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## U.S.-Mexico Trade: Activity at the Major U.S.-Mexico Border Ports Are Up

U.S.-Mexico border ports processed \$96.6 billion or 79.5 percent of the total trade dollar value of U.S.-Mexico merchandise (\$121.4 billion) crossing the border for the period January-April 2010. Due to the double-digit increase in trade between the U.S. and Mexico, nine ports of entry handled over a \$3 billion in goods by the end of April 2010. Last year at the same period, only

eight border ports of entry surpassed the \$1 billion mark.

The list below shows the top three types of merchandise—SITC 2-Digit—crossing at the eight major U.S.-Mexico border ports of entry. Each port handled over \$1 billion in merchandise (both U.S. exports and imports) from January to April 2010.

—B. Garcia

### U.S. Exports to Mexico via Top U.S.-Mexico Border Ports (January-April 2010)

Port of Entry	Rank	SITC	Product Description	US\$ Value
Laredo, TX	1	78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	2,731,319,342
	2	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	1,617,365,024
	3	74	General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s., and machine parts, n.e.s.	1,173,203,526
El Paso, TX	1	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	1,667,408,621
	2	75	Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	1,096,930,828
	3	76	Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	509,403,040
Hidalgo/Pharr, TX	1	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	453,144,545
	2	76	Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	427,981,137
	3	74	General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s., and machine parts, n.e.s.	207,089,237
Otay Mesa Station, CA	1	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	541,433,643
	2	78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	245,267,906
	3	76	Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	229,501,857
Santa Teresa, NM	1	75	Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	488,829,844
	2	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	314,460,152
	3	76	Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	68,192,345
Nogales, AZ	1	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	430,628,956
	2	78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	289,424,372
	3	69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	131,210,769
Brownsville, TX	1	33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	290,786,254
	2	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	261,970,549
	3	51	Organic chemicals	174,973,073
Eagle Pass, TX	1	78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	214,789,014
	2	22	Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	185,498,155
	3	57	Plastics in primary forms	153,125,902
Calxico-East, CA	1	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	262,356,580
	2	78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	121,078,773
	3	69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	106,999,367

### U.S. Imports from Mexico via Top U.S.-Mexico Border Ports (January-April 2010)

Port of Entry	Rank	SITC	Product Description	US\$ Value
Laredo, TX	1	78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	5,642,314,963
	2	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	2,334,542,019
	3	76	Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	2,026,189,073

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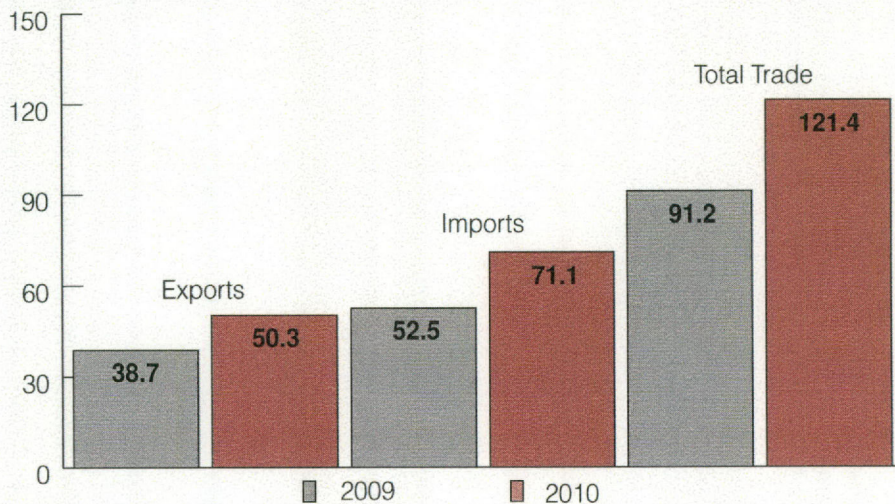
**Note from the Director**

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

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were up 0.9 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 6.1 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 6.2 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 17.9 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 12.8 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 3.5 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 49.7 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 7.6 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 10.2 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 1.4 percent.
- Total employment was up 2.0 percent, with 9,947 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in April 2010 was 8.8 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 66.0 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 59.6 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 1.3 percent, commercial were up 0.4 percent and industrial were down 3.3 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were up 0.4 percent, and departures were up 0.1 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 34.0 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went down 1.9 percent, and outbound cargo went up 3.0 percent.

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

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



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

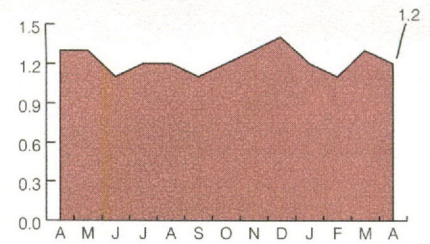
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**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Apr 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	179,552	15.2	-3.1		657,382	685,518	14.3	4.3
Del Rio	3,561	0.3	-31.9		19,571	13,928	0.3	-28.8
Eagle Pass	57,398	4.9	3.8		213,045	210,667	4.4	-1.1
El Paso	437,412	37.0	-2.7		1,622,006	1,711,918	35.8	5.5
Harlingen	23	0.0	0.0		58	77	0.0	32.8
Laredo	315,942	26.7	-5.4		1,325,439	1,255,166	26.3	-5.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	131,251	11.1	-6.8		382,020	507,460	10.6	32.8
Progreso	57,038	4.8	-30.1		515,903	395,539	8.3	-23.3
Rio Grande	20	0.0	-20.0		129	44	0.0	-65.9
Roma	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,182,197</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5.6</b>		<b>4,735,553</b>	<b>4,780,317</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010: Down 5.6%  
(In Millions)

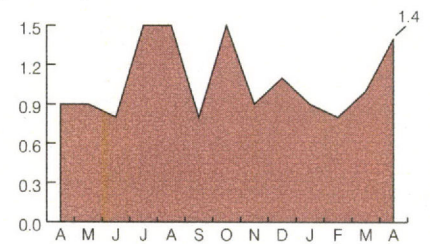


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Apr 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	203,210	14.1	-5.5		812,912	779,816	18.7	-4.1
Del Rio	6,015	0.4	-15.6		30,645	22,997	0.6	-25.0
Eagle Pass	60,252	4.2	-0.9		232,629	229,278	5.5	-1.4
El Paso	563,010	39.2	N/A		576,702	563,010	13.5	-2.4
Laredo	359,987	25.1	-5.6		1,523,229	1,456,476	35.0	-4.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	161,758	11.3	-7.8		644,664	626,154	15.0	-2.9
Presidio	2,329	0.2	N/A		2,217	2,329	0.1	5.1
Progreso	58,055	4.0	-30.3		519,324	401,570	9.6	-22.7
Rio Grande	1,327	0.1	-29.8		7,035	6,648	0.2	-5.5
Roma	20,231	1.4	-5.8		86,037	77,473	1.9	-10.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,436,174</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>51.8</b>		<b>4,435,394</b>	<b>4,165,751</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.1</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010: Up 51.8%  
(In Millions)

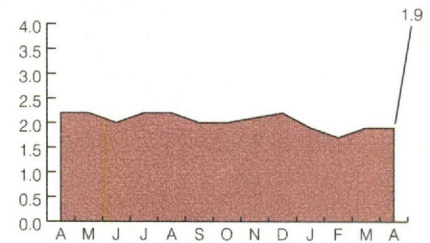


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Apr 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	329,705	17.8	-14.0		1,561,324	1,371,034	18.6	-12.2
Del Rio	111,352	6.0	-9.8		491,110	437,836	5.9	-10.8
Eagle Pass	215,161	11.6	-0.5		864,458	833,899	11.3	-3.5
El Paso	265,072	14.3	-12.6		1,147,743	1,022,351	13.8	-10.9
Harlingen	39,994	2.2	-25.0		208,325	166,813	2.3	-19.9
Laredo	386,351	20.8	-7.6		1,601,969	1,513,648	20.5	-5.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	343,423	18.5	-4.9		1,064,517	1,276,180	17.3	19.9
Pharr	99,053	5.3	-14.5		457,483	421,780	5.7	-7.8
Progreso	52,011	2.8	-24.7		293,713	232,993	3.2	-20.7
Rio Grande	14,633	0.8	-68.7		178,492	105,128	1.4	-41.1
Roma	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,856,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-11.2</b>		<b>7,869,134</b>	<b>7,381,662</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.2</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010: Down 11.2%  
(In Millions)

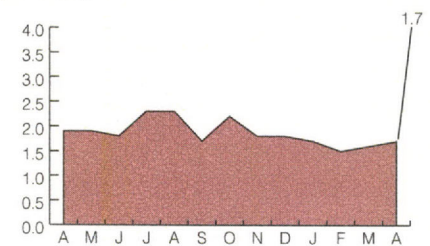


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Apr 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	328,590	19.1	-19.5		1,662,587	1,375,055	20.8	-17.3
Del Rio	113,000	6.6	-8.6		496,069	452,771	6.9	-8.7
Eagle Pass	143,123	8.3	-36.3		909,665	800,955	12.1	-12.0
El Paso	214,078	12.5	N/A		379,977	214,078	3.2	-43.7
Harlingen	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	357,145	20.8	-15.2		1,639,879	1,436,586	21.8	-12.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	248,920	14.5	-32.7		1,463,469	1,064,626	16.1	-27.3
Pharr	143,022	8.3	-10.4		637,422	614,188	9.3	-3.6
Presidio	53,881	3.1	N/A		56,065	53,881	0.8	-3.9
Progreso	56,053	3.3	-26.6		317,173	250,673	3.8	-21.0
Rio Grande	17,328	1.0	-66.5		200,289	119,096	1.8	-40.5
Roma	43,128	2.5	-39.0		279,993	220,594	3.3	-21.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,718,268</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-9.8</b>		<b>8,042,588</b>	<b>6,602,503</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-17.9</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010: Down 9.8%  
(In Millions)

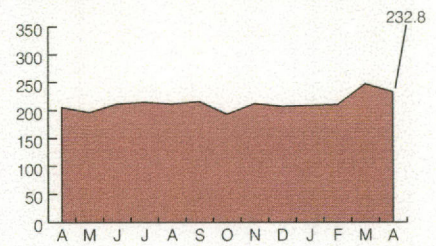


**Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Apr 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09		YTD 10		YTD	
			%Chg			%Share	%Chg		%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	15,333	6.6	11.5		53,938	60,628	6.7	12.4		
Del Rio	4,469	1.9	14.7		15,499	17,305	1.9	11.7		
Eagle Pass	7,310	3.1	27.1		24,062	28,038	3.1	16.5		
El Paso	27,565	11.8	13.5		93,329	103,766	11.5	11.2		
Harlingen	1,576	0.7	-4.8		6,732	6,297	0.7	-6.5		
Laredo	131,956	56.7	16.8		440,500	511,711	56.9	16.2		
McAllen-Hidalgo	262	0.1	-28.0		1,025	963	0.1	-6.0		
Pharr	39,728	17.1	12.2		138,084	150,730	16.8	9.2		
Progreso	2,786	1.2	-16.6		13,095	9,569	1.1	-26.9		
Rio Grande	1,813	0.8	-41.1		10,362	9,905	1.1	-4.4		
Roma	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
<b>Total</b>	<b>232,798</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13.8</b>		<b>796,626</b>	<b>898,912</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.8</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  
 Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010: Up 13.8%  
 (In Thousands)

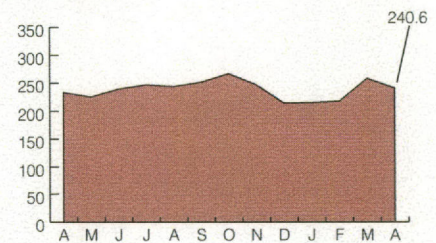


**Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Apr 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09		YTD 10		YTD	
			%Chg			%Share	%Chg		%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	14,818	6.2	11.2		50,923	58,437	6.3	14.8		
Del Rio	4,502	1.9	14.1		15,605	17,616	1.9	12.9		
Eagle Pass	7,759	3.2	20.3		26,240	29,872	3.2	13.8		
El Paso	61,137	25.4	16.1		192,990	234,584	25.2	21.6		
Falcon Heights	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Harlingen	2,260	0.9	8.2		9,237	9,561	1.0	3.5		
Laredo	102,377	42.5	-7.0		432,105	397,372	42.7	-8.0		
Pharr	39,711	16.5	11.7		139,959	153,544	16.5	9.7		
Presidio	877	0.4	62.1		2,049	3,002	0.3	46.5		
Progreso	4,690	1.9	-5.9		18,057	17,233	1.9	-4.6		
Rio Grande	1,940	0.8	-32.4		9,922	7,219	0.8	-27.2		
Roma	554	0.2	-7.8		2,315	2,228	0.2	-3.8		
<b>Total</b>	<b>240,625</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>		<b>899,402</b>	<b>930,668</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.5</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  
 Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010: Up 3.2%  
 (In Thousands)

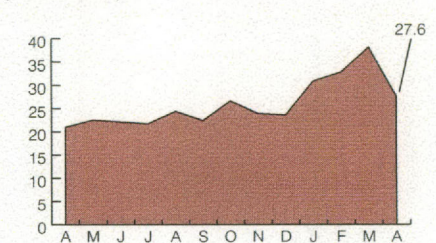


**Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Apr 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09		YTD 10		YTD	
			%Chg			%Share	%Chg		%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	2,717	9.8	12.7		11,830	10,817	8.4	-8.6		
Eagle Pass	8,902	32.2	30.1		25,578	33,078	25.6	29.3		
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Laredo	15,994	57.9	36.3		49,037	85,528	66.1	74.4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,613</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>31.6</b>		<b>86,445</b>	<b>129,423</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49.7</b>		

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

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities  
 Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010: Up 31.6%  
 (In Thousands)

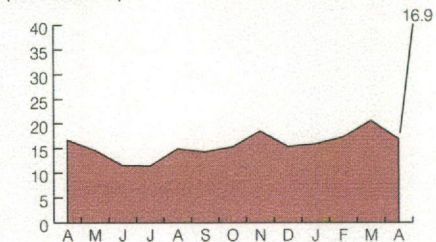


**Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Apr 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09		YTD 10		YTD	
			%Chg			%Share	%Chg		%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	786	4.7	46.6		2,535	2,759	3.9	8.8		
Eagle Pass	5,991	35.5	28.6		18,832	23,887	33.8	26.8		
El Paso	2,172	12.9	-62.2		22,400	9,526	13.5	-57.5		
Laredo	7,930	47.0	38.3		21,906	34,476	48.8	57.4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,879</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>		<b>65,673</b>	<b>70,648</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7.6</b>		

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities  
 Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010: Up 1.2%  
 (In Thousands)



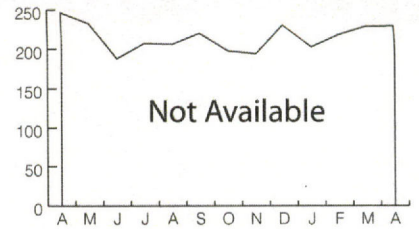
**Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)**

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

Data was not available at press time.  
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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  
Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010: **N/A**  
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

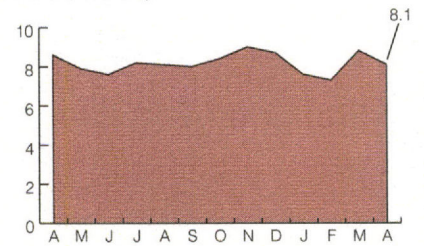


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)**

City	Apr 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	964,093	11.9	2.3		3,753,029	3,914,324	12.3	4.3
Del Rio	336,868	4.2	-6.7		1,433,756	1,724,407	5.4	20.3
Eagle Pass	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
El Paso	1,334,153	16.4	6.6		4,615,100	5,087,164	16.0	10.2
Harlingen	134,423	1.7	-13.1		607,133	553,652	1.7	-8.8
Laredo	3,583,837	44.2	7.9		12,936,968	13,911,045	43.7	7.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	853,394	10.5	-4.7		2,622,541	3,180,680	10.0	21.3
Pharr	905,668	11.2	7.5		2,918,193	3,451,341	10.8	18.3
Rio Grande	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,112,437</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>		<b>28,886,720</b>	<b>31,822,614</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.2</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  
Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010: **Up 4.4%**  
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

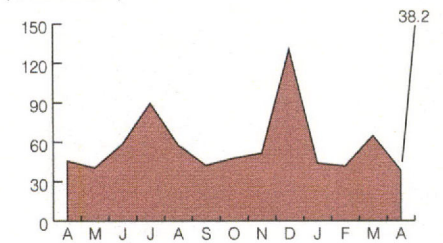


**Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico**

City	Apr 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	5,375	14.1	52.9		17,153	22,551	12.0	31.5
Del Rio	466	1.2	3.3		2,195	2,111	1.1	-3.8
Eagle Pass	1,904	5.0	-11.2		8,650	8,294	4.4	-4.1
El Paso	7,255	19.0	3.6		26,002	33,122	17.6	27.4
Falcon Heights	114	0.3	-76.6		1,623	762	0.4	-53.0
Laredo	14,180	37.1	-22.5		77,024	73,120	38.9	-5.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	6,989	18.3	-22.3		39,693	36,181	19.2	-8.8
Presidio	675	1.8	-23.3		4,021	3,434	1.8	-14.6
Progreso	504	1.3	-54.1		4,675	3,110	1.7	-33.5
Rio Grande	95	0.2	-85.1		2,282	981	0.5	-57.0
Roma	620	1.6	-68.5		7,334	4,404	2.3	-40.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,177</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-16.1</b>		<b>190,652</b>	<b>188,070</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.4</b>

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities  
Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010: **Down 16.1%**  
(In Thousands)

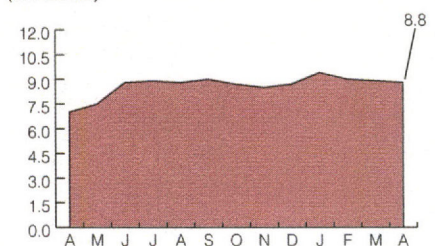


**Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)**

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		09 vs. 10		Gain/Loss
	Apr 10	Apr 10		Apr 10	YTD 09	YTD 10	Emp %Chg	
Brownsville	60,983	7,858	11.4	57,996	60,373	4.1		2,377
Del Rio	15,713	1,485	8.6	15,070	15,678	4.0		608
El Paso	245,751	23,195	8.6	239,152	243,368	1.8		4,216
Harlingen	24,597	2,257	8.4	23,528	24,351	3.5		823
Laredo	83,916	7,552	8.3	83,487	83,027	-0.6		-459
McAllen	59,108	4,962	7.7	56,839	58,464	2.9		1,626
Pharr	24,136	2,585	9.7	23,174	23,931	3.3		757
<b>Total</b>	<b>514,204</b>	<b>49,894</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>499,245</b>	<b>509,192</b>	<b>2.0</b>		<b>9,947</b>
Texas Unemployment Rate			8.1					
U.S. Unemployment Rate			9.5					

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

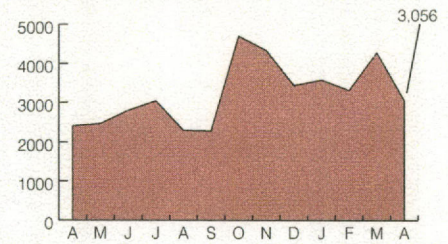
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined  
Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010: **Up 25.7%**  
(In Percent)



**Building Permits**

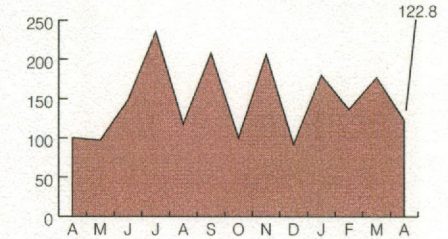
Number City	09 vs. 10			YTD 09	YTD 10	YTD	
	Apr 10	%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	847	631	4.4	-25.5
Del Rio	58	1.9	N/A	123	269	1.9	118.7
Eagle Pass	29	0.9	-6.5	81	119	0.8	46.9
El Paso	2,592	84.8	100.8	4,544	10,964	77.0	141.3
Harlingen	182	6.0	-3.7	791	783	5.5	-1.0
Laredo	195	6.4	-51.1	1,112	727	5.1	-34.6
McAllen	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,077	745	5.2	-30.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,056</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>8,575</b>	<b>14,238</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>66.0</b>

Building Permits All Cited Cities  
Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010  
(Number of Permits): Up 27.0%



Dollar Value City	09 vs. 10			YTD 09	YTD 10	YTD	
	Apr 10	%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	47,617,948	60,239,938	9.8	26.5
Del Rio	1,120,441	0.9	N/A	8,667,454	10,802,613	1.8	24.6
Eagle Pass	855,077	0.7	-43.9	3,477,035	7,523,297	1.2	116.4
El Paso	97,610,107	79.5	45.8	238,998,326	416,356,310	67.6	74.2
Harlingen	8,384,109	6.8	136.9	10,675,877	20,138,830	3.3	88.6
Laredo	14,822,382	12.1	56.5	44,843,499	76,707,185	12.5	71.1
McAllen	N/A	N/A	N/A	31,842,237	24,314,191	3.9	-23.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,792,116</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>386,122,375</b>	<b>616,082,363</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>59.6</b>

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Up 22.2%

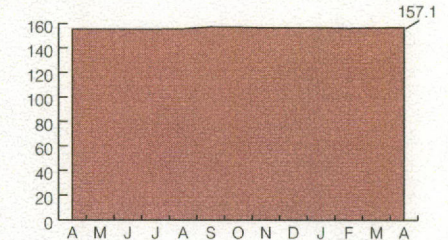


Source: Permit Departments in cited cities  
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**Power Connections (in Service)**

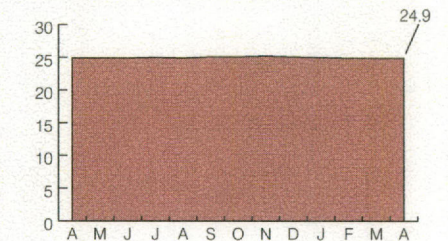
Residential City	09 vs. 10			Average YTD 09	Average YTD 10	YTD	
	Apr 10	%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	15,537	9.9	0.7	15,396	15,515	9.9	0.8
Eagle Pass	11,584	7.4	1.1	11,399	11,601	7.4	1.8
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	24,966	15.9	0.9	24,667	24,873	15.9	0.8
Laredo	64,937	41.3	1.2	63,911	64,753	41.3	1.3
McAllen	40,123	25.5	1.4	39,506	40,082	25.6	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,147</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>154,879</b>	<b>156,824</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>

Power Connections All Cited Cities  
Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010  
(Residential – In Thousands): Up 1.2%



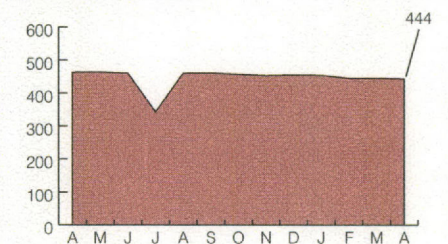
Commercial City	09 vs. 10			Average YTD 09	Average YTD 10	YTD	
	Apr 10	%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,368	9.5	-0.5	2,383	2,374	9.5	-0.4
Eagle Pass	1,672	6.7	-0.5	1,678	1,668	6.7	-0.6
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,148	16.6	0.0	4,146	4,147	16.6	0.0
Laredo	9,620	38.6	0.9	9,522	9,643	38.6	1.3
McAllen	7,124	28.6	-0.1	7,122	7,127	28.6	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,932</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>24,851</b>	<b>24,959</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>

(Commercial – In Thousands): Up 0.2%



Industrial City	09 vs. 10			Average YTD 09	Average YTD 10	YTD	
	Apr 10	%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	43	9.7	0.0	43	44	9.7	1.2
Eagle Pass	21	4.7	-4.5	23	21	4.6	-11.8
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	91	20.5	-4.2	94	92	20.5	-2.4
Laredo	175	39.4	-5.9	185	176	39.4	-4.7
McAllen	114	25.7	-3.4	118	116	25.9	-1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.3</b>

(Industrial): Down 4.3%

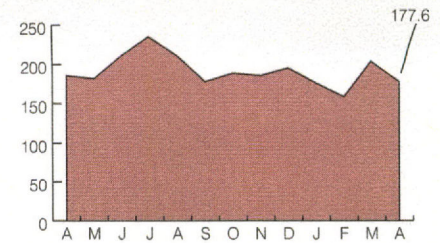


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**Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)**

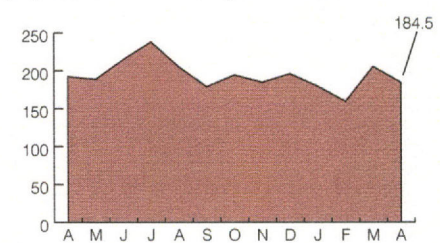
Arrivals	09 vs. 10			YTD			
City	Apr 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	23,468	20,690	2.9	-11.8
El Paso	110,941	62.5	-0.5	420,012	428,271	59.8	2.0
Harlingen	30,638	17.2	-4.2	130,888	123,117	17.2	-5.9
Laredo	9,236	5.2	22.0	30,298	35,223	4.9	16.3
McAllen	26,814	15.1	-6.9	108,655	108,794	15.2	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>177,629</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>713,321</b>	<b>716,095</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>

**Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities**  
Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010  
(Arrivals – In Thousands): **Down 4.4%**



Departures	09 vs. 10			YTD			
City	Apr 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	24,950	22,148	3.0	-11.2
El Paso	114,438	62.0	0.0	425,619	433,867	59.5	1.9
Harlingen	33,396	18.1	-1.2	136,016	127,039	17.4	-6.6
Laredo	8,741	4.7	12.9	30,353	33,722	4.6	11.1
McAllen	27,935	15.1	-6.7	110,805	112,011	15.4	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>184,510</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>727,743</b>	<b>728,787</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>

(Departures – In Thousands): **Down 4.0%**

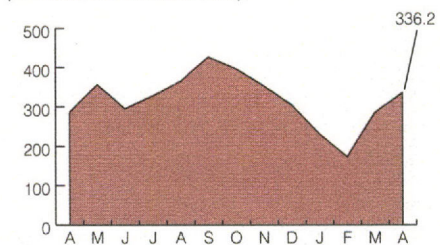


Source: Airports in cited cities

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

Cargo Type	Apr 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	67,407	20.1	-16.8	412,753	226,726	22.1	-45.1
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	271	0.1	-45.3	364,480	7,342	0.7	-98.0
Machinery	2,065	0.6	N/A	59	5,413	0.5	9018.6
Ores-Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other	8	0.0	-99.7	5,773	9	0.0	-99.8
Petroleum	266,430	79.3	31.4	772,371	786,923	76.7	1.9
Steel-Other Materials	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>336,180</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>1,555,436</b>	<b>1,026,412</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-34.0</b>

**Port of Brownsville Total Cargo**  
Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010: **Up 17.2%**  
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



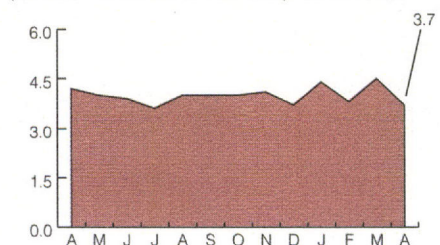
Source: Port of Brownsville

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

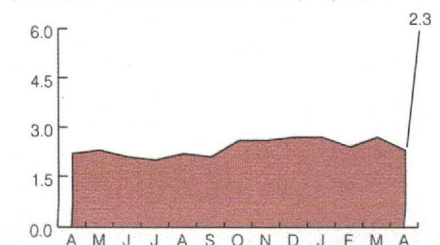
Inbound	09 vs. 10			YTD			
Cargo Type	Apr 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	9,151	0.2	-7.7	37,677	82,092	0.5	117.9
Chemical	10,724	0.3	-18.4	38,787	36,734	0.2	-5.3
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	246,850	6.6	-17.7	1,393,543	1,451,157	8.8	4.1
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	1,623	3,191	0.0	96.6
Liquid	36,580	1.0	480.5	18,434	132,649	0.8	619.6
Petroleum	3,431,712	91.9	-11.8	15,261,374	14,732,385	89.6	-3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,735,018</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-11.5</b>	<b>16,751,439</b>	<b>16,438,208</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.9</b>

**Port of Corpus Christi Cargo**  
Apr. 2009 vs. Apr. 2010  
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): **Down 11.5%**



Outbound	09 vs. 10			YTD			
Cargo Type	Apr 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	25,424	1.1	-6.6	76,407	48,354	0.5	-36.7
Chemical	112,993	4.9	23.3	241,021	441,487	4.4	83.2
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	239,962	10.3	-15.7	822,718	738,905	7.3	-10.2
Grain Bulk	81,406	3.5	-39.4	1,379,927	1,147,857	11.3	-16.8
Liquid	12,920	0.6	N/A	0	55,623	0.5	N/A
Petroleum	1,850,332	79.7	9.1	7,313,680	7,697,499	76.0	5.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,323,036</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>9,833,754</b>	<b>10,129,726</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): **Up 4.0%**



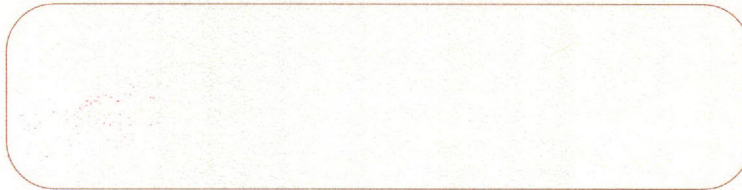
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**U.S. Imports from Mexico via Top U.S.-Mexico Border Ports  
 (January-April 2010)  
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El Paso, TX	1	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	2,015,952,539
	2	76	Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1,627,814,806
	3	78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	1,482,441,611
Otay Mesa Station, CA	1	76	Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	2,471,723,216
	2	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	618,119,662
	3	78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	553,178,827
Nogales, AZ	1	78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	1,781,350,493
	2	05	Vegetables and fruit	1,241,685,651
	3	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	486,355,350
Hidalgo/Pharr, TX	1	76	Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1,103,053,341
	2	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	675,637,658
	3	05	Vegetables and fruit	616,290,545
Eagle Pass, TX	1	78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	1,947,311,834
	2	84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	221,835,956
	3	11	Beverages	215,617,693
Santa Teresa, NM	1	75	Office machines and automatic data-processing machines	1,954,143,744
	2	97	Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	116,064,857
	3	68	Non-ferrous metals	81,844,532
Calexico-East, CA	1	76	Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	338,769,846
	2	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	247,876,789
	3	05	Vegetables and fruit	213,258,291
Brownsville, TX	1	77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., and electrical parts thereof (including non-electrical counterparts, n.e.s., of electrical household-type equipment)	288,614,911
	2	78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	241,592,208
	3	76	Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	127,417,493

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of The Census, Foreign Trade Division