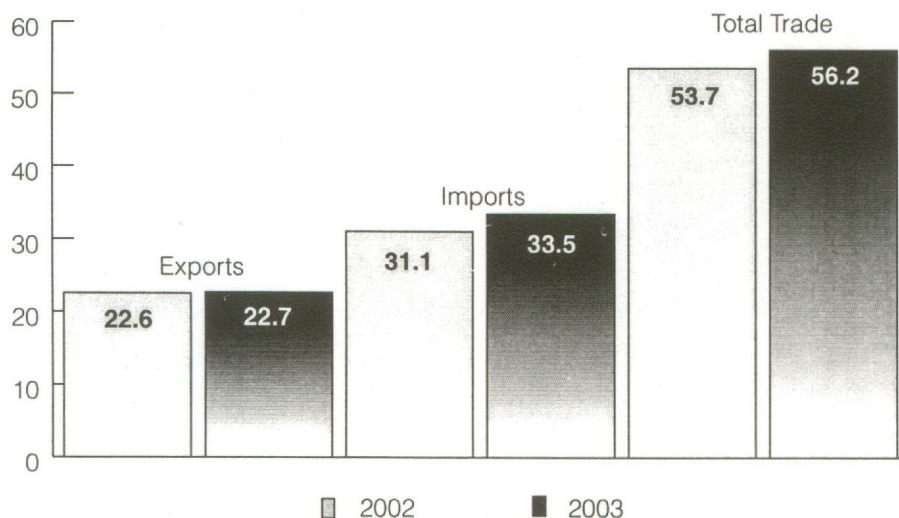
Note from the Director

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

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 7.5 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 8.0 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 6.8 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 6.1 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico lost 4.9 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas lost 2.6 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 1.5 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went down 0.2 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 10.0 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a loss of 0.6 percent.
- Tourist Visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 10.6 percent.
- Total employment was up 2.1 percent, with 18,177 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in March 2003 was 9.5 percent.
- Total building permits issued fell 6.7 percent.
- Total building permit values decreased 18.1 percent.
- Power Connections in service for residential were up 2.3 percent, commercial were up 3.4 percent and industrial were up 21.8 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 1.7 percent, and departures were down 1.9 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 15.9 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 3.6 percent, and outbound cargo went down 1.3 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

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



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

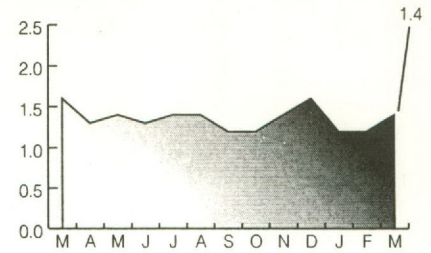
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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Mar 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	%Chg.
			%Chg.					
Brownsville	231,146	16.9	-18.2		690,979	608,520	15.9	-11.9
Del Rio	8,668	0.6	13.2		15,127	16,813	0.4	11.1
Eagle Pass	51,974	3.8	-5.1		149,076	138,260	3.6	-7.3
El Paso	431,761	31.5	-13.9		1,380,505	1,286,428	33.6	-6.8
Harlingen	61	0.0	-20.8		183	154	0.0	-15.8
Laredo	351,659	25.6	-9.4		1,023,435	962,534	25.2	-6.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	113,068	8.2	-8.8		328,893	306,033	8.0	-7.0
Progreso	168,620	12.3	-8.8		505,140	464,791	12.2	-8.0
Rio Grande	235	0.0	-49.9		1,373	1,018	0.0	-25.9
Roma	14,275	1.0	0.5		39,393	38,505	1.0	-2.3
Total	1,371,467	100.0	-12.0		4,134,104	3,823,056	100.0	-7.5

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003: Down 12.0%
(In Millions)

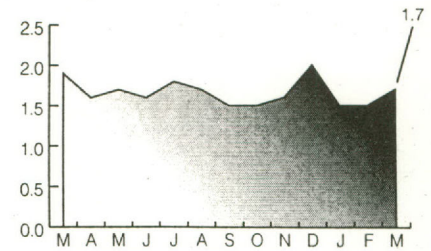


Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Mar 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	%Chg.
			%Chg.					
Brownsville	253,192	15.2	-19.8		786,183	678,572	14.6	-13.7
Del Rio	11,361	0.7	-0.6		24,167	24,258	0.5	0.4
Eagle Pass	63,496	3.8	-9.2		190,004	174,218	3.7	-8.3
El Paso	620,018	37.1	-14.2		1,932,222	1,786,344	38.3	-7.5
Laredo	387,962	23.2	-9.9		1,143,443	1,071,352	23.0	-6.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	144,986	8.7	-8.7		423,327	398,003	8.5	-6.0
Presidio	2,210	0.1	-7.0		6,420	7,014	0.2	9.3
Progreso	167,735	10.0	-8.7		502,488	467,040	10.0	-7.1
Rio Grande	1,424	0.1	-26.3		4,743	4,154	0.1	-12.4
Roma	17,941	1.1	-0.7		48,690	47,888	1.0	-1.6
Total	1,670,325	100.0	-12.8		5,061,687	4,658,843	100.0	-8.0

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003: Down 12.8%
(In Millions)

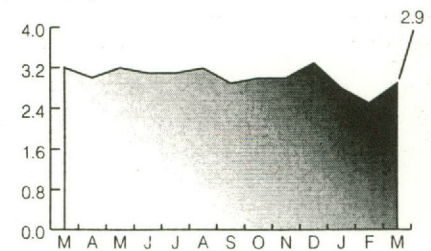


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Mar 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	%Chg.
			%Chg.					
Brownsville	584,796	20.5	-9.9		1,800,444	1,684,292	20.5	-6.5
Del Rio	163,807	5.7	-12.4		503,763	459,772	5.6	-8.7
Eagle Pass	280,410	9.8	-8.5		832,445	790,673	9.6	-5.0
El Paso	351,927	12.3	-6.4		1,035,355	1,026,674	12.5	-0.8
Harlingen	57,526	2.0	-14.3		172,305	158,214	1.9	-8.2
Laredo	552,474	19.3	-10.7		1,698,145	1,587,768	19.3	-6.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	466,898	16.4	-14.7		1,528,381	1,360,746	16.6	-11.0
Pharr	144,160	5.0	-12.1		448,545	418,235	5.1	-6.8
Progreso	101,361	3.5	-12.9		312,565	289,374	3.5	-7.4
Rio Grande	53,329	1.9	-16.4		171,333	151,634	1.8	-11.5
Roma	98,855	3.5	-10.7		300,786	280,494	3.4	-6.7
Total	2,855,543	100.0	-10.9		8,804,067	8,207,876	100.0	-6.8

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003: Down 10.9%
(In Millions)

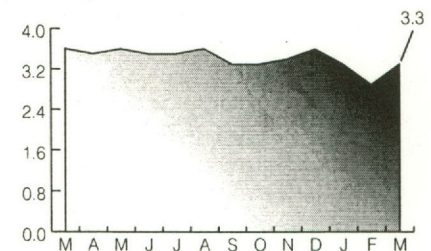


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Mar 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	%Chg.
			%Chg.					
Brownsville	585,433	17.7	-9.3		1,778,941	1,690,087	17.7	-5.0
Del Rio	163,308	4.9	-13.1		515,251	463,853	4.9	-10.0
Eagle Pass	291,597	8.8	-6.9		867,930	844,685	8.8	-2.7
El Paso	662,306	20.0	1.2		1,908,702	1,864,739	19.5	-2.3
Harlingen	67,334	2.0	-19.2		222,515	187,110	2.0	-15.9
Laredo	578,950	17.5	-9.8		1,819,064	1,702,528	17.8	-6.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	427,441	12.9	-14.0		1,410,306	1,267,486	13.3	-10.1
Pharr	215,850	6.5	-3.9		636,502	609,239	6.4	-4.3
Presidio	59,460	1.8	-14.2		189,905	168,186	1.8	-11.4
Progreso	100,431	3.0	-15.8		325,494	289,121	3.0	-11.2
Rio Grande	61,521	1.9	-8.7		183,674	173,133	1.8	-5.7
Roma	101,246	3.1	-9.2		311,162	290,299	3.0	-6.7
Total	3,314,877	100.0	-8.3		10,169,446	9,550,466	100.0	-6.1

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003: Down 8.3%
(In Millions)



Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Mar 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD	
			%Chg					%Chg	
Brownsville	17,101	8.3	-5.6		52,694	50,034	8.4	-5.0	
Del Rio	6,550	3.2	3.3		18,776	19,059	3.2	1.5	
Eagle Pass	7,332	3.6	4.0		21,447	21,243	3.6	-1.0	
El Paso	23,015	11.2	-13.8		81,599	67,943	11.5	-16.7	
Harlingen	2,986	1.5	6.3		7,891	8,586	1.4	8.8	
Laredo	113,674	55.3	-2.8		350,037	333,279	56.2	-4.8	
McAllen-Hidalgo	2,305	1.1	-1.2		6,873	6,287	1.1	-8.5	
Pharr	27,710	13.5	9.2		69,131	73,273	12.3	6.0	
Progreso	2,041	1.0	-7.0		6,584	5,739	1.0	-12.8	
Rio Grande	2,015	1.0	6.2		5,762	5,566	0.9	-3.4	
Roma	805	0.4	-27.1		3,112	2,324	0.4	-25.3	
Total	205,534	100.0	-2.5		623,906	593,333	100.0	-4.9	

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
 Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003: Down 2.5%
 (In Thousands)

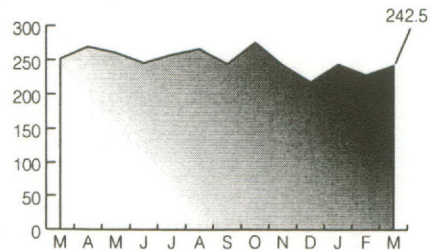


Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Mar 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD	
			%Chg					%Chg	
Brownsville	16,084	6.6	-4.7		49,419	46,840	6.5	-5.2	
Del Rio	5,808	2.4	1.6		16,732	17,552	2.5	4.9	
Eagle Pass	7,475	3.1	6.2		21,353	21,442	3.0	0.4	
El Paso	52,858	21.8	-9.1		173,112	162,307	22.7	-6.2	
Harlingen	3,239	1.3	-20.2		12,086	9,454	1.3	-21.8	
Laredo	113,783	46.9	-4.2		347,107	339,343	47.4	-2.2	
Pharr	37,542	15.5	6.2		97,140	102,782	14.4	5.8	
Presidio	483	0.2	-39.3		2,307	1,365	0.2	-40.8	
Progreso	1,580	0.7	-9.6		5,663	4,647	0.6	-17.9	
Rio Grande	2,951	1.2	34.6		6,567	7,841	1.1	19.4	
Roma	657	0.3	-29.3		2,728	1,742	0.2	-36.1	
Falcon Heights	33	0.0	32.0		85	89	0.0	4.7	
Total	242,493	100.0	-3.6		734,299	715,404	100.0	-2.6	

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
 Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003: Down 3.6%
 (In Thousands)

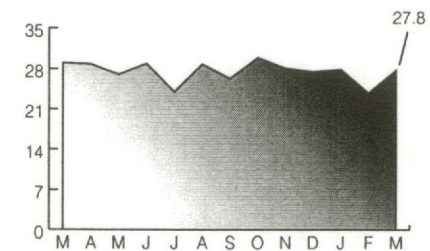


Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Mar 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD	
			%Chg					%Chg	
Brownsville	3,082	11.1	-27.8		12,447	9,976	12.5	-19.9	
Eagle Pass	7,020	25.2	-21.5		21,880	18,036	22.7	-17.6	
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Laredo	17,716	63.7	12.2		44,016	51,487	64.8	17.0	
Total	27,818	100.0	-4.1		78,343	79,499	100.0	1.5	

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

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
 Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003: Down 4.1%
 (In Thousands)

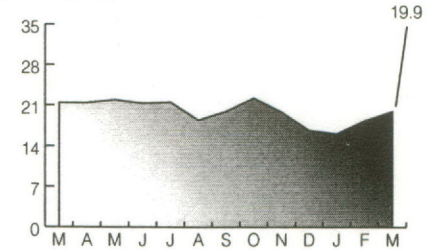


Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Mar 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD	
			%Chg					%Chg	
Brownsville	1,566	7.9	128.3		1,546	3,661	6.8	136.8	
Eagle Pass	1,156	5.8	-47.2		6,258	3,668	6.8	-41.4	
El Paso	1,762	8.9	-44.9		6,938	4,585	8.5	-33.9	
Laredo	15,388	77.4	0.1		39,527	42,255	78.0	6.9	
Total	19,872	100.0	-7.3		54,269	54,169	100.0	-0.2	

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
 Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003: Down 7.3%
 (In Thousands)

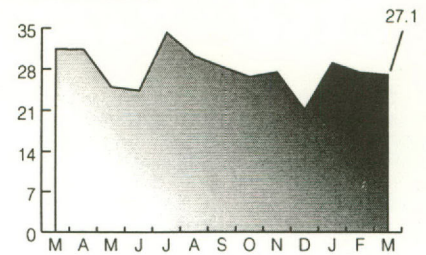


Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Mar 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	1,500,331	5.5	26.7	6,121,628	4,542,369	5.4	-25.8
Del Rio	176,340	-0.7	-8.2	511,488	436,282	0.5	-14.7
Eagle Pass	1,716,083	6.3	-68.8	10,076,427	8,175,923	9.8	-18.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	3,591,330	13.3	2.9	9,929,800	13,710,528	16.4	38.1
Laredo	19,986,849	73.9	-4.4	49,077,418	56,537,226	67.6	15.2
Progreso	19,162	0.1	-17.4	60,478	51,362	0.1	-15.1
Rio Grande	50,613	0.2	-27.0	169,926	135,330	0.2	-20.4
Roma	11,778	0.0	-48.7	63,056	33,217	0.0	-47.3
Total	27,052,487	100.0	-13.8	76,010,221	83,622,237	100.0	10.0

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
 Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003: Down 13.8%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

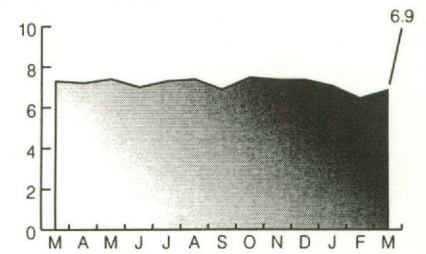


Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)

City	Mar 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	764,622	11.2	-27.9	2,927,704	2,855,373	14.0	-2.5
Del Rio	330,772	4.8	-12.3	1,014,905	925,054	4.5	-8.9
Eagle Pass	613,987	9.0	5.7	1,620,891	1,733,795	8.5	7.0
El Paso	818,652	11.9	-9.3	2,501,446	2,400,046	11.8	-4.1
Harlingen	152,344	2.2	7.9	372,049	422,107	2.1	13.5
Laredo	2,583,733	37.7	-2.9	7,618,759	7,477,254	36.7	-1.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	868,373	12.7	-0.8	2,443,119	2,517,903	12.4	3.1
Pharr	507,711	7.4	4.5	1,312,881	1,416,674	7.0	7.9
Roma	215,315	3.1	-11.9	665,312	611,605	3.0	-8.1
Total	6,855,510	100.0	-6.5	20,477,066	20,359,812	100.0	-0.6

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
 Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003: Down 6.5%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

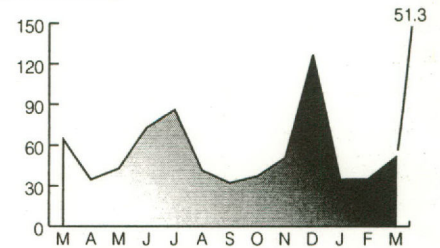


Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Mar 03	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Del Rio	922	1.8	-15.1	2,081	1,948	1.6	-6.4
El Paso	7,099	13.8	-15.9	17,678	16,447	13.6	-7.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	13,189	25.7	-16.0	35,511	31,314	25.9	-11.8
Brownsville	6,145	12.0	-19.8	16,498	14,867	12.3	-9.9
Laredo	20,518	40.0	-24.6	55,593	49,232	40.7	-11.4
Eagle Pass	3,406	6.6	-17.6	7,928	7,085	5.9	-10.6
Total	51,279	100.0	-20.1	135,289	120,893	100.0	-10.6

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
 Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003: Down 20.1%
 (In Thousands)

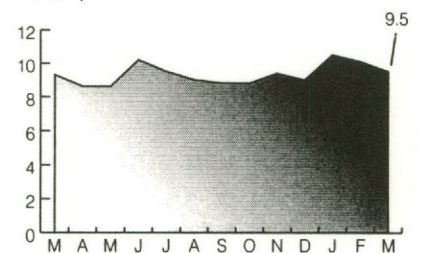


Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		02 vs. 03		Gain/Loss
	Mar 03	Mar 03		Mar 03	YTD 02	YTD 03	Emp %Chg	
Brownsville	48,075	6,369	11.7	45,382	47,722	5.2	2,340	
Del Rio	15,605	1,375	8.1	14,496	15,483	6.8	987	
Eagle Pass	8,347	3,104	27.1	8,325	8,239	-1.0	-86	
El Paso	242,133	22,727	8.6	233,953	242,563	3.7	8,611	
Harlingen	27,619	2,166	7.3	26,072	27,416	5.2	1,344	
Laredo	70,882	5,642	7.4	67,954	70,715	4.1	2,761	
McAllen	50,342	5,382	9.7	48,572	49,939	2.8	1,368	
Pharr	15,012	2,871	16.1	14,482	14,891	2.8	409	
Rio Grande	5,528	1,165	17.4	5,004	5,447	8.9	443	
Total	483,543	50,801	9.5	464,239	482,416	3.9	18,177	
Texas Unemployment Rate			6.5					
U.S. Unemployment Rate			5.8					

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

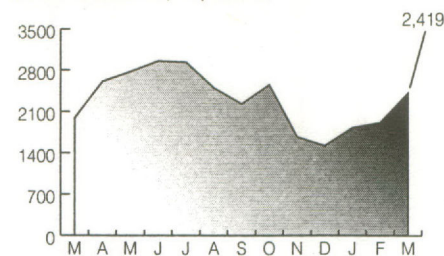
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
 Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003: Up 2.1%
 (In Percent)



Building Permits

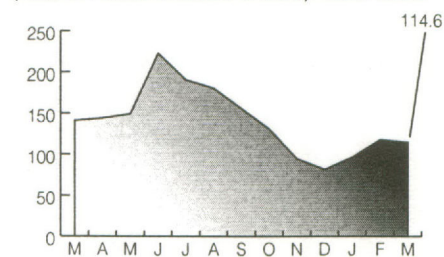
Number City	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	YTD	
	Mar 03	%Share			%Chg	%Share
Brownsville	361	14.9	7.1	980	948	15.4 -3.3
Del Rio	128	5.3	146.2	146	295	4.8 102.1
Eagle Pass	39	1.6	-25.0	129	124	2.0 -3.9
El Paso	1,288	53.2	27.4	2,591	3,225	52.3 24.5
Harlingen	76	3.1	0.0	238	208	3.4 -12.6
Laredo	350	14.5	14.8	1,910	897	14.5 -53.0
McAllen	177	7.3	14.2	620	473	7.7 -23.7
Total	2,419	100.0	21.7	6,614	6,170	100.0 -6.7

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003
(Number of Permits): Up 21.7%



Dollar Value City	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	YTD	
	Mar 03	%Share			%Chg	%Share
Brownsville	16,465,288	14.4	-16.2	54,348,153	65,036,632	19.8 19.7
Del Rio	1,034,242	0.9	-6.9	29,299,479	7,238,262	2.2 -75.3
Eagle Pass	739,522	0.6	-91.5	12,018,980	5,969,401	1.8 -50.3
El Paso	52,133,947	45.5	-9.2	146,134,714	118,632,549	36.1 -18.8
Harlingen	6,822,317	6.0	65.6	12,751,440	14,247,052	4.3 11.7
Laredo	21,212,762	18.5	-39.4	93,309,294	67,404,308	20.5 -27.8
McAllen	16,219,437	14.1	10.5	53,846,866	50,412,078	15.3 -6.4
Total	114,627,514	100.0	-18.5	401,708,925	328,940,282	100.0 -18.1

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Down 18.5%



Source: Permit Departments in cited cities

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

Power Connections (in Service)

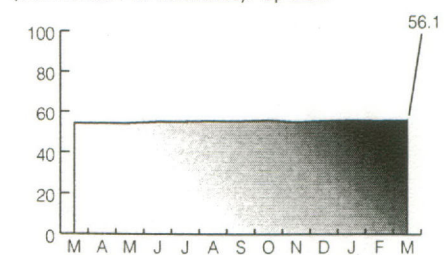
Residential City	02 vs. 03		Average YTD 02	Average YTD 03	YTD	
	Mar 03	%Share			%Chg	%Share
Brownsville	33,341	7.4	4.1	31,948	33,265	7.4 4.1
Del Rio	14,317	3.2	1.2	13,899	14,323	3.2 3.0
Eagle Pass	10,173	2.2	2.0	9,940	10,126	2.2 1.9
El Paso	283,737	62.7	1.6	277,581	283,031	62.7 2.0
Harlingen	22,304	4.9	0.2	21,628	22,254	4.9 2.9
Laredo	53,979	11.9	2.8	51,622	53,572	11.9 3.8
McAllen	34,627	7.7	0.6	34,271	34,519	7.7 0.7
Total	452,478	100.0	1.8	440,890	451,090	100.0 2.3

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 1.8%



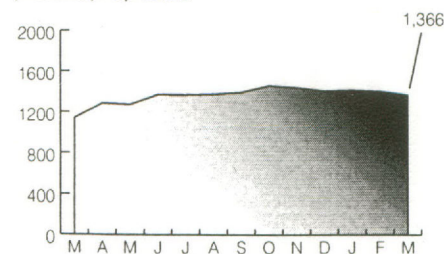
Commercial City	02 vs. 03		Average YTD 02	Average YTD 03	YTD	
	Mar 03	%Share			%Chg	%Share
Brownsville	4,307	7.7	1.2	4,184	4,348	7.8 3.9
Del Rio	2,311	4.1	7.6	2,084	2,294	4.1 10.1
Eagle Pass	1,574	2.8	5.2	1,525	1,578	2.8 3.5
El Paso	29,388	52.4	2.1	28,669	29,333	52.4 2.3
Harlingen	3,847	6.9	3.9	3,703	3,871	6.9 4.5
Laredo	8,522	15.2	6.3	7,994	8,469	15.1 5.9
McAllen	6,151	11.0	3.7	5,987	6,119	10.9 2.2
Total	56,100	100.0	3.2	54,146	56,012	100.0 3.4

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 3.2%



Industrial City	02 vs. 03		Average YTD 02	Average YTD 03	YTD	
	Mar 03	%Share			%Chg	%Share
Brownsville	715	52.3	49.0	574	740	53.2 28.9
Del Rio	45	3.3	2.3	38	44	3.1 15.9
Eagle Pass	29	2.1	-9.4	27	30	2.2 9.8
El Paso	143	10.5	2.9	139	142	10.2 1.9
Harlingen	105	7.7	-6.3	99	107	7.7 8.1
Laredo	210	15.4	1.4	169	210	15.1 24.5
McAllen	119	8.7	-5.6	96	119	8.5 23.5
Total	1,366	100.0	19.8	1,143	1,392	100.0 21.8

(Industrial): Up 19.8%



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

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

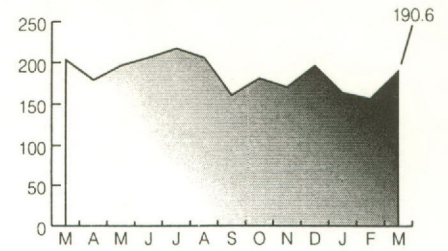
Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

City	Mar 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Brownsville	5,466	2.9	-31.2		19,599	15,060	2.9	-23.2
El Paso	118,353	62.1	-6.3		319,666	310,501	60.7	-2.9
Harlingen	36,266	19.0	2.2		91,473	100,261	19.6	9.6
Laredo	5,753	3.0	-27.5		18,540	16,932	3.3	-8.7
McAllen	24,763	13.0	-4.1		71,366	68,940	13.5	-3.4
Total	190,601	100.0	-6.3		520,644	511,694	100.0	-1.7

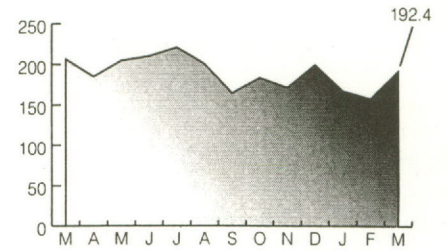
City	Mar 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Brownsville	5,572	2.9	-28.8		19,243	14,621	2.8	-24.0
El Paso	118,503	61.6	-7.6		326,428	315,483	60.9	-3.4
Harlingen	37,268	19.4	4.1		92,420	101,654	19.6	10.0
Laredo	5,597	2.9	-31.6		19,169	16,979	3.3	-11.4
McAllen	25,424	13.2	-4.2		71,065	69,323	13.4	-2.5
Total	192,364	100.0	-6.9		528,325	518,060	100.0	-1.9

Source: Airports in cited cities

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Down 6.3%



(Departures – In Thousands): Down 6.9%



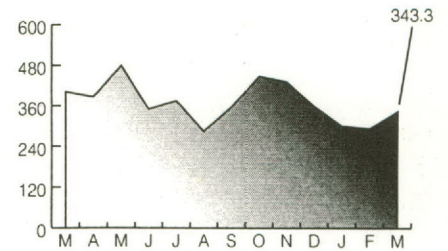
Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type	Mar 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Break Bulk	229,973	67.0	-15.1		625,679	564,117	60.0	-9.8
Containers	0	0.0	-100.0		2,035	0	0.0	-100.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0		16,918	17,406	1.9	2.9
Liquid	1,295	0.4	-83.3		16,602	5,166	0.5	-68.9
Machinery	700	0.2	N/A		627	3,482	0.4	455.3
Petroleum	111,299	32.4	-10.1		456,615	350,561	37.3	-23.2
Total	343,267	100.0	-14.7		1,118,476	940,732	100.0	-15.9

Source: Port of Brownsville

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

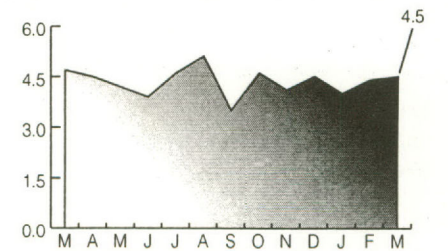
Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003
(In Thousands of Metric Tons) Down 14.7%



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

Cargo Type	Mar 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Break Bulk	593	0.0	-79.1		6,849	13,573	0.1	98.2
Chemical	13,833	0.3	15.2		30,978	28,651	0.2	-7.5
Dry Bulk	389,746	8.7	1.1		1,183,933	1,006,445	7.8	-15.0
Grain Bulk	4,731	0.1	252.0		1,344	14,312	0.1	964.9
Liquid	15,173	0.3	N/A		22,086	44,276	0.3	100.5
Petroleum	4,054,898	90.5	-6.3		11,174,423	11,761,158	91.4	5.3
Total	4,478,973	100.0	-5.3		12,419,613	12,868,415	100.0	3.6

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
Mar. 2002 vs. Mar. 2003
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 5.3%



Cargo Type	Mar 03	%Share	02 vs. 03		YTD 02	YTD 03	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Break Bulk	61,343	2.5	16579210.8		11,164	160,133	2.2	1334.4
Chemical	168,373	6.9	172.7		284,011	455,383	6.3	60.3
Dry Bulk	103,735	4.2	-56.6		747,898	607,608	8.4	-18.8
Grain Bulk	79,674	3.3	-8.9		477,385	193,877	2.7	-59.4
Liquid	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Petroleum	2,030,022	83.1	-1.1		5,783,316	5,790,445	80.3	0.1
Total	2,443,148	100.0	0.1		7,303,773	7,207,444	100.0	-1.3

Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 0.1%

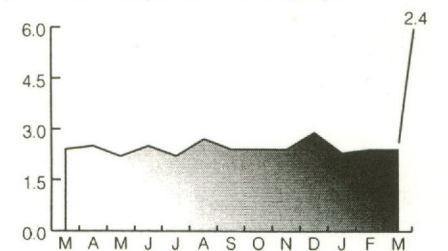


Table 4
U.S.-Mexico Trade, 2002
(In Millions of Dollars)

		2002	
Total Trade		232,262.7	
Percent Shares of U.S.-Mexico Trade			
		2002	Percent Share of U.S.-Mexico Trade
All U.S.-Mexico Border Ports		193,469.9	83.3
Select U.S.-Mexico Border Ports	2002	Percent Share of U.S.-Mexico Trade	Percent Share of U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed by All U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
Laredo	79,355.8	34.2	41.0
El Paso	38,620.7	16.6	20.0
Otay Mesa Station	20,363.1	8.8	10.5
Hidalgo	12,666.5	5.5	6.5
Nogales	10,795.9	4.6	5.6
Brownsville	10,360.0	4.5	5.4
Calexico-East	8,409.1	3.6	4.3
Eagle Pass	6,063.0	2.6	3.1
Del Rio	2,670.7	1.1	1.4

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University (Tables 1-4)

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