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## U.S.-Mexico Trade: Percent of Merchandise Processed at Border Ports of Entry

In previous issues of the *Border Business Indicators*, U.S.-Mexico border ports of entry have been cited as handling over 80 percent of the U.S.-Mexico dollar value of the merchandise trade. Up to now, those figures have been very general.

Below, Tables 1 delineates a more detailed look at the kind of

merchandise and its dollar value—U.S. exports to Mexico, U.S. imports from Mexico and Total Trade—for the 2005 year-to-date period. Table 2, on the Back Page, shows the percent share of all the U.S.-Mexico trade the border ports process for each commodity indicated. —*B. Garcia*

**Table 1**  
**All U.S.-Mexico Trade and U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed via Border Ports of Entry on the U.S.-Mexico Border**  
**by 1-Digit SITC Commodity Code**  
**January - February 2005**  
**(In Millions of U.S. Dollars)**

	All U.S.-Mexico Trade			U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed via Border Ports of Entry on the U.S.-Mexico Border		
	Jan.	Feb.	2005 YTD	Jan.	Feb.	2005 YTD
<b>U.S. Exports to Mexico</b>						
(0) Food and Live Animals	479.22	456.00	935.22	422.80	397.56	820.36
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	8.32	10.11	18.43	7.64	9.44	17.08
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	290.85	275.88	566.73	243.88	248.41	492.29
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	322.63	382.79	705.42	82.72	115.84	198.56
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	23.20	32.96	56.16	21.32	18.24	39.56
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	1,107.05	1,074.49	2,181.54	823.82	811.08	1,634.90
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	1,312.90	1,339.85	2,652.75	1,265.95	1,287.00	2,552.95
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	4,485.93	4,210.78	8,696.71	4,073.92	3,846.32	7,920.24
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	836.52	874.54	1,711.06	751.92	783.90	1,535.82
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	329.59	318.26	647.85	35.34	30.22	65.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,196.21</b>	<b>8,975.66</b>	<b>18,171.87</b>	<b>7,729.31</b>	<b>7,548.01</b>	<b>15,277.32</b>
<b>U.S. Imports from Mexico</b>						
(0) Food and Live Animals	632.35	578.33	1,210.68	597.78	549.11	1,146.89
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	111.32	149.03	260.35	83.37	109.80	193.17
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	99.19	93.86	193.05	86.37	80.62	166.99
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	1,634.37	1,597.37	3,231.74	18.03	19.01	37.04
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	2.40	2.58	4.98	2.38	2.56	4.94
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	254.05	272.31	526.36	215.97	241.52	457.49
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	1,028.92	1,067.64	2,096.56	914.72	927.08	1,841.80
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	6,176.78	6,676.35	12,853.13	5,849.72	6,334.37	12,184.09
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	1,658.67	1,717.60	3,376.27	1,529.29	1,576.87	3,106.16
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	507.56	488.84	996.40	329.04	317.08	646.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,105.61</b>	<b>12,643.91</b>	<b>24,749.52</b>	<b>9,626.67</b>	<b>10,158.02</b>	<b>19,784.69</b>
<b>U.S.-Mexico Total Trade</b>						
(0) Food and Live Animals	1,111.57	1,034.33	2,145.90	1,020.58	946.67	1,967.25
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	119.64	159.14	278.78	91.01	119.24	210.25
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	390.04	369.74	759.78	330.25	329.03	659.28
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	1,957.00	1,980.16	3,937.16	100.75	134.85	235.60
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	25.60	35.54	61.14	23.70	20.80	44.50
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	1,361.10	1,346.80	2,707.90	1,039.79	1,052.60	2,092.39
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	2,341.82	2,407.49	4,749.31	2,180.67	2,214.08	4,394.75
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	10,662.71	10,887.13	21,549.84	9,923.64	10,180.69	20,104.33
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	2,495.19	2,592.14	5,087.33	2,281.21	2,360.77	4,641.98
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	837.15	807.10	1,644.25	364.38	347.30	711.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,301.82</b>	<b>21,619.57</b>	<b>42,921.39</b>	<b>17,355.98</b>	<b>17,706.03</b>	<b>35,062.01</b>

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University (Table 1 and Table 2 on Back Page).

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**Note from the Director**

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

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 0.1 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 8.1 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 1.6 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 3.4 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 13.0 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 1.7 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 9.9 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 21.0 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 21.9 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a loss of 1.0 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 1.9 percent.
- Total employment was down 0.7 percent, with 3,302 jobs lost. The average unemployment rate for the border in February 2005 was 7.4 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 20.9 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 15.6 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 1.9 percent, commercial were up 0.2 percent and industrial were down 3.1 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were up 7.0 percent, and departures were up 6.3 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville increased 143.0 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 10.3 percent, and outbound cargo went up 5.7 percent.

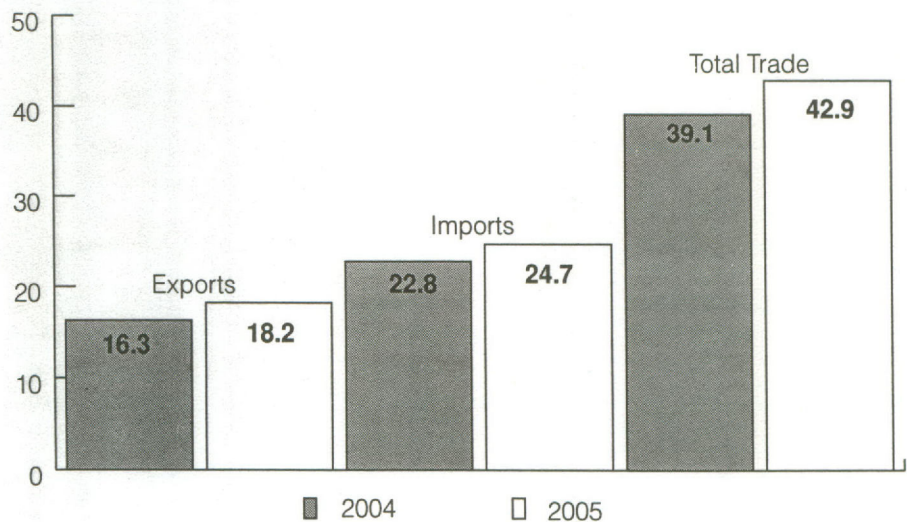
**Errata**

In the January 2005 issue of the *BBI*, the "U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance" data was in error. The correct figures were (in Billions of U.S.\$):

U.S. exports 8.2 (Jan. 2004)	U.S. imports 11.2 (Jan. 2004)	Total Trade 19.4 (Jan. 2004)
U.S. exports 9.2 (Jan. 2005)	U.S. imports 12.1 (Jan. 2005)	Total Trade 21.3 (Jan. 2005)

**U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance**

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



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

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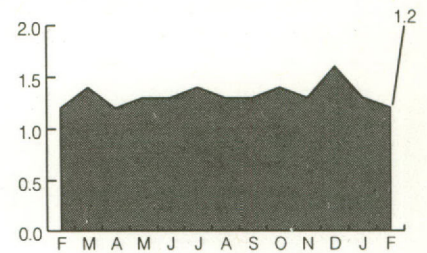


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Feb 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD		%Share	%Chg
			%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05			
Brownsville	158,268	13.5	-16.8	369,803	326,186	13.4	-11.8	
Del Rio	3,988	0.3	-38.1	8,292	9,375	0.4	13.1	
Eagle Pass	43,922	3.8	-3.9	90,901	92,256	3.8	1.5	
El Paso	409,192	35.0	18.9	746,595	859,577	35.4	15.1	
Harlingen	71	0.0	-13.4	180	158	0.0	-12.2	
Laredo	286,155	24.5	-6.6	635,818	602,761	24.8	-5.2	
McAllen-Hidalgo	97,410	8.3	-14.1	218,523	200,500	8.3	-8.2	
Progreso	159,485	13.6	-10.6	334,478	312,330	12.9	-6.6	
Rio Grande	157	0.0	-19.1	464	259	0.0	-44.2	
Roma	11,057	0.9	-10.4	24,340	23,825	1.0	-2.1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,169,705</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>2,429,394</b>	<b>2,427,227</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005: Down 2.3%  
(In Millions)

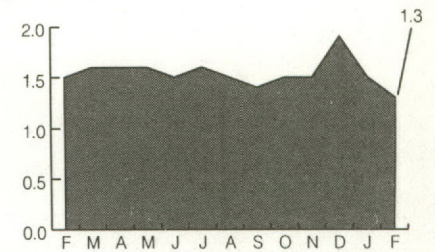


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Feb 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD		%Share	%Chg
			%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05			
Brownsville	193,377	14.3	-9.2	418,504	402,197	14.3	-3.9	
Del Rio	5,798	0.4	-27.1	18,776	14,686	0.5	-21.8	
Eagle Pass	48,846	3.6	-10.2	111,713	104,163	3.7	-6.8	
El Paso	499,726	37.0	-10.3	1,153,090	1,046,969	37.2	-9.2	
Laredo	313,739	23.3	-8.2	713,498	669,014	23.8	-6.2	
McAllen-Hidalgo	113,377	8.4	-19.8	276,086	234,206	8.3	-15.2	
Presidio	1,742	0.1	-18.8	4,626	4,202	0.1	-9.2	
Progreso	157,549	11.7	-11.6	333,020	308,019	10.9	-7.5	
Rio Grande	778	0.1	-31.1	2,277	1,810	0.1	-20.5	
Roma	14,245	1.1	-11.5	31,648	31,121	1.1	-1.7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,349,177</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>3,063,238</b>	<b>2,816,387</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.1</b>	

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005: Down 10.8%  
(In Millions)

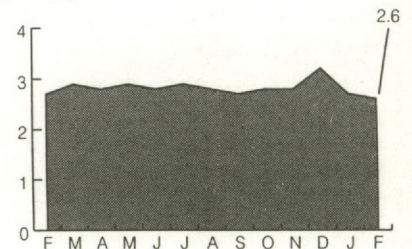


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Feb 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD		%Share	%Chg
			%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05			
Brownsville	521,614	20.3	-3.1	1,082,647	1,083,275	20.5	0.1	
Del Rio	130,690	5.1	-11.4	294,621	269,391	5.1	-8.6	
Eagle Pass	243,965	9.5	-2.9	505,107	501,954	9.5	-0.6	
El Paso	342,685	13.3	0.6	689,785	703,572	13.3	2.0	
Harlingen	52,737	2.1	-5.2	109,098	107,343	2.0	-1.6	
Laredo	505,721	19.7	-7.4	1,074,849	1,033,143	19.5	-3.9	
McAllen-Hidalgo	412,846	16.1	-4.0	866,113	856,697	16.2	-1.1	
Pharr	145,252	5.6	0.0	289,281	291,153	5.5	0.6	
Progreso	85,885	3.3	-12.2	187,354	178,116	3.4	-4.9	
Rio Grande	48,324	1.9	-2.3	99,878	97,110	1.8	-2.8	
Roma	81,435	3.2	-7.2	176,061	166,680	3.2	-5.3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,571,154</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>5,374,794</b>	<b>5,288,434</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005: Down 4.4%  
(In Millions)

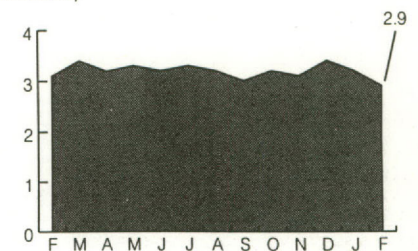


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Feb 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD		%Share	%Chg
			%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05			
Brownsville	525,524	18.2	-2.5	1,089,756	1,093,604	18.1	0.4	
Del Rio	137,960	4.8	-5.6	294,790	291,335	4.8	-1.2	
Eagle Pass	252,737	8.8	-4.0	535,660	532,312	8.8	-0.6	
El Paso	541,731	18.8	-13.9	1,271,999	1,132,536	18.7	-11.0	
Harlingen	58,134	2.0	-10.6	129,118	122,335	2.0	-5.3	
Laredo	510,660	17.7	-7.5	1,120,188	1,081,933	17.9	-3.4	
McAllen-Hidalgo	405,186	14.0	3.0	803,614	844,795	14.0	5.1	
Pharr	178,772	6.2	-13.2	409,923	372,123	6.2	-9.2	
Presidio	55,742	1.9	-3.4	120,257	119,115	2.0	-0.9	
Progreso	84,825	2.9	-11.9	187,590	175,589	2.9	-6.4	
Rio Grande	53,272	1.8	-7.4	114,954	111,608	1.8	-2.9	
Roma	81,547	2.8	-9.0	183,539	172,642	2.9	-5.9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,886,090</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>6,261,388</b>	<b>6,049,927</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005: Down 6.7%  
(In Millions)





**Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Feb 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	16,184	7.7	3.0		31,392	50,805	11.3	61.8
Del Rio	5,207	2.5	5.9		10,116	25,727	5.7	154.3
Eagle Pass	7,518	3.6	-6.6		16,045	15,088	3.3	-6.0
El Paso	24,189	11.5	7.3		45,569	48,483	10.8	6.4
Harlingen	2,908	1.4	12.0		4,944	5,579	1.2	12.8
Laredo	114,488	54.6	3.4		219,651	229,017	50.8	4.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	1,590	0.8	-2.0		3,295	3,227	0.7	-2.1
Pharr	32,072	15.3	8.3		59,136	61,874	13.7	4.6
Progreso	1,964	0.9	38.1		2,945	4,045	0.9	37.4
Rio Grande	2,694	1.3	38.2		4,213	5,237	1.2	24.3
Roma	788	0.4	-5.4		1,651	1,593	0.4	-3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>209,602</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>		<b>398,957</b>	<b>450,675</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>

Trucks into Mexico All Cited Cities  
Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005: Up 4.8%  
(In Thousands)



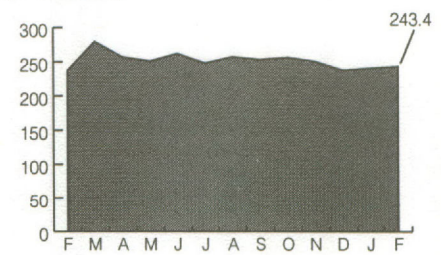
Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks. El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas.

**Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Feb 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	14,589	6.0	0.4		29,217	29,701	6.1	1.7
Del Rio	5,090	2.1	3.6		10,099	10,312	2.1	2.1
Eagle Pass	7,854	3.2	-1.4		15,737	15,741	3.3	0.0
El Paso	56,163	23.1	2.1		112,374	113,274	23.4	0.8
Harlingen	3,248	1.3	17.6		5,483	6,453	1.3	17.7
Laredo	109,089	44.8	-0.2		219,146	216,434	44.7	-1.2
Pharr	40,409	16.6	10.3		72,672	78,651	16.2	8.2
Presidio	468	0.2	-30.8		1,136	905	0.2	-20.3
Progreso	1,851	0.8	31.1		2,731	3,765	0.8	37.9
Rio Grande	4,004	1.6	29.8		6,482	7,695	1.6	18.7
Roma	671	0.3	-0.3		1,282	1,342	0.3	4.7
Falcon Heights	3	0.0	-57.1		13	5	0.0	-61.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>243,439</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>		<b>476,372</b>	<b>484,278</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>

Trucks into Texas All Cited Cities  
Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005: Up 2.7%  
(In Thousands)



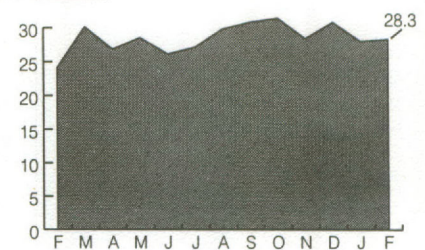
Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo & U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso

Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks.

**Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Feb 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	3,557	12.6	44.2		6,019	6,595	11.7	9.6
Eagle Pass	5,628	19.9	4.2		10,872	10,526	18.7	-3.2
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	19,079	67.5	17.6		34,278	39,114	69.6	14.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,264</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.3</b>		<b>51,169</b>	<b>56,235</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9.9</b>

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities  
Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005: Up 17.3%  
(In Thousands)



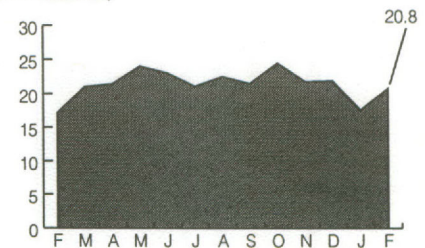
Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

**Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Feb 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	538	2.6	79.3		1,015	1,095	2.9	7.9
Eagle Pass	1,719	8.3	12.1		2,696	3,256	8.5	20.8
El Paso	5,078	24.4	219.2		2,918	9,811	25.6	236.2
Laredo	13,439	64.7	-1.8		25,063	24,182	63.1	-3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,774</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.4</b>		<b>31,692</b>	<b>38,344</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.0</b>

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities  
Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005: Up 21.4%  
(In Thousands)



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

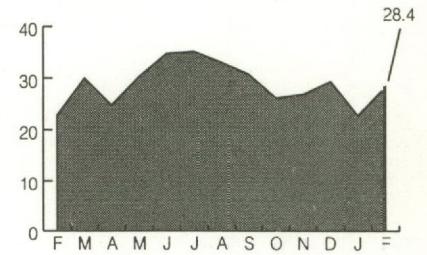


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)**

City	Feb 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,932,159	6.8	-7.4		3,677,875	4,299,114	8.4	16.9
Del Rio	98,186	0.3	51.9		119,831	194,355	0.4	62.2
Eagle Pass	1,004,712	3.5	-18.8		1,814,506	1,672,484	3.3	-7.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	3,347,644	11.8	13.1		6,606,094	6,179,604	12.1	-6.5
Laredo	21,965,845	77.3	34.2		29,648,732	38,678,407	75.6	30.5
Progreso	36,597	0.1	27.0		46,040	70,909	0.1	54.0
Rio Grande	9,610	0.0	-39.3		36,361	30,898	0.1	-15.0
Roma	13,397	0.0	-3.2		26,676	33,439	0.1	25.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,408,151</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24.8</b>		<b>41,976,114</b>	<b>51,159,210</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.9</b>

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo  
 Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005: Up 24.8%  
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

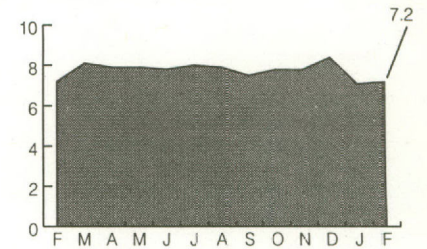


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)**

City	Feb 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,087,866	15.1	-2.6		2,247,499	2,240,558	15.7	-0.3
Del Rio	264,266	3.7	-10.5		592,049	285,847	2.0	-51.7
Eagle Pass	539,016	7.5	-2.1		1,109,014	1,107,183	7.8	-0.2
El Paso	1,033,022	14.4	-0.7		2,033,980	2,120,247	14.9	4.2
Harlingen	154,086	2.1	0.6		297,635	306,962	2.2	3.1
Laredo	2,525,708	35.2	-0.7		5,049,870	5,087,533	35.7	0.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	865,039	12.0	9.5		1,595,786	1,683,723	11.8	5.5
Pharr	534,055	7.4	-4.6		1,080,006	1,045,668	7.3	-3.2
Roma	178,302	2.5	-7.8		387,413	364,984	2.6	-5.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,181,359</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>		<b>14,393,251</b>	<b>14,242,705</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>

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  
 Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005: Down 0.9%  
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

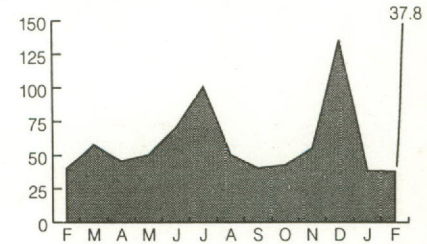


**Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico**

City	Feb 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	389	1.0	-80.6		2,414	768	1.0	-68.2
El Paso	6,384	16.9	18.7		11,138	12,654	16.7	13.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	10,571	28.0	-5.7		20,309	19,450	25.6	-4.2
Brownsville	4,589	12.2	-0.6		9,384	9,433	12.4	0.5
Laredo	14,017	37.1	-5.5		30,298	30,240	39.8	-0.2
Eagle Pass	1,807	4.8	-9.9		3,877	3,428	4.5	-11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5.7</b>		<b>77,420</b>	<b>75,973</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.9</b>

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities  
 Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005: Down 5.7%  
 (In Thousands)

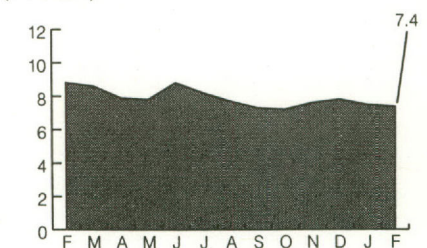


**Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)**

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		04 vs. 05 Emp %Chg	Gain/Loss YTD
	Feb 05	Feb 05		YTD 04	YTD 05		
Brownsville	54,671	5,369	8.9	47,449	54,614	15.1	7,166
Del Rio	13,856	1,153	7.7	15,238	13,840	-9.2	-1,398
El Paso	230,431	19,687	7.9	246,202	229,708	-6.7	-16,495
Harlingen	23,221	1,821	7.3	27,259	23,197	-14.9	-4,062
Laredo	83,233	5,434	6.1	74,727	83,227	11.4	8,500
McAllen	52,504	3,524	6.3	53,632	52,588	-1.9	-1,044
Pharr	19,992	1,446	6.7	15,993	20,024	25.2	4,032
<b>Total</b>	<b>477,908</b>	<b>38,434</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>480,498</b>	<b>477,197</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-3,302</b>
Texas Unemployment Rate			6.1				
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  
 Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005: Down 10.8%  
 (In Percent)

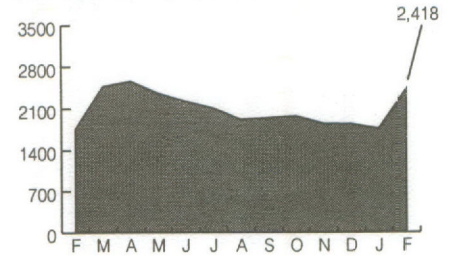




**Building Permits**

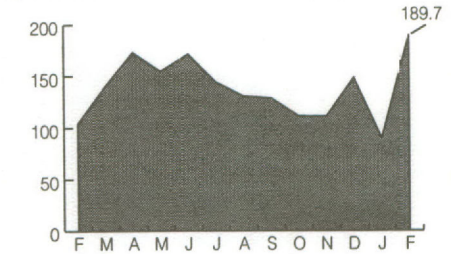
City	04 vs. 05			YTD			
	Feb 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	328	13.6	-1.5	628	580	13.9	-7.6
Del Rio	184	7.6	211.9	107	217	5.2	102.8
Eagle Pass	31	1.3	40.9	54	78	1.9	44.4
El Paso	1,109	45.9	35.2	1,648	1,769	42.4	7.3
Harlingen	270	11.2	250.6	147	577	13.8	292.5
Laredo	311	12.9	-4.3	602	635	15.2	5.5
McAllen	185	7.7	56.8	264	316	7.6	19.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>3,450</b>	<b>4,172</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20.9</b>

Building Permits All Cited Cities  
Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005  
(Number of Permits): Up 37.9%



City	04 vs. 05			YTD			
	Feb 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	20,009,395	10.5	17.6	30,961,669	44,905,007	16.1	45.0
Del Rio	1,815,973	1.0	20.0	2,702,187	2,606,805	0.9	-3.5
Eagle Pass	2,407,804	1.3	219.7	14,780,139	6,217,001	2.2	-57.9
El Paso	98,176,221	51.8	140.5	90,213,192	113,113,802	40.5	25.4
Harlingen	5,066,985	2.7	-18.6	15,717,309	9,644,455	3.5	-38.6
Laredo	40,754,819	21.5	59.5	54,899,581	69,136,408	24.8	25.9
McAllen	21,444,108	11.3	80.0	32,287,353	33,644,770	12.0	4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>189,675,305</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>241,561,429</b>	<b>279,268,247</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15.6</b>

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Up 82.7%

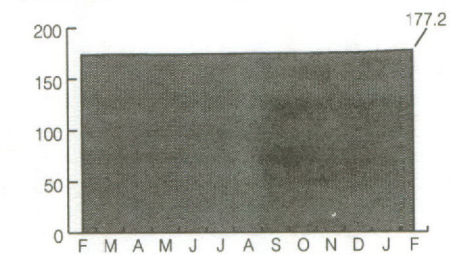


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**Power Connections (in Service)**

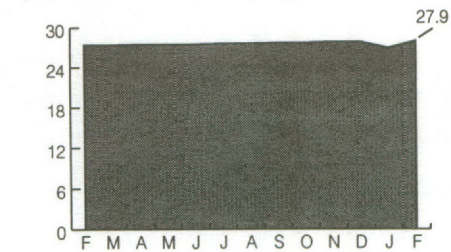
City	04 vs. 05			Average		YTD	
	Feb 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	34,901	19.7	3.2	33,713	34,868	19.7	3.4
Del Rio	14,640	8.3	0.3	14,588	14,620	8.3	0.2
Eagle Pass	10,651	6.0	2.1	10,433	10,633	6.0	1.9
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	23,060	13.0	0.4	22,937	22,945	13.0	0.0
Laredo	57,315	32.3	2.4	55,946	57,092	32.3	2.0
McAllen	36,650	20.7	2.2	35,823	36,552	20.7	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>177,217</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>173,439</b>	<b>176,708</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>

Power Connections All Cited Cities  
Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005  
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 2.1%



City	04 vs. 05			Average		YTD	
	Feb 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	4,621	16.5	1.5	4,523	4,617	16.9	2.1
Del Rio	2,319	8.3	1.3	2,292	2,303	8.4	0.5
Eagle Pass	1,677	6.0	5.5	1,594	1,665	6.1	4.5
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,008	14.3	3.0	3,887	3,480	12.7	-10.5
Laredo	8,788	31.4	1.1	8,689	8,799	32.1	1.3
McAllen	6,531	23.4	2.9	6,348	6,535	23.9	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,944</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>27,332</b>	<b>27,397</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 2.1%



City	04 vs. 05			Average		YTD	
	Feb 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	615	55.1	-4.8	647	615	54.8	-4.9
Del Rio	44	3.9	4.8	43	46	4.1	8.2
Eagle Pass	30	2.7	0.0	30	31	2.8	3.3
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	102	9.1	0.0	104	105	9.3	0.5
Laredo	205	18.4	-2.8	211	205	18.3	-2.6
McAllen	120	10.8	-1.6	124	121	10.8	-2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.1</b>

(Industrial): Down 3.2%



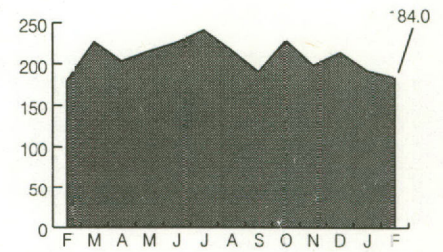
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**Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)**

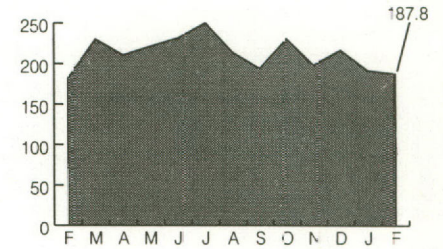
Arrivals		04 vs. 05		YTD			
City	Feb 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	6,286	3.4	10.7	10,310	12,132	3.2	17.7
El Paso	108,805	59.1	-0.2	215,901	226,926	60.3	5.1
Harlingen	34,846	18.9	-0.6	64,827	67,097	17.8	3.5
Laredo	6,534	3.6	8.7	12,194	14,470	3.8	18.7
McAllen	27,489	14.9	16.5	48,226	55,515	14.8	15.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>183,960</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>351,458</b>	<b>376,140</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities  
Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005  
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Up 2.6%



Departures		04 vs. 05		YTD			
City	Feb 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	6,275	3.3	11.9	10,592	12,363	3.3	16.7
El Paso	110,824	59.0	0.9	219,171	225,796	59.5	3.0
Harlingen	35,732	19.0	-0.6	66,311	70,570	18.6	6.4
Laredo	6,339	3.4	5.6	12,388	14,257	3.8	15.1
McAllen	28,626	15.2	17.7	48,838	56,757	14.9	16.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>187,796</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>357,300</b>	<b>379,743</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>

(Departures – In Thousands): Up 3.3%

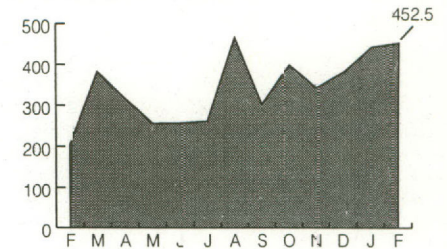


Source: Airports in cited cities

**Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)**

Cargo Type		04 vs. 05		YTD			
Cargo Type	Feb 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	300,462	66.4	250.5	172,010	570,144	63.7	231.5
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	12,080	2.7	63.9	14,100	13,070	1.5	-7.3
Liquid	2,744	0.6	44.6	2,012	2,929	0.3	45.6
Machinery	24,923	5.5	82.0	13,709	50,377	5.6	267.5
Petroleum	112,283	24.8	18.0	166,432	258,351	28.9	55.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>452,492</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>122.0</b>	<b>368,263</b>	<b>894,871</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>143.0</b>

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo  
Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005: Up 122.0%  
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



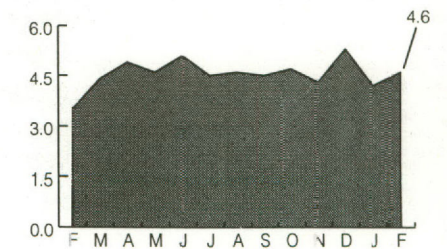
Source: Port of Brownsville

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

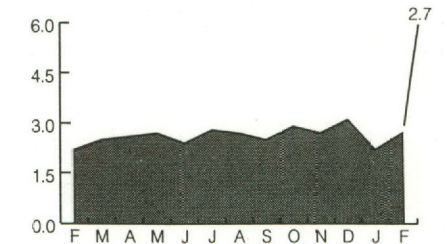
Inbound Cargo Type		04 vs. 05		YTD			
Cargo Type	Feb 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	5,010	0.1	-73.1	21,104	10,250	0.1	-51.4
Chemical	17,277	0.4	97.4	15,959	24,206	0.3	51.7
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	417,127	9.0	1.9	777,709	774,583	8.8	-0.4
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Liquid	72,202	1.6	43.0	65,353	72,202	0.8	10.5
Petroleum	4,110,722	88.9	36.6	7,136,785	7,958,041	90.0	11.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,622,338</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>8,016,910</b>	<b>8,839,283</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.3</b>

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo  
Feb. 2004 vs. Feb. 2005  
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 32.2%



Outbound Cargo Type		04 vs. 05		YTD			
Cargo Type	Feb 05	%Share	%Chg	YTD 04	YTD 05	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	17,293	0.6	-49.8	38,248	28,326	0.6	-25.9
Chemical	106,696	3.9	-9.5	296,223	220,873	4.5	-25.4
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	284,253	10.5	-7.8	468,802	379,963	7.8	-19.0
Grain Bulk	166,784	6.1	142.3	321,441	319,727	6.5	-0.5
Liquid	31,435	1.2	158.7	28,988	41,860	0.9	44.4
Petroleum	2,108,939	77.7	24.3	3,470,367	3,899,133	79.7	12.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,715,399</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>4,624,068</b>	<b>4,889,882</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 21.3%



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.



Table 2. U.S.-Mexico Border Ports of Entry Percent Share of All U.S.-Mexico Trade by 1-Digit SITC Commodity Code, Jan.-Feb. 2005

	Jan. % Share	Feb. % Share	2005 YTD % Share
<b>U.S. Exports to Mexico</b>			
(0) Food and Live Animals	88.23	87.18	87.72
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	91.83	93.37	92.67
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	83.85	90.04	86.86
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	25.64	30.26	28.15
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	91.90	55.34	70.44
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	74.42	75.49	74.94
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	96.42	96.06	96.24
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	90.82	91.34	91.07
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	89.89	89.64	89.76
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	10.72	9.50	10.12
<b>Total Share of All Commodities</b>	<b>84.05</b>	<b>84.09</b>	<b>84.07</b>
<b>U.S. Imports from Mexico</b>			
(0) Food and Live Animals	94.53	94.95	94.73
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	74.89	73.68	74.20
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	87.08	85.89	86.50
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	1.10	1.19	1.15
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	99.17	99.22	99.20
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	85.01	88.69	86.92
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	88.90	86.83	87.85
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	94.71	94.88	94.79
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	92.20	91.81	92.00
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	64.83	64.86	64.85
<b>Total Share of All Commodities</b>	<b>79.52</b>	<b>80.34</b>	<b>79.94</b>
<b>U.S.-Mexico Total Trade</b>			
(0) Food and Live Animals	91.81	91.52	91.67
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	76.07	74.93	75.42
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	84.67	88.99	86.77
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	5.15	6.81	5.98
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	92.58	58.53	72.78
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	76.39	78.16	77.27
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	93.12	91.97	92.53
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	93.07	93.51	93.29
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	91.42	91.07	91.25
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	43.53	43.03	43.28
<b>Total Share of All Commodities</b>	<b>81.48</b>	<b>81.90</b>	<b>81.69</b>

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