

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

U.S.-Mexico border ports processed \$88.2 billion or 81.4 percent of the total trade dollar value of U.S.-Mexico merchandise (\$108.4 billion) crossing the border for the period January-April 2007. The percent share was up compared to 79.9 percent for the same period last year.

The list below shows the top three types of merchandise —SITC 2-Digit—traversing at the nine major U.S.-Mexico border ports. Each port handled over \$1 billion in merchandise (both U.S. exports and imports) from January to April 2007. —B. Garcia

Port of Entry	Rank	SITC	Product Description	US\$ Value
Laredo, TX	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	2,606,229,440
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical	
	0	74	Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	1,455,449,330
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	931,565,274
El Paso, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	1,625,894,611
	2	75	Office Machines and Automatic Data Processing Machines	695,955,882
	3	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	443,527,244
Hidalgo, TX	1	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	442,616,050
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical	,,
			Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	395,868,709
	3	89	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles, N.E.S.	332,214,656
Otay Mesa Sta., C	CA 1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	FE0 770 000
	2	89	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles, N.E.S.	558,778,660
	3	69	Manufactures of Metals, N.E.S.	225,110,073 224,700,410
				224,700,410
Nogales, AZ	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	504,460,562
	2	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	253,766,138
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	110,256,346
Brownsville, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	374,299,355
	2	57	Plastics in Primary Forms	175,228,720
	3	51	Organic Chemicals	154,694,137
Calexico-East, CA	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	315,675,201
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical	010,070,201
			Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	209,946,843
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	138,457,978
Eagle Pass, TX	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	161,017,701
	2	57	Plastics in Primary Forms	116,542,600
	3	79	Transport Equipment, N.E.S.	102,576,616
Del Rio, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	124,415,608
	2	65	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles, N.E.S., and Related Products	74,295,413
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	47,218,978

#### U.S. Exports to Mexico via Top U.S.-Mexico Border Ports (January-April 2007)

#### U.S. Imports from Mexico via Top U.S.-Mexico Border Ports (January-April 2007)

Port of Entry	Rank	SITC	Product Description	US\$ Value
Laredo, TX	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	4,519,962,893
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical	
			Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	2,529,552,172
	3	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	1,815,413,286
			Co	ntinued on Back Page

# **Need More Detailed Information?**

For more detailed information regarding border crossings, economic indicators and trade activity, visit the Center's web site:

# http://texascenter.tamiu.edu

# **Technical Reports**

The Texas Center's research activities have resulted in a series of technical reports on border economic issues ranging from infrastructure needs and environmental issues to the impact of NAFTA on Texas-Mexico trade relations and future business opportunities.

The Center continues its research tradition with activities spanning those areas involving border trade, business development and economic issues.

New research encompassing areas such as community development, health, culture, education and socioeconomic issues have been added to the series.

Technical Reports are freely available online for download in PDF format, unless otherwise noted.

The Border Business Indicators (ISSN 1091-9104) is published by the Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development, at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas.

Dr. Ray M. Keck, III President, Texas A&M International University

Dr. J. Michael Patrick Director, Texas Center

Baldomero G. Garcia Program Manager, Texas Center

Jacqueline O. Benavides Data & Information Specialist, Texas Center

Leo Lozano Database Specialist, Texas Center

Further information may be obtained by calling:

TEL. (956) 326-2546 FAX (956) 326-2544

or by writing to the addresses below:

E-mail: texascenter@tamiu.edu

Texas A&M International University Texas Center 5201 University Boulevard Laredo, TX 78041-1900

> Produced by the TAMIU Print Shop on Recycled Paper

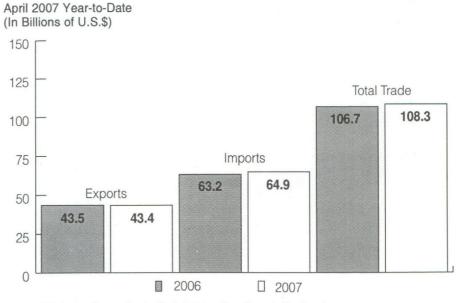


# Note from the Director

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

- · Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 3.6 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were up 1.8 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 6.1 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 6.3 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico lost 2.2 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 1.7 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 4.1 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went down 4.8 percent.
- · Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 14.0 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a loss of 3.4 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 5.3 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.2 percent, with 5,678 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in April 2007 was 5.5 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 0.2 percent.
- · Total building permit values increased 88.8 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.7 percent, commercial were up 3.3 percent and industrial were down 2.3 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 16.4 percent, and departures were down 18.2 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 2.8 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went down 1.7 percent, and outbound cargo went up 23.6 percent.

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



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

**Disclaimer:** Please note that the data contained in this and all issues of the *Border Business Indicators* is collected from different government agencies and private sources. Readers should note that different data-collecting agencies use dissimilar, often conflicting, techniques in collecting and compiling the information they publish. Because of this lack of uniformity, comparing different data could result in erroneous conclusions. While we are most grateful to our sources for their cooperation, we cannot assume responsibility for the comparability of the data.

1.2

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities April 2006 vs. April 2007: Down 3.2%

(In Millions)

2.0
1.5
1.0
0.5
0.0

# Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

			06 vs. 07				YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	185,934	15.0	-6.1	768,464	712,021	14.3	-7.3
Del Rio	3,332	0.3	-0.1	16,535	15,792	0.3	-4.5
Eagle Pass	53,711	4.3	3.5	204,636	205,938	4.1	0.6
El Paso	444,048	35.8	0.7	1,646,346	1,695,284	34.1	3.0
Harlingen	85	0.0	2.4	383	213	0.0	-44.4
Laredo	302,640	24.4	-12.2	1,338,610	1,174,373	23.6	-12.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	138,800	11.2	8.4	506,557	530,257	10.7	4.7
Progreso	92,617	7.5	-4.9	609,161	568,679	11.4	-6.6
Rio Grande	1	0.0	-98.0	398	252	0.0	-36.7
Roma	18,622	1.5	8.5	70,093	72,757	1.5	3.8
Total	1,239,790	100.0	-3.2	5,161,183	4,975,566	100.0	-3.6

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

# Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

			06 vs. 07				YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	<b>YTD 06</b>	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	228,331	14.7	-1.4	915,110	871,309	14.1	-4.8
Del Rio	5,728	0.4	-7.7	24,423	23,341	0.4	-4.4
Eagle Pass	61,777	4.0	2.1	234,186	237,049	3.8	1.2
El Paso	589,121	37.9	5.0	2,095,186	2,226,105	36.0	6.2
Laredo	384,075	24.7	1.4	1,487,441	1,512,642	24.5	1.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	166,163	10.7	6.6	614,647	639,191	10.3	4.0
Presidio	2,327	0.1	34.1	7,653	9,005	0.1	17.7
Progreso	93,171	6.0	-3.4	604,735	569,293	9.2	-5.9
Rio Grande	1,528	0.1	6.8	5,449	5,983	0.1	9.8
Roma	21,138	1.4	5.2	81,275	84,507	1.4	4.0
Total	1,553,359	100.0	2.6	6,070,105	6,178,425	100.0	1.8

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

# Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

			06 vs. 07				YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	508,620	19.7	-10.3	2,250,714	2,054,825	20.1	-8.7
Del Rio	135,805	5.3	-6.3	565,595	540,033	5.3	-4.5
Eagle Pass	235,116	9.1	-10.9	1,013,294	910,350	8.9	-10.2
El Paso	369,883	14.3	-9.2	1,584,049	1,476,624	14.5	-6.8
Harlingen	56,489	2.2	-6.2	233,590	222,990	2.2	-4.5
Laredo	485,352	18.8	-5.6	1,982,258	1,829,007	17.9	-7.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	416,148	16.1	-6.8	1,739,902	1,624,605	15.9	-6.6
Pharr	170,324	6.6	12.0	599,880	707,495	6.9	17.9
Progreso	81,875	3.2	-6.7	359,895	335,906	3.3	-6.7
Rio Grande	47,264	1.8	-9.3	196,725	189,329	1.9	-3.8
Roma	78,888	3.1	-7.8	333,099	309,017	3.0	-7.2
Total	2,585,764	100.0	-7.0	10,859,001	10,200,181	100.0	-6.1

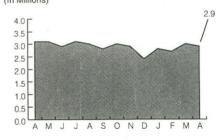
Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

#### Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

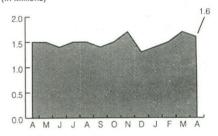
Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

			06 vs. 07				YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	507,920	17.6	-11.5	2,287,310	2,064,151	18.1	-9.8
Del Rio	147,357	5.1	-6.5	613,423	582,044	5.1	-5.1
Eagle Pass	247,752	8.6	-10.0	1,069,967	964,022	8.4	-9.9
El Paso	601,418	20.8	3.5	2,262,946	2,376,090	20.8	5.0
Harlingen	67,969	2.4	1.8	261,963	267,773	2.3	2.2
Laredo	448,745	15.5	-14.1	2,054,085	1,764,834	15.4	-14.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	389,759	13.5	-10.3	1,688,090	1,523,482	13.3	-9.8
Pharr	193,616	6.7	-1.3	787,130	776,306	6.8	-1.4
Presidio	61,206	2.1	-5.3	252,073	241,309	2.1	-4.3
Progreso	86,778	3.0	-1.2	363,265	351,183	3.1	-3.3
Rio Grande	53,339	1.8	-7.5	220,973	208,952	1.8	-5.4
Roma	80,359	2.8	-6.7	334,375	310,256	2.7	-7.2
Total	2,886,218	100.0	-7.0	12,195,600	11,430,402	100.0	-6.3

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities April 2006 vs. April 2007: Down 7.0% (In Millions)

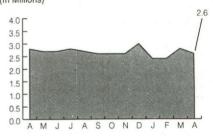


Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities April 2006 vs. April 2007: Up **2.6%** (In Millions)



AMJJASONDJFMA

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities April 2006 vs. April 2007: Down 7.0% (In Millions)



YTD - Year-to-date %Chg - Percent Change Avg - Average Gain/Loss - Jobs gained or lost N/A - Data Not Available

## Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

			06 vs. 07				YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	15,529	6.9	-6.8	71,535	66,687	7.0	-6.8
Del Rio	5,622	2.5	-0.9	23,655	23,117	2.4	-2.3
Eagle Pass	7,354	3.3	-4.5	32,545	31,277	3.3	-3.9
El Paso	27,061	12.0	8.1	105,482	105,930	11.2	0.4
Harlingen	2,396	1.1	-17.0	12,603	10,160	1.1	-19.4
Laredo	124,451	55.0	-6.8	555,606	536,179	56.5	-3.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	313	0.1	-66.8	5,890	1,285	0.1	-78.2
Pharr	36,873	16.3	4.1	138,426	149,043	15.7	7.7
Progreso	3,194	1.4	40.5	10,109	11,377	1.2	12.5
Rio Grande	2,667	1.2	-6.8	11,572	10,703	1.1	-7.5
Roma	811	0.4	-5.5	3,444	3,527	0.4	2.4
Total	226,271	100.0	-3.2	970,867	949,285	100.0	-2.2

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.

### **Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

			06 vs. 07				YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	14,414	5.3	-20.1	67,966	60,876	5.6	-10.4
Del Rio	5,325	2.0	2.0	22,629	20,993	1.9	-7.2
Eagle Pass	7,649	2.8	-0.8	32,328	31,957	2.9	-1.1
El Paso	63,118	23.4	3.9	247,411	254,902	23.5	3.0
Falcon Heights	1	0.0	-66.7	18	9	0.0	-50.0
Harlingen	3,058	1.1	1.4	12,864	12,484	1.2	-3.0
Laredo	126,271	46.8	8.0	489,101	507,047	46.7	3.7
Pharr	41,146	15.2	7.4	162,852	163,438	15.1	0.4
Presidio	692	0.3	63.6	2,012	2,715	0.3	34.9
Progreso	4,003	1.5	66.6	10,477	14,364	1.3	37.1
Rio Grande	3,591	1.3	-11.2	16,291	13,190	1.2	-19.0
Roma	708	0.3	6.3	2,711	2,687	0.2	-0.9
Total	269,976	100.0	4.8	1,066,660	1,084,662	100.0	1.7

Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo & U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks.

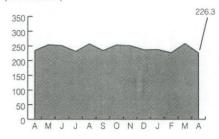
#### Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

			YT			
Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
4,130	13.2	-5.3	15,719	16,537	13.7	5.2
6,295	20.2	2.8	23,253	24,779	20.6	6.6
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20,808	66.6	5.8	76,643	79,087	65.7	3.2
31,233	100.0	3.6	115,615	120,403	100.0	4.1
	6,295 N/A 20,808	4,130 13.2 6,295 20.2 N/A N/A 20,808 66.6	4,130 13.2 -5.3 6,295 20.2 2.8 N/A N/A N/A 20,808 66.6 5.8	Apr 07     %Share     %Chg     YTD 06       4,130     13.2     -5.3     15,719       6,295     20.2     2.8     23,253       N/A     N/A     N/A     N/A       20,808     66.6     5.8     76,643	Apr 07     %Share     %Chg     YTD 06     YTD 07       4,130     13.2     -5.3     15,719     16,537       6,295     20.2     2.8     23,253     24,779       N/A     N/A     N/A     N/A     N/A       20,808     66.6     5.8     76,643     79,087	Apr 07     %Share     %Chg     YTD 06     YTD 07     %Share       4,130     13.2     -5.3     15,719     16,537     13.7       6,295     20.2     2.8     23,253     24,779     20.6       N/A     N/A     N/A     N/A     N/A     N/A       20,808     66.6     5.8     76,643     79,087     65.7

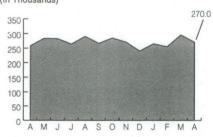
Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

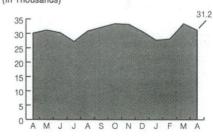




Trucks into Texas All Cited Cities April 2006 vs. April 2007: Up **4.8%** (In Thousands)



Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities April 2006 vs. April 2007: Up **3.6%** (In Thousands)

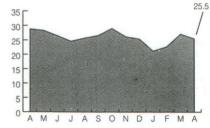


#### Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

						YTD	
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	485	1.9	12.3	1,825	2,338	2.4	28.1
Eagle Pass	3,390	13.3	-5.8	14,592	14,142	14.7	-3.1
El Paso	9,111	35.8	-21.3	32,403	32,743	34.0	1.0
Laredo	12,464	49.0	-5.5	52,410	47,164	48.9	-10.0
Total	25,450	100.0	-11.6	101,230	96,387	100.0	-4.8

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities April 2006 vs. April 2007: Down **11.6%** (In Thousands)



35.7

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo April 2006 vs. April 2007: Up 1.4%

(In Millions of U.S.\$)

0

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

			06 vs. 07				YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	1,962,802	5.5	4.5	6,458,548	6,899,573	5.1	6.8
Del Rio	163,339	0.5	-0.5	708,733	598,698	0.4	-15.5
Eagle Pass	423,851	1.2	-80.3	6,037,300	2,466,362	1.8	-59.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	4,350,333	12.2	24.5	14,367,965	16,006,592	11.9	11.4
Laredo	28,619,716	80.2	4.5	90,319,616	108,500,826	80.4	20.1
Progreso	58,836	0.2	30.6	132,730	149,673	0.1	12.8
Rio Grande	20,291	0.1	-40.5	105,211	73,946	0.1	-29.7
Roma	84,117	0.2	133.8	200,638	257,992	0.2	28.6
Total	35,683,285	100.0	1.4	118,330,741	134,953,662	100.0	14.0

Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo

Totals may not add up due to rounding. Note:

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

			06 vs. 07				YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	<b>YTD 07</b>	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	1,183,919	14.4	-8.6	5,226,337	4,815,878	14.8	-7.9
Del Rio	325,092	3.9	11.9	1,141,141	1,141,977	3.5	0.1
Eagle Pass	615,075	7.5	6.5	2,238,750	2,389,192	7.4	6.7
El Paso	1,164,184	14.1	-0.9	4,711,088	4,491,824	13.8	-4.7
Harlingen	176,098	2.1	-3.2	732,115	699,665	2.2	-4.4
Laredo	3,077,492	37.3	-0.1	12,606,103	12,234,634	37.7	-2.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	881,567	10.7	-5.9	3,671,434	3,441,881	10.6	-6.3
Pharr	604,403	7.3	1.8	2,353,153	2,367,120	7.3	0.6
Roma	217,860	2.6	-6.4	909,188	852,465	2.6	-6.2
Total	8,245,689	100.0	-1.4	33,589,309	32,434,636	100.0	-3.4

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

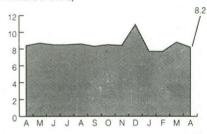
El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas (Toll-free). Totals may not add up due to rounding. Note:

#### Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

			06 vs. 07				YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Del Rio	234	0.6	-54.2	1,982	1,791	1.0	-9.6
El Paso	8,224	20.7	-5.3	31,033	30,442	17.8	-1.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	8,216	20.6	-14.2	42,592	37,994	22.2	-10.8
Brownsville	4,891	12.3	-13.5	23,275	21,467	12.5	-7.8
Laredo	16,198	40.7	-14.1	72,777	69,732	40.7	-4.2
Eagle Pass	2,039	5.1	-9.7	9,238	9,863	5.8	6.8
Total	39,802	100.0	-12.6	180,897	171,289	100.0	-5.3

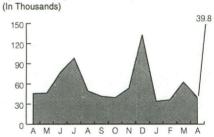
Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico





AMJJASONDJFMA

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities April 2006 vs. April 2007: Down 12.6%



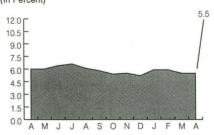
City	Employed Apr 07	Unemployed Apr 07	%Unemp Apr 07	Emp Avg YTD 06	Emp Avg YTD 07	06 vs. 07 Emp %Chg	Gain/Loss YTD
Brownsville	58,511	3,486	5.6	57,341	58,436	1.9	1,095
Del Rio	15,145	817	5.1	14,903	15,228	2.2	325
El Paso	233,700	15,655	6.3	234,644	234,494	-0.1	-150
Harlingen	23,780	1,148	4.6	23,304	23,750	1.9	445
Laredo	78,766	3,530	4.3	78,279	79,997	2.2	1,718
McAllen	55,540	2,517	4.3	53,715	55,324	3.0	1,609
Pharr	21,962	1,154	5.0	21,241	21,877	3.0	636
Total	487,404	28,307	5.5	483,426	489,104	1.2	5,678

4.0

4.3

Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined April 2006 vs. April 2007: Down 8.6% (In Percent)



Source: Texas Workforce Commission

Texas Unemployment Rate

U.S. Unemployment Rate

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

<b>Building Permits</b>	6						
Number			06 vs. 07				YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	266	8.5	-9.2	1,165	1,035	9.2	-11.2
Del Rio	267	8.5	19.2	952	905	8.0	-4.9
Eagle Pass	49	1.6	81.5	144	160	1.4	11.1
El Paso	1,317	42.0	31.0	3,729	4,445	39.4	19.2
Harlingen	237	7.6	-44.0	1,358	891	7.9	-34.4
Laredo	635	20.3	-0.6	3,149	2,571	22.8	-18.4
McAllen	364	11.6	61.8	771	1,284	11.4	66.5
Total	3,135	100.0	10.5	11,268	11,291	100.0	0.2

Dollar Value			06 vs. 07				YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	17,378,279	2.3	-43.7	95,550,073	64,536,428	5.1	-32.5
Del Rio	808,058	0.1	-83.6	13,332,506	5,087,278	0.4	-61.8
Eagle Pass	2,634,330	0.3	-21.3	7,950,415	11,019,013	0.9	38.6
El Paso	682,564,487	89.4	997.5	262,722,202	922,730,320	72.3	251.2
Harlingen	5,997,860	0.8	-22.3	40,387,118	18,503,825	1.4	-54.2
Laredo	34,745,338	4.6	3.3	156,130,889	143,776,393	11.3	-7.9
McAllen	19,297,002	2.5	-28.6	100,203,702	110,911,755	8.7	10.7
Total	763,425,353	100.0	350.0	676,276,905	1,276,565,011	100.0	88.8

Source: Permit Departments in cited cities

Note: Dollar value totals may not add up due to rounding.

#### Power Connections (in Service)

Residential			06 vs. 07	Average	Average		YTD
City	Apr 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	15,048	10.0	1.3	14,801	15,013	10.0	1.4
Eagle Pass	11,187	7.4	1.8	10,944	11,167	7.4	2.0
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	24,276	16.1	2.7	23,523	24,166	16.1	2.7
Laredo	62,003	41.0	3.4	59,578	61,476	40.9	3.2
McAllen	38,536	25.5	3.0	37,412	38,446	25.6	2.8
Total	151.050	100.0	2.9	146,258	150,267	100.0	2.7

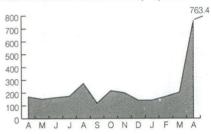
Commercial City	Apr 07	%Share	06 vs. 07 %Chg	Average YTD 06	Average YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,368	9.7	0.9	2,329	2,372	9.7	1.8
Eagle Pass	1,678	6.9	-0.9	1,696	1,680	6.9	-0.9
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,094	16.7	1.5	4,045	4,102	16.8	1.4
Laredo	9,408	38.4	15.8	8,851	9,375	38.3	5.9
McAllen	6,943	28.3	2.7	6,742	6,920	28.3	2.6
Total	24.491	100.0	6.7	23,662	24,450	100.0	3.3

Industrial			06 vs. 07	Average	Average		YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	<b>YTD 07</b>	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	43	8.9	-2.3	44	42	8.7	-4.5
Eagle Pass	29	6.0	0.0	29	29	5.9	1.8
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	100	20.7	-2.0	102	101	20.6	-1.0
Laredo	194	40.1	-4.0	203	197	40.4	-2.7
McAllen	118	24.4	-3.3	123	119	24.4	-2.9
Total	484	100.0	-3.0	500	488	100.0	-2.3

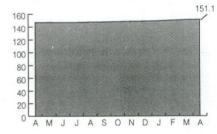
Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding. Building Permits All Cited Cities April 2006 vs. April 2007 (Number of Permits): Up **10.5%** 



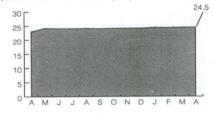
(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Up 350.0%



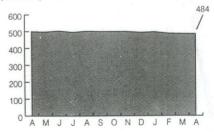
Power Connections All Cited Cities April 2006 vs. April 2007 (Residential – In Thousands): Up **2.9%** 



(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 6.7%



(Industrial): Down 3.0%



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

Arrivals			06 vs. 07				YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	<b>YTD 07</b>	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	7,973	5.6	6.6	29,736	32,019	4.5	7.7
El Paso	51,954	36.8	-62.1	521,010	367,634	51.4	-29.4
Harlingen	36,715	26.0	1.9	145,468	145,796	20.4	0.2
Laredo	8,289	5.9	13.5	28,781	30,983	4.3	7.7
McAllen	36,295	25.7	13.9	131,176	138,942	19.4	5.9
Total	141,226	100.0	-35.7	856,171	715,374	100.0	-16.4

Departures			06 vs. 07				YTD
City	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	8,394	5.9	8.3	30,794	32,771	4.6	6.4
El Paso	51,764	36.2	-63.3	531,744	367,402	51.1	-30.9
Harlingen	39,843	27.9	0.5	153,698	151,972	21.1	-1.1
Laredo	8,383	5.9	12.3	28,889	30,784	4.3	6.6
McAllen	34,442	24.1	2.8	134,336	136,659	19.0	1.7
Total	142,826	100.0	-37.7	879,461	719,588	100.0	-18.2

Source: Airports in cited cities

Port of Brownsville	(Total Ca	argo in Me	etric Tons	)				
			06 vs. 07				YTD	
Cargo Type	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg	
Break Bulk	175,024	33.5	-33.9	1,066,781	678,255	44.1	-36.4	
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	40,075	7.7	2490.3	47,787	127,887	8.3	167.6	
Machinery	574	0.1	-70.3	33,144	11,259	0.7	-66.0	
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	306,381	58.7	194.6	433,129	718,319	46.7	65.8	
Steel - Other Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	
Total	522,054	100.0	40.3	1,580,840	1,537,209	100.0	-2.8	

Source: Port of Brownsville

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Inbound			06 vs. 07				YTD
Cargo Type	Apr 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	27,472	0.6	-13.3	67,723	93,895	0.5	38.6
Chemical	12,078	0.3	51.3	49,410	49,039	0.3	-0.7
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	504,960	10.9	13.5	2,016,757	1,954,436	10.7	-3.1
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	3,471	0	0.0	-100.0
Liquid	0	0.0	0.0	74,378	103,083	0.6	38.6
Petroleum	4,092,980	88.3	-8.4	16,457,056	16,148,766	88.0	-1.9
Total	4,637,490	100.0	-6.4	18,668,794	18.349.220	100.0	-1.7
	.,,						
Outbound	.,,	7	06 vs. 07				YTD
	Apr 07	%Share		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
Outbound		)	06 vs. 07		<b>YTD 07</b> 38,200	% <b>Share</b> 0.3	
Outbound Cargo Type	Apr 07	%Share	06 vs. 07 %Chg	YTD 06			%Chg
Outbound Cargo Type Break Bulk	<b>Apr 07</b> 24,175	% <b>Share</b> 0.6	06 vs. 07 %Chg 193.7	<b>YTD 06</b> 24,922	38,200	0.3	%Chg 53.3
Outbound Cargo Type Break Bulk Chemical	<b>Apr 07</b> 24,175 180,150	% <b>Share</b> 0.6 4.1	<b>06 vs. 07</b> % <b>Chg</b> 193.7 33.6	<b>YTD 06</b> 24,922 511,949	38,200 606,209	0.3 4.9	% <b>Chg</b> 53.3 18.4
Outbound Cargo Type Break Bulk Chemical Containers	<b>Apr 07</b> 24,175 180,150 0	% <b>Share</b> 0.6 4.1 0.0	06 vs. 07 %Chg 193.7 33.6 0.0	<b>YTD 06</b> 24,922 511,949 0	38,200 606,209 0	0.3 4.9 0.0	% <b>Chg</b> 53.3 18.4 0.0
Outbound Cargo Type Break Bulk Chemical Containers Dry Bulk	<b>Apr 07</b> 24,175 180,150 0 2,128,444	% <b>Share</b> 0.6 4.1 0.0 48.5	<b>06 vs. 07</b> % <b>Chg</b> 193.7 33.6 0.0 823.5	<b>YTD 06</b> 24,922 511,949 0 763,356	38,200 606,209 0 2,786,014	0.3 4.9 0.0 22.6	%Chg 53.3 18.4 0.0 265.0
Outbound Cargo Type Break Bulk Chemical Containers Dry Bulk Grain Bulk	<b>Apr 07</b> 24,175 180,150 0 2,128,444 132,846	% <b>Share</b> 0.6 4.1 0.0 48.5 3.0	<b>06 vs. 07</b> % <b>Chg</b> 193.7 33.6 0.0 823.5 9.1	<b>YTD 06</b> 24,922 511,949 0 763,356 551,131	38,200 606,209 0 2,786,014 702,177	0.3 4.9 0.0 22.6 5.7	%Chg 53.3 18.4 0.0 265.0 27.4

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

Source: Port of Corpus Christi Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding. 500 400 300 200

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo April 2006 vs. April 2007: Up **40.3%** (In Thousands of Metric Tons)

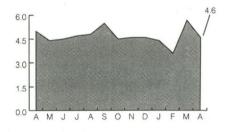
600

100

0 A M J J A S O N D J F M A

522.1

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo April 2006 vs. April 2007 (Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down **6.4**%

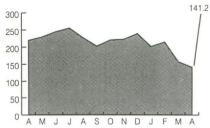


(Outbound - In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 64.6%



# April 2006 vs. April 2007 (Arrivals – In Thousands): Down **35.7%**

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities







# Continued from Front Page

El Paso, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	2,237,358,908
	2	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	1,165,187,792
	3	75	Office Machines and Automatic Data Processing Machines	1,120,295,146
Otay Mesa Station, C.	A 1	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	2,931,176,635
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical	
	3	78	Counterparts of Household Type, N.E. Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	586,977,097 415,295,234
Nogales, AZ	1	05	Vegetables and Fruit	
June of Land	2	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	1,168,458,421
	3	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical	1,054,599,776
			Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	606,600,657
Hidalgo, TX	1	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	867,103,362
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical	
	3	05	Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	782,874,828
			Vegetables and Fruit	420,977,547
Eagle Pass, TX	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	1,556,579,786
	2	84	Articles of Apparel and Clothing Accessories	254,462,164
	3	69	Manufactures of Metals, N.E.S.	130,215,360
Calexico-East, CA	1	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	904,511,976
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical	
	0	-	Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	237,849,503
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	191,818,461
Brownsville, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical	
	2	78	Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	484,995,952
	2	76	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	230,791,725
	3		Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	200,279,122
Del Rio, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	104 100 000
	2	82	Furniture and Parts thereof; Bedding, Mattresses, Mattress Supports, Cushions and Similar Stuffed Furnishings	134,123,936 99,169,410
		78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	33,169,410

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

Subscribe now to Border Business Indicators! Annual subscription rate is \$36.00 (12 monthly issues). Enclose this subscription form or photocopy with payment. Payable in U.S. funds only.

Name		
Title		
State		
	Title     Affiliation/Co     Address     City     State     Telephone ( )	Name



Texas A&M International University Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development 5201 University Boulevard Laredo, TX 78041-1900 Non-Profit Org. U.S. Postage Paid Laredo, Texas 78041 Permit 231