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U.S.-Mexico Trade: 2005 Figures End Higher than 2004

After 2004 dollar value figures were tabulated for U.S.-Mexico trade, the highest ever recorded trade dollar value in 2000 (\$247.6 billion) was supplanted by those of 2004 (\$266.6 billion). At the end of 2005, these trade figures surpassed those of 2004 making them the highest. Trade between the two countries have shown increases since the liberalization of trade with the exception of 2001-2003 periods where trade was relatively flat.

In the first quarter 2005, estimates pointed towards continued increases in U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico. Although these estimates indicated gains in trade, these increases were not at the double-digit rates experienced in 2004. Yet, these trends held steady throughout the year at an average rate between 8 and 10 percent.

2005 exports dollar value finished with an 8.3 percent increase above last year's, and imports dollar value ended with a 9.2 percent increase over 2004. Therefore, total trade ended with a 8.9 percent increase (\$290.2 billion in total trade value) over 2004—\$266.6 billion (See Table 1). Along with the trade values, the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico also grew—\$50.2 billion in 2005 compared to \$45.0 billion in 2004.

The handling of merchandise (80 percent of the trade dollar value) in U.S. -Mexico trade is done primarily via border ports of entry. Tables 2 through 6 delineate the activity at the border and the 27 ports of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border in terms of the dollar value of U.S. exports to Mexico, and U.S. imports from Mexico passing through them respectively.

—B. Garcia

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

	2004 Total	2005 Total	'04 vs. '05 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	110.8	120.0	8.3
U.S. Imports from Mexico	155.8	170.2	9.2
Total Trade	266.6	290.2	8.9

Table 2
U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2004 Total	2005 Total	'04 vs. '05 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	93.6	100.2	7.1
U.S. Imports from Mexico	124.6	132.1	6.0
Total Trade	218.2	232.3	6.5

Table 3
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade Processed by Texas Border Ports
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2004 Total	2005 Total	'04 vs. '05 Percent Change
Texas Border Ports	169.8	178.3	5.0
Other U.S.-Mexico Border Ports	48.4	54.0	11.6
Total Trade	218.2	232.3	6.5

Note: Figures may not match due to rounding.

Table 4
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade
Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2004 Total	2005 Total	'04 vs. '05 Percent Change
Brownsville	10,761,096,851	11,451,023,837	6.4
Del Rio	2,797,360,229	3,038,923,035	8.6
Eagle Pass	6,875,116,445	7,690,076,988	11.9
Laredo	89,682,667,340	93,829,400,567	4.6
Hidalgo	15,877,243,660	18,266,865,446	15.1
Rio Grande	220,992,652	234,126,659	5.9
Progreso	142,610,696	135,994,031	-4.6
Roma	79,755,879	78,194,044	-2.0
Edinburg Airport	0	465,300	-
El Paso	42,898,696,624	43,136,082,287	0.6
Presidio	409,543,159	390,263,199	-4.7
Fabens	32,432,624	5,002,327	-84.6
Columbus	68,419,202	52,560,843	-23.2
Santa Teresa	1,157,163,120	1,179,860,548	2.0
Santa Teresa Airport	25,157	7,875	-68.7
Andrade	2,784,675	2,823,635	1.4
Calexico	9,553,562	12,417,598	30.0
San Ysidro	37,854,529	138,115,839	264.9
Tecate	1,004,500,597	1,157,201,922	15.2
Otay Mesa Station	22,289,588,298	24,448,305,636	9.7
Calexico-East	9,942,820,844	10,750,239,111	8.1
Douglas	764,215,941	1,118,104,400	46.3
Lukeville	9,295,138	15,207,732	63.6
Naco	85,700,340	109,985,425	28.3
Nogales	12,076,686,991	14,067,392,392	16.5
Sasabe	20,652,038	5,587,023	-72.9
San Luis	948,721,545	978,776,927	3.2
Total	218,195,498,136	232,293,004,626	6.5

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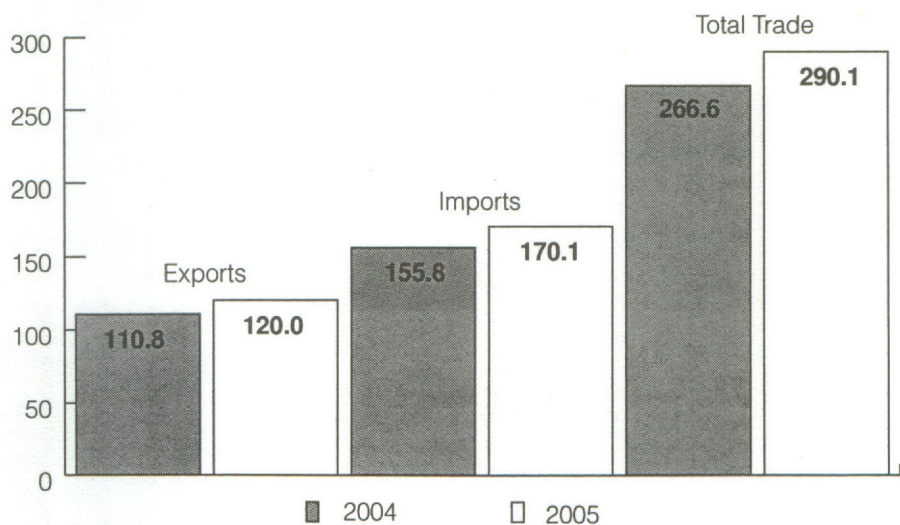
Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity for December 2005 end-of-year (EOY) demonstrated fifteen indicators increased and seven decreased. 2005 EOY comparisons to 2004 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico down 4.7 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 5.3 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 1.8 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 3.7 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 5.5 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 4.4 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 4.8 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 3.9 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 12.5 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 1.7 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 4.6 percent.
- Total employment was up 0.6 percent, with 2,693 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in December 2005 was 5.4 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 15.8 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 16.5 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.4 percent, commercial were up 2.4 percent and industrial were down 0.8 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were up 8.4 percent, and departures were up 8.3 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville increased 4.4 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 3.4 percent, and outbound cargo went down 2.1 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

December 2005 End-of-Year
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



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

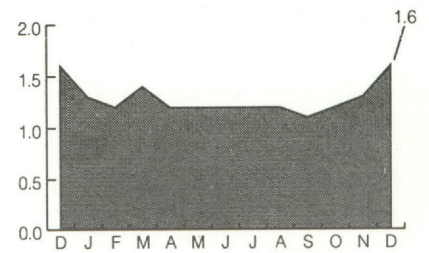
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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Dec 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	241,500	14.8	8.8		2,392,260	2,212,799	14.5	-7.5
Del Rio	4,276	0.3	-27.2		70,438	50,050	0.3	-28.9
Eagle Pass	67,576	4.2	0.1		612,390	618,217	4.1	1.0
El Paso	553,906	34.0	-9.4		5,930,117	5,569,782	36.6	-6.1
Harlingen	72	0.0	30.9		1,006	1,109	0.0	10.2
Laredo	446,399	27.4	0.5		4,152,408	3,990,423	26.2	-3.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	161,546	9.9	15.7		1,359,223	1,389,418	9.1	2.2
Progreso	131,153	8.1	2.7		1,299,493	1,235,911	8.1	-4.9
Rio Grande	83	0.0	-4.6		2,332	1,649	0.0	-29.3
Roma	21,749	1.3	47.3		146,132	151,713	1.0	3.8
Total	1,628,260	100.0	-0.3		15,965,799	15,221,071	100.0	-4.7

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005: Down 0.3%
(In Millions)

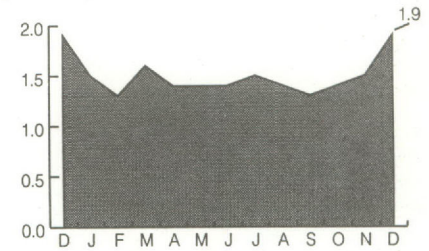


Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Dec 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	284,621	14.8	7.0		2,715,080	2,665,373	15.0	-1.8
Del Rio	6,342	0.3	-27.1		108,820	79,034	0.4	-27.4
Eagle Pass	75,432	3.9	0.0		722,275	699,812	3.9	-3.1
El Paso	695,259	36.2	-4.0		7,500,916	6,765,909	38.0	-9.8
Laredo	495,365	25.8	-0.5		4,642,340	4,413,531	24.8	-4.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	208,024	10.8	22.0		1,662,079	1,692,017	9.5	1.8
Presidio	2,820	0.1	7.8		25,974	24,521	0.1	-5.6
Progreso	127,379	6.6	0.8		1,206,378	1,223,254	6.9	1.4
Rio Grande	1,321	0.1	29.8		12,305	12,150	0.1	-1.3
Roma	24,576	1.3	24.3		192,345	211,740	1.2	10.1
Total	1,921,139	100.0	1.5		18,788,512	17,787,341	100.0	-5.3

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005: Up 1.5%
(In Millions)

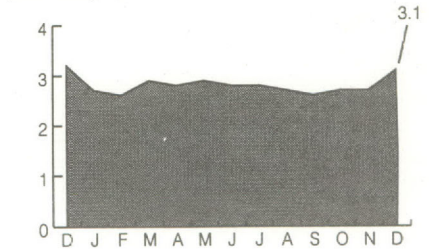


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Dec 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	617,456	19.9	-1.4		6,743,918	6,760,870	20.3	0.3
Del Rio	159,508	5.1	-2.6		1,844,521	1,698,070	5.1	-7.9
Eagle Pass	305,431	9.8	-4.4		3,221,196	3,173,365	9.5	-1.5
El Paso	438,317	14.1	5.6		4,439,944	4,745,048	14.2	6.9
Harlingen	68,641	2.2	3.5		696,777	701,411	2.1	0.7
Laredo	598,693	19.3	-8.6		6,967,107	6,460,361	19.4	-7.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	513,987	16.5	-2.3		5,523,913	5,457,785	16.4	-1.2
Pharr	159,337	5.1	-7.3		1,783,437	1,708,415	5.1	-4.2
Progreso	91,648	2.9	-2.4		1,057,407	1,012,235	3.0	-4.3
Rio Grande	57,521	1.9	-0.1		604,227	598,867	1.8	-0.9
Roma	97,765	3.1	-6.2		1,072,716	1,027,943	3.1	-4.2
Total	3,108,304	100.0	-2.8		33,955,163	33,344,370	100.0	-1.8

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005: Down 2.8%
(In Millions)

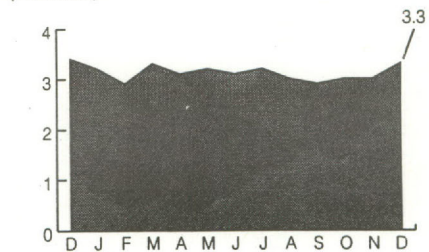


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Dec 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	607,349	18.3	-0.4		6,753,606	6,781,908	18.2	0.4
Del Rio	162,408	4.9	1.2		1,857,976	1,820,274	4.9	-2.0
Eagle Pass	305,138	9.2	-3.3		3,341,981	3,293,491	8.9	-1.5
El Paso	622,177	18.8	-0.1		7,621,214	7,096,912	19.1	-6.9
Harlingen	73,020	2.2	6.1		787,040	781,394	2.1	-0.7
Laredo	552,250	16.7	-7.9		6,968,532	6,491,987	17.5	-6.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	466,982	14.1	-4.1		5,206,757	5,165,431	13.9	-0.8
Pharr	210,202	6.3	-0.7		2,425,927	2,309,882	6.2	-4.8
Presidio	69,179	2.1	4.9		739,362	741,549	2.0	0.3
Progreso	92,826	2.8	-3.0		1,149,620	1,020,124	2.7	-11.3
Rio Grande	58,360	1.8	-5.0		685,113	663,969	1.8	-3.1
Roma	90,466	2.7	-7.5		1,079,517	1,025,699	2.8	-5.0
Total	3,310,357	100.0	-2.5		38,616,645	37,192,620	100.0	-3.7

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005: Down 2.5%
(In Millions)



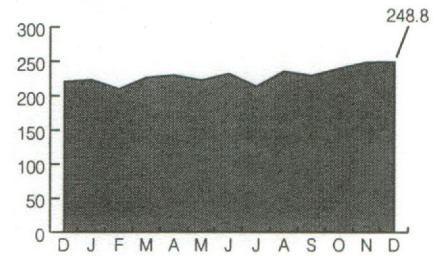
Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Dec 05	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	EOY	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	16,870	6.8	6.8	201,447	208,593	7.6	3.5
Del Rio	5,079	2.0	54.3	63,183	78,371	2.8	24.0
Eagle Pass	7,152	2.9	-1.0	98,211	95,804	3.5	-2.5
El Paso	22,985	9.2	3.2	292,288	306,406	11.1	4.8
Harlingen	3,178	1.3	11.4	37,026	43,238	1.6	16.8
Laredo	154,609	62.2	16.2	1,464,908	1,543,379	56.0	5.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	2,764	1.1	51.9	22,367	22,068	0.8	-1.3
Pharr	30,225	12.2	5.0	369,939	389,912	14.2	5.4
Progreso	2,506	1.0	26.5	23,884	23,974	0.9	0.4
Rio Grande	2,485	1.0	0.4	28,336	33,333	1.2	17.6
Roma	910	0.4	13.5	10,622	9,965	0.4	-6.2
Total	248,763	100.0	12.9	2,612,211	2,755,043	100.0	5.5

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
Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005: Up 12.9%
(In Thousands)



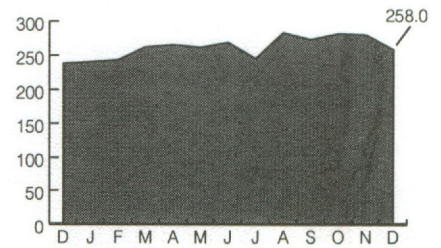
Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Dec 05	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	EOY	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	15,918	6.2	8.8	186,947	192,060	6.1	2.7
Del Rio	4,630	1.8	15.7	64,061	64,075	2.0	0.0
Eagle Pass	7,327	2.8	-2.8	100,100	97,729	3.1	-2.4
El Paso	56,877	22.0	2.5	723,669	740,654	23.4	2.3
Harlingen	2,536	1.0	-6.0	39,342	42,580	1.3	8.2
Laredo	125,341	48.6	11.4	1,380,414	1,455,607	46.1	5.4
Pharr	37,808	14.7	10.1	454,351	483,889	15.3	6.5
Presidio	850	0.3	23.0	7,433	5,763	0.2	-22.5
Progreso	2,412	0.9	26.5	23,064	23,807	0.8	3.2
Rio Grande	3,637	1.4	5.6	40,815	46,308	1.5	13.5
Roma	666	0.3	0.9	8,407	8,270	0.3	-1.6
Falcon Heights	5	0.0	25.0	103	76	0.0	-26.2
Total	258,007	100.0	8.5	3,028,706	3,160,818	100.0	4.4

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
Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005: Up 8.5%
(In Thousands)



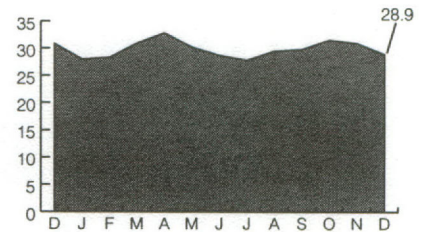
Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Dec 05	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	EOY	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	3,513	12.2	10.8	34,917	38,585	10.8	10.5
Eagle Pass	6,403	22.2	10.9	67,889	77,619	21.7	14.3
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	18,961	65.7	-13.1	238,266	241,074	67.5	1.2
Total	28,877	100.0	-6.1	341,072	357,278	100.0	4.8

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005: Down 6.1%
(In Thousands)

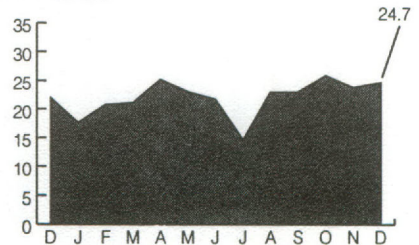


Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Dec 05	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	EOY	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	367	1.5	-57.1	6,266	6,820	2.6	8.8
Eagle Pass	3,918	15.8	149.4	19,451	25,211	9.5	29.6
El Paso	7,752	31.3	16.0	58,565	65,522	24.8	11.9
Laredo	12,696	51.3	-1.0	170,248	166,894	63.1	-2.0
Total	24,733	100.0	12.8	254,530	264,447	100.0	3.9

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005: Up 12.8%
(In Thousands)

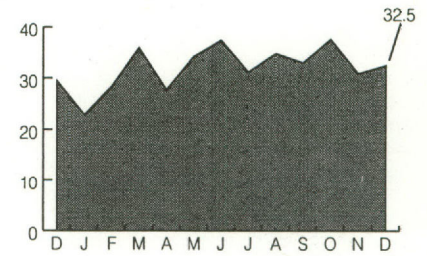


Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Dec 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	2,080,417	6.4	-14.4		27,141,695	30,149,680	7.8	11.1
Del Rio	130,498	0.4	6.1		1,323,520	1,439,326	0.4	8.7
Eagle Pass	1,890,755	5.8	64.4		11,133,910	15,848,918	4.1	42.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	4,560,329	14.0	13.0		46,371,061	49,936,146	12.9	7.7
Laredo	23,740,769	73.1	10.1		256,350,495	287,889,059	74.5	12.3
Progreso	34,836	0.1	-7.6		350,610	338,723	0.1	-3.4
Rio Grande	18,764	0.1	17.4		307,821	254,120	0.1	-17.4
Roma	31,859	0.1	-18.3		423,125	437,852	0.1	3.5
Total	32,488,225	100.0	10.5		343,402,235	386,293,826	100.0	12.5

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
 Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005: Up 10.5%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

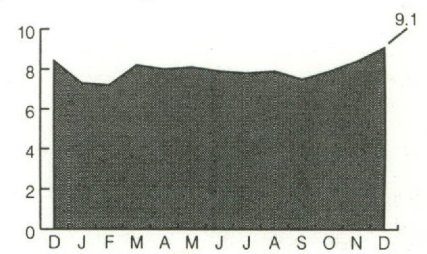


Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)

City	Dec 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,430,118	15.7	11.8		14,160,980	14,557,339	15.3	2.8
Del Rio	323,904	3.6	-6.2		4,091,353	3,457,111	3.6	-15.5
Eagle Pass	654,997	7.2	-5.5		7,010,186	6,968,640	7.3	-0.6
El Paso	1,607,844	17.6	34.1		13,434,252	14,593,843	15.3	8.6
Harlingen	206,333	2.3	14.4		1,971,283	2,129,805	2.2	8.0
Laredo	2,949,357	32.3	0.0		33,179,766	33,059,940	34.8	-0.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	1,096,102	12.0	12.7		10,215,420	11,374,711	12.0	11.3
Pharr	588,490	6.5	-2.2		7,094,069	6,635,842	7.0	-6.5
Roma	265,703	2.9	17.3		2,345,665	2,350,125	2.5	0.2
Total	9,122,849	100.0	8.0		93,502,973	95,127,356	100.0	1.7

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
 Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005: Up 8.0%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

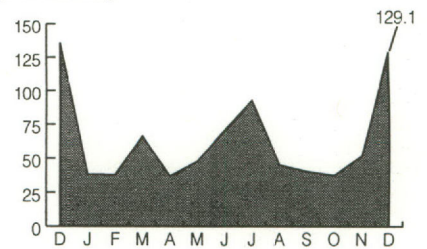


Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Dec 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	2,668	2.1	8.3		11,061	9,499	1.4	-14.1
El Paso	26,280	20.4	-10.8		136,681	134,905	19.4	-1.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	20,336	15.7	-6.4		150,086	140,377	20.2	-6.5
Brownsville	15,422	11.9	-4.9		86,824	87,791	12.7	1.1
Laredo	58,603	45.4	-2.2		306,675	285,951	41.2	-6.8
Eagle Pass	5,822	4.5	-0.2		35,751	35,351	5.1	-1.1
Total	129,131	100.0	-4.8		727,078	693,874	100.0	-4.6

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
 Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005: Down 4.8%
 (In Thousands)



Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		04 vs. 05 Emp %Chg	Gain/Loss EOY
	Dec 05	Dec 05		EOY 04	EOY 05		
Brownsville	57,419	3,649	6.0	48,123	56,296	17.0	8,173
Del Rio	14,629	875	5.6	15,450	14,494	-6.2	-956
El Paso	244,505	14,415	5.6	247,700	243,542	-1.7	-4,158
Harlingen	24,388	1,405	5.4	27,636	23,911	-13.5	-3,725
Laredo	78,474	3,925	4.8	76,756	76,181	-0.7	-575
McAllen	55,286	2,663	4.6	54,013	53,593	-0.8	-420
Pharr	21,051	1,146	5.2	16,052	20,407	27.1	4,354
Total	495,752	28,078	5.4	485,730	488,424	0.6	2,693
Texas Unemployment Rate			4.8				
U.S. Unemployment Rate			4.6				

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

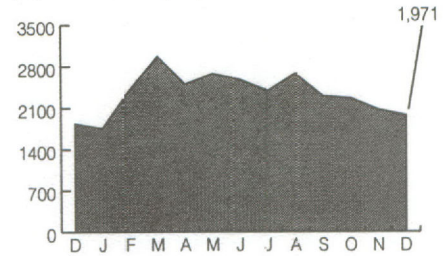
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
 Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005: Up 28.0%
 (In Percent)



Building Permits

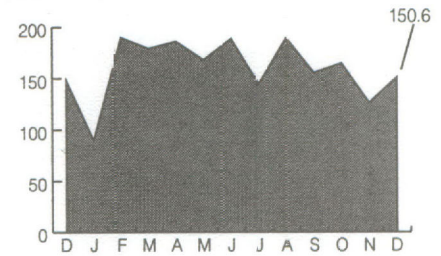
Number City	04 vs. 05			EOY			
	Dec 05	%Share	%Chg	EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	257	13.0	3.2	3,830	3,487	12.2	-9.0
Del Rio	169	8.6	576.0	957	2,071	7.2	116.4
Eagle Pass	29	1.5	-17.1	558	564	2.0	1.1
El Paso	773	39.2	-13.3	11,402	12,681	44.4	11.2
Harlingen	304	15.4	75.7	1,302	3,280	11.5	151.9
Laredo	262	13.3	-8.1	3,957	4,331	15.2	9.5
McAllen	177	9.0	1.7	2,672	2,156	7.5	-19.3
Total	1,971	100.0	7.5	24,678	28,570	100.0	15.8

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005
(Number of Permits): Up 7.5%



Dollar Value City	04 vs. 05			EOY			
	Dec 05	%Share	%Chg	EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	24,201,979	16.1	43.6	252,388,529	262,092,766	13.6	3.8
Del Rio	1,015,324	0.7	-72.4	31,455,126	26,209,774	1.4	-16.7
Eagle Pass	4,644,608	3.1	-71.1	56,045,605	50,568,169	2.6	-9.8
El Paso	53,983,026	35.8	14.2	573,965,094	895,972,460	46.5	56.1
Harlingen	8,858,340	5.9	23.8	117,421,211	80,012,166	4.1	-31.9
Laredo	40,312,775	26.8	0.2	390,806,480	415,076,414	21.5	6.2
McAllen	17,600,739	11.7	3.1	232,907,424	198,541,160	10.3	-14.8
Total	150,616,791	100.0	1.5	1,654,989,469	1,928,472,910	100.0	16.5

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.): Up 1.5%

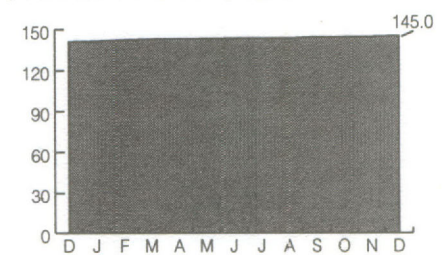


Source: Permit Departments in cited cities
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Power Connections (in Service)

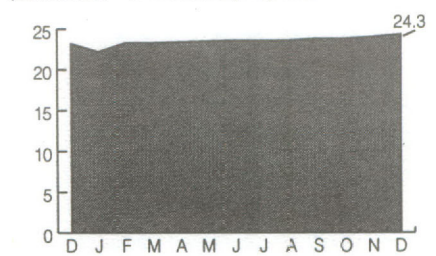
Residential City	04 vs. 05			Average		EOY	
	Dec 05	%Share	%Chg	EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	14,671	10.1	0.7	14,587	14,680	10.2	0.6
Eagle Pass	10,872	7.5	2.8	10,478	10,763	7.5	2.7
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	23,265	16.0	2.0	22,751	23,099	16.1	1.5
Laredo	58,997	40.7	4.0	56,317	58,116	40.5	3.2
McAllen	37,154	25.6	2.4	35,853	36,737	25.6	2.5
Total	144,959	100.0	2.8	139,986	143,395	100.0	2.4

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 2.8%



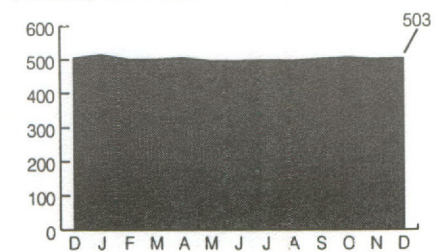
Commercial City	04 vs. 05			Average		EOY	
	Dec 05	%Share	%Chg	EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,352	9.7	2.7	2,289	2,315	9.8	1.2
Eagle Pass	1,713	7.0	3.2	1,619	1,691	7.2	4.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,140	17.0	4.7	3,925	3,940	16.7	0.4
Laredo	9,156	37.6	4.7	8,717	8,933	38.0	2.5
McAllen	6,966	28.6	6.6	6,434	6,651	28.3	3.4
Total	24,327	100.0	4.9	22,984	23,529	100.0	2.4

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 4.9%



Industrial City	04 vs. 05			Average		EOY	
	Dec 05	%Share	%Chg	EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	45	8.9	4.7	43	44	8.9	3.1
Eagle Pass	30	6.0	-3.2	30	31	6.1	3.1
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	102	20.3	0.0	102	103	20.4	0.6
Laredo	202	40.2	-1.9	209	203	40.5	-2.6
McAllen	124	24.7	1.6	123	121	24.1	-1.4
Total	503	100.0	-0.2	506	502	100.0	-0.8

(Industrial): Down 0.2%

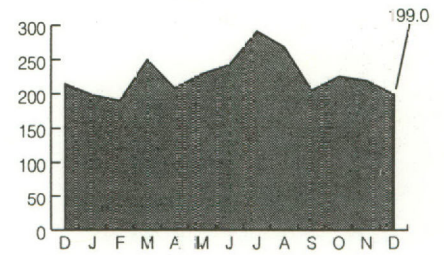


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Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

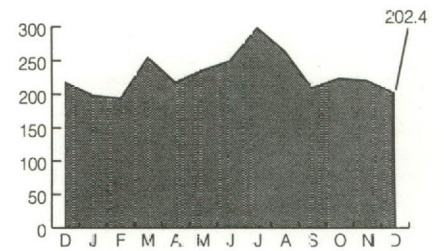
City	Dec 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	6,765	3.4	16.7		93,809	137,122	5.0	46.2
El Paso	116,676	58.6	-13.0		1,600,120	1,642,542	60.2	2.7
Harlingen	34,013	17.1	-4.4		426,363	492,680	18.1	15.6
Laredo	7,556	3.8	-15.8		81,924	93,749	3.4	14.4
McAllen	33,981	17.1	13.5		314,295	361,497	13.3	15.0
Total	198,991	100.0	-7.2		2,516,511	2,727,590	100.0	8.4

Air Passenger Activity A.I.C. cited Cities
Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005
(Arrivals - In Thousands): Down 7.2%



City	Dec 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	6,838	3.4	18.8		94,345	142,469	5.1	51.0
El Paso	119,449	59.0	-12.1		1,618,669	1,664,708	60.2	2.8
Harlingen	34,720	17.2	-3.8		441,699	500,346	18.1	13.3
Laredo	7,423	3.7	-17.8		81,342	90,727	3.3	11.5
McAllen	33,931	16.8	12.4		317,806	368,492	13.3	15.9
Total	202,361	100.0	-6.7		2,553,861	2,766,742	100.0	8.3

(Departures - In Thousands): Down 6.7%

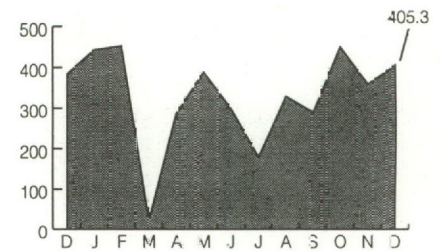


Source: Airports in cited cities

Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type	Dec 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	264,545	65.3	25.6		1,932,535	1,977,931	50.7	2.3
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0		41,383	14,403	0.4	-65.2
Liquid	24,966	6.2	183.7		27,587	215,359	5.5	680.7
Machinery	2,223	0.5	-86.0		237,361	73,204	1.9	-69.2
Ores - Minerals	0	0.0	0.0		0	80,587	2.1	0.0
Other	0	0.0	0.0		0	205,601	5.3	0.0
Petroleum	113,545	28.0	-22.6		1,497,336	1,235,179	31.7	-17.5
Steel - Other Minerals	0	0.0	0.0		0	98,448	2.5	0.0
Total	405,279	100.0	100.7		3,736,202	3,900,711	100.0	4.4

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005 Up 4.4%
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



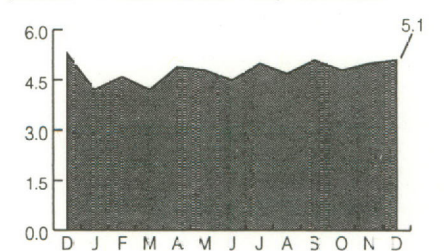
Source: Port of Brownsville

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

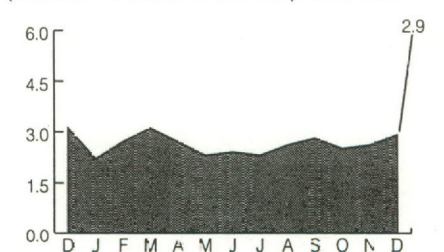
Cargo Type	Dec 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	197,854	3.9	2107.5		288,335	659,555	1.2	128.7
Chemical	17,168	0.3	48.7		108,988	144,946	0.3	33.0
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	481,900	9.5	-11.3		4,191,357	5,644,941	9.9	34.7
Grain Bulk	10,198	0.2	541.8		12,407	19,607	0.0	58.0
Liquid	40,722	0.8	307.1		282,623	312,518	0.6	10.6
Petroleum	4,332,150	85.3	-7.9		50,008,336	49,998,220	88.1	0.0
Total	5,079,992	100.0	-3.8		54,892,045	56,779,786	100.0	3.4

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
Dec. 2004 vs. Dec. 2005
(Inbound - In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 3.8%



Cargo Type	Dec 05	%Share	04 vs. 05		EOY 04	EOY 05	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	19,611	0.7	-26.3		353,848	181,134	0.6	-48.8
Chemical	126,917	4.4	-26.3		2,033,748	1,650,383	5.3	-18.9
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	309,181	10.6	-33.6		3,098,046	3,317,565	10.7	7.1
Grain Bulk	181,400	6.2	201.4		1,823,683	2,079,222	6.7	14.0
Liquid	26,035	0.9	0.0		125,284	205,836	0.7	64.3
Petroleum	2,242,644	77.2	-7.4		24,206,315	23,534,132	76.0	-2.8
Total	2,905,788	100.0	-7.6		31,640,924	30,968,271	100.0	-2.1

(Outbound - In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 2.1%



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 5
U.S. Exports to Mexico Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2004 Total	2005 Total	'04 vs. '05 Percent Change
Brownsville	5,613,191,629	6,331,983,228	12.8
Del Rio	1,267,071,891	1,439,921,213	13.6
Eagle Pass	3,338,477,143	3,432,484,706	2.8
Laredo	38,596,062,694	41,027,913,573	6.3
Hidalgo	6,653,436,732	7,602,958,641	14.3
Rio Grande	91,804,386	80,592,063	-12.2
Progreso	133,861,941	126,124,607	-5.8
Roma	68,540,342	68,208,125	-0.5
Edinburg Airport	0	465,300	-
El Paso	18,370,484,447	18,895,150,680	2.9
Presidio	222,536,071	241,341,794	8.5
Fabens	32,432,624	4,991,238	-84.6
Columbus	32,245,623	17,692,996	-45.1
Santa Teresa	415,780,568	423,005,414	1.7
Santa Teresa Airport	25,157	7,875	-68.7
Andrade	2,784,675	2,823,635	1.4
Calexico	9,553,562	12,417,598	30.0
San Ysidro	37,817,668	138,115,839	265.2
Tecate	465,746,650	537,456,365	15.4
Otay Mesa Station	9,023,308,226	9,297,208,899	3.0
Calexico-East	4,317,403,679	4,702,484,864	8.9
Douglas	264,935,796	333,631,058	25.9
Lukeville	9,215,297	14,964,931	62.4
Naco	58,394,893	74,944,620	28.3
Nogales	4,253,038,611	5,012,505,957	17.9
Sasabe	20,652,038	5,587,023	-72.9
San Luis	287,003,924	343,324,276	19.6
Total	93,585,806,267	100,168,306,518	7.0

Table 6
U.S. Imports from Mexico Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2004 Total	2005 Total	'04 vs. '05 Percent Change
Brownsville	5,147,905,222	5,119,040,609	-0.6
Del Rio	1,530,288,338	1,599,001,822	4.5
Eagle Pass	3,536,639,302	4,257,592,282	20.4
Laredo	51,086,604,646	52,801,486,994	3.4
Hidalgo	9,223,806,928	10,663,906,805	15.6
Rio Grande	129,188,266	153,534,596	18.8
Progreso	8,748,755	9,869,424	12.8
Roma	11,215,537	9,985,919	-11.0
Edinburg Airport	0	0	-
El Paso	24,528,212,177	24,240,931,607	-1.2
Presidio	187,007,088	148,921,405	-20.4
Fabens	0	11,089	-
Columbus	36,173,579	34,867,847	-3.6
Santa Teresa	741,382,552	756,855,134	2.1
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	0	0	-
Calexico	0	0	-
San Ysidro	36,861	0	-100.0
Tecate	538,753,947	619,745,557	15.0
Otay Mesa Station	13,266,280,072	15,151,096,737	14.2
Calexico-East	5,625,417,165	6,047,754,247	7.5
Douglas	499,280,145	784,473,342	57.1
Lukeville	79,841	242,801	204.1
Naco	27,305,447	35,040,805	28.3
Nogales	7,823,648,380	9,054,886,435	15.7
Sasabe	0	0	-
San Luis	661,717,621	635,452,651	-4.0
Total	124,609,691,869	132,124,698,108	6.0

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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