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## U.S.-Mexico Trade: Border Ports Process 82 Percent of Goods in 2007 YTD

In previous issues of the *Border Business Indicators*, U.S.-Mexico border ports of entry have been cited as handling 80 percent of the U.S.-Mexico dollar value of the merchandise trade.

In February 2007 year-to-date, that figure hovered at around 82 percent. Tables 1 delineates a more detailed look at the type of

merchandise and its dollar value—U.S. exports to Mexico, U.S. imports from Mexico and Total Trade—for the year-to-date period. Table 2, on the Back Page, shows the percent share of all U.S.-Mexico trade the border ports process for each commodity indicated. —*B. Garcia*

Table 1  
All U.S.-Mexico Trade and U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed via Border Ports of Entry on the U.S.-Mexico Border  
by 1-Digit SITC Commodity Code  
January - February 2007  
(In Millions of U.S. Dollars)

	All U.S.-Mexico Trade			U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed via Border Ports of Entry on the U.S.-Mexico Border		
	Jan.	Feb.	2007 YTD	Jan.	Feb.	2007 YTD
<b>U.S. Exports to Mexico</b>						
(0) Food and Live Animals	649.91	691.45	1,341.36	567.36	587.90	1,155.26
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	14.61	14.77	29.38	11.67	12.25	23.92
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	395.22	339.17	734.39	339.96	287.61	627.57
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	332.81	391.27	724.08	179.91	139.82	319.73
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	28.78	21.76	50.54	23.24	17.40	40.64
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	1,347.70	1,201.81	2,549.51	1,010.91	910.76	1,921.67
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	1,641.68	1,540.07	3,181.75	1,593.80	1,485.16	3,078.96
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	4,976.56	4,571.39	9,547.95	4,551.80	4,244.28	8,796.08
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	1,008.59	900.55	1,909.14	893.05	805.75	1,698.80
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	349.10	384.19	733.29	25.30	37.79	63.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,744.96</b>	<b>10,056.43</b>	<b>20,801.39</b>	<b>9,197.00</b>	<b>8,528.72</b>	<b>17,725.72</b>
<b>U.S. Imports from Mexico</b>						
(0) Food and Live Animals	779.26	816.17	1,595.43	745.71	784.45	1,530.16
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	222.86	198.00	420.86	188.41	163.87	352.28
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	92.48	90.80	183.28	77.43	76.40	153.83
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	2,319.53	1,869.38	4,188.91	46.84	41.09	87.93
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	3.67	3.72	7.39	3.63	3.65	7.28
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	285.59	300.01	585.60	249.84	259.79	509.63
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	1,305.04	1,255.62	2,560.66	1,199.95	1,164.75	2,364.70
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	7,982.33	8,270.75	16,253.08	7,552.05	7,940.88	15,492.93
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	1,651.26	1,674.62	3,325.88	1,540.55	1,563.74	3,104.29
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	685.42	657.87	1,343.29	462.25	428.57	890.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,327.44</b>	<b>15,136.94</b>	<b>30,464.38</b>	<b>12,066.66</b>	<b>12,427.19</b>	<b>24,493.85</b>
<b>U.S.-Mexico Total Trade</b>						
(0) Food and Live Animals	1,429.17	1,507.62	2,936.79	1,313.07	1,372.35	2,685.42
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	237.47	212.77	450.24	200.08	176.12	376.20
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	487.70	429.97	917.67	417.39	364.01	781.40
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	2,652.34	2,260.65	4,912.99	226.75	180.91	407.66
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	32.45	25.48	57.93	26.87	21.05	47.92
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	1,633.29	1,501.82	3,135.11	1,260.75	1,170.55	2,431.30
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	2,946.72	2,795.69	5,742.41	2,793.75	2,649.91	5,443.66
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	12,958.89	12,842.14	25,801.03	12,103.85	12,185.16	24,289.01
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	2,659.85	2,575.17	5,235.02	2,433.60	2,369.49	4,803.09
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	1,034.52	1,042.06	2,076.58	487.55	466.36	953.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,072.40</b>	<b>25,193.37</b>	<b>51,265.77</b>	<b>21,263.66</b>	<b>20,955.91</b>	<b>42,219.57</b>

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University (Table 1 and Table 2 on Back Page).

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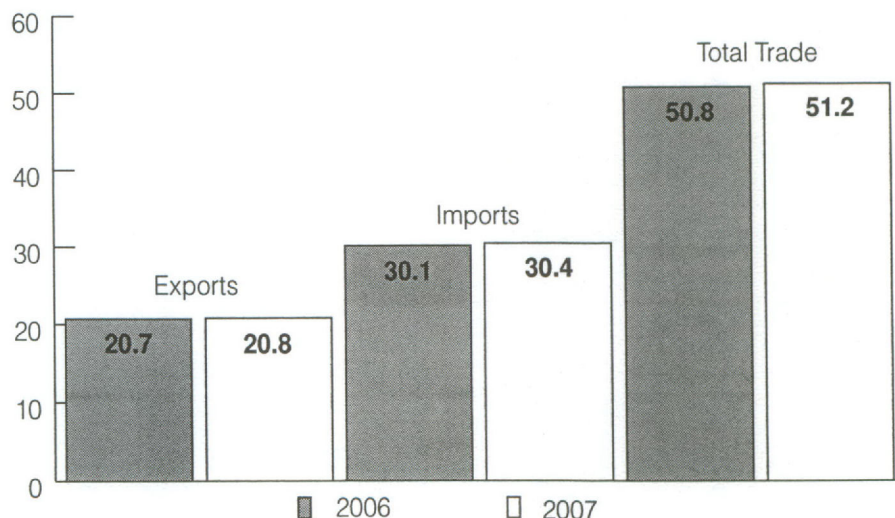
Indicators of border business activity for February 2007 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated nine indicators increased and thirteen decreased. 2007 YTD comparisons to 2006 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 3.9 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 1.4 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 6.5 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 6.4 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico lost 1.1 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 0.3 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 1.9 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went down 1.7 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 18.0 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a loss of 4.6 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 7.1 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.5 percent, with 7,211 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in February 2007 was 5.9 percent.
- Total building permits issued fell 4.1 percent.
- Total building permit values decreased 2.9 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.6 percent, commercial were up 2.3 percent and industrial were down 2.0 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were up 5.0 percent, and departures were up 3.2 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 26.4 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went down 6.7 percent, and outbound cargo went up 6.8 percent.

**Errata:** In the March 2007 issue of the BBI, the number of indicators that was up or down for the year was in error. The correct number of indicators up was eight and the number down was fourteen.

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

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



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

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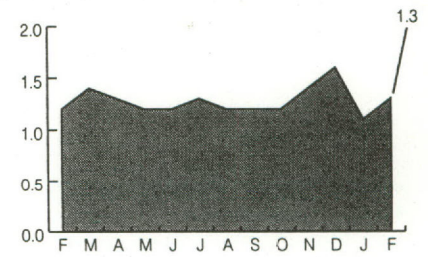


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	173,934	13.8	-3.4		362,984	326,891	13.7	-9.9
Del Rio	3,647	0.3	4.9		6,996	6,912	0.3	-1.2
Eagle Pass	49,206	3.9	6.2		97,977	91,863	3.8	-6.2
El Paso	409,850	32.6	5.6		783,937	772,145	32.3	-1.5
Harlingen	10	0.0	-84.6		169	43	0.0	-74.6
Laredo	312,896	24.9	3.2		634,764	620,583	26.0	-2.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	124,841	9.9	8.1		237,580	243,753	10.2	2.6
Progreso	165,576	13.2	-1.7		327,532	293,805	12.3	-10.3
Rio Grande	32	0.0	-67.0		203	79	0.0	-61.1
Roma	18,040	1.4	12.4		34,464	34,780	1.5	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,258,032</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>		<b>2,486,606</b>	<b>2,390,854</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.9</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007: Up 3.0%  
(In Millions)

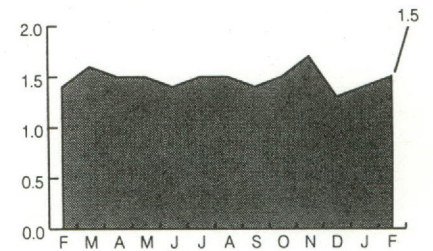


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	210,521	14.0	-2.8		440,319	405,726	14.0	-7.9
Del Rio	5,509	0.4	12.2		11,282	10,120	0.3	-10.3
Eagle Pass	55,648	3.7	8.5		110,945	105,346	3.6	-5.0
El Paso	535,185	35.6	9.6		988,569	1,013,904	35.0	2.6
Laredo	359,436	23.9	5.5		715,445	717,895	24.8	0.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	148,656	9.9	4.1		296,440	298,865	10.3	0.8
Presidio	2,133	0.1	22.0		4,108	4,286	0.1	4.3
Progreso	165,640	11.0	-1.1		324,969	294,378	10.2	-9.4
Rio Grande	1,513	0.1	20.7		2,504	2,878	0.1	14.9
Roma	20,446	1.4	10.9		39,766	39,900	1.4	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,504,687</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>		<b>2,934,347</b>	<b>2,893,298</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.4</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007: Up 5.0%  
(In Millions)

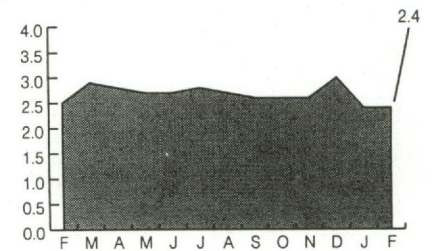


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	490,767	20.3	-6.8		1,089,659	1,000,876	20.6	-8.1
Del Rio	129,065	5.3	-2.2		269,853	258,627	5.3	-4.2
Eagle Pass	217,998	9.0	-6.9		479,758	431,779	8.9	-10.0
El Paso	353,823	14.6	-5.0		753,033	711,866	14.6	-5.5
Harlingen	52,846	2.2	-3.6		110,020	102,330	2.1	-7.0
Laredo	417,395	17.2	-8.8		944,479	845,861	17.4	-10.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	385,599	15.9	-4.5		842,104	771,331	15.9	-8.4
Pharr	171,451	7.1	22.0		286,734	341,979	7.0	19.3
Progreso	82,890	3.4	-5.3		174,852	159,942	3.3	-8.5
Rio Grande	47,773	2.0	7.3		91,201	90,708	1.9	-0.5
Roma	73,540	3.0	-5.5		157,754	146,666	3.0	-7.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,423,147</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.3</b>		<b>5,199,447</b>	<b>4,861,965</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.5</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007: Down 4.3%  
(In Millions)

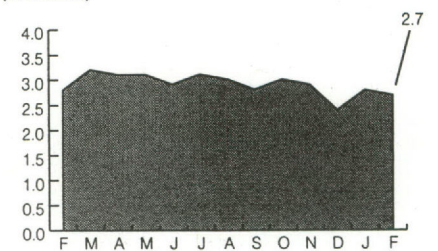


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	488,119	18.2	-8.3		1,115,765	1,015,279	18.4	-9.0
Del Rio	136,937	5.1	-3.2		294,848	281,472	5.1	-4.5
Eagle Pass	227,632	8.5	-7.5		515,581	464,204	8.4	-10.0
El Paso	564,326	21.0	8.1		1,086,373	1,155,899	20.9	6.4
Harlingen	63,586	2.4	3.7		126,793	125,988	2.3	-0.6
Laredo	398,497	14.8	-14.9		1,004,085	851,725	15.4	-15.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	362,504	13.5	-6.4		817,587	726,687	13.2	-11.1
Pharr	181,693	6.8	-0.9		378,145	372,396	6.7	-1.5
Presidio	55,314	2.1	-2.7		121,136	116,267	2.1	-4.0
Progreso	84,179	3.1	-5.1		177,983	166,749	3.0	-6.3
Rio Grande	49,324	1.8	-0.6		104,609	100,527	1.8	-3.9
Roma	72,085	2.7	-6.4		160,773	148,521	2.7	-7.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,684,196</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.6</b>		<b>5,903,678</b>	<b>5,525,714</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.4</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007: Down 4.6%  
(In Millions)





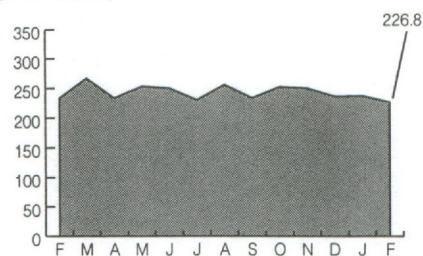
**Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	16,020	7.1	-7.6		35,613	32,904	7.1	-7.6
Del Rio	5,390	2.4	-4.7		11,498	11,138	2.4	-3.1
Eagle Pass	7,576	3.3	-3.7		15,947	15,479	3.3	-2.9
El Paso	22,837	10.1	-9.4		50,815	49,520	10.7	-2.5
Harlingen	2,476	1.1	-26.5		6,330	5,123	1.1	-19.1
Laredo	131,565	58.0	-3.0		271,516	267,201	57.5	-1.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	293	0.1	-85.2		3,768	608	0.1	-83.9
Pharr	34,730	15.3	14.4		62,431	70,461	15.2	12.9
Progreso	2,552	1.1	5.1		5,055	4,990	1.1	-1.3
Rio Grande	2,578	1.1	-7.7		5,491	5,374	1.2	-2.1
Roma	764	0.3	-3.4		1,601	1,878	0.4	17.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>226,781</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.9</b>		<b>470,065</b>	<b>464,676</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.1</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  
Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007: Down 2.9%  
(In Thousands)



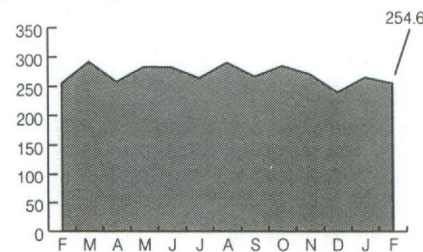
**Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	13,952	5.5	-10.6		32,122	29,715	5.7	-7.5
Del Rio	4,284	1.7	-20.2		11,040	9,625	1.9	-12.8
Eagle Pass	7,661	3.0	-1.3		15,775	15,876	3.1	0.6
El Paso	60,244	23.7	-0.5		122,182	122,459	23.6	0.2
Falcon Heights	4	0.0	-20.0		10	6	0.0	-40.0
Harlingen	3,311	1.3	2.8		6,227	6,286	1.2	0.9
Laredo	119,949	47.1	4.0		234,445	244,290	47.0	4.2
Pharr	37,679	14.8	-4.7		80,702	76,577	14.7	-5.1
Presidio	593	0.2	30.3		1,036	1,147	0.2	10.7
Progreso	3,178	1.2	25.4		5,153	6,005	1.2	16.5
Rio Grande	3,125	1.2	-18.5		7,751	6,284	1.2	-18.9
Roma	626	0.2	-8.3		1,313	1,194	0.2	-9.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>254,606</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>		<b>517,756</b>	<b>519,464</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.3</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  
Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007: Down 0.1%  
(In Thousands)



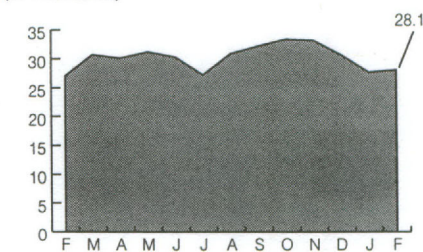
**Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	3,515	12.5	-1.7		7,095	8,027	14.4	13.1
Eagle Pass	5,510	19.6	4.2		11,225	11,827	21.2	5.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	19,071	67.9	5.4		36,432	35,912	64.4	-1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,096</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>		<b>54,752</b>	<b>55,766</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities  
Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007: Up 4.2%  
(In Thousands)

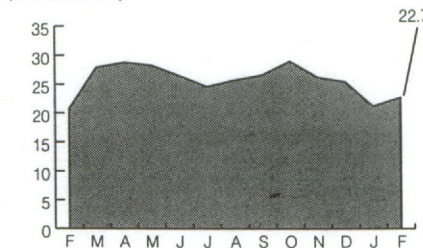


**Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	523	2.3	9.2		859	1,129	2.6	31.4
Eagle Pass	3,616	16.0	37.2		6,473	6,874	15.7	6.2
El Paso	7,423	32.8	39.5		12,962	14,640	33.4	12.9
Laredo	11,091	49.0	-9.4		24,287	21,192	48.3	-12.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,653</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9.6</b>		<b>44,581</b>	<b>43,835</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.7</b>

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities  
Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007: Up 9.6%  
(In Thousands)



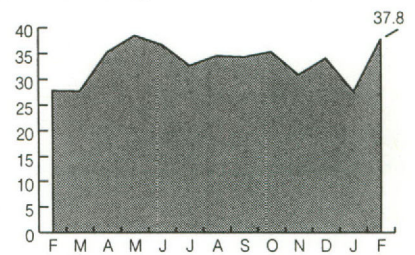


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)**

City	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	2,191,810	5.8	96.9		3,002,271	4,081,084	6.2	35.9
Del Rio	135,124	0.4	-57.3		435,596	254,333	0.4	-41.6
Eagle Pass	326,405	0.9	-74.0		2,491,238	1,561,332	2.4	-37.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	4,060,896	10.7	13.5		6,644,513	7,126,409	10.9	7.3
Laredo	31,013,450	82.0	44.4		42,653,836	52,191,447	79.8	22.4
Progreso	36,006	0.1	9.2		62,572	36,006	0.1	-42.5
Rio Grande	13,276	0.0	-33.2		40,821	34,215	0.1	-16.2
Roma	22,616	0.1	34.2		148,451	154,217	0.2	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,799,583</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>35.9</b>		<b>55,479,298</b>	<b>65,439,042</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo  
 Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007: Up 35.9%  
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

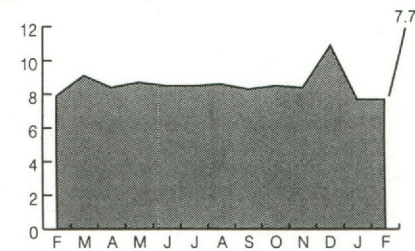


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)**

City	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,149,533	14.9	-7.0		2,550,217	2,335,492	15.2	-8.4
Del Rio	262,166	3.4	-1.7		543,729	523,650	3.4	-3.7
Eagle Pass	571,785	7.4	10.2		1,065,586	1,131,951	7.3	6.2
El Paso	1,087,188	14.1	-2.2		2,251,202	2,086,941	13.6	-7.3
Harlingen	166,659	2.2	-7.2		351,959	326,606	2.1	-7.2
Laredo	2,900,116	37.7	-2.8		6,073,468	5,867,006	38.1	-3.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	816,672	10.6	-4.8		1,783,674	1,632,810	10.6	-8.5
Pharr	543,122	7.1	2.0		1,101,459	1,092,833	7.1	-0.8
Roma	203,657	2.6	-4.1		431,347	404,455	2.6	-6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,700,897</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.5</b>		<b>16,152,642</b>	<b>15,401,743</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.6</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  
 Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007: Down 2.5%  
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

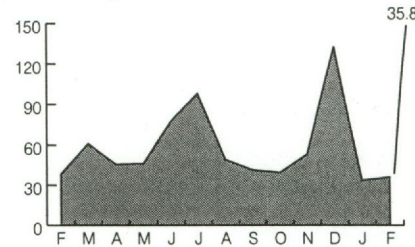


**Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico**

City	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	550	1.5	26.4		842	860	1.2	2.1
El Paso	5,966	16.7	-6.3		12,438	11,857	17.1	-4.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	8,858	24.8	-13.9		18,446	15,830	22.9	-14.2
Brownsville	4,257	11.9	-9.3		9,700	8,713	12.6	-10.2
Laredo	14,411	40.3	-1.0		29,436	28,636	41.4	-2.7
Eagle Pass	1,713	4.8	-6.0		3,660	3,327	4.8	-9.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.3</b>		<b>74,522</b>	<b>69,223</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-7.1</b>

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities  
 Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007: Down 6.3%  
 (In Thousands)

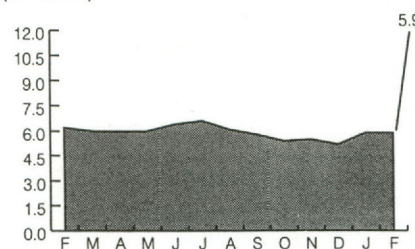


**Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)**

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		06 vs. 07		Gain/Loss
	Feb 07	Feb 07		Feb 07	YTD 06	YTD 07	Emp %Chg	
Brownsville	58,158	4,107	6.6	57,162	58,357	2.1	1,195	
Del Rio	15,209	910	5.6	14,950	15,256	2.0	306	
El Paso	234,013	15,805	6.3	233,571	234,505	0.4	934	
Harlingen	23,637	1,331	5.3	23,232	23,718	2.1	486	
Laredo	80,169	4,142	4.9	78,084	80,296	2.8	2,212	
McAllen	55,203	2,885	5.0	53,761	55,250	2.8	1,489	
Pharr	21,829	1,322	5.7	21,259	21,848	2.8	589	
<b>Total</b>	<b>488,218</b>	<b>30,502</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>482,017</b>	<b>489,228</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>7,211</b>	
<b>Texas Unemployment Rate</b>								<b>4.6</b>
<b>U.S. Unemployment Rate</b>								<b>4.9</b>

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  
 Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007: Down 4.4%  
 (In Percent)

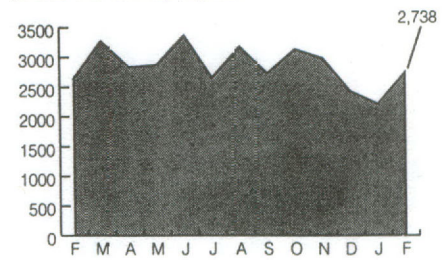




**Building Permits**

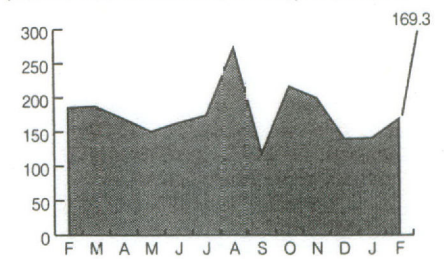
Number City	06 vs. 07			YTD			
	Feb 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	265	9.7	-14.0	571	470	9.5	-17.7
Del Rio	223	8.1	-9.0	449	401	8.1	-10.7
Eagle Pass	40	1.5	-14.9	84	61	1.2	-27.4
El Paso	1,093	39.9	31.1	1,630	1,888	38.2	15.8
Harlingen	191	7.0	-39.0	641	398	8.0	-37.9
Laredo	626	22.9	-12.6	1,440	1,185	24.0	-17.7
McAllen	300	11.0	67.6	345	544	11.0	57.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,738</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>4,947</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.1</b>

**Building Permits All Cited Cities**  
Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007  
(Number of Permits): Up 3.6%



Dollar Value City	06 vs. 07			YTD			
	Feb 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	14,794,058	8.7	-43.4	44,425,267	26,435,314	8.5	-40.5
Del Rio	1,444,577	0.9	-42.0	4,249,051	2,714,307	0.9	-36.1
Eagle Pass	1,616,706	1.0	-36.0	4,172,418	5,368,649	1.7	28.7
El Paso	96,747,060	57.1	13.9	135,979,976	156,700,341	50.5	15.2
Harlingen	5,421,715	3.2	-7.8	22,880,966	8,049,580	2.6	-64.8
Laredo	35,594,711	21.0	2.5	62,915,309	86,289,197	27.8	37.2
McAllen	13,683,020	8.1	-52.3	44,730,826	24,559,074	7.9	-45.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>169,301,847</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.7</b>	<b>319,353,814</b>	<b>310,116,462</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.9</b>

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.S.): Down 8.7%



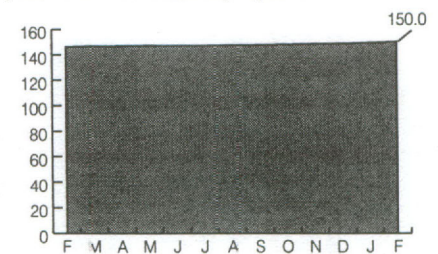
Source: Permit Departments in cited cities

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**Power Connections (in Service)**

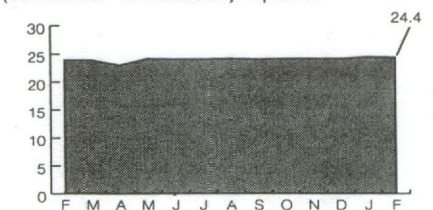
Residential City	06 vs. 07			Average		YTD	
	Feb 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	15,015	10.0	1.5	14,773	14,984	10.0	1.4
Eagle Pass	11,160	7.4	2.3	10,910	11,143	7.4	2.1
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	24,116	16.1	2.7	23,421	24,061	16.1	2.7
Laredo	61,271	40.8	3.0	59,284	61,074	40.8	3.0
McAllen	38,473	25.6	2.8	37,372	38,351	25.6	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,035</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>145,759</b>	<b>149,613</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>

**Power Connections All Cited Cities**  
Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007  
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 2.7%



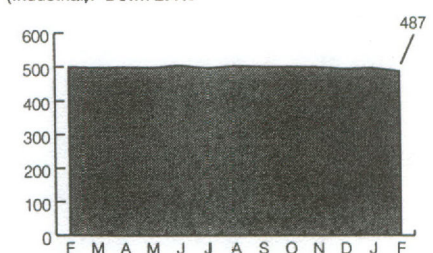
Commercial City	06 vs. 07			Average		YTD	
	Feb 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,370	9.7	2.4	2,326	2,378	9.7	2.2
Eagle Pass	1,675	6.9	-1.2	1,685	1,677	6.9	-0.5
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,050	16.6	0.3	4,064	4,120	16.9	1.4
Laredo	9,360	38.4	2.8	9,076	9,341	38.3	2.9
McAllen	6,912	28.4	3.0	6,728	6,903	28.3	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,367</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>23,878</b>	<b>24,418</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 2.1%



Industrial City	06 vs. 07			Average		YTD	
	Feb 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	8.6	-4.5	45	42	8.5	-5.6
Eagle Pass	29	6.0	0.0	29	29	5.9	0.0
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	100	20.5	-2.0	103	102	20.7	-1.0
Laredo	198	40.7	-2.0	202	199	40.5	-1.5
McAllen	118	24.2	-3.3	124	120	24.4	-2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.0</b>

(Industrial): Down 2.4%



Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company

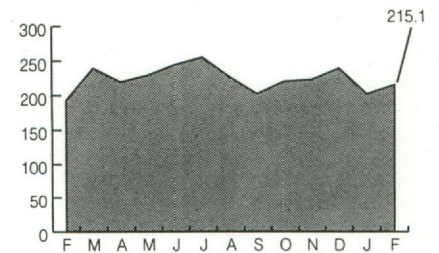
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**Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)**

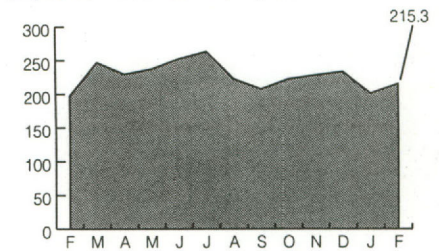
Arrivals City	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	7,885	3.7	14.8		13,888	15,166	3.6	9.2
El Paso	133,456	62.0	18.4		238,327	255,404	61.3	7.2
Harlingen	35,211	16.4	-0.3		68,369	67,434	16.2	-1.4
Laredo	6,753	3.1	3.0		13,952	14,616	3.5	4.8
McAllen	31,788	14.8	2.0		62,390	64,348	15.4	3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>215,093</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11.7</b>		<b>396,926</b>	<b>416,968</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>

**Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities**  
Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007  
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Up 11.7%



Departures City	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	7,744	3.6	9.5		14,343	15,136	3.6	5.5
El Paso	134,473	62.5	16.8		242,064	255,050	61.3	5.4
Harlingen	35,343	16.4	-2.7		71,076	68,971	16.6	-3.0
Laredo	6,629	3.1	-0.3		13,887	14,310	3.4	3.0
McAllen	31,084	14.4	-1.9		61,920	62,852	15.1	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>215,273</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>		<b>403,290</b>	<b>416,319</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>

(Departures – In Thousands): Up 9.4%

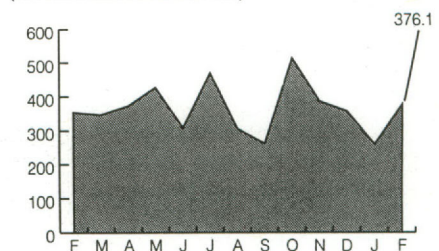


Source: Airports in cited cities

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

Cargo Type	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	204,162	54.3	-8.9		569,369	334,584	52.7	-41.2
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	1,488	0.4	0.0		0	1,488	0.2	0.0
Liquid	45,457	12.1	2833.4		45,871	46,589	7.3	1.6
Machinery	4,538	1.2	-9.4		29,735	10,194	1.6	-65.7
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	120,503	32.0	-1.4		218,046	242,044	38.1	11.0
Steel - Other Minerals	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>376,148</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.6</b>		<b>863,021</b>	<b>634,899</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-26.4</b>

**Port of Brownsville Total Cargo**  
Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007: Up 6.6%  
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



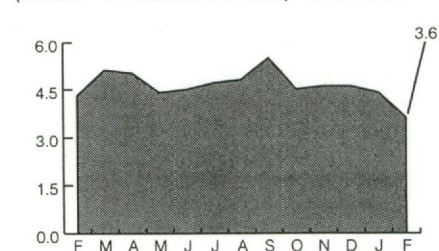
Source: Port of Brownsville

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

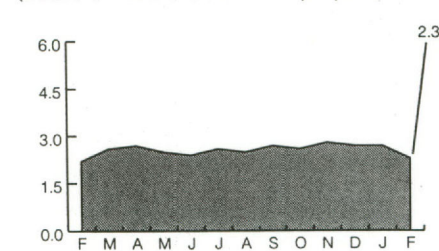
Inbound Cargo Type	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	19,265	0.5	621.7		21,601	42,651	0.5	97.4
Chemical	5,891	0.2	-57.0		30,980	17,712	0.2	-42.8
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	417,742	11.7	-15.2		1,063,528	768,959	9.6	-27.7
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0		3,471	0	0.0	-100.0
Liquid	36,500	1.0	22.1		74,378	69,567	0.9	-6.5
Petroleum	3,103,409	86.6	-16.7		7,375,927	7,099,835	88.8	-3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,582,808</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-15.9</b>		<b>8,569,884</b>	<b>7,998,724</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.7</b>

**Port of Corpus Christi Cargo**  
Feb. 2006 vs. Feb. 2007  
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 15.9%



Outbound Cargo Type	Feb 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	1,761	0.1	35937.6		1,769	10,133	0.2	472.7
Chemical	133,290	5.8	5.6		225,401	296,958	5.9	31.7
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	199,500	8.6	102.2		311,235	497,278	9.9	59.8
Grain Bulk	186,858	8.1	56.5		275,797	438,136	8.7	58.9
Liquid	22,154	1.0	0.0		20,008	38,069	0.8	90.3
Petroleum	1,773,523	76.5	-5.9		3,878,034	3,750,234	74.5	-3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,317,087</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>		<b>4,712,245</b>	<b>5,030,808</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 3.9%



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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**Table 2. U.S.-Mexico Border Ports of Entry Percent Share of All U.S.-Mexico Trade by 1-Digit SITC Commodity Code, Jan.-Feb. 2007**

	Jan. % Share	Feb. % Share	2007 YTD % Share
<b>U.S. Exports to Mexico</b>			
(0) Food and Live Animals	87.30	85.02	86.13
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	79.88	82.94	81.42
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	86.02	84.80	85.45
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	54.06	35.73	44.16
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	80.75	79.96	80.41
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	75.01	75.78	75.37
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	97.08	96.43	96.77
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	91.46	92.84	92.13
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	88.54	89.47	88.98
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	7.25	9.84	8.60
<b>Total Share of All Commodities</b>	<b>85.59</b>	<b>84.81</b>	<b>85.21</b>
<b>U.S. Imports from Mexico</b>			
(0) Food and Live Animals	95.69	96.11	95.91
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	84.54	82.76	83.70
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	83.73	84.14	83.93
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	2.02	2.20	2.10
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	98.91	98.12	98.51
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	87.48	86.59	87.03
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	91.95	92.76	92.35
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	94.61	96.01	95.32
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	93.30	93.38	93.34
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	67.44	65.15	66.32
<b>Total Share of All Commodities</b>	<b>78.73</b>	<b>82.10</b>	<b>80.40</b>
<b>U.S.-Mexico Total Trade</b>			
(0) Food and Live Animals	91.88	91.03	91.44
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	84.25	82.77	83.56
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	85.58	84.66	85.15
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	8.55	8.00	8.30
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	82.80	82.61	82.72
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	77.19	77.94	77.55
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	94.81	94.79	94.80
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	93.40	94.88	94.14
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	91.49	92.01	91.75
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	47.13	44.75	45.94
<b>Total Share of All Commodities</b>	<b>81.56</b>	<b>83.18</b>	<b>82.35</b>

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