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## U.S.-Mexico Trade: In Quarter 1 2009, Exports and Imports Both Down

As previously stated in the most recent 2009 issues of the *Border Business Indicators*, U.S. and Mexico trade has hit a snag. With the many issues pressuring the U.S. and Mexican economies, trade between the partners was not good at the end of 2008 and at the start of 2009, it continued with figures dropping by doubled-digit percentages. In Quarter 1 2009, the total trade dollar value figure was 23.0 percent less (\$67.9 billion) than the previous year for the same period—\$88.2 billion.

In Q1 2009, the U.S. exports to Mexico dollar value figure decreased by 18.7 percent. U.S imports from Mexico dollar value figure dropped by 26.0 percent (See Table 1).

Table 3 provides a detailed look at the total dollar value of trade activity, U.S. exports plus U.S. imports, at the individual border ports of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border for Quarter 1 2009. A comparison with the same period in 2008 is also provided. As shown, the Port of Laredo maintained the highest total of the border ports (\$20.9 billion) followed by El Paso (\$10.2 billion).

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

In future issues of the *Border Business Indicators*, these trends in trade activity will be reviewed and presented.

—B. Garcia

**Table 1**  
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade  
Q1 2008 vs. Q1 2009  
All figures are in Billions of U.S. Dollars

	Q1 2008	Q1 2009	Absolute \$ Change		% Change	
			08 vs. 09	08 vs. 09	08 vs. 09	08 vs. 09
Exports	35.8	29.1	-6.7	-18.7		
Imports	52.4	38.8	-13.6	-26.0		
Total	88.2	67.9	-20.3	-23.0		

The trade of goods between the two countries has for the most part been at the U.S.-Mexico border. The percentage of the dollar value of goods in trade between them has been historically in the 80s. First quarter figures for 2009 set that percentage at 81.0 percent—above last year. The border still continued to be the main channel between the trading partners as exhibited in Table 2, but the ailing economies have taken their toll on the number of dollars worth of merchandise that is not being traded between the two partners. These trends surely have taken their toll on the trade related businesses along the border.

**Table 2**  
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade Activity via U.S.-Mexico Border Ports  
Q1 2008 vs. Q1 2009  
All figures are in Billions of U.S. Dollars

	Q1 2008	Q1 2009	Absolute \$ Change		% Change	
			08 vs. 09	08 vs. 09	08 vs. 09	08 vs. 09
Exports	29.3	24.7	-4.6	-15.7		
Imports	39.4	30.3	-9.1	-23.1		
Total	68.7	55.0	-13.7	-19.9		

\*Figures may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 3**  
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade Activity via U.S.-Mexico Border by Port  
Q1 2008 vs. Q1 2009

Port	Q1 2008	Q1 2009	Absolute \$ Change		% Change	
			08 vs. 09	08 vs. 09	08 vs. 09	08 vs. 09
Brownsville	3,147,838,689	2,236,138,556	-911,700,133	-29.0		
Del Rio	765,063,760	514,122,150	-250,941,610	-32.8		
Eagle Pass	2,773,544,316	3,156,528,927	382,984,611	13.8		
Laredo	27,812,699,320	20,914,652,056	-6,898,047,264	-24.8		
Hidalgo	5,553,510,784	4,727,676,301	-825,834,483	-14.9		
Rio Grande	103,458,616	65,821,813	-37,636,803	-36.4		
Progreso	96,777,847	93,549,187	-3,228,660	-3.3		
Roma	29,572,847	19,632,353	-9,940,494	-33.6		
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	-		
El Paso	11,938,190,814	10,222,775,765	-1,715,415,049	-14.4		
Presidio	120,093,082	85,507,325	-34,585,757	-28.8		
Fabens	3,731,605	146,621	-3,584,984	-96.1		
Columbus	6,427,022	7,611,403	1,184,381	18.4		
Santa Teresa	353,603,088	336,125,750	-17,477,338	-4.9		
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	0	-		
Andrade	423,152	80,321	-342,831	-81.0		
Calexico	7,699,113	13,828,378	6,129,265	79.6		
San Ysidro	61,387,644	30,932,609	-30,455,035	-49.6		
Tecate	272,339,023	216,620,296	-55,718,727	-20.5		
Otay Mesa Station	7,256,095,419	6,269,910,052	-986,185,367	-13.6		
Calexico-East	2,943,886,210	2,062,321,499	-881,564,711	-29.9		
Douglas	266,735,450	254,099,885	-12,635,565	-4.7		
Lukeville	5,549,259	1,397,491	-4,151,768	-74.8		
Naco	13,782,234	5,415,305	-8,366,929	-60.7		
Nogales	4,814,098,640	3,495,306,504	-1,318,792,136	-27.4		
Sasabe	396,193	143,791	-252,402	-63.7		
San Luis	350,752,578	247,928,615	-102,823,963	-29.3		
Total	68,697,656,705	54,978,272,953	-13,719,383,752	-20.0		

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

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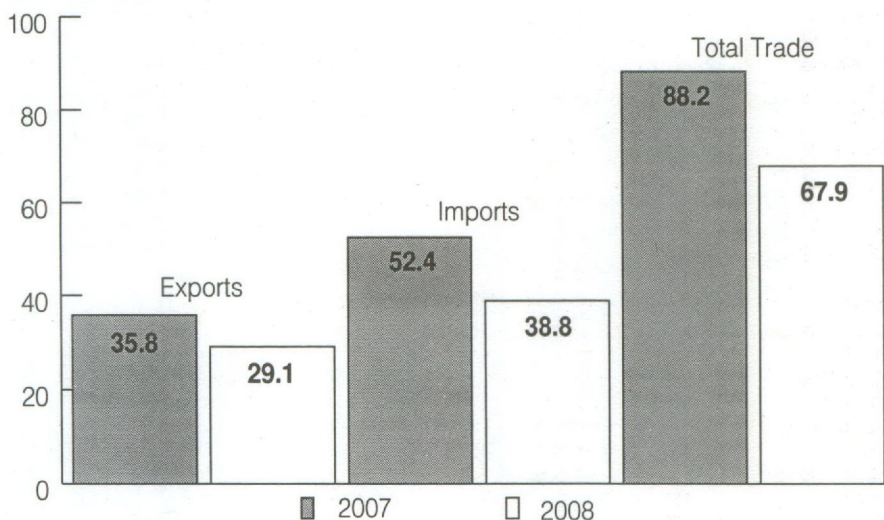
**Note from the Director**

Indicators of border business activity that were reported for March 2009 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated four indicators increased and sixteen decreased. 2009 YTD comparisons to 2008 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 7.3 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 25.5 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 18.7 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 23.7 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico lost 16.4 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas lost 18.9 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went down 24.9 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went down 26.5 percent.
- Revenues data collected by U.S. Customs was not available at press time.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a loss of 17.4 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico data was not available at press time.
- Total employment was up 0.8 percent, with 4,184 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in March 2009 was 7.5 percent.
- Total building permits issued fell 25.4 percent.
- Total building permit values decreased 38.4 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 0.9 percent, commercial were up 0.2 percent and industrial were down 1.9 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 15.1 percent, and departures were down 15.1 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville increased 3.6 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went down 8.0 percent, and outbound cargo went down 7.7 percent.

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

March 2009 Year-to-Date  
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



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

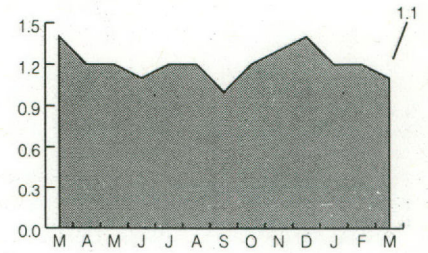
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**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Mar 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	160,227	14.2	-11.1		496,247	472,125	13.4	-4.9
Del Rio	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eagle Pass	55,676	4.9	-6.0		163,447	157,749	4.5	-3.5
El Paso	404,671	36.0	-9.1		1,249,688	1,172,278	33.2	-6.2
Harlingen	18	0.0	-60.0		101	58	0.0	-42.6
Laredo	334,544	29.7	-10.3		1,038,688	991,381	28.1	-4.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	N/A	0.0	-100.0		378,956	241,266	6.8	-36.3
Progreso	148,777	13.2	3.5		417,723	434,281	12.3	4.0
Rio Grande	N/A	0.0	-100.0		82	84	0.0	2.4
Roma	21,372	1.9	-4.3		62,145	61,397	1.7	-1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,125,285</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-17.3</b>		<b>3,807,077</b>	<b>3,530,619</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-7.3</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Mar. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009: Down 17.3%  
(In Millions)

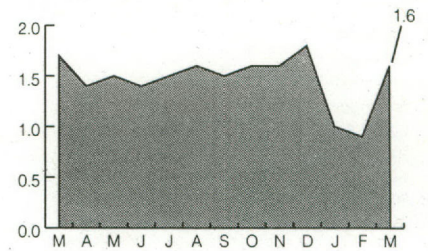


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Mar 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	205,582	13.0	-9.3		631,668	597,984	17.1	-5.3
Del Rio	7,370	0.5	-9.9		21,470	23,514	0.7	9.5
Eagle Pass	61,969	3.9	-6.3		178,651	171,826	4.9	-3.8
El Paso	576,702	36.5	-1.4		1,642,121	1,576,702	16.5	-64.9
Laredo	386,421	24.5	-12.1		1,223,201	1,141,794	32.7	-6.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	164,168	10.4	-3.5		481,030	469,250	13.4	-2.4
Presidio	2,217	0.1	-22.0		8,318	2,217	0.1	-73.3
Progreso	149,233	9.5	2.6		419,560	436,050	12.5	3.9
Rio Grande	1,796	0.1	10.3		4,348	5,145	0.1	18.3
Roma	23,020	1.5	-3.5		69,898	64,556	1.9	-7.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,578,478</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5.4</b>		<b>4,680,265</b>	<b>3,489,038</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-25.5</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Mar. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009: Down 5.4%  
(In Millions)

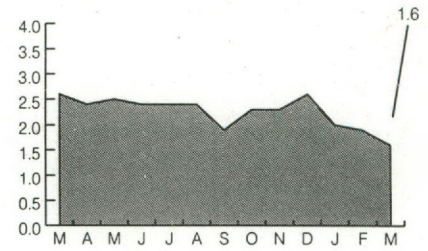


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Mar 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	406,750	24.2	-18.5		1,438,997	1,178,060	21.1	-18.1
Del Rio	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eagle Pass	221,622	13.2	-10.2		688,729	648,232	11.6	-5.9
El Paso	309,458	18.4	-16.6		1,024,223	844,545	15.2	-17.5
Harlingen	55,747	3.3	-7.3		159,924	155,021	2.8	-3.1
Laredo	417,297	24.9	-13.7		1,346,910	1,183,863	21.2	-12.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	N/A	0.0	-100.0		1,221,982	703,270	12.6	-42.4
Pharr	117,711	7.0	-16.8		406,035	341,611	6.1	-15.9
Progreso	77,104	4.6	-2.9		219,855	224,676	4.0	2.2
Rio Grande	N/A	0.0	-100.0		129,816	85,242	1.5	-34.3
Roma	72,532	4.3	-6.6		214,955	206,764	3.7	-3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,678,221</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-31.3</b>		<b>6,851,426</b>	<b>5,571,284</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-18.7</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Mar. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009: Down 31.3%  
(In Millions)

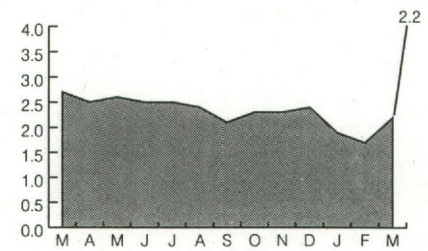


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Mar 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	258,796	11.8	-47.5		1,429,421	982,810	17.0	-31.2
Del Rio	129,736	5.9	-6.6		398,188	372,396	6.4	-6.5
Eagle Pass	233,643	10.6	-9.8		731,974	684,922	11.8	-6.4
El Paso	379,977	17.3	-25.9		1,448,215	379,977	6.6	-73.8
Harlingen	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	419,425	19.1	3.1		1,155,311	1,218,953	21.1	5.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	342,553	15.6	-14.0		1,127,007	1,011,450	17.5	-10.3
Pharr	167,328	7.6	-7.9		516,263	477,751	8.3	-7.5
Presidio	56,065	2.6	-9.7		171,091	56,065	1.0	-67.2
Progreso	84,537	3.8	-0.2		233,976	240,854	4.2	2.9
Rio Grande	52,892	2.4	-0.4		146,251	148,504	2.6	1.5
Roma	72,732	3.3	-6.8		217,113	209,340	3.6	-3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,197,684</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-17.6</b>		<b>7,574,810</b>	<b>5,783,022</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-23.7</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Mar. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009: Down 17.6%  
(In Millions)



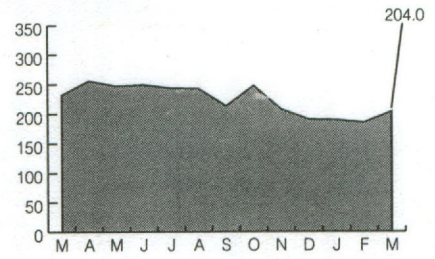
**Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Mar 09	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	13,899	6.8	-13.9	50,416	40,191	6.9	-20.3
Del Rio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eagle Pass	6,186	3.0	-21.3	24,622	18,309	3.2	-25.6
El Paso	24,386	12.0	-8.3	84,540	69,048	11.9	-18.3
Harlingen	1,834	0.9	-7.8	6,604	5,076	0.9	-23.1
Laredo	115,778	56.8	-9.3	391,735	327,478	56.5	-16.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	N/A	0.0	-100.0	987	661	0.1	-33.0
Pharr	37,459	18.4	-5.6	116,014	102,683	17.7	-11.5
Progreso	3,754	1.8	17.0	9,407	9,755	1.7	3.7
Rio Grande	N/A	0.0	-100.0	6,470	4,115	0.7	-36.4
Roma	701	0.3	-12.7	2,397	1,955	0.3	-18.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>203,997</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-10.0</b>	<b>693,192</b>	<b>579,271</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-16.4</b>

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. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009: Down 10.0%  
(In Thousands)



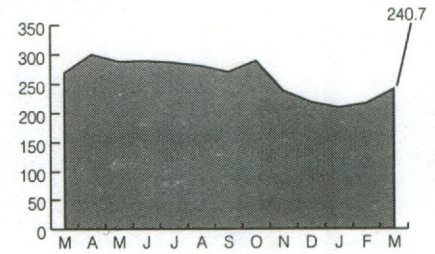
**Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Mar 09	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	13,192	5.5	-14.0	47,320	37,601	5.6	-20.5
Del Rio	4,122	1.7	-2.8	13,507	11,660	1.7	-13.7
Eagle Pass	6,572	2.7	-17.6	27,113	19,788	3.0	-27.0
El Paso	52,552	21.8	-14.1	186,963	140,324	21.1	-24.9
Falcon Heights	0	0.0	-100.0	13	11	0.0	-15.4
Harlingen	2,595	1.1	-5.6	8,980	7,149	1.1	-20.4
Laredo	114,781	47.7	-9.9	391,631	322,015	48.3	-17.8
Pharr	37,743	15.7	-9.2	122,655	104,392	15.7	-14.9
Presidio	517	0.2	-3.9	1,606	1,508	0.2	-6.1
Progreso	5,203	2.2	15.5	12,228	13,073	2.0	6.9
Rio Grande	2,798	1.2	9.6	7,618	7,051	1.1	-7.4
Roma	633	0.3	-1.4	1,893	1,714	0.3	-9.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>240,708</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>821,527</b>	<b>666,286</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-18.9</b>

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. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009: Down 10.4%  
(In Thousands)



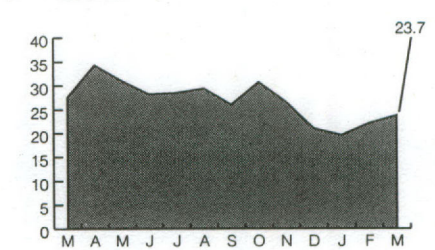
**Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Mar 09	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	3,123	13.2	-29.2	11,816	9,419	14.4	-20.3
Eagle Pass	7,172	30.2	-6.8	21,129	18,738	28.6	-11.3
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	13,450	56.6	-12.4	54,240	37,299	57.0	-31.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,745</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-13.5</b>	<b>87,185</b>	<b>65,456</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-24.9</b>

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities  
Mar. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009: Down 13.5%  
(In Thousands)

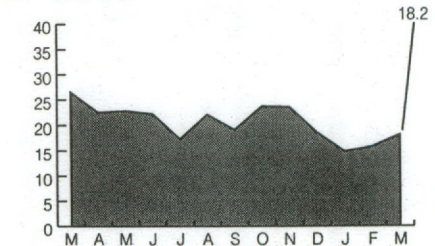


**Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Mar 09	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	506	2.8	5.0	1,138	1,999	4.1	75.7
Eagle Pass	5,504	30.2	52.5	10,294	14,172	28.9	37.7
El Paso	6,215	34.1	-20.1	20,831	16,653	34.0	-20.1
Laredo	6,020	33.0	-58.9	34,364	16,171	33.0	-52.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,245</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-31.2</b>	<b>66,627</b>	<b>48,995</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-26.5</b>

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities  
Mar. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009: Down 31.2%  
(In Thousands)



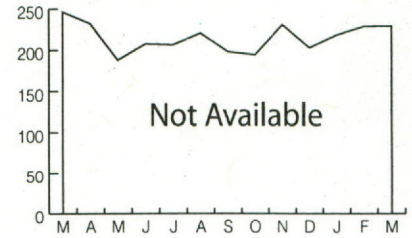
**Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)**

City	Mar 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg

Data was not available at press time.  
Check our website, <http://texascenter.tamui.edu>, for updates.

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo  
Mar. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009: N/A  
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

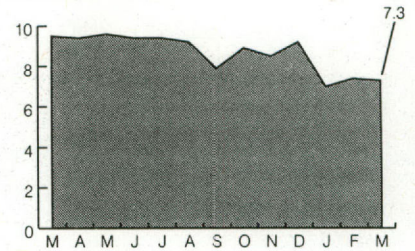


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)**

City	Mar 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	967,485	13.2	-16.8		3,362,690	2,776,036	12.7	-17.4
Del Rio	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eagle Pass	583,852	8.0	-9.1		1,797,943	1,130,239	5.2	-37.1
El Paso	1,237,684	16.9	-13.5		4,091,827	3,363,323	15.4	-17.8
Harlingen	163,689	2.2	-7.5		493,195	452,438	2.1	-8.3
Laredo	3,391,085	46.2	-9.9		11,073,640	9,614,944	44.1	-13.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	N/A	0.0	-100.0		2,978,682	1,727,405	7.9	-42.0
Pharr	760,664	10.4	4.4		2,021,780	2,075,358	9.5	2.7
Roma	236,227	3.2	9.0		600,625	675,415	3.1	12.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,340,686</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-20.1</b>		<b>26,420,382</b>	<b>21,815,158</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-17.4</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  
Mar. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009: Down 20.1%  
(In Millions of U.S.\$)



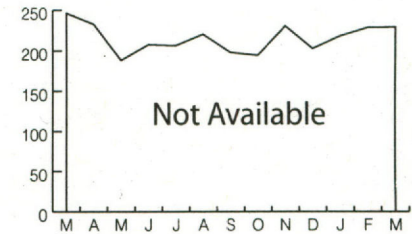
**Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico**

City	Mar 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg

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Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities  
Mar. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009: N/A  
(In Thousands)

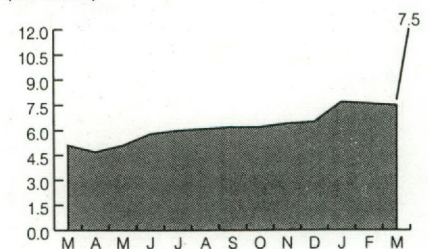


**Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)**

City	Employed		Unemployed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		08 vs. 09		Gain/Loss
	Mar 09	Mar 09	Mar 09	Mar 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	Emp %Chg	YTD	
Brownsville	58,006	6,112	9.5		58,034	57,808	-0.4		-226	
Del Rio	15,046	1,404	8.5		15,606	15,034	-3.7		-572	
El Paso	239,494	19,239	7.4		238,533	238,512	0.0		-21	
Harlingen	23,532	1,762	7.0		23,586	23,451	-0.6		-135	
Laredo	83,520	6,255	7.0		80,210	83,347	3.9		3,137	
McAllen	56,772	3,866	6.4		55,693	56,629	1.7		936	
Pharr	23,147	1,983	7.9		22,023	23,088	4.8		1,065	
<b>Total</b>	<b>499,517</b>	<b>40,621</b>	<b>7.5</b>		<b>493,685</b>	<b>497,869</b>	<b>0.8</b>		<b>4,184</b>	
Texas Unemployment Rate							6.7			
U.S. Unemployment Rate							9.0			

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

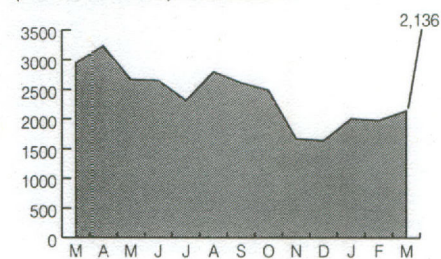
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined  
Mar. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009: Up 53.2%  
(in Percent)



**Building Permits**

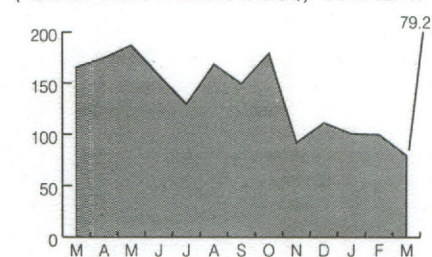
Number City	Mar 09		08 vs. 09		YTD 08		YTD 09	
	%Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg		
Brownsville	225	10.5	-1.3	563	613	10.0	8.9	
Del Rio	N/A	0.0	0.0	371	68	1.1	-81.7	
Eagle Pass	N/A	0.0	0.0	109	50	0.8	-54.1	
El Paso	1,247	58.4	-26.9	5,046	3,253	53.2	-35.5	
Harlingen	205	9.6	-14.6	765	602	9.8	-21.3	
Laredo	173	8.1	-41.0	581	713	11.7	22.7	
McAllen	286	13.4	14.9	762	815	13.3	7.0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,136</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-27.3</b>	<b>8,197</b>	<b>6,114</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-25.4</b>	

Building Permits All Cited Cities  
Mar. 200E vs. Mar. 2009  
(Number of Permits): Down 27.3%



Dollar Value City	Mar 09		08 vs. 09		YTD 08		YTD 09	
	%Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg		
Brownsville	4,463,243	5.6	-87.5	60,346,753	37,735,384	13.5	-37.5	
Del Rio	N/A	0.0	0.0	2,947,608	2,376,981	0.9	-19.4	
Eagle Pass	N/A	0.0	0.0	7,923,697	1,951,982	0.7	-75.4	
El Paso	52,451,050	66.2	-31.6	251,613,071	172,037,766	61.6	-31.6	
Harlingen	1,098,755	1.4	-76.9	13,217,094	7,136,038	2.6	-46.0	
Laredo	14,165,072	17.9	-20.9	46,350,621	35,371,957	12.7	-23.7	
McAllen	7,042,065	8.9	-74.1	70,767,700	22,713,168	8.1	-67.9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,220,185</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-52.1</b>	<b>453,166,543</b>	<b>279,323,276</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-38.4</b>	

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Down 52.1%

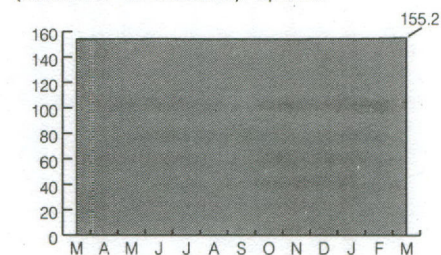


Source: Permit Departments in cited cities  
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**Power Connections (in Service)**

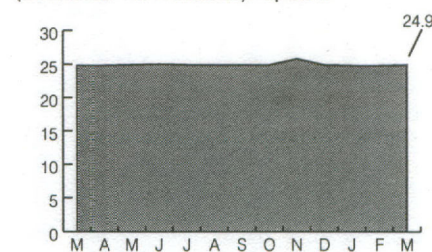
Residential City	Mar 09		08 vs. 09		Average		YTD	
	%Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg		
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Del Rio	15,410	9.9	0.9	15,256	15,384	9.9	0.8	
Eagle Pass	11,396	7.3	0.3	11,305	11,379	7.4	0.7	
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Harlingen	24,730	15.9	0.7	24,485	24,638	15.9	0.6	
Laredo	64,074	41.3	1.0	63,179	63,832	41.3	1.0	
McAllen	39,584	25.5	0.8	39,178	39,487	25.5	0.8	
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,194</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>153,403</b>	<b>154,720</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	

Power Connections All Cited Cities  
Mar. 200E vs. Mar. 2009  
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 0.8%



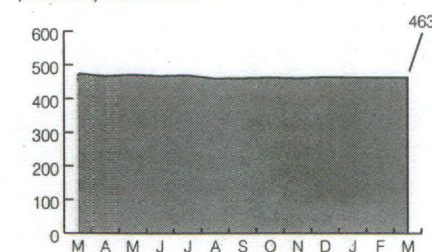
Commercial City	Mar 09		08 vs. 09		Average		YTD	
	%Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg		
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Del Rio	2,375	9.5	-2.4	2,421	2,383	9.6	-1.5	
Eagle Pass	1,686	6.8	1.6	1,659	1,677	6.7	1.1	
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Harlingen	4,172	16.8	0.5	4,141	4,146	16.7	0.1	
Laredo	9,553	38.4	0.3	9,521	9,519	38.3	0.0	
McAllen	7,111	28.6	0.8	7,050	7,118	28.7	1.0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,897</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>24,792</b>	<b>24,843</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 0.3%



Industrial City	Mar 09		08 vs. 09		Average		YTD	
	%Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg		
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Del Rio	43	9.3	-2.3	44	43	9.3	-3.0	
Eagle Pass	23	5.0	-14.8	28	24	5.1	-15.5	
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Harlingen	94	20.3	-4.1	97	94	20.2	-3.8	
Laredo	185	40.0	0.5	185	185	39.9	0.0	
McAllen	118	25.5	-2.5	118	118	25.5	0.3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	

(Industrial): Down 2.3%

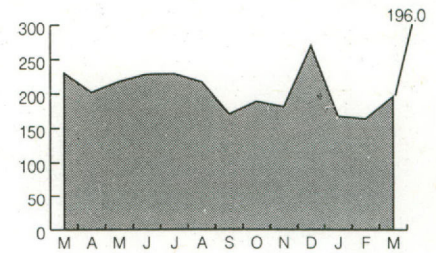


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**Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)**

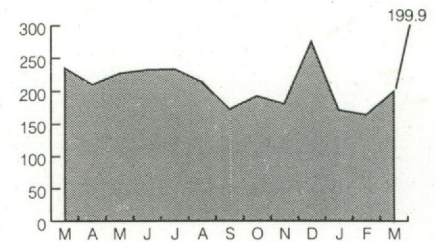
Arrivals City	Mar 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	6,594	3.4	-24.8		22,511	17,541	3.3	-22.1
El Paso	115,904	59.1	-14.2		357,236	308,505	58.5	-13.6
Harlingen	36,672	18.7	-10.1		113,332	98,905	18.7	-12.7
Laredo	8,279	4.2	-8.3		25,629	22,725	4.3	-11.3
McAllen	28,553	14.6	-21.7		102,977	79,852	15.1	-22.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>196,002</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-14.8</b>		<b>621,685</b>	<b>527,528</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-15.1</b>

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities  
Mar. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009  
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Down 14.8%



Departures City	Mar 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	7,092	3.5	-23.3		23,408	18,697	3.5	-20.1
El Paso	116,714	58.4	-14.1		361,194	311,212	58.1	-13.8
Harlingen	38,999	19.5	-9.7		116,173	102,231	19.1	-12.0
Laredo	8,102	4.1	-10.0		25,888	22,610	4.2	-12.7
McAllen	28,965	14.5	-23.0		104,452	80,869	15.1	-22.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>199,872</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-14.9</b>		<b>631,115</b>	<b>535,619</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-15.1</b>

(Departures – In Thousands): Down 14.9%

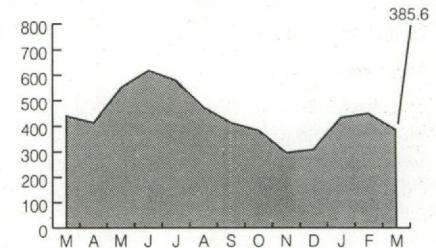


Source: Airports in cited cities

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

Cargo Type	Mar 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	136,191	35.3	64.0		464,323	331,762	26.2	-28.5
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Liquid	44,961	11.7	-69.8		204,202	363,986	28.7	78.2
Machinery	0	0.0	-100.0		10,585	59	0.0	-99.4
Ores-Minerals	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Other	1,634	0.4	0.0		868	3,044	0.2	250.5
Petroleum	202,839	52.6	-0.9		545,016	569,644	44.9	4.5
Steel-Other Materials	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>385,626</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-12.3</b>		<b>1,224,994</b>	<b>1,268,495</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo  
Mar. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009: Down 12.3%  
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



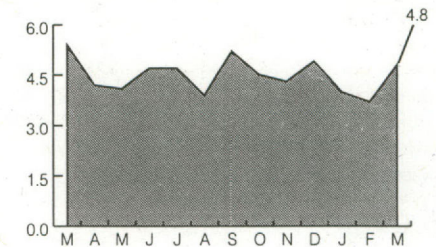
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**Port of Corpus Christi (Cargo in U.S. Tons)**

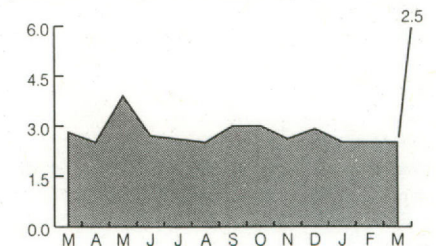
Inbound Cargo Type	Mar 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	15,253	0.3	-86.2		136,860	27,764	0.2	-79.7
Chemical	12,379	0.3	-16.4		43,789	25,649	0.2	-41.4
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	389,546	8.2	-45.1		1,476,598	1,093,767	8.7	-25.9
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	-100.0		3,114	1,623	0.0	-47.9
Liquid	6,523	0.1	-89.6		109,036	12,133	0.1	-88.9
Petroleum	4,349,873	91.1	-3.7		11,850,260	11,371,804	90.7	-4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,773,574</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-11.9</b>		<b>13,619,657</b>	<b>12,532,740</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.0</b>

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo  
Mar. 2008 vs. Mar. 2009  
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 11.9%



Outbound Cargo Type	Mar 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	27,939	1.1	619.3		36,398	49,184	0.6	35.1
Chemical	35,266	1.4	-81.4		423,994	149,417	2.0	-64.8
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	235,600	9.3	-16.7		610,796	538,066	7.1	-11.9
Grain Bulk	290,446	11.5	-30.0		1,576,749	1,245,496	16.4	-21.0
Liquid	0	0.0	-100.0		30,595	0	0.0	-100.0
Petroleum	1,935,183	76.7	4.4		5,552,262	5,618,071	73.9	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,524,435</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.7</b>		<b>8,230,795</b>	<b>7,600,234</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-7.7</b>

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 8.7%



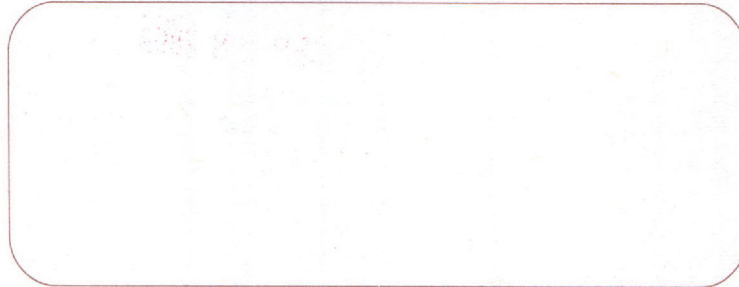
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Table 4. U.S. Exports to Mexico via U.S.-Mexico Border by Port

Port	Q1 2008	Q1 2009	Absolute \$ Change 08 vs. 09	% Change 08 vs. 09
Brownsville	1,959,533,165	1,381,355,836	-578,177,329	-29.5
Del Rio	385,613,953	247,400,447	-138,213,506	-35.8
Eagle Pass	1,099,412,868	1,099,197,369	-215,499	0.0
Laredo	12,160,851,484	10,310,053,285	-1,850,798,199	-15.2
Hidalgo	2,416,464,417	2,280,895,992	-135,568,425	-5.6
Rio Grande	66,843,395	34,999,972	-31,843,423	-47.6
Progreso	76,252,579	69,764,718	-6,487,861	-8.5
Roma	27,588,032	17,526,154	-10,061,878	-36.5
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	-
El Paso	5,139,509,187	4,395,999,829	-743,509,358	-14.5
Presidio	93,108,106	54,326,024	-38,782,082	-41.7
Fabens	3,731,605	146,621	-3,584,984	-96.1
Columbus	3,581,784	3,591,997	10,213	0.3
Santa Teresa	129,493,219	96,429,317	-33,063,902	-25.5
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	0	-
Andrade	423,152	80,321	-342,831	-81.0
Calexico	7,699,113	13,828,378	6,129,265	79.6
San Ysidro	61,387,644	30,932,609	-30,455,035	-49.6
Tecate	142,447,310	98,819,758	-43,627,552	-30.6
Otay Mesa Station	2,490,739,571	2,222,809,519	-267,930,052	-10.8
Calexico-East	1,203,230,933	826,515,894	-376,715,039	-31.3
Douglas	106,099,436	109,750,898	3,651,462	3.4
Lukeville	5,536,649	1,288,665	-4,247,984	-76.7
Naco	11,712,847	2,936,454	-8,776,393	-74.9
Nogales	1,557,119,806	1,349,780,139	-207,339,667	-13.3
Sasabe	396,193	143,791	-252,402	-63.7
San Luis	120,640,775	79,366,710	-41,274,065	-34.2
Total	29,269,417,223	24,727,940,697	-4,541,476,526	-15.5

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

Port	Q1 2008	Q1 2009	Absolute \$ Change 08 vs. 09	% Change 08 vs. 09
Brownsville	1,188,305,524	854,782,720	-333,522,804	-28.1
Del Rio	379,449,807	266,721,703	-112,728,104	-29.7
Eagle Pass	1,674,131,448	2,057,331,558	383,200,110	22.9
Laredo	15,651,847,836	10,604,598,771	-5,047,249,065	-32.2
Hidalgo	3,137,046,367	2,446,780,309	-690,266,058	-22.0
Rio Grande	36,615,221	30,821,841	-5,793,380	-15.8
Progreso	20,525,268	23,784,469	3,259,201	15.9
Roma	1,984,815	2,106,199	121,384	6.1
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	-
El Paso	6,798,681,627	5,826,775,936	-971,905,691	-14.3
Presidio	26,984,976	31,181,301	4,196,325	15.6
Fabens	0	0	0	-
Columbus	2,845,238	4,019,406	1,174,168	41.3
Santa Teresa	224,109,869	239,696,433	15,586,564	7.0
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	0	-
Andrade	0	0	0	-
Calexico	0	0	0	-
San Ysidro	0	0	0	-
Tecate	129,891,713	117,800,538	-12,091,175	-9.3
Otay Mesa Station	4,765,355,848	4,047,100,533	-718,255,315	-15.1
Calexico-East	1,740,655,277	1,235,805,605	-504,849,672	-29.0
Douglas	160,636,014	144,348,987	-16,287,027	-10.1
Lukeville	12,610	108,826	96,216	763.0
Naco	2,069,387	2,478,851	409,464	19.8
Nogales	3,256,978,834	2,145,526,365	-1,111,452,469	-34.1
Sasabe	0	0	0	-
San Luis	230,111,803	168,561,905	-61,549,898	-26.7
Total	39,428,239,482	30,250,332,256	-9,177,907,226	-23.3