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## First Half of 2010: U.S.-Mexico Trade Was Up by Double-Digits

In the May 2010 issue of the *Border Business Indicators*, the 2010 first quarter figures for U.S.-Mexico trade exhibited double-digit gains in both U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico resulting in an increase in the total trade dollar value over the same period in 2009. This trend continued through the second quarter of 2010. As a result, trade figures for the first half of 2010 registered increases in exports, imports and total trade values over those for last year period (See Table 1). U.S. exports to Mexico, for June 2010 year-to-date, registered a gain of 31.9 percent over the same period in 2009. U.S. imports from Mexico declined by 38.3 percent for the same time frame.

The U.S. trade deficit with Mexico increased due to the gains in U.S. imports from Mexico. The deficit year-to-date was \$33.1 billion, a gain of 56.1 percent over the same period in 2009.

Table 3 delineates 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 the first half of 2010 in comparison with the same period in 2009.

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 period.

In upcoming issues of the *Border Business Indicators*, the composition of trade or type of goods that comprise these dollar values will also be examined in more detailed along with other trade issues.

—B. Garcia

**Table 1**  
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade  
June 2009 YTD vs. June 2010 YTD  
All figures are in Billions of Unadjusted U.S. Dollars

	June 2009 YTD		June 2010 YTD		Absolute \$ Change 09 vs. 10	Change
	June 2009 YTD	June 2010 YTD	June 2009 YTD	June 2010 YTD		
Exports	58.6	77.3	58.6	77.3	18.7	31.9
Imports	79.8	110.4	79.8	110.4	30.6	38.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>138.4</b>	<b>187.7</b>	<b>138.4</b>	<b>187.7</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>35.6</b>

Historically, the trade of goods between the U.S. and Mexico has been concentrated at their border ports. The percentage of the dollar value of goods processed at these ports has hovered around 80 percent. For the first half of 2010, it was 79.7 percent.

The border ports continue to be the hubs of trade activity between the partners. Table 2 exhibits the dollar value of the trade activity that took place on the border in the first half of this year.

**Table 2**  
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade Activity via U.S.-Mexico Border Ports  
June 2009 YTD vs. June 2010 YTD  
All figures are in Billions of Unadjusted U.S. Dollars

	June 2009 YTD		June 2010 YTD		Absolute \$ Change 09 vs. 10	Change
	June 2009 YTD	June 2010 YTD	June 2009 YTD	June 2010 YTD		
Exports	48.9	63.4	48.9	63.4	14.5	29.7
Imports	62.3	86.2	62.3	86.2	23.9	38.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>149.6</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>149.6</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>34.5</b>

**Table 3**  
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade Activity via U.S.-Mexico Border by Port  
June 2009 YTD vs. June 2010 YTD

Port	June 2009 YTD		June 2010 YTD		Absolute \$ Change 09 vs. 10	% Change 09 vs. 10
	June 2009 YTD	June 2010 YTD	June 2009 YTD	June 2010 YTD		
Brownsville	4,542,531,519	5,983,149,966	4,542,531,519	5,983,149,966	1,440,618,447	31.7
Del Rio	1,033,324,634	1,479,397,282	1,033,324,634	1,479,397,282	446,072,648	43.2
Eagle Pass	5,643,136,874	7,648,789,535	5,643,136,874	7,648,789,535	2,005,652,661	35.5
Laredo	42,478,044,727	59,169,723,090	42,478,044,727	59,169,723,090	16,691,678,363	39.3
Hidalgo-Pharr	9,291,615,965	10,730,400,318	9,291,615,965	10,730,400,318	1,438,784,353	15.5
Rio Grande	129,364,575	125,763,546	129,364,575	125,763,546	-3,601,029	-2.8
Progreso	158,897,320	157,526,079	158,897,320	157,526,079	-1,371,241	-0.9
Roma	36,409,636	31,007,258	36,409,636	31,007,258	-5,402,378	-14.8
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	0	0	-
Harlingen Int'l Airport	0	0	0	0	0	-
El Paso	19,949,365,230	26,578,945,416	19,949,365,230	26,578,945,416	6,629,580,186	33.2
Presidio	143,697,092	133,919,281	143,697,092	133,919,281	-9,777,811	-6.8
Fabens	566,839	510,160	566,839	510,160	-56,679	-10.0
Columbus	15,347,243	25,497,737	15,347,243	25,497,737	10,150,494	66.1
Santa Teresa	1,248,839,619	5,596,330,436	1,248,839,619	5,596,330,436	4,347,490,817	348.1
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	0	0	0	-
Andrade	227,455	226,671	227,455	226,671	-784	-0.3
Calexico	35,839,077	60,594,405	35,839,077	60,594,405	24,755,328	69.1
San Ysidro	66,347,740	99,732,923	66,347,740	99,732,923	33,385,183	50.3
Tecate	444,554,619	487,816,764	444,554,619	487,816,764	43,262,145	9.7
Otay Mesa Station	13,110,424,182	14,508,678,999	13,110,424,182	14,508,678,999	1,398,254,817	10.7
Calexico-East	4,070,039,066	4,880,603,176	4,070,039,066	4,880,603,176	810,564,110	19.9
Douglas	526,509,666	622,778,252	526,509,666	622,778,252	96,268,586	18.3
Lukeville	1,630,161	3,128,393	1,630,161	3,128,393	1,498,232	91.9
Naco	10,374,549	17,520,148	10,374,549	17,520,148	7,145,599	68.9
Nogales	7,850,609,050	10,618,461,743	7,850,609,050	10,618,461,743	2,767,852,693	35.3
Sasabe	761,969	149,462	761,969	149,462	-612,507	-80.4
San Luis	436,458,467	596,164,105	436,458,467	596,164,105	159,705,638	36.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,224,917,274</b>	<b>149,556,815,145</b>	<b>111,224,917,274</b>	<b>149,556,815,145</b>	<b>38,331,897,871</b>	<b>34.5</b>

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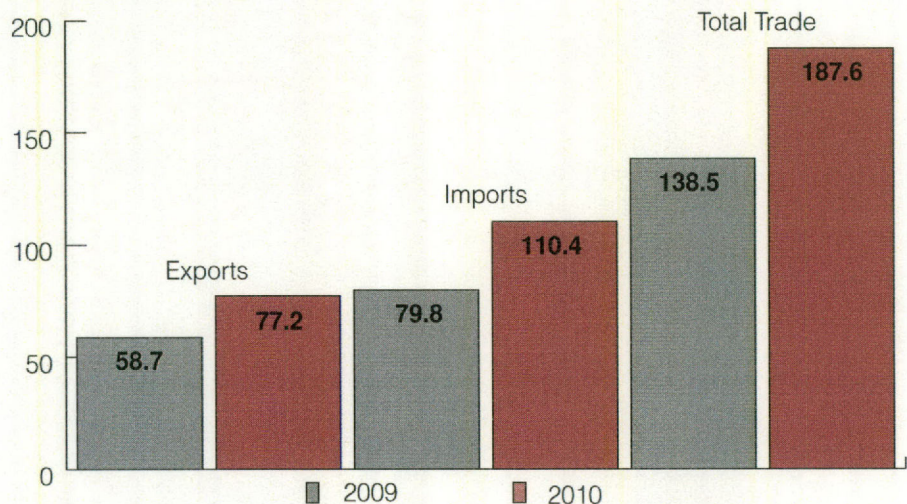
**Note from the Director**

Indicators of border business activity that were reported for June 2010 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated fifteen indicators increased and five decreased. 2010 YTD comparisons to 2009 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 1.0 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were up 12.2 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 7.4 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 11.8 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 15.4 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 5.9 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 21.6 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 11.4 percent.
- Revenues data collected by U.S. Customs was not available at press time.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 1.0 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were up 2.7 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.9 percent, with 9,298 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in June 2010 was 9.4 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 45.0 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 37.8 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 1.2 percent, commercial were down 4.3 percent and industrial were down 3.7 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were up 0.3 percent, and departures were up 0.5 percent.
- Total cargo data for the Port of Brownsville was not available at press time.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 1.4 percent, and outbound cargo went up 4.7 percent.

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

June 2010 Year-to-Date  
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



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

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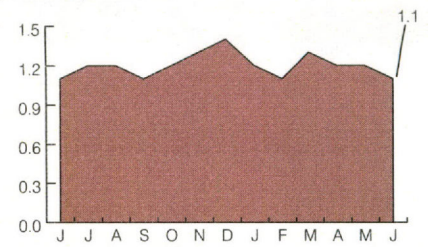


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Jun 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	160,781	15.1	-7.1		1,020,199	1,030,848	14.7	1.0
Del Rio	3,141	0.3	6.4		27,942	20,648	0.3	-26.1
Eagle Pass	49,905	4.7	-1.2		318,910	317,315	4.5	-0.5
El Paso	395,662	37.2	-4.1		2,501,214	2,539,374	36.1	1.5
Harlingen	18	0.0	-71.0		120	118	0.0	-1.7
Laredo	292,585	27.5	-7.2		1,974,463	1,868,647	26.6	-5.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	121,021	11.4	-1.2		641,773	766,392	10.9	19.4
Progreso	40,144	3.8	17.1		607,803	481,704	6.9	-20.7
Rio Grande	8	0.0	-66.7		178	56	0.0	-68.5
Roma	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,063,265</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.3</b>		<b>7,092,602</b>	<b>7,025,102</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010: Down 4.3%  
(In Millions)

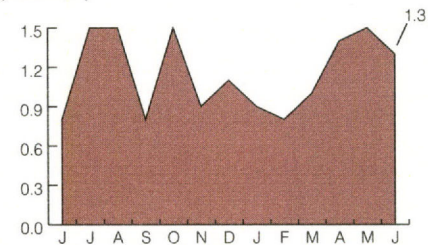


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Jun 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	181,272	13.8	-8.0		1,224,937	1,169,877	16.9	-4.5
Del Rio	5,832	0.4	2.0		45,374	34,982	0.5	-22.9
Eagle Pass	52,231	4.0	-7.5		349,957	341,461	4.9	-2.4
El Paso	522,202	39.7	N/A		576,702	1,653,927	23.9	186.8
Laredo	334,059	25.4	-7.0		2,260,909	2,156,084	31.1	-4.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	156,211	11.9	-0.3		971,953	954,718	13.8	-1.8
Presidio	2,194	0.2	N/A		2,217	6,612	0.1	198.2
Progreso	40,756	3.1	16.5		612,982	489,625	7.1	-20.1
Rio Grande	1,126	0.1	-26.7		10,367	8,931	0.1	-13.9
Roma	18,158	1.4	0.5		125,611	116,780	1.7	-7.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,314,041</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>58.4</b>		<b>6,181,009</b>	<b>6,932,997</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010: Up 58.4%  
(In Millions)

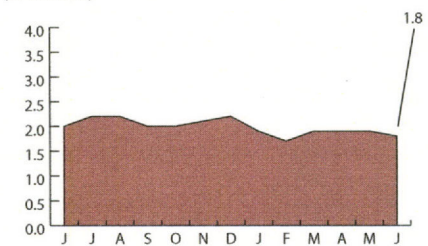


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Jun 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	320,511	17.6	-13.9		2,325,068	2,031,360	18.3	-12.6
Del Rio	105,655	5.8	-2.7		716,348	651,168	5.9	-9.1
Eagle Pass	192,793	10.6	-6.8		1,296,088	1,240,524	11.2	-4.3
El Paso	275,091	15.1	-5.3		1,751,543	1,579,614	14.2	-9.8
Harlingen	37,999	2.1	-22.2		310,284	247,067	2.2	-20.4
Laredo	383,237	21.1	-4.0		2,415,087	2,285,016	20.6	-5.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	339,563	18.7	-6.5		1,805,983	1,967,630	17.7	9.0
Pharr	98,510	5.4	-12.7		689,661	624,247	5.6	-9.5
Progreso	46,035	2.5	-15.0		414,868	329,985	3.0	-20.5
Rio Grande	19,519	1.1	-50.2		264,591	141,542	1.3	-46.5
Roma	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,818,913</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.8</b>		<b>11,989,521</b>	<b>11,098,153</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-7.4</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010: Down 8.8%  
(In Millions)

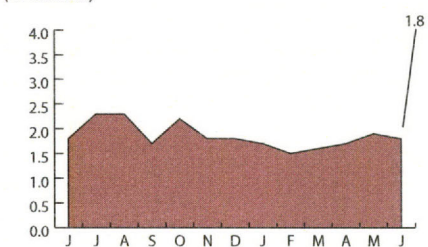


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Jun 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	318,000	17.4	-19.0		2,468,053	2,029,941	19.6	-17.8
Del Rio	109,119	6.0	-1.2		724,291	673,039	6.5	-7.1
Eagle Pass	83,282	4.6	-61.3		1,357,140	977,225	9.4	-28.0
El Paso	403,257	22.1	N/A		379,977	1,044,143	10.1	174.8
Harlingen	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	355,749	19.5	-8.7		2,433,815	2,157,254	20.8	-11.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	241,803	13.2	-34.8		2,195,993	1,562,010	15.1	-28.9
Pharr	147,909	8.1	-5.5		957,626	917,987	8.9	-4.1
Presidio	54,678	3.0	N/A		56,065	165,595	1.6	195.4
Progreso	49,263	2.7	-14.8		446,260	355,787	3.4	-20.3
Rio Grande	22,817	1.2	-46.9		294,189	161,076	1.6	-45.2
Roma	42,158	2.3	-34.9		416,335	304,740	2.9	-26.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,828,035</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>		<b>11,729,744</b>	<b>10,348,797</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-11.8</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010: Up 1.5%  
(In Millions)





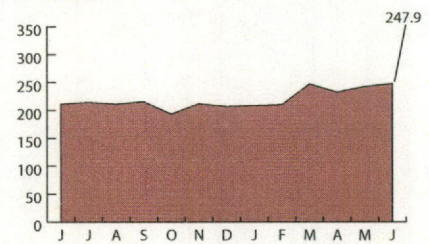
**Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Jun 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	15,732	6.3	10.9		81,289	91,183	6.6	12.2
Del Rio	4,728	1.9	-38.9		26,939	26,424	1.9	-1.9
Eagle Pass	8,040	3.2	23.9		36,427	43,161	3.1	18.5
El Paso	32,203	13.0	39.3		139,350	170,313	12.3	22.2
Harlingen	2,007	0.8	-2.9		10,584	10,071	0.7	-4.8
Laredo	141,260	57.0	20.2		667,947	788,402	56.7	18.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	275	0.1	-16.7		1,677	1,511	0.1	-9.9
Pharr	39,648	16.0	13.9		205,687	229,960	16.6	11.8
Progreso	1,956	0.8	10.5		17,228	14,124	1.0	-18.0
Rio Grande	2,006	0.8	-41.4		16,600	14,243	1.0	-14.2
Roma	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>247,855</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.2</b>		<b>1,203,728</b>	<b>1,389,392</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15.4</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  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010: Up 17.2%  
(In Thousands)



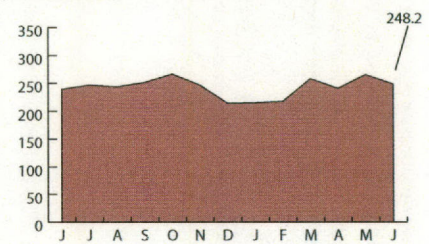
**Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Jun 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	15,061	6.1	7.9		77,517	87,485	6.1	12.9
Del Rio	4,979	2.0	12.7		23,686	27,032	1.9	14.1
Eagle Pass	8,493	3.4	23.7		39,452	45,948	3.2	16.5
El Paso	61,319	24.7	15.1		296,574	351,588	24.3	18.5
Falcon Heights	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	2,737	1.1	0.1		14,265	14,840	1.0	4.0
Laredo	108,657	43.8	-5.7		656,661	639,192	44.3	-2.7
Pharr	40,347	16.3	12.8		209,410	233,782	16.2	11.6
Presidio	769	0.3	48.5		3,046	4,571	0.3	50.1
Progreso	3,265	1.3	6.0		24,812	24,752	1.7	-0.2
Rio Grande	2,010	0.8	-26.3		15,091	11,392	0.8	-24.5
Roma	557	0.2	-12.0		3,516	3,331	0.2	-5.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>248,194</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>		<b>1,364,030</b>	<b>1,443,913</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.9</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  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010: Up 3.7%  
(In Thousands)



**Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Jun 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	3,326	12.9	9.9		18,583	16,796	10.5	-9.6
Eagle Pass	6,235	24.1	-10.5		39,899	47,962	30.1	20.2
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	16,293	63.0	34.7		72,547	94,522	59.3	30.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,854</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>		<b>131,029</b>	<b>159,280</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21.6</b>

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010: Up 17.0%  
(In Thousands)

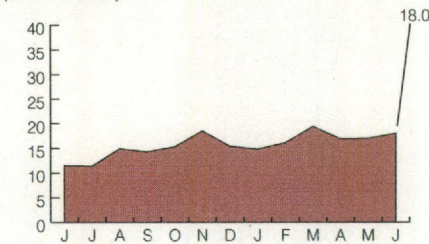


**Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Jun 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	814	4.5	80.5		3,511	4,169	4.1	18.7
Eagle Pass	6,264	34.7	94.7		26,103	35,993	35.2	37.9
El Paso	2,733	15.2	-17.8		30,145	14,580	14.3	-51.6
Laredo	8,218	45.6	82.7		31,979	47,486	46.5	48.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,029</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>56.9</b>		<b>91,738</b>	<b>102,228</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010: Up 56.9%  
(In Thousands)





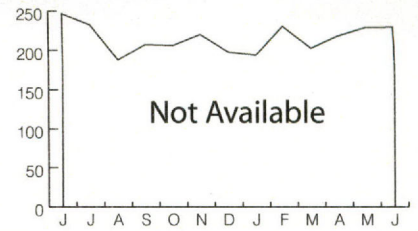
**Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)**

City	Jun 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD	
			%Chg					%Chg	

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010: **N/A**  
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

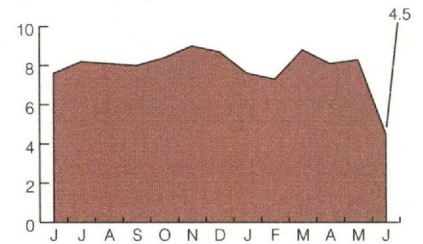


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)**

City	Jun 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD	
			%Chg					%Chg	
Brownsville	945,454	21.2	3.4		5,607,906	5,832,726	13.1	4.0	
Del Rio	343,793	7.7	4.7		2,112,739	2,394,652	5.4	13.3	
Eagle Pass	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
El Paso	956,744	21.5	-19.8		7,039,122	7,519,118	16.9	6.8	
Harlingen	135,687	3.0	-8.6		911,040	832,176	1.9	-8.7	
Laredo	368,563	8.3	-88.9		19,508,246	17,912,262	40.2	-8.2	
McAllen-Hidalgo	839,561	18.8	-5.7		4,444,365	4,896,046	11.0	10.2	
Pharr	866,424	19.4	9.0		4,543,644	5,225,432	11.7	15.0	
Rio Grande	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,456,225</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-41.3</b>		<b>44,167,062</b>	<b>44,612,413</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  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010: **Down 41.3%**  
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

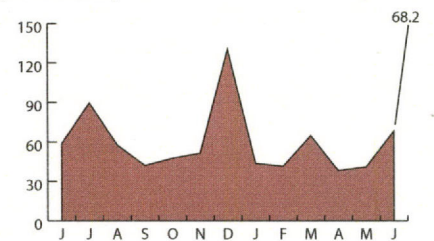


**Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico**

City	Jun 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD	
			%Chg					%Chg	
Brownsville	10,416	15.3	72.6		26,852	39,093	13.1	45.6	
Del Rio	618	0.9	47.5		2,920	3,116	1.0	6.7	
Eagle Pass	802	1.2	-67.8		13,226	9,778	3.3	-26.1	
El Paso	13,146	19.3	44.0		41,390	54,691	18.4	32.1	
Falcon Heights	88	0.1	-74.9		2,296	926	0.3	-59.7	
Laredo	30,371	44.5	22.6		118,213	119,947	40.3	1.5	
McAllen-Hidalgo	9,834	14.4	-5.4		57,400	52,748	17.7	-8.1	
Presidio	1,080	1.6	-13.1		6,073	5,396	1.8	-11.1	
Progreso	784	1.1	-28.4		6,661	4,453	1.5	-33.1	
Rio Grande	173	0.3	-77.5		3,590	1,244	0.4	-65.3	
Roma	892	1.3	-53.2		10,874	5,917	2.0	-45.6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,204</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.4</b>		<b>289,495</b>	<b>297,309</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010: **Up 16.4%**  
(In Thousands)

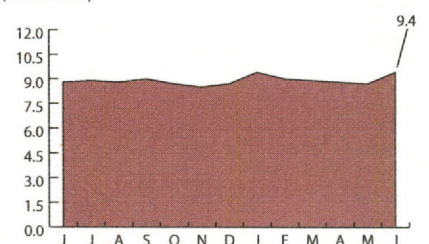


**Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)**

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		09 vs. 10	Gain/Loss
	Jun 10	Jun 10		Jun 10	YTD 09		
Brownsville	60,013	8,494	12.4	58,118	60,359	3.9	2,242
Del Rio	15,685	1,464	8.5	15,145	15,665	3.4	520
El Paso	241,681	24,367	9.2	239,484	243,437	1.7	3,954
Harlingen	24,206	2,410	9.1	23,577	24,345	3.3	768
Laredo	82,812	7,785	8.6	83,509	83,094	-0.5	-415
McAllen	58,422	5,127	8.1	57,004	58,518	2.7	1,513
Pharr	23,932	2,884	10.8	23,241	23,959	3.1	718
<b>Total</b>	<b>506,751</b>	<b>52,531</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>500,078</b>	<b>509,377</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>9,298</b>
Texas Unemployment Rate							8.5
U.S. Unemployment Rate							9.6

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  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010: **Up 6.8%**  
(In Percent)

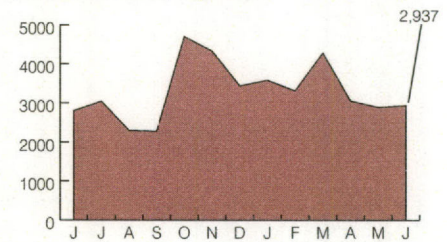




**Building Permits**

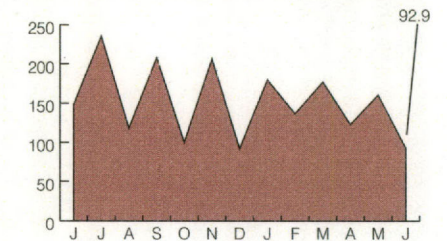
Number City	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	YTD		
	Jun 10	%Share			%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville		0.0	0.0	1,218	631	3.1	-48.2
Del Rio	332	11.3	-29.7	671	661	3.3	-1.5
Eagle Pass	34	1.2	-2.9	159	192	1.0	20.8
El Paso	1,888	64.3	53.7	6,936	14,975	74.6	115.9
Harlingen	196	6.7	11.4	1,200	1,157	5.8	-3.6
Laredo	162	5.5	-57.3	1,963	1,065	5.3	-45.7
McAllen	325	11.1	6.6	1,694	1,387	6.9	-18.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,937</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>13,841</b>	<b>20,068</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45.0</b>

Building Permits All Cited Cities  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010  
(Number of Permits): Up 4.9%



Dollar Value City	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	YTD		
	Jun 10	%Share			%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville		0.0	0.0	60,495,160	60,239,938	6.9	-0.4
Del Rio	3,633,707	3.9	-47.3	18,795,001	15,218,482	1.8	-19.0
Eagle Pass	859,469	0.9	-53.6	7,393,152	11,455,137	1.3	54.9
El Paso	54,360,890	58.5	-33.5	378,977,510	589,063,090	67.8	55.4
Harlingen	1,806,776	1.9	-64.8	22,883,095	29,790,165	3.4	30.2
Laredo	25,432,524	27.4	55.2	75,280,618	122,724,355	14.1	63.0
McAllen	6,815,913	7.3	-74.8	67,348,151	40,957,844	4.7	-39.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,909,279</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-37.2</b>	<b>631,172,688</b>	<b>869,449,010</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>37.8</b>

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.): Down 37.2%



Source: Permit Departments in cited cities  
Note: Dollar value totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Power Connections (in Service)**

Residential City	09 vs. 10		Average YTD 09	Average YTD 10	YTD		
	Jun 10	%Share			%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Del Rio	15,542	9.9	0.6	15,413	15,533	9.9	0.8
Eagle Pass	11,589	7.4	0.8	11,428	11,593	7.4	1.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Harlingen	24,847	15.8	0.6	24,686	24,875	15.8	0.8
Laredo	65,078	41.4	1.2	64,036	64,851	41.3	1.3
McAllen	40,172	25.6	1.5	39,529	40,104	25.6	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,228</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>155,092</b>	<b>156,955</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>

Power Connections All Cited Cities  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010  
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 1.1%



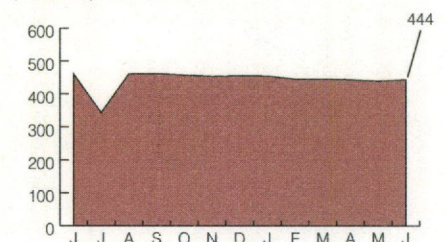
Commercial City	09 vs. 10		Average YTD 09	Average YTD 10	YTD		
	Jun 10	%Share			%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Del Rio	2,371	9.5	-0.3	2,383	2,372	10.0	-0.4
Eagle Pass	1,689	6.7	0.7	1,680	1,675	7.0	-0.3
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Harlingen	4,141	16.5	0.0	4,146	4,147	17.4	0.0
Laredo	9,672	38.6	1.2	9,532	9,649	40.5	1.2
McAllen	7,163	28.6	0.1	7,133	5,966	25.1	-16.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,036</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>24,874</b>	<b>23,809</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.3</b>

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 0.5%



Industrial City	09 vs. 10		Average YTD 09	Average YTD 10	YTD		
	Jun 10	%Share			%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Del Rio	42	9.5	-4.5	43	43	9.7	-0.4
Eagle Pass	21	4.7	-16.0	24	21	4.6	-13.3
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Harlingen	89	20.0	-5.3	94	91	20.4	-3.5
Laredo	175	39.4	-4.9	185	176	39.4	-4.8
McAllen	117	26.4	2.6	117	116	25.9	-1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.7</b>

(Industrial): Down 3.7%



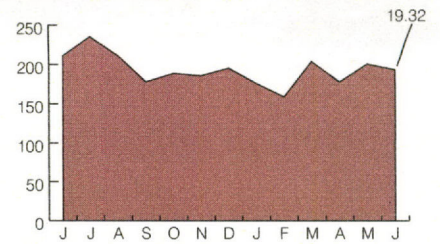
Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company  
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**Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)**

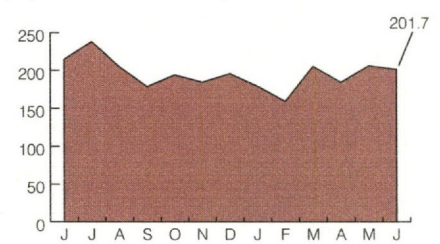
Arrivals City	09 vs. 10			YTD			
	Jun 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville		0.0	-100.0	35,652	27,440	2.5	-23.0
El Paso	135,212	70.0	5.9	661,164	690,372	62.2	4.4
Harlingen	31,198	16.1	-0.3	189,737	184,029	16.6	-3.0
Laredo	9,643	5.0	1.5	47,241	54,163	4.9	14.7
McAllen	17,138	8.9	-51.5	172,531	153,726	13.9	-10.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>193,191</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>1,106,325</b>	<b>1,109,730</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010  
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Down 8.4%



Departures City	09 vs. 10			YTD			
	Jun 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville		0.0	-100.0	37,882	29,454	2.6	-22.2
El Paso	140,199	69.5	9.2	671,667	703,870	61.9	4.8
Harlingen	32,880	16.3	2.1	196,652	190,616	16.8	-3.1
Laredo	9,984	4.9	8.0	47,216	52,875	4.7	12.0
McAllen	18,682	9.3	-50.0	177,644	159,877	14.1	-10.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>201,745</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>1,131,061</b>	<b>1,136,692</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>

(Departures – In Thousands): Down 6.0%



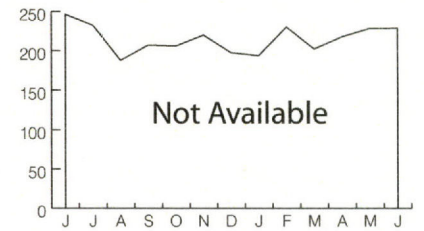
Source: Airports in cited cities

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

Cargo Type	09 vs. 10			YTD		
	Jun 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share

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Port of Brownsville Total Cargo  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010: N/A  
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



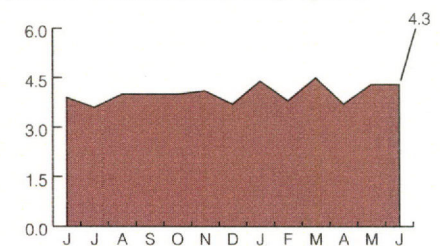
Source: Port of Brownsville

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

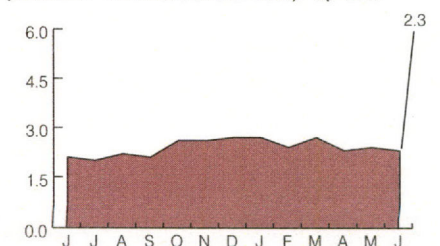
Inbound Cargo Type	09 vs. 10			YTD			
	Jun 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	26,924	0.6	232.9	57,552	130,661	0.5	127.0
Chemical	7,260	0.2	-52.9	63,116	53,184	0.2	-15.7
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	434,133	10.2	35.0	2,122,069	2,239,727	9.0	5.5
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	-100.0	16,197	4,691	0.0	-71.0
Liquid	2,578	0.1	0.0	18,434	135,227	0.5	633.6
Petroleum	3,788,346	88.9	5.5	22,385,157	22,432,956	89.7	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,259,242</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>24,662,526</b>	<b>24,996,446</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo  
Jun. 2009 vs. Jun. 2010  
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 1.4%



Outbound Cargo Type	09 vs. 10			YTD			
	Jun 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	2,851	0.1	60945.2	83,001	54,666	0.4	-34.1
Chemical	119,955	5.2	-11.0	429,554	650,560	4.4	51.5
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	145,189	6.2	26.6	1,197,071	1,019,210	6.8	-14.9
Grain Bulk	139,932	6.0	-40.0	1,750,618	1,549,740	10.4	-11.5
Liquid	0	0.0	N/A	0	62,434	0.4	N/A
Petroleum	1,917,083	82.5	19.1	10,757,937	11,553,186	77.6	7.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,325,010</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>14,218,180</b>	<b>14,889,796</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 4.7%



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

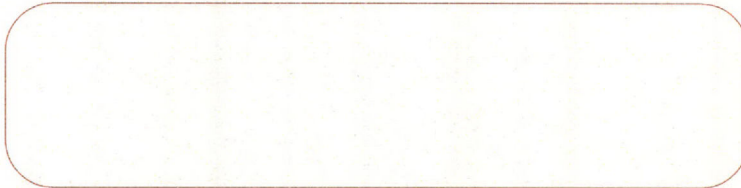
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Table 4. U.S. Exports to Mexico via U.S.-Mexico Border by Port

Port	In Unadjusted U.S. Dollars		Absolute	%
	June 2009 YTD	June 2010 YTD	\$ Change 09 vs. 10	Change 09 vs. 10
Brownsville	2,855,080,925	3,469,908,611	614,827,686	21.5
Del Rio	484,652,557	630,315,644	145,663,087	30.1
Eagle Pass	2,160,709,018	2,462,127,055	301,418,037	13.9
Laredo	20,104,885,064	27,688,886,700	7,584,001,636	37.7
Hidalgo-Pharr	4,361,654,530	4,073,981,280	-287,673,250	-6.6
Rio Grande	74,697,074	67,505,542	-7,191,532	-9.6
Progreso	111,233,797	77,572,943	-33,660,854	-30.3
Roma	33,155,667	28,970,867	-4,184,800	-12.6
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	-
Harlingen Int'l Airport	0	0	0	-
El Paso	8,637,450,604	11,344,000,448	2,706,549,844	31.3
Presidio	95,778,136	78,942,028	-16,836,108	-17.6
Fabens	566,839	510,160	-56,679	-10.0
Columbus	6,547,712	15,870,174	9,322,462	142.4
Santa Teresa	369,088,162	1,880,975,262	1,511,887,100	409.6
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	0	-
Andrade	227,455	226,671	-784	-0.3
Calexico	35,839,077	60,594,405	24,755,328	69.1
San Ysidro	66,347,740	99,732,923	33,385,183	50.3
Tecate	200,109,422	229,377,412	29,267,990	14.6
Otay Mesa Station	4,447,344,912	4,962,688,337	515,343,425	11.6
Calexico-East	1,679,746,146	2,222,120,529	542,374,383	32.3
Douglas	207,031,497	226,766,158	19,734,661	9.5
Lukeville	1,450,431	2,805,167	1,354,736	93.4
Naco	6,538,264	11,080,676	4,542,392	69.5
Nogales	2,802,139,461	3,459,571,427	657,431,966	23.5
Sasabe	761,969	149,462	-612,507	-80.4
San Luis	161,965,855	265,961,969	103,996,114	64.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,905,002,334</b>	<b>63,360,641,850</b>	<b>14,455,639,516</b>	<b>29.6</b>

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

Port	In Unadjusted U.S. Dollars		Absolute	%
	June 2009 YTD	June 2010 YTD	\$ Change 09 vs. 10	Change 09 vs. 10
Brownsville	1,687,450,594	2,513,241,355	825,790,761	48.9
Del Rio	548,672,077	849,081,638	300,409,561	54.8
Eagle Pass	3,482,427,856	5,186,662,480	1,704,234,624	48.9
Laredo	22,373,159,663	31,480,836,390	9,107,676,727	40.7
Hidalgo-Pharr	4,929,961,435	6,656,419,038	1,726,457,603	35.0
Rio Grande	54,667,501	58,258,004	3,590,503	6.6
Progreso	47,663,523	79,953,136	32,289,613	67.7
Roma	3,253,969	2,036,391	-1,217,578	-37.4
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	-
Harlingen Int'l Airport	0	0	0	-
El Paso	11,311,914,626	15,234,944,968	3,923,030,342	34.7
Presidio	47,918,956	54,977,253	7,058,297	14.7
Fabens	0	0	0	-
Columbus	8,799,531	9,627,563	828,032	9.4
Santa Teresa	879,751,457	3,715,355,174	2,835,603,717	322.3
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	0	-
Andrade	0	0	0	-
Calexico	0	0	0	-
San Ysidro	0	0	0	-
Tecate	244,445,197	258,439,352	13,994,155	5.7
Otay Mesa Station	8,663,079,270	9,545,990,662	882,911,392	10.2
Calexico-East	2,390,292,920	2,658,482,647	268,189,727	11.2
Douglas	319,478,169	396,012,094	76,533,925	24.0
Lukeville	179,730	323,226	143,496	79.8
Naco	3,836,265	6,439,472	2,603,207	67.9
Nogales	5,048,469,589	7,158,890,316	2,110,420,727	41.8
Sasabe	0	0	0	-
San Luis	274,492,612	330,202,136	55,709,524	20.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,319,914,940</b>	<b>86,196,173,295</b>	<b>23,876,258,355</b>	<b>38.3</b>

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