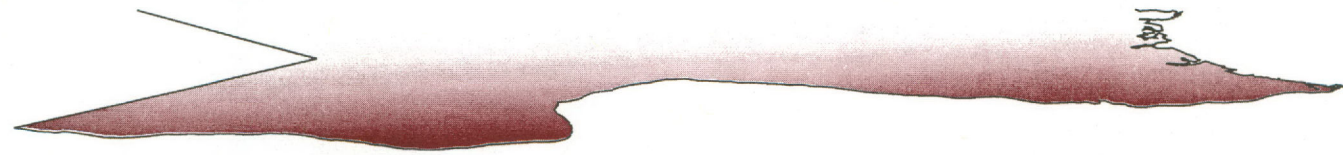


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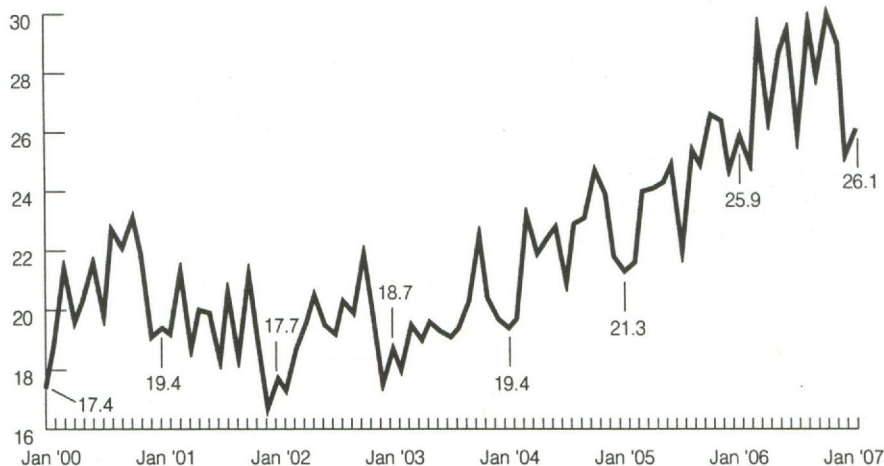
As reported in the February 2007 issue of the *Border Business Indicators*, 2006 ended with the highest figures in the history of trade between the U.S. and Mexico. Final tallies marked a new high point in U.S.-Mexico trade surpassing the previous one of 2005. After 2000, trade between the countries remained flat but changed in 2004. The 2006 total trade between the trading partners registered an all-time high of \$332.5 billion or a 14.6 percent increase over 2005. U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico increased 11.8 percent and 16.5 percent respectively over 2005.

In the two previous years—2005 and 2006, the January total trade dollar figures hinted as to how the trade trend would fair for the remainder of the respective year. In comparing those monthly values, each registered increases over the previous years monthly figures. January 2005 had a gain of 9.8 percent over 2004, and January 2006 had a gain of 21.6 percent over 2005. The January 2006 figure signaled a possible all-time high and the final figures beared it as mentioned above.

As exhibited in Chart 1, eight years of January total trade values are shown. The January 2007 dollar figure only increased by 0.8 percent over the same period in 2006. If the subsequent months maintain similar increases over the previous year's figures, 2007 may result with flat growth.

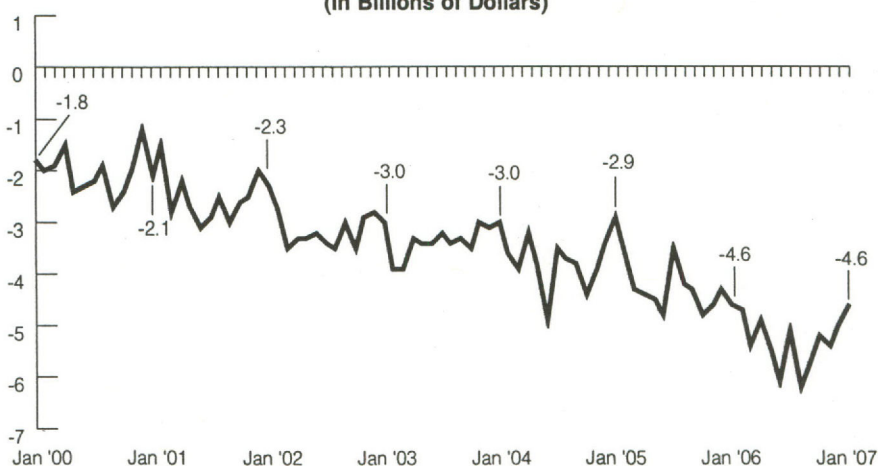
The continued increases in U.S. exports to Mexico (11.8 percent) and U.S. imports from Mexico (16.5 percent) in 2006 provided for the highest trade values in history. However, U.S. imports from Mexico again outpaced U.S. exports to Mexico in 2006 resulting in the U.S.'s ongoing trade deficit with Mexico (See Chart 2).

Chart 1
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade
Jan. 2000 - Jan. 2007
(In Billions of Dollars)



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

Chart 2
U.S.-Mexico Balance of Trade
Jan. 2000 - Jan. 2007
(In Billions of Dollars)



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

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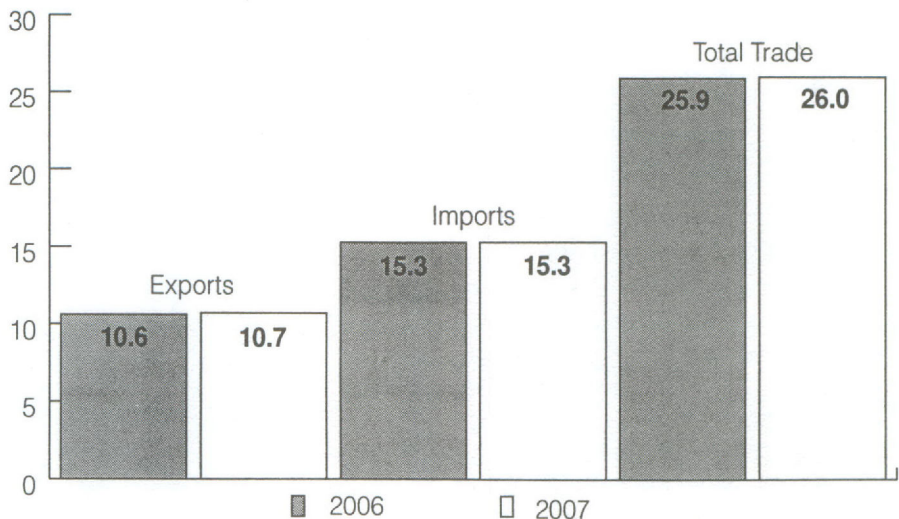
Note from the Director

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

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 10.5 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 7.5 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 8.6 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 8.0 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 0.5 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 0.8 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went down 0.4 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went down 11.4 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs decreased 0.1 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a loss of 6.7 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 7.9 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.8 percent, with 8,581 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in January 2007 was 5.9 percent.
- Total building permits issued fell 12.3 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 5.1 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.6 percent, commercial were up 2.4 percent and industrial were down 1.6 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 1.2 percent, and departures were down 2.6 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 49.3 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 2.5 percent, and outbound cargo went up 9.3 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

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



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

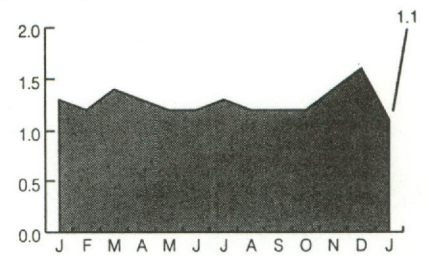
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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Jan 07	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	152,957	13.5	-16.4	182,938	152,957	13.5	-16.4
Del Rio	3,265	0.3	-7.2	3,518	3,265	0.3	-7.2
Eagle Pass	42,657	3.8	-17.4	51,647	42,657	3.8	-17.4
El Paso	362,295	32.0	-8.4	395,724	362,295	32.0	-8.4
Harlingen	33	0.0	-68.3	104	33	0.0	-68.3
Laredo	307,687	27.2	-7.2	331,680	307,687	27.2	-7.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	118,912	10.5	-2.6	122,107	118,912	10.5	-2.6
Progreso	128,229	11.3	-19.4	159,083	128,229	11.3	-19.4
Rio Grande	47	0.0	-55.7	106	47	0.0	-55.7
Roma	16,740	1.5	-9.1	18,412	16,740	1.5	-9.1
Total	1,132,822	100.0	-10.5	1,265,319	1,132,822	100.0	-10.5

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007: Down 10.5%
(In Millions)

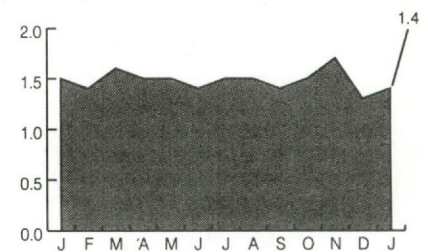


Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Jan 07	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	195,205	14.1	-12.7	223,627	195,205	14.1	-12.7
Del Rio	4,611	0.3	-27.7	6,374	4,611	0.3	-27.7
Eagle Pass	49,698	3.6	-16.7	59,676	49,698	3.6	-16.7
El Paso	478,719	34.5	-4.3	500,141	478,719	34.5	-4.3
Laredo	358,459	25.8	-4.4	374,823	358,459	25.8	-4.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	150,209	10.8	-2.3	153,687	150,209	10.8	-2.3
Presidio	2,153	0.2	-8.7	2,359	2,153	0.2	-8.7
Progreso	128,738	9.3	-18.3	157,571	128,738	9.3	-18.3
Rio Grande	1,365	0.1	9.2	1,250	1,365	0.1	9.2
Roma	19,454	1.4	-8.8	21,322	19,454	1.4	-8.8
Total	1,388,611	100.0	-7.5	1,500,830	1,388,611	100.0	-7.5

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007: Down 7.5%
(In Millions)

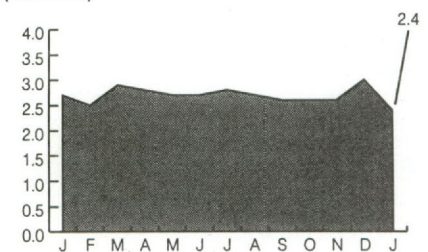


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Jan 07	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	510,109	20.9	-9.4	562,882	510,109	20.9	-9.4
Del Rio	129,562	5.3	-6.0	137,875	129,562	5.3	-6.0
Eagle Pass	213,781	8.8	-12.9	245,572	213,781	8.8	-12.9
El Paso	358,043	14.7	-5.9	380,580	358,043	14.7	-5.9
Harlingen	49,484	2.0	-10.4	55,203	49,484	2.0	-10.4
Laredo	428,466	17.6	-12.0	487,051	428,466	17.6	-12.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	385,732	15.8	-12.0	438,192	385,732	15.8	-12.0
Pharr	170,528	7.0	16.7	146,176	170,528	7.0	16.7
Progreso	77,052	3.2	-11.8	87,320	77,052	3.2	-11.8
Rio Grande	42,935	1.8	-8.0	46,688	42,935	1.8	-8.0
Roma	73,126	3.0	-8.5	79,946	73,126	3.0	-8.5
Total	2,438,818	100.0	-8.6	2,667,485	2,438,818	100.0	-8.6

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007: Down 8.6%
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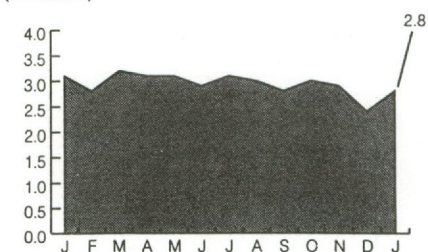


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Jan 07	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	527,160	18.6	-9.6	583,412	527,160	18.6	-9.6
Del Rio	144,535	5.1	-5.8	153,371	144,535	5.1	-5.8
Eagle Pass	236,572	8.3	-12.2	269,585	236,572	8.3	-12.2
El Paso	591,573	20.8	4.8	564,380	591,573	20.8	4.8
Harlingen	62,402	2.2	-4.7	65,488	62,402	2.2	-4.7
Laredo	453,228	16.0	-15.4	535,958	453,228	16.0	-15.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	364,183	12.8	-15.4	430,286	364,183	12.8	-15.4
Pharr	190,703	6.7	-2.1	194,809	190,703	6.7	-2.1
Presidio	60,953	2.1	-5.2	64,295	60,953	2.1	-5.2
Progreso	82,570	2.9	-7.5	89,291	82,570	2.9	-7.5
Rio Grande	51,203	1.8	-6.9	55,004	51,203	1.8	-6.9
Roma	76,436	2.7	-8.8	83,781	76,436	2.7	-8.8
Total	2,841,518	100.0	-8.0	3,089,660	2,841,518	100.0	-8.0

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007: Down 8.0%
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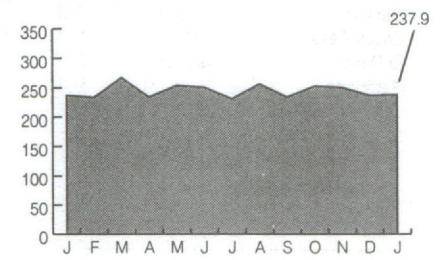


Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Jan 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	16,884	7.1	-7.6		18,281	16,884	7.1	-7.6
Del Rio	5,748	2.4	-1.7		5,845	5,748	2.4	-1.7
Eagle Pass	7,903	3.3	-2.2		8,083	7,903	3.3	-2.2
El Paso	26,683	11.2	4.3		25,595	26,683	11.2	4.3
Harlingen	2,647	1.1	-10.7		2,963	2,647	1.1	-10.7
Laredo	135,636	57.0	-0.1		135,834	135,636	57.0	-0.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	315	0.1	-82.3		1,784	315	0.1	-82.3
Pharr	35,731	15.0	11.4		32,083	35,731	15.0	11.4
Progreso	2,438	1.0	-7.2		2,626	2,438	1.0	-7.2
Rio Grande	2,796	1.2	3.6		2,699	2,796	1.2	3.6
Roma	1,114	0.5	37.5		810	1,114	0.5	37.5
Total	237,895	100.0	0.5		236,603	237,895	100.0	0.5

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities
 Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks. El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas.

Trucks into Mexico All Cited Cities
 Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007: Up 0.5%
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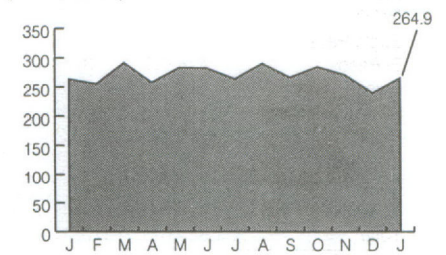


Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Jan 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	15,763	6.0	-4.5		16,510	15,763	6.0	-4.5
Del Rio	5,341	2.0	-5.9		5,674	5,341	2.0	-5.9
Eagle Pass	8,215	3.1	2.6		8,010	8,215	3.1	2.6
El Paso	62,215	23.5	0.9		61,634	62,215	23.5	0.9
Falcon Heights	2	0.0	-60.0		5	2	0.0	-60.0
Harlingen	2,975	1.1	-1.0		3,006	2,975	1.1	-1.0
Laredo	124,341	46.9	4.4		119,102	124,341	46.9	4.4
Pharr	38,898	14.7	-5.5		41,181	38,898	14.7	-5.5
Presidio	554	0.2	-4.6		581	554	0.2	-4.6
Progreso	2,827	1.1	8.0		2,618	2,827	1.1	8.0
Rio Grande	3,159	1.2	-19.4		3,918	3,159	1.2	-19.4
Roma	568	0.2	-9.8		630	568	0.2	-9.8
Total	264,858	100.0	0.8		262,869	264,858	100.0	0.8

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
 Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007: Up 0.8%
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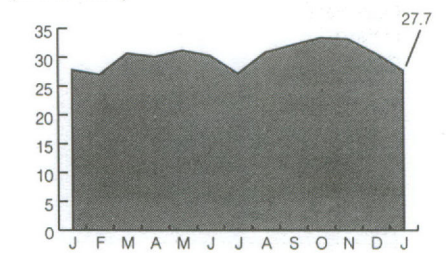


Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Jan 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	4,512	16.3	28.3		3,518	4,512	16.3	28.3
Eagle Pass	6,317	22.8	6.4		5,935	6,317	22.8	6.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	16,841	60.9	-8.1		18,334	16,841	60.9	-8.1
Total	27,670	100.0	-0.4		27,787	27,670	100.0	-0.4

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

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
 Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007: Down 0.4%
 (In Thousands)

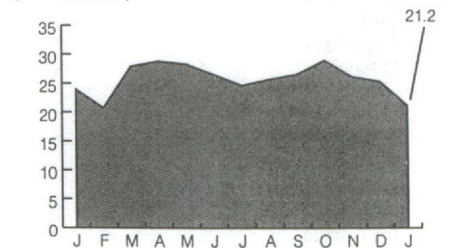


Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Jan 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	606	2.9	59.5		380	606	2.9	59.5
Eagle Pass	3,258	15.4	-15.1		3,838	3,258	15.4	-15.1
El Paso	7,217	34.1	-5.5		7,640	7,217	34.1	-5.5
Laredo	10,101	47.7	-16.2		12,048	10,101	47.7	-16.2
Total	21,182	100.0	-11.4		23,906	21,182	100.0	-11.4

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
 Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007: Down 11.4%
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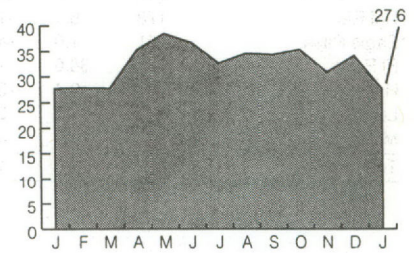


Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Jan 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,889,274	6.8	0.0		1,889,274	1,889,274	6.8	0.0
Del Rio	119,209	0.4	0.0		119,209	119,209	0.4	0.0
Eagle Pass	1,234,927	4.5	0.0		1,234,927	1,234,927	4.5	0.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	3,065,513	11.1	0.0		3,065,513	3,065,513	11.1	0.0
Laredo	21,177,996	76.6	0.0		21,177,996	21,177,996	76.6	0.0
Progreso	0	0.0	-100.0		29,602	0	0.0	-100.0
Rio Grande	20,939	0.1	0.0		20,939	20,939	0.1	0.0
Roma	131,600	0.5	0.0		131,600	131,600	0.5	0.0
Total	27,639,460	100.0	-0.1		27,669,062	27,639,460	100.0	-0.1

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
 Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007: Down 0.1%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

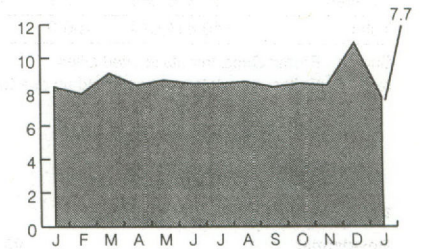


Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)

City	Jan 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,185,960	15.4	-9.8		1,314,448	1,185,960	15.4	-9.8
Del Rio	261,484	3.4	-5.6		276,976	261,484	3.4	-5.6
Eagle Pass	560,166	7.3	2.5		546,706	560,166	7.3	2.5
El Paso	999,753	13.0	-12.3		1,139,734	999,753	13.0	-12.3
Harlingen	159,947	2.1	-7.2		172,375	159,947	2.1	-7.2
Laredo	2,966,890	38.5	-4.0		3,088,928	2,966,890	38.5	-4.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	816,138	10.6	-11.9		926,072	816,138	10.6	-11.9
Pharr	549,710	7.1	-3.4		568,886	549,710	7.1	-3.4
Roma	200,799	2.6	-8.3		218,924	200,799	2.6	-8.3
Total	7,700,847	100.0	-6.7		8,253,049	7,700,847	100.0	-6.7

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities
 Note: El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas (Toll-free). Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Bridge Revenues All Cited Cities
 Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007: Down 6.7%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

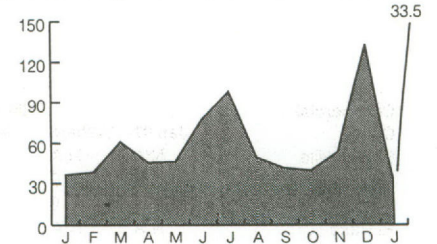


Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Jan 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	310	0.9	-23.8		407	310	0.9	-23.8
El Paso	5,891	17.6	-2.9		6,069	5,891	17.6	-2.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	6,972	20.8	-14.5		8,154	6,972	20.8	-14.5
Brownsville	4,456	13.3	-11.0		5,008	4,456	13.3	-11.0
Laredo	14,225	42.5	-4.4		14,874	14,225	42.5	-4.4
Eagle Pass	1,614	4.8	-12.1		1,837	1,614	4.8	-12.1
Total	33,468	100.0	-7.9		36,349	33,468	100.0	-7.9

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
 Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007: Down 7.9%
 (In Thousands)

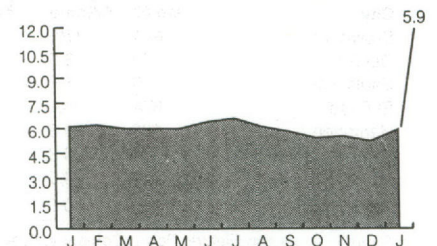


Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		Unemployed		%Unemp Jan 07	Emp Avg		06 vs. 07		Gain/Loss YTD
	Jan 07	Jan 07	Jan 07	Jan 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	Emp %Chg		
Brownsville	58,555	4,288	6.8		57,304	58,555	2.2		1,251	
Del Rio	15,303	928	5.7		14,927	15,303	2.5		376	
El Paso	234,997	15,597	6.2		233,129	234,997	0.8		1,868	
Harlingen	23,798	1,143	4.6		23,289	23,798	2.2		509	
Laredo	80,422	4,243	5.0		77,983	80,422	3.1		2,439	
McAllen	55,296	2,979	5.1		53,764	55,296	2.8		1,532	
Pharr	21,866	1,439	6.2		21,260	21,866	2.9		606	
Total	490,237	30,617	5.9		481,656	490,237	1.8		8,581	
Texas Unemployment Rate									4.8	
U.S. Unemployment Rate									5.0	

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

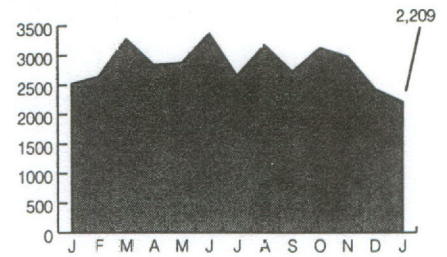
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
 Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007: Up 1.4%
 (In Percent)



Building Permits

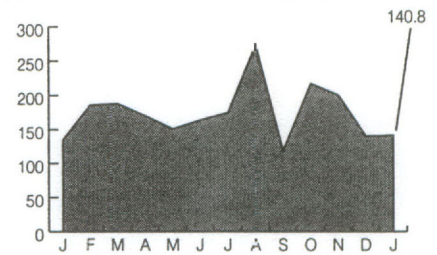
Number City	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	YTD		
	Jan 07	%Share			%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	205	9.3	-22.1	263	205	9.3	-22.1
Del Rio	178	8.1	-12.7	204	178	8.1	-12.7
Eagle Pass	21	1.0	-43.2	37	21	1.0	-43.2
El Paso	795	36.0	-0.1	796	795	36.0	-0.1
Harlingen	207	9.4	-36.9	328	207	9.4	-36.9
Laredo	559	25.3	-22.8	724	559	25.3	-22.8
McAllen	244	11.0	47.0	166	244	11.0	47.0
Total	2,209	100.0	-12.3	2,518	2,209	100.0	-12.3

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007
(Number of Permits): Down 12.3%



Dollar Value City	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	YTD		
	Jan 07	%Share			%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	11,641,256	8.3	-36.4	18,302,618	11,641,256	8.3	-36.4
Del Rio	1,269,730	0.9	-27.8	1,758,985	1,269,730	0.9	-27.8
Eagle Pass	3,751,942	2.7	127.8	1,646,741	3,751,942	2.7	127.8
El Paso	59,953,282	42.6	17.5	51,009,678	59,953,282	42.6	17.5
Harlingen	2,627,865	1.9	-84.5	16,999,584	2,627,865	1.9	-84.5
Laredo	50,694,486	36.0	79.9	28,175,272	50,694,486	36.0	79.9
McAllen	10,876,054	7.7	-32.3	16,053,519	10,876,054	7.7	-32.3
Total	140,814,614	100.0	5.1	133,946,397	140,814,614	100.0	5.1

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Up 5.1%



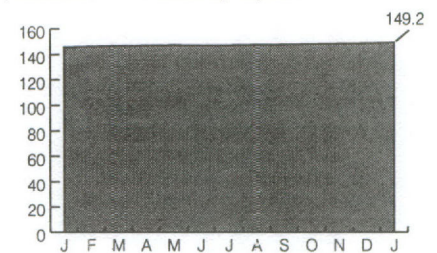
Source: Permit Departments in cited cities

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

Power Connections (in Service)

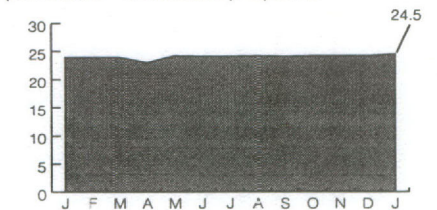
Residential City	06 vs. 07		Average YTD 06	Average YTD 07	YTD		
	Jan 07	%Share			%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Del Rio	14,953	10.0	1.3	14,754	14,953	10.0	1.3
Eagle Pass	11,126	7.5	2.0	10,911	11,126	7.5	2.0
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Harlingen	24,006	16.1	2.8	23,357	24,006	16.1	2.8
Laredo	60,877	40.8	3.0	59,096	60,877	40.8	3.0
McAllen	38,228	25.6	2.4	37,336	38,228	25.6	2.4
Total	149,190	100.0	2.6	145,454	149,190	100.0	2.6

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 2.6%



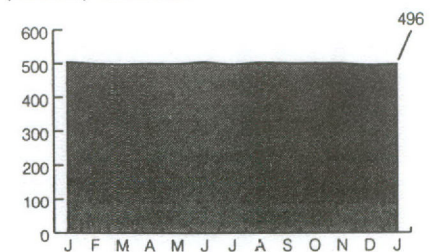
Commercial City	06 vs. 07		Average YTD 06	Average YTD 07	YTD		
	Jan 07	%Share			%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Del Rio	2,386	9.8	2.1	2,337	2,386	9.8	2.1
Eagle Pass	1,678	6.9	0.3	1,673	1,678	6.9	0.3
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Harlingen	4,190	17.1	2.5	4,089	4,190	17.1	2.5
Laredo	9,322	38.1	3.1	9,046	9,322	38.1	3.1
McAllen	6,893	28.2	2.2	6,745	6,893	28.2	2.2
Total	24,469	100.0	2.4	23,890	24,469	100.0	2.4

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 2.4%



Industrial City	06 vs. 07		Average YTD 06	Average YTD 07	YTD		
	Jan 07	%Share			%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Del Rio	42	8.5	-6.7	45	42	8.5	-6.7
Eagle Pass	29	5.8	0.0	29	29	5.8	0.0
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Harlingen	103	20.8	0.0	103	103	20.8	0.0
Laredo	200	40.3	-1.0	202	200	40.3	-1.0
McAllen	122	24.6	-2.4	125	122	24.6	-2.4
Total	496	100.0	-1.6	504	496	100.0	-1.6

(Industrial): Down 1.6%



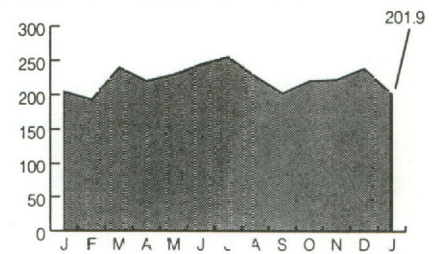
Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company

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Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

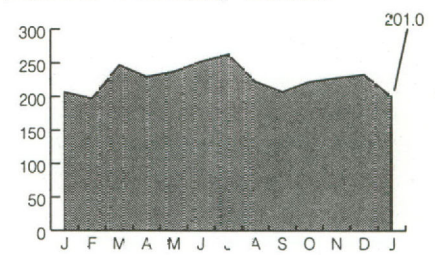
City	06 vs. 07			YTD			
	Jan 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	7,281	3.6	3.7	7,018	7,281	3.6	3.7
El Paso	121,948	60.4	-2.9	125,605	121,948	60.4	-2.9
Harlingen	32,223	16.0	-2.6	33,069	32,223	16.0	-2.6
Laredo	7,863	3.9	6.4	7,393	7,863	3.9	6.4
McAllen	32,560	16.1	4.2	31,234	32,560	16.1	4.2
Total	201,875	100.0	-1.2	204,319	201,875	100.0	-1.2

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007
(Arrivals - In Thousands): Down 1.2%



City	06 vs. 07			YTD			
	Jan 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	7,392	3.7	1.7	7,270	7,392	3.7	1.7
El Paso	120,577	60.0	-5.0	126,919	120,577	60.0	-5.0
Harlingen	33,628	16.7	-3.3	34,762	33,628	16.7	-3.3
Laredo	7,681	3.8	6.1	7,241	7,681	3.8	6.1
McAllen	31,768	15.8	5.1	30,236	31,768	15.8	5.1
Total	201,046	100.0	-2.6	206,428	201,046	100.0	-2.6

(Departures - In Thousands) Down 2.6%

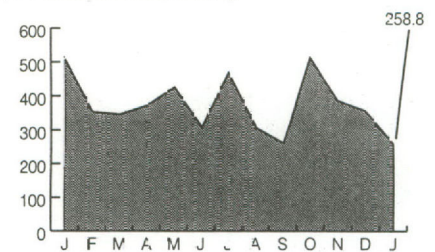


Source: Airports in cited cities

Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type	06 vs. 07			YTD			
	Jan 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	130,422	50.4	-62.2	345,193	130,422	50.4	-62.2
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Liquid	1,132	0.4	-97.4	44,322	1,132	0.4	-97.4
Machinery	5,656	2.2	-77.1	24,724	5,656	2.2	-77.1
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	121,541	47.0	26.8	95,886	121,541	47.0	26.8
Steel - Other Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Total	258,751	100.0	-49.3	510,124	258,751	100.0	-49.3

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007: Down 49.3%
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



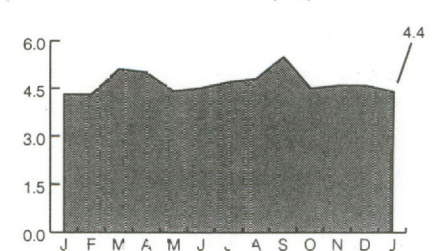
Source: Port of Brownsville

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

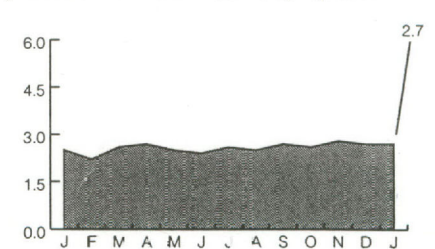
Cargo Type	06 vs. 07			YTD			
	Jan 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	23,385	0.5	23.5	18,932	23,385	0.5	23.5
Chemical	11,821	0.3	-31.6	17,292	11,821	0.3	-31.6
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	351,217	8.0	-38.5	570,911	351,217	8.0	-38.5
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	-100.0	3,471	0	0.0	-100.0
Liquid	33,067	0.7	-25.7	44,478	33,067	0.7	-25.7
Petroleum	3,996,426	90.5	9.4	3,652,385	3,996,426	90.5	9.4
Total	4,415,916	100.0	2.5	4,307,469	4,415,916	100.0	2.5

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
Jan. 2006 vs. Jan. 2007
(Inbound - In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 2.5%



Cargo Type	06 vs. 07			YTD			
	Jan 07	%Share	%Chg	YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	8,372	0.3	373.3	1,769	8,372	0.3	373.3
Chemical	163,668	6.0	65.1	99,125	163,668	6.0	65.1
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	297,778	11.0	40.1	212,579	297,778	11.0	40.1
Grain Bulk	251,278	9.3	60.7	156,375	251,278	9.3	60.7
Liquid	15,915	0.6	-20.5	20,008	15,915	0.6	-20.5
Petroleum	1,976,711	72.8	-0.8	1,992,988	1,976,711	72.8	-0.8
Total	2,713,721	100.0	9.3	2,482,845	2,713,721	100.0	9.3

(Outbound - In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 9.3%



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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In Charts 3 and 4, U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico are plotted over the past seven-year period.

January 2007 exports (\$10.7 billion) marked only a 0.9 percent increase over those of January 2006 (\$10.6 billion). If everything remains constant this year and the increases continue, on the average, the end of 2007 may result in subpar increases and a similar final total as in 2006.

U.S. imports from Mexico continue to increase. Even after the sluggish years (2001-2003), U.S. imports maintained monthly increases from 2004 through 2006. That trend may change in 2007. January 2007 recorded no change compared to January 2006. There will be increases just not at the pace of last year's.

It may be too early to state, but the flat January 2007 showing of both exports and imports points toward the possibility of a more "leveled" year in trade activity between these longtime partners. In subsequent issues of the *Border Business Indicators*, these trade trends will be reviewed and discussed. —B. Garcia

Chart 3. U.S. Exports to Mexico, Jan. 2000 - Jan. 2007
(In Billions of Dollars)

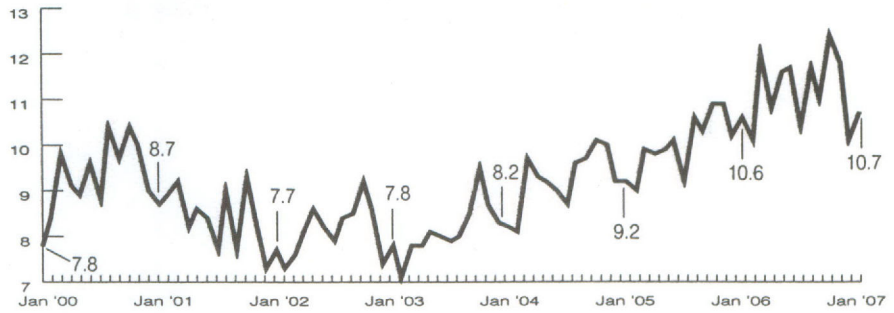
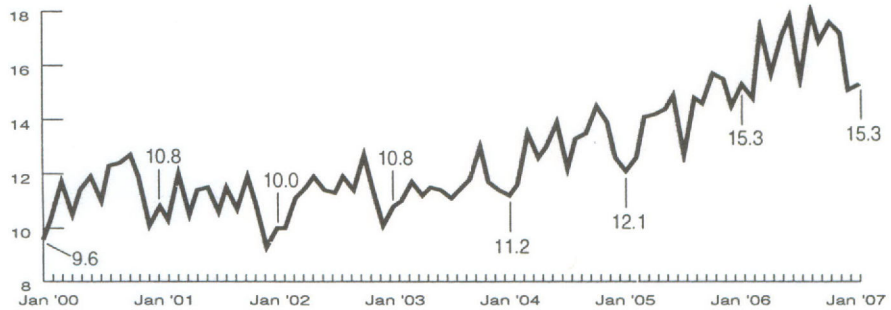


Chart 4. U.S. Imports from Mexico, Jan. 2000 - Jan. 2007
(In Billions of Dollars)



Source: Charts 3 & 4-U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census, Foreign Trade Division

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