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U.S.-Mexico Trade: In Quarter 1 2007, Exports Down and Imports Slightly Up

As previously mentioned in the March 2007 issue of the *Border Business Indicators*, U.S. and Mexico total trade again registered an all-time high of \$332.5 billion in 2006—the highest figure to date in the trading history of the trading partners. Quarter 1 2007 figures were not as impressive as those of 2006 growth wise. Unlike last year, Q1 2007 figures were not in the double-digit range compared to Q1 2006 (See Table 1).

Both U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico, in 2006, had healthy increases, but this was not the case in 2007. In fact, U.S. exports to Mexico logged a 9.0 percent drop while U.S. imports from Mexico only marked a 2.5 percent increase. Even with the decrease and the single-digit growth rate, 2007 trade figures should surpass those of 2006 albeit not by much.

The U.S. registered a trade deficit with Mexico (\$16.3 billion) for Q1 2007—10.1 percent higher compared with that of Q1 2006 (\$14.8 billion).

Table 3 provides a detailed look at the total dollar value of trade activity, U.S. exports plus U.S. imports, at the individual border ports of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border for Quarter 1 2007. A comparison with the same period in 2006 is also provided. As shown, the Port of Laredo registered the highest total of the border ports (\$25.8 billion) followed by El Paso (\$11.7 billion).

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

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

—B. Garcia

Table 1
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade
Q1 2006 vs. Q1 2007
All figures are in Billions of U.S. Dollars

	Q1 2006	Q1 2007	Absolute \$ Change 06 vs. 07	% Change
Exports	32.7	32.4	-0.3	-0.9
Imports	47.5	48.7	1.2	2.5
Total	80.2	81.1	0.9	1.1

The trade of goods between the two countries has for the most part been at the U.S.-Mexico border. The percentage of the dollar value of goods in trade between them has been historically in the 80s. First quarter figures for 2007 set that percentage at 81.6 percent. The border continued to be the main channel between the trading partners as exhibited in Table 2.

Table 2
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade Activity via U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
Q1 2006 vs. Q1 2007
All figures are in Billions of U.S. Dollars

	Q1 2006	Q1 2007	Absolute \$ Change 06 vs. 07	% Change
Exports	27.6	27.4	-0.2	-0.7
Imports	36.1	38.8	2.7	7.5
Total	63.7	66.2	2.5	3.9

Table 3
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade Activity via U.S.-Mexico Border by Port
Q1 2006 vs. Q1 2007

Port	Q1 2006	Q1 2007	Absolute \$ Change 06 vs. 07	% Change 06 vs. 07
Brownsville	3,084,818,853	3,145,382,495	60,563,642	2.0
Del Rio	773,991,442	823,962,338	49,970,896	6.5
Eagle Pass	2,767,678,133	2,905,495,123	137,816,990	5.0
Laredo	24,571,909,407	25,814,632,376	1,242,722,969	5.1
Hidalgo	5,001,432,833	5,301,549,274	300,116,441	6.0
Rio Grande	67,165,532	75,779,077	8,613,545	12.8
Progreso	56,659,055	63,405,917	6,746,862	11.9
Roma	24,946,595	37,302,229	12,355,634	49.5
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	-
El Paso	11,663,544,113	11,710,584,024	47,039,911	0.4
Presidio	123,126,810	121,927,384	-6,199,426	-4.8
Fabens	111,540	3,141,812	3,030,272	2,716.8
Columbus	10,092,149	11,049,683	957,534	9.5
Santa Teresa	315,436,473	328,720,397	13,283,924	4.2
Santa Teresa Airport	4,620	0	-4,620	-100.0
Andrade	513,742	208,090	-305,652	-59.5
Calexico	5,882,552	8,880,946	2,998,394	51.0
San Ysidro	38,007,890	42,421,195	4,413,305	11.6
Tecate	290,696,782	296,694,812	5,998,030	2.1
Otay Mesa Station	6,306,228,744	7,078,754,951	772,526,207	12.3
Calexico-East	2,829,378,333	2,986,782,715	157,404,382	5.6
Douglas	285,918,635	324,344,927	38,426,292	13.4
Lukeville	2,562,936	3,977,974	1,415,038	55.2
Naco	28,350,099	50,871,264	22,521,165	79.4
Nogales	5,113,117,779	4,755,763,437	-357,354,342	-7.0
Sasabe	197,877	9,000	-188,877	-95.5
San Luis	284,209,093	321,345,293	37,136,200	13.1
Total	63,650,982,017	66,212,986,733	2,562,004,716	4.0

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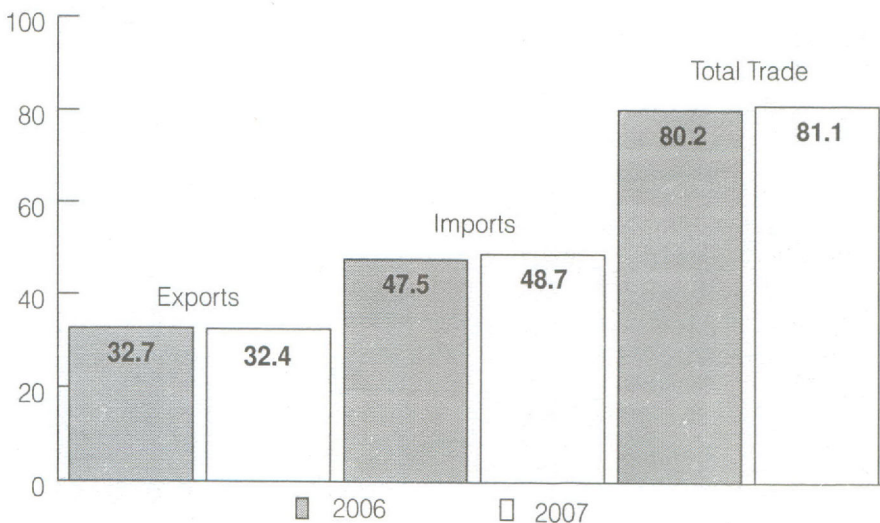
Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity for March 2007 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated nine indicators increased and thirteen decreased. 2007 YTD comparisons to 2006 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 3.7 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were up 1.5 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 5.7 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 6.0 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico lost 1.9 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 0.7 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 4.3 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went down 2.1 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 19.4 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a loss of 4.1 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 2.9 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.3 percent, with 6,202 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in March 2007 was 5.5 percent.
- Total building permits issued fell 3.3 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 1.3 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.7 percent, commercial were up 2.3 percent and industrial were down 2.1 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 9.8 percent, and departures were down 11.3 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 16.0 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went down 0.02 percent, and outbound cargo went up 8.7 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

March 2007 Year-to-Date
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



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

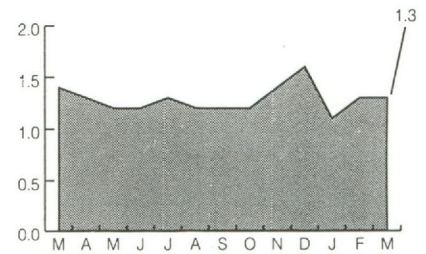
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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Mar 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	199,196	14.8	-4.0		570,552	526,087	14.1	-7.8
Del Rio	5,548	0.4	-10.6		13,200	12,460	0.3	-5.6
Eagle Pass	60,364	4.5	10.2		152,766	152,227	4.1	-0.4
El Paso	479,091	35.6	13.6		1,205,591	1,251,236	33.5	3.8
Harlingen	85	0.0	-35.1		300	128	0.0	-57.3
Laredo	251,150	18.7	-30.1		993,895	871,733	23.3	-12.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	147,704	11.0	4.8		378,517	391,457	10.5	3.4
Progreso	182,257	13.6	-1.1		511,739	476,062	12.7	-7.0
Rio Grande	172	0.0	18.6		348	251	0.0	-27.9
Roma	19,355	1.4	4.8		52,924	54,135	1.4	2.3
Total	1,344,922	100.0	-3.5		3,879,832	3,735,776	100.0	-3.7

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
March 2006 vs. March 2007: Down 3.5%
(In Millions)

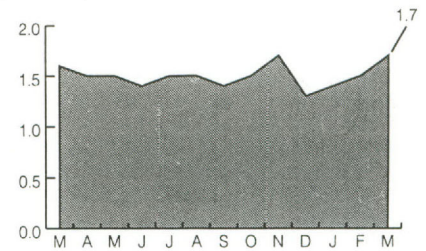


Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Mar 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	237,252	13.7	-2.4		683,491	642,978	13.9	-5.9
Del Rio	7,493	0.4	8.0		18,220	17,613	0.4	-3.3
Eagle Pass	69,926	4.0	11.4		173,690	175,272	3.8	0.9
El Paso	623,080	36.0	14.3		1,533,868	1,636,984	35.4	6.7
Laredo	410,672	23.7	4.4		1,108,716	1,128,567	24.4	1.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	174,163	10.1	7.3		458,772	473,028	10.2	3.1
Presidio	2,392	0.1	32.2		5,918	6,678	0.1	12.8
Progreso	181,744	10.5	-0.8		508,263	476,122	10.3	-6.3
Rio Grande	1,577	0.1	4.2		4,018	4,455	0.1	10.9
Roma	23,469	1.4	9.6		61,188	63,369	1.4	3.6
Total	1,731,768	100.0	6.8		4,556,144	4,625,066	100.0	1.5

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
March 2006 vs. March 2007: Up 6.8%
(In Millions)

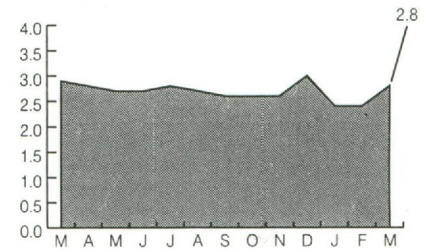


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Mar 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	545,329	19.8	-8.2		1,683,845	1,546,205	20.3	-8.2
Del Rio	145,601	5.3	-3.4		420,617	404,228	5.3	-3.9
Eagle Pass	243,455	8.8	-9.7		749,472	675,234	8.9	-9.9
El Paso	394,875	14.3	-6.8		1,176,518	1,106,741	14.5	-5.9
Harlingen	64,171	2.3	1.3		173,383	166,501	2.2	-4.0
Laredo	497,794	18.1	-4.9		1,468,141	1,343,655	17.6	-8.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	437,126	15.9	-3.1		1,293,263	1,208,457	15.9	-6.6
Pharr	195,192	7.1	21.2		447,797	537,171	7.1	20.0
Progreso	94,089	3.4	-3.3		272,141	254,031	3.3	-6.7
Rio Grande	51,357	1.9	-3.8		144,602	142,065	1.9	-1.8
Roma	83,463	3.0	-7.1		247,581	230,129	3.0	-7.0
Total	2,752,452	100.0	-4.4		8,077,360	7,614,417	100.0	-5.7

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
March 2006 vs. March 2007: Down 4.4%
(In Millions)

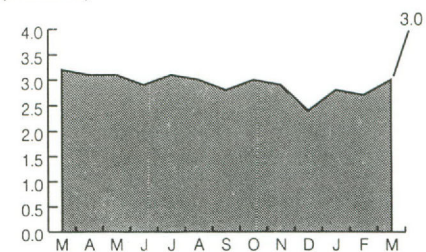


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Mar 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	540,952	17.9	-9.5		1,713,302	1,556,231	18.2	-9.2
Del Rio	153,215	5.1	-4.8		455,835	434,687	5.1	-4.6
Eagle Pass	252,066	8.4	-9.7		794,672	716,270	8.4	-9.9
El Paso	618,773	20.5	3.9		1,681,873	1,774,672	20.8	5.5
Harlingen	73,816	2.4	7.9		195,223	199,804	2.3	2.3
Laredo	464,364	15.4	-11.9		1,531,385	1,316,089	15.4	-14.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	407,036	13.5	-6.7		1,253,670	1,133,723	13.3	-9.6
Pharr	210,294	7.0	-1.1		590,880	582,690	6.8	-1.4
Presidio	63,836	2.1	-3.8		187,460	180,103	2.1	-3.9
Progreso	97,656	3.2	0.2		275,457	264,405	3.1	-4.0
Rio Grande	55,086	1.8	-6.2		163,317	155,613	1.8	-4.7
Roma	81,376	2.7	-7.0		248,275	229,897	2.7	-7.4
Total	3,018,470	100.0	-5.3		9,091,349	8,544,184	100.0	-6.0

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
March 2006 vs. March 2007: Down 5.3%
(In Millions)



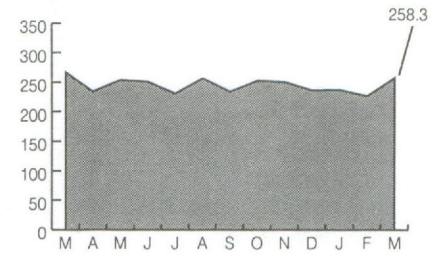
Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Mar 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	18,254	7.1	-5.2		54,869	51,158	7.1	-6.8
Del Rio	6,357	2.5	-2.0		17,984	17,495	2.4	-2.7
Eagle Pass	8,444	3.3	-5.1		24,846	23,923	3.3	-3.7
El Paso	29,349	11.4	-1.0		80,449	78,869	10.9	-2.0
Harlingen	2,641	1.0	-22.0		9,716	7,764	1.1	-20.1
Laredo	144,527	55.9	-4.0		422,044	411,728	56.9	-2.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	364	0.1	-69.2		4,948	972	0.1	-80.4
Pharr	41,709	16.1	2.8		103,016	112,170	15.5	8.9
Progreso	3,193	1.2	14.8		7,836	8,183	1.1	4.4
Rio Grande	2,662	1.0	-17.3		8,710	8,036	1.1	-7.7
Roma	838	0.3	-14.9		2,586	2,716	0.4	5.0
Total	258,338	100.0	-3.2		737,004	723,014	100.0	-1.9

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
March 2006 vs. March 2007: Down 3.2%
(In Thousands)



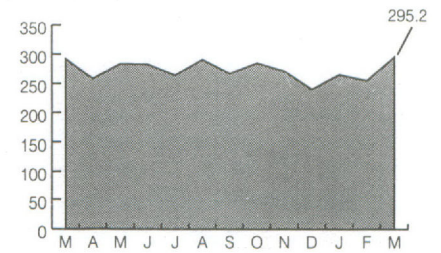
Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Mar 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	16,747	5.7	-5.9		49,922	46,462	5.7	-6.9
Del Rio	6,043	2.0	-5.1		17,406	15,668	1.9	-10.0
Eagle Pass	8,432	2.9	-4.7		24,620	24,308	3.0	-1.3
El Paso	69,325	23.5	7.6		186,639	191,784	23.5	2.8
Falcon Heights	2	0.0	-60.0		15	8	0.0	-46.7
Harlingen	3,140	1.1	-13.3		9,848	9,426	1.2	-4.3
Laredo	136,486	46.2	-0.9		372,197	380,776	46.7	2.3
Pharr	45,715	15.5	4.3		124,547	122,292	15.0	-1.8
Presidio	876	0.3	58.4		1,589	2,023	0.2	27.3
Progreso	4,356	1.5	49.1		8,074	10,361	1.3	28.3
Rio Grande	3,315	1.1	-26.2		12,245	9,599	1.2	-21.6
Roma	785	0.3	7.2		2,045	1,979	0.2	-3.2
Total	295,222	100.0	1.3		809,147	814,686	100.0	0.7

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
March 2006 vs. March 2007: Up 1.3%
(In Thousands)



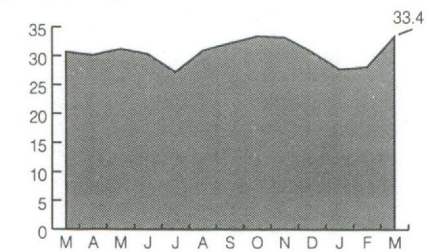
Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Mar 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	4,380	13.1	2.7		11,359	12,407	13.9	9.2
Eagle Pass	6,657	19.9	12.7		17,132	18,484	20.7	7.9
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	22,367	67.0	8.9		56,978	58,279	65.4	2.3
Total	33,404	100.0	8.7		85,469	89,170	100.0	4.3

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
March 2006 vs. March 2007: Up 8.7%
(In Thousands)

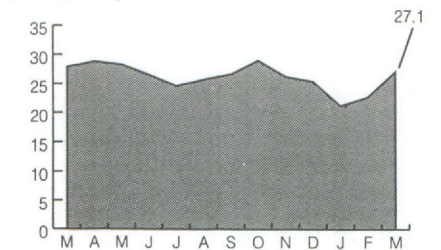


Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Mar 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	724	2.7	35.6		1,393	1,853	2.6	33.0
Eagle Pass	3,878	14.3	-14.2		10,992	10,752	15.2	-2.2
El Paso	8,992	33.2	14.4		20,824	23,632	33.3	13.5
Laredo	13,508	49.8	-9.6		39,226	34,700	48.9	-11.5
Total	27,102	100.0	-2.7		72,435	70,937	100.0	-2.1

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
March 2006 vs. March 2007: Down 2.7%
(In Thousands)

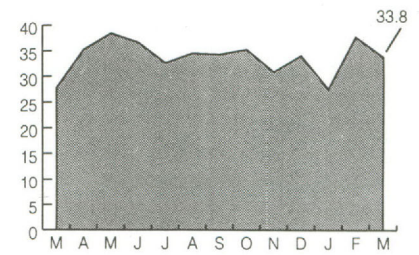


Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Mar 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	855,687	2.5	-45.8		4,579,872	4,936,771	5.0	7.8
Del Rio	181,026	0.5	66.1		544,586	435,359	0.4	-20.1
Eagle Pass	481,179	1.4	-65.6		3,889,182	2,042,511	2.1	-47.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	4,529,850	13.4	7.1		10,874,924	11,656,259	11.7	7.2
Laredo	27,689,663	81.8	36.5		62,940,664	79,881,110	80.5	26.9
Progreso	54,832	0.2	118.5		87,670	90,837	0.1	3.6
Rio Grande	19,440	0.1	-35.9		71,137	53,655	0.1	-24.6
Roma	19,659	0.1	21.2		164,666	173,875	0.2	5.6
Total	33,831,335	100.0	22.3		83,152,701	99,270,378	100.0	19.4

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
 March 2006 vs. March 2007: Up 22.3%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

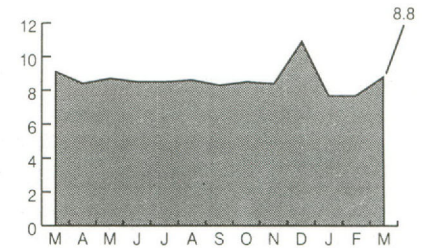


Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)

City	Mar 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,296,467	14.8	-6.1		3,930,694	3,631,959	15.0	-7.6
Del Rio	293,235	3.3	-4.5		850,628	816,885	3.4	-4.0
Eagle Pass	642,166	7.3	7.8		1,661,184	1,774,117	7.3	6.8
El Paso	1,240,699	14.1	-3.5		3,536,525	3,327,639	13.8	-5.9
Harlingen	196,961	2.2	-0.7		550,241	523,567	2.2	-4.8
Laredo	3,290,136	37.4	-4.7		9,526,431	9,157,142	37.9	-3.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	927,504	10.6	-2.5		2,734,909	2,560,314	10.6	-6.4
Pharr	669,885	7.6	1.8		1,759,378	1,762,718	7.3	0.2
Roma	230,150	2.6	-6.1		676,517	634,605	2.6	-6.2
Total	8,787,203	100.0	-3.2		25,226,506	24,188,947	100.0	-4.1

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
 March 2006 vs. March 2007: Down 3.2%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

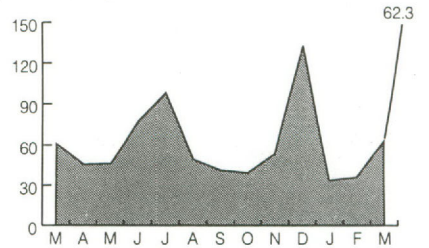


Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Mar 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	697	1.1	10.8		1,471	1,557	1.2	5.8
El Paso	10,361	16.6	4.5		22,352	22,218	16.9	-0.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	13,948	22.4	-4.3		33,021	29,778	22.6	-9.8
Brownsville	7,863	12.6	-0.7		17,621	16,576	12.6	-5.9
Laredo	24,898	40.0	1.7		53,912	53,534	40.7	-0.7
Eagle Pass	4,497	7.2	35.5		6,980	7,824	6.0	12.1
Total	62,264	100.0	2.3		135,357	131,487	100.0	-2.9

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
 March 2006 vs. March 2007: Up 2.3%
 (In Thousands)

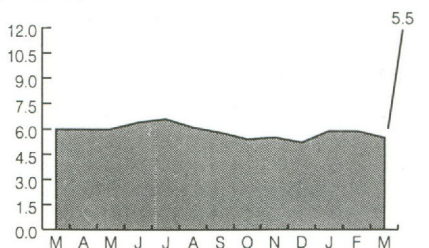


Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		06 vs. 07 Emp %Chg	Gain/Loss YTD
	Mar 07	Mar 07		YTD 06	YTD 07		
Brownsville	58,518	3,623	5.8	57,187	58,410	2.1	1,224
Del Rio	15,256	822	5.1	14,877	15,256	2.5	379
El Paso	235,265	15,354	6.1	234,959	234,758	-0.1	-200
Harlingen	23,783	1,206	4.8	23,242	23,739	2.1	498
Laredo	80,629	3,728	4.4	78,221	80,407	2.8	2,186
McAllen	55,256	2,660	4.6	53,735	55,252	2.8	1,517
Pharr	21,850	1,198	5.2	21,248	21,848	2.8	600
Total	490,557	28,591	5.5	483,468	489,671	1.3	6,202
Texas Unemployment Rate						4.2	
U.S. Unemployment Rate						4.5	

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

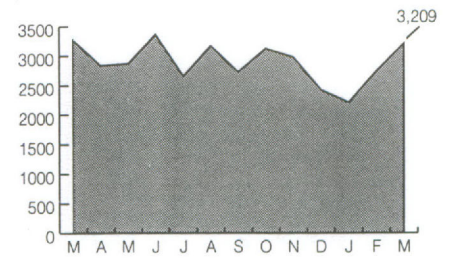
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
 March 2006 vs. March 2007: Down 8.5%
 (In Percent)



Building Permits

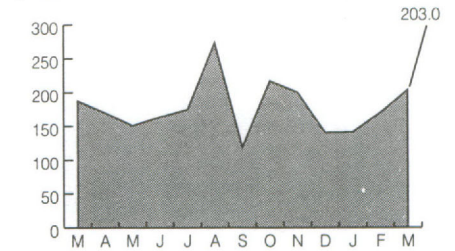
Number	06 vs. 07			YTD			
City	Mar 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	299	9.3	-0.7	872	769	9.4	-11.8
Del Rio	237	7.4	-15.1	728	638	7.8	-12.4
Eagle Pass	50	1.6	51.5	117	111	1.4	-5.1
El Paso	1,240	38.6	13.3	2,724	3,128	38.4	14.8
Harlingen	256	8.0	-12.9	935	654	8.0	-30.1
Laredo	751	23.4	-29.8	2,510	1,936	23.7	-22.9
McAllen	376	11.7	87.1	546	920	11.3	68.5
Total	3,209	100.0	-1.9	8,432	8,156	100.0	-3.3

Building Permits All Cited Cities
March 2006 vs. March 2007
(Number of Permits): Down 1.9%



Dollar Value	06 vs. 07			YTD			
City	Mar 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	20,722,835	10.2	2.2	64,701,037	47,158,149	9.2	-27.1
Del Rio	1,564,913	0.8	-62.5	8,419,606	4,279,220	0.8	-49.2
Eagle Pass	3,016,034	1.5	597.6	4,604,747	8,384,683	1.6	82.1
El Paso	83,465,492	41.1	29.3	200,528,226	240,165,833	46.8	19.8
Harlingen	4,456,385	2.2	-54.5	32,669,375	12,505,965	2.4	-61.7
Laredo	22,741,858	11.2	-61.8	122,502,097	109,031,055	21.2	-11.0
McAllen	67,055,679	33.0	135.6	73,191,999	91,614,753	17.9	25.2
Total	203,023,197	100.0	8.4	506,617,086	513,139,658	100.0	1.3

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Up 8.4%

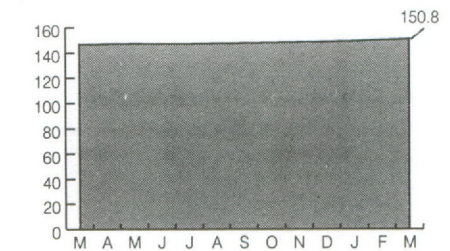


Source: Permit Departments in cited cities
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Power Connections (in Service)

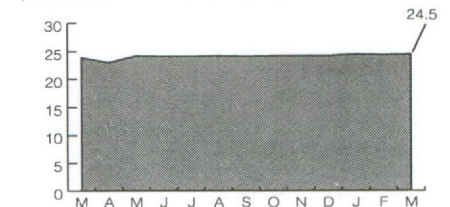
Residential	06 vs. 07			Average			
City	Mar 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	15,036	10.0	1.5	14,784	15,001	10.0	1.5
Eagle Pass	11,193	7.4	2.1	10,929	11,160	7.4	2.1
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	24,265	16.1	2.7	23,488	24,129	16.1	2.7
Laredo	61,754	41.0	3.3	59,450	61,301	40.9	3.1
McAllen	38,546	25.6	2.8	37,413	38,416	25.6	2.7
Total	150,794	100.0	2.8	146,064	150,006	100.0	2.7

Power Connections All Cited Cities
March 2006 vs. March 2007
(Residential – In Thousands): Up 2.8%



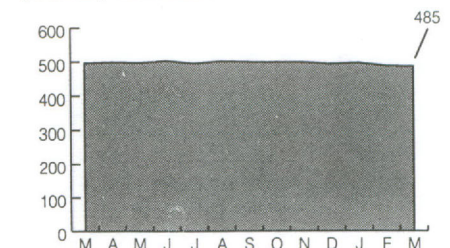
Commercial	06 vs. 07			Average			
City	Mar 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,364	9.7	1.9	2,324	2,373	9.7	2.1
Eagle Pass	1,689	6.9	-1.7	1,696	1,681	6.9	-0.9
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,075	16.7	1.4	4,049	4,105	16.8	1.4
Laredo	9,410	38.5	3.1	9,092	9,364	38.3	3.0
McAllen	6,933	28.3	2.7	6,736	6,913	28.3	2.6
Total	24,471	100.0	2.2	23,897	24,436	100.0	2.3

(Commercial – In Thousands): Up 2.2%



Industrial	06 vs. 07			Average			
City	Mar 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	42	8.7	-4.5	44	42	8.6	-5.3
Eagle Pass	29	6.0	7.4	28	29	5.9	2.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	100	20.6	0.0	102	101	20.6	-0.7
Laredo	196	40.4	-3.9	203	198	40.5	-2.3
McAllen	118	24.3	-2.5	123	119	24.4	-2.7
Total	485	100.0	-2.2	500	489	100.0	-2.1

(Industrial): Down 2.2%

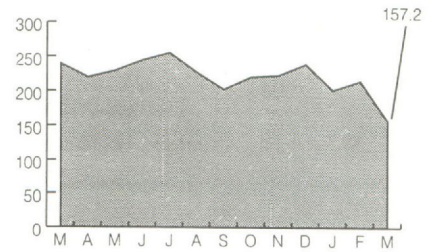


Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company
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Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

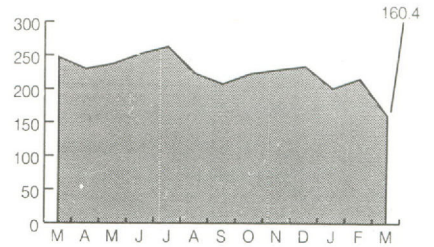
Arrivals		06 vs. 07		YTD			
City	Mar 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	8,880	5.6	6.1	22,256	24,046	4.2	8.0
El Paso	60,276	38.3	-58.6	383,935	315,680	55.0	-17.8
Harlingen	41,647	26.5	1.4	109,440	109,081	19.0	-0.3
Laredo	8,078	5.1	7.3	21,480	22,694	4.0	5.7
McAllen	38,299	24.4	3.7	99,324	102,647	17.9	3.3
Total	157,180	100.0	-34.4	636,435	574,148	100.0	-9.8

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
March 2006 vs. March 2007
(Arrivals - In Thousands): Down **34.4%**



Departures		06 vs. 07		YTD			
City	Mar 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	9,241	5.8	6.2	23,044	24,377	4.2	5.8
El Paso	60,588	37.8	-59.2	390,682	315,638	54.7	-19.2
Harlingen	43,158	26.9	0.4	114,052	112,129	19.4	-1.7
Laredo	8,091	5.0	7.3	21,427	22,401	3.9	4.5
McAllen	39,365	24.5	1.2	100,826	102,217	17.7	1.4
Total	160,443	100.0	-35.0	650,031	576,762	100.0	-11.3

(Departures - In Thousands): Down **35.0%**

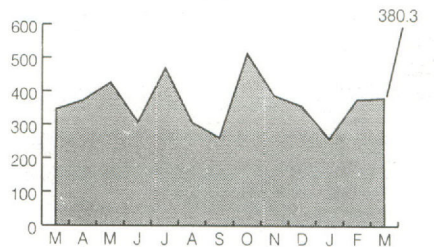


Source: Airports in cited cities

Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type		06 vs. 07		YTD			
Cargo Type	Mar 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	168,648	44.4	-27.5	802,050	503,232	49.6	-37.3
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	0	1,488	0.1	0.0
Liquid	41,222	10.8	11094.4	46,240	87,811	8.7	89.9
Machinery	491	0.1	-66.8	31,213	10,685	1.1	-65.8
Ores - Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Petroleum	169,895	44.7	52.9	329,136	411,939	40.6	25.2
Steel - Other Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Total	380,255	100.0	10.0	1,208,639	1,015,155	100.0	-16.0

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
March 2006 vs. March 2007: Up **10.0%**
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



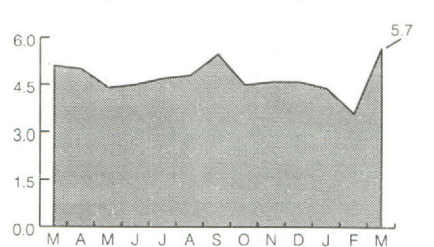
Source: Port of Brownsville

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

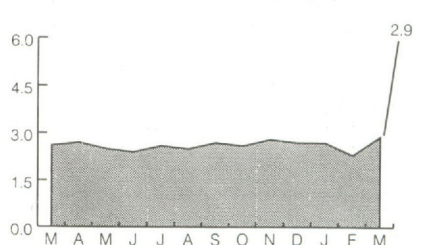
Inbound Cargo Type		06 vs. 07		YTD			
Cargo Type	Mar 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	23,772	0.4	64.6	36,047	66,423	0.5	84.3
Chemical	19,249	0.3	84.3	41,426	36,961	0.3	-10.8
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	680,516	11.9	33.9	1,571,680	1,449,476	10.6	-7.8
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	3,471	0	0.0	-100.0
Liquid	33,516	0.6	0.0	74,378	103,083	0.8	38.6
Petroleum	4,955,951	86.7	7.5	11,987,733	12,055,787	87.9	0.6
Total	5,713,005	100.0	11.0	13,714,735	13,711,729	100.0	-0.02

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
March 2006 vs. March 2007
(Inbound - In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up **11.0%**



Outbound Cargo Type		06 vs. 07		YTD			
Cargo Type	Mar 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	3,891	0.1	-73.9	16,690	14,024	0.2	-16.0
Chemical	129,101	4.5	-14.9	377,139	426,059	5.4	13.0
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	160,292	5.5	-27.7	532,890	657,570	8.3	23.4
Grain Bulk	131,196	4.5	-14.5	429,331	569,332	7.2	32.6
Liquid	17,971	0.6	0.0	20,008	56,040	0.7	180.1
Petroleum	2,450,229	84.7	20.2	5,916,198	6,200,463	78.3	4.8
Total	2,892,679	100.0	12.1	7,292,257	7,923,488	100.0	8.7

(Outbound - In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up **12.1%**



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Port	Q1 2006	Q1 2007	Absolute	
			\$ Change 06 vs. 07	% 06 vs. 07
Brownsville	1,693,882,720	1,782,504,579	88,621,859	5.2
Del Rio	367,712,913	405,094,254	37,381,341	10.2
Eagle Pass	934,314,580	961,427,645	27,113,065	2.9
Laredo	11,121,712,979	11,336,527,617	214,814,638	1.9
Hidalgo	2,062,937,652	2,046,225,544	-16,712,108	-0.8
Rio Grande	20,179,074	35,478,295	15,299,221	75.8
Progreso	47,958,843	47,875,433	-83,410	-0.2
Roma	22,548,635	34,534,006	11,985,371	53.2
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	-
El Paso	5,368,353,463	5,010,672,075	-357,681,388	-6.7
Presidio	83,284,866	85,883,349	2,598,483	3.1
Fabens	111,540	3,141,812	3,030,272	2,716.8
Columbus	4,116,978	7,677,406	3,560,428	86.5
Santa Teresa	118,948,678	130,414,286	11,465,608	9.6
Santa Teresa Airport	4,620	0	-4,620	-100.0
Andrade	513,742	208,090	-305,652	-59.5
Calexico	5,882,552	8,880,946	2,998,394	51.0
San Ysidro	37,871,734	42,394,841	4,523,107	11.9
Tecate	134,978,697	146,081,223	11,102,526	8.2
Otay Mesa Station	2,451,016,451	2,404,293,528	-46,722,923	-1.9
Calexico-East	1,291,746,255	1,213,852,160	-77,894,095	-6.0
Douglas	107,554,427	89,866,332	-17,688,095	-16.4
Lukeville	2,536,319	3,967,739	1,431,420	56.4
Naco	19,030,378	23,094,900	4,064,522	21.4
Nogales	1,573,091,274	1,463,031,859	-110,059,415	-7.0
Sasabe	197,877	9,000	-188,877	-95.5
San Luis	85,728,763	95,107,102	9,378,339	10.9
Total	27,556,216,010	27,378,244,021	-177,971,989	-0.6

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

Port	Q1 2006	Q1 2007	Absolute	
			\$ Change 06 vs. 07	% 06 vs. 07
Brownsville	1,390,936,133	1,362,877,916	-28,058,217	-2.0
Del Rio	406,278,529	418,868,084	12,589,555	3.1
Eagle Pass	1,833,363,553	1,944,067,478	110,703,925	6.0
Laredo	13,450,196,428	14,478,104,759	1,027,908,331	7.6
Hidalgo	2,938,495,181	3,255,323,730	316,828,549	10.8
Rio Grande	46,986,458	40,300,782	-6,685,676	-14.2
Progreso	8,700,212	15,530,484	6,830,272	78.5
Roma	2,397,960	2,768,223	370,263	15.4
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	-
El Paso	6,295,190,650	6,699,911,949	404,721,299	6.4
Presidio	44,841,944	36,044,035	-8,797,909	-19.6
Fabens	0	0	0	-
Columbus	5,975,171	3,372,277	-2,602,894	-43.6
Santa Teresa	196,487,795	198,306,111	1,818,316	0.9
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	0	-
Andrade	0	0	0	-
Calexico	0	0	0	-
San Ysidro	136,156	26,354	-109,802	-80.6
Tecate	155,718,085	150,613,589	-5,104,496	-3.3
Otay Mesa Station	3,855,212,293	4,674,461,423	819,249,130	21.3
Calexico-East	1,537,632,078	1,772,930,555	235,298,477	15.3
Douglas	178,364,208	234,478,595	56,114,387	31.5
Lukeville	26,617	10,235	-16,382	-61.5
Naco	9,319,721	27,776,364	18,456,643	198.0
Nogales	3,540,026,505	3,292,731,578	-247,294,927	-7.0
Sasabe	0	0	0	-
San Luis	198,480,330	226,238,191	27,757,861	14.0
Total	36,094,766,007	38,834,742,712	2,739,976,705	7.6

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University (Tables 1-5)

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