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U.S.-Mexico Trade: Continued Growth in September 2006

September 2006 year-to-date trade figures between the U.S. and Mexico marked continued growth. The total trade dollar value of the merchandise flowing between the trading partners registered a worth of \$248.3 billion. This figure was 16.8 percent above last year's figure of \$212.6 billion for the January-September period. U.S. exports to Mexico, \$99.9 billion year-to-date, have increased over last year's figure by 13.5 percent. U.S. imports have maintained its growth too in the same period, \$148.4 billion

year-to-date, an increase of 19.1 percent over last year.

The tables below focus specifically on the top five border ports of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border and the merchandise processed. The dollar values are of total trade (U.S. exports to Mexico plus U.S. imports from Mexico) for the 2005 and 2006 year-to-date periods. Also included in these tables are the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) codes and their descriptions. —B. Garcia

Table 1
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade Dollar Value via Top 5 U.S.-Mexico Border Ports of Entry
Merchandise Composition by 1-Digit SITC Code
September 2005 Year-to-Date vs. September 2006 Year-to-Date

Laredo, Texas		Total Trade \$ Value YTD		% Change YTD	% Share YTD	
SITC	Description	Sep 05	Sep 06	2005 vs. 2006	Sep 05	Sep 06
0	Food and Live Animals	3,289,904,628	3,787,639,131	15.1	4.8	4.9
1	Beverages and Tobacco	778,613,320	848,016,150	8.9	1.1	1.1
2	Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	1,419,436,310	1,650,041,651	16.2	2.1	2.1
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	260,205,202	372,337,100	43.1	0.4	0.5
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	128,042,595	100,408,267	-21.6	0.2	0.1
5	Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	5,951,697,307	7,037,011,148	18.2	8.6	9.1
6	Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	9,750,964,480	11,479,393,945	17.7	14.1	14.9
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	39,174,440,503	42,523,234,166	8.5	56.7	55.1
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	7,340,636,063	7,816,708,067	6.5	10.6	10.1
9	Commodities and Transactions not Classified Elsewhere in the SITC	995,982,243	1,537,775,050	54.4	1.4	2.0
Total		69,089,922,651	77,152,564,675	11.7	100.0	100.0

El Paso, Texas		Total Trade \$ Value YTD		% Change YTD	% Share YTD	
SITC	Description	Sep 05	Sep 06	2005 vs. 2006	Sep 05	Sep 06
0	Food and Live Animals	553,348,626	848,606,069	53.4	1.7	2.4
1	Beverages and Tobacco	256,851,797	336,874,910	31.2	0.8	1.0
2	Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	334,151,822	405,336,577	21.3	1.0	1.2
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	308,432,602	525,410,191	70.3	1.0	1.5
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	38,271,815	37,860,830	-1.1	0.1	0.1
5	Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	743,457,042	927,962,744	24.8	2.3	2.6
6	Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	2,977,356,071	3,329,178,294	11.8	9.3	9.5
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	21,107,380,785	22,773,357,473	7.9	65.7	64.8
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	5,146,867,880	5,261,869,963	2.2	16.0	15.0
9	Commodities and Transactions not Classified Elsewhere in the SITC	653,557,055	678,942,470	3.9	2.0	1.9
Total		32,119,675,495	35,125,399,521	9.4	100.0	100.0

Otay Mesa Station, California		Total Trade \$ Value YTD		% Change YTD	% Share YTD	
SITC	Description	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	2005 vs. 2006	Sep 05	Sep 06
0	Food and Live Animals	1,030,486,354	1,088,400,256	5.6	5.8	5.3
1	Beverages and Tobacco	37,807,753	47,783,238	26.4	0.2	0.2
2	Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	244,385,008	280,841,382	14.9	1.4	1.4
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	26,427,400	38,437,348	45.4	0.1	0.2
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	5,501,533	5,375,467	-2.3	0.0	0.0
5	Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	912,950,905	873,984,438	-4.3	5.2	4.2
6	Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	2,059,006,241	2,448,095,104	18.9	11.6	11.8
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	9,327,666,848	11,550,244,225	23.8	52.6	55.8
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	3,546,716,633	3,761,800,153	6.1	20.0	18.2
9	Commodities and Transactions not Classified Elsewhere in the SITC	528,202,598	593,776,560	12.4	3.0	2.9
Total		17,719,151,273	20,688,738,171	16.8	100.0	100.0

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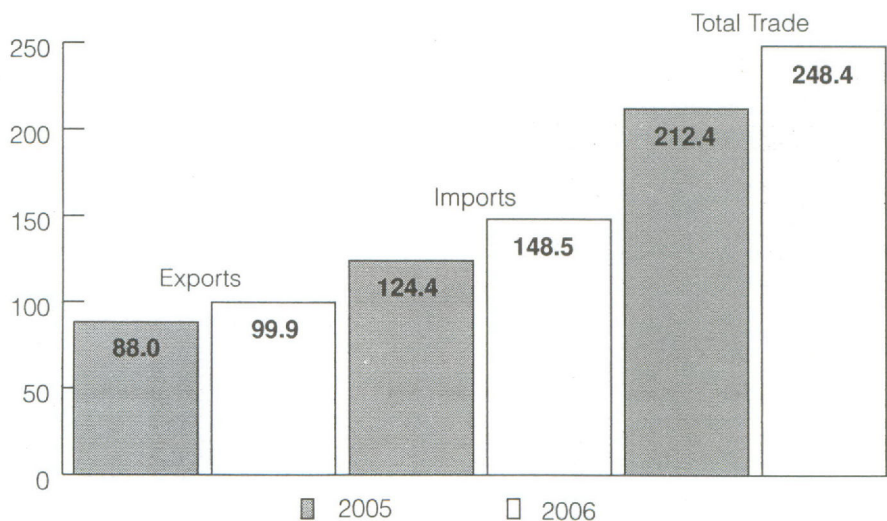
Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity for September 2006 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated sixteen indicators increased and six decreased. 2006 YTD comparisons to 2005 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were up 1.1 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were up 3.4 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 2.6 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 2.5 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 8.6 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 4.7 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 0.5 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 22.6 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 4.0 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 9.1 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were up 3.7 percent.
- Total employment was up 3.1 percent, with 14,897 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in September 2006 was 5.7 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 13.7 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 1.0 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.6 percent, commercial were up 1.9 percent and industrial were down 0.4 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 3.1 percent, and departures were down 3.0 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville increased 16.8 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 1.5 percent, and outbound cargo went down 2.7 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

September 2006 Year-to-Date
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



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

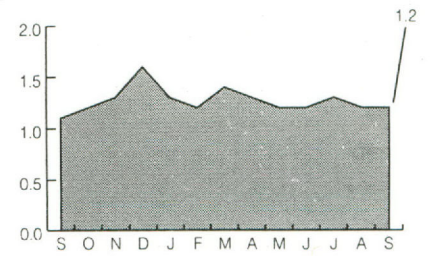
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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Sep 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD	
			%Chg						%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	165,594	14.2	1.1		1,602,959	1,695,229	15.1	5.8		
Del Rio	2,823	0.2	-13.3		38,416	31,949	0.3	-16.8		
Eagle Pass	49,489	4.2	5.9		447,169	446,188	4.0	-0.2		
El Paso	440,758	37.7	4.9		4,115,641	3,788,738	33.7	-7.9		
Harlingen	36	0.0	-48.6		853	659	0.0	-22.7		
Laredo	316,274	27.0	3.9		2,868,905	3,016,025	26.9	5.1		
McAllen-Hidalgo	111,244	9.5	3.5		981,266	1,111,960	9.9	13.3		
Progreso	67,528	5.8	13.2		938,357	989,173	8.8	5.4		
Rio Grande	39	0.0	-38.1		1,382	623	0.0	-54.9		
Roma	16,283	1.4	13.7		113,218	150,586	1.3	33.0		
Total	1,170,068	100.0	4.5		11,108,166	11,231,130	100.0	1.1		

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006: Up 4.5%
(In Millions)

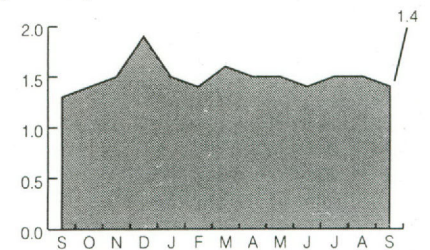


Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Sep 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD	
			%Chg						%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	202,910	14.6	2.6		1,945,159	2,022,310	15.2	4.0		
Del Rio	5,182	0.4	-3.7		60,827	49,921	0.4	-17.9		
Eagle Pass	55,411	4.0	6.0		507,395	514,586	3.9	1.4		
El Paso	561,026	40.2	7.0		4,949,819	4,857,922	36.4	-1.9		
Laredo	343,113	24.6	3.7		3,165,477	3,335,842	25.0	5.4		
McAllen-Hidalgo	137,615	9.9	4.8		1,177,302	1,378,039	10.3	17.1		
Presidio	1,951	0.1	13.2		17,622	16,497	0.1	-6.4		
Progreso	67,972	4.9	14.9		929,632	984,497	7.4	5.9		
Rio Grande	947	0.1	-3.0		8,631	10,968	0.1	27.1		
Roma	18,353	1.3	10.8		147,921	174,209	1.3	17.8		
Total	1,394,480	100.0	5.6		12,909,785	13,344,791	100.0	3.4		

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006: Up 5.6%
(In Millions)

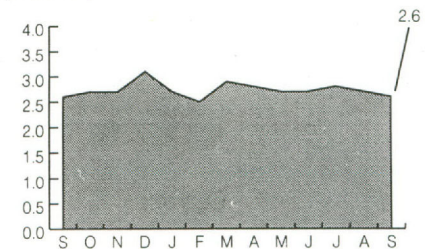


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Sep 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD	
			%Chg						%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	526,928	20.7	1.5		5,026,792	5,024,695	20.7	0.0		
Del Rio	138,978	5.4	3.7		1,267,790	1,275,273	5.3	0.6		
Eagle Pass	234,665	9.2	-2.5		2,361,000	2,237,077	9.2	-5.2		
El Paso	370,603	14.5	-2.9		3,511,817	3,544,948	14.6	0.9		
Harlingen	57,683	2.3	6.9		522,721	536,424	2.2	2.6		
Laredo	482,533	18.9	-2.2		4,847,498	4,462,583	18.4	-7.9		
McAllen-Hidalgo	402,522	15.8	-4.9		4,036,261	3,892,829	16.1	-3.6		
Pharr	137,738	5.4	10.4		1,321,408	1,329,744	5.5	0.6		
Progreso	74,752	2.9	1.4		761,078	762,074	3.1	0.1		
Rio Grande	44,603	1.7	-0.7		448,202	424,397	1.8	-5.3		
Roma	79,419	3.1	-2.1		767,627	732,752	3.0	-4.5		
Total	2,550,424	100.0	-0.8		24,872,194	24,222,796	100.0	-2.6		

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006: Down 0.8%
(In Millions)

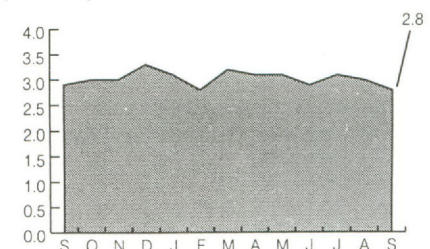


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Sep 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD	
			%Chg						%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	527,648	18.6	1.9		5,047,295	5,085,678	18.7	0.8		
Del Rio	148,810	5.2	3.4		1,358,974	1,382,770	5.1	1.8		
Eagle Pass	240,945	8.5	-3.2		2,457,651	2,346,715	8.6	-4.5		
El Paso	570,478	20.1	-0.6		5,301,962	5,223,196	19.2	-1.5		
Harlingen	60,500	2.1	0.7		585,484	586,324	2.2	0.1		
Laredo	480,482	16.9	-2.1		4,908,803	4,549,298	16.7	-7.3		
McAllen-Hidalgo	368,585	13.0	-7.3		3,864,754	3,674,065	13.5	-4.9		
Pharr	186,987	6.6	8.7		1,743,395	1,784,045	6.6	2.3		
Presidio	59,345	2.1	4.6		552,119	564,482	2.1	2.2		
Progreso	77,058	2.7	2.4		762,475	778,298	2.9	2.1		
Rio Grande	42,852	1.5	-14.0		499,932	467,431	1.7	-6.5		
Roma	77,368	2.7	-2.9		774,240	729,817	2.7	-5.7		
Total	2,841,058	100.0	-0.9		27,857,084	27,172,119	100.0	-2.5		

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006: Down 0.9%
(In Millions)



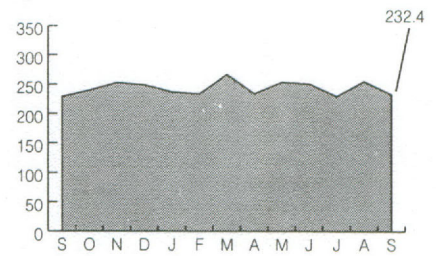
Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Sep 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	18,074	7.8	0.8		154,516	166,051	7.6	7.5
Del Rio	5,899	2.5	-1.5		65,442	53,810	2.5	-17.8
Eagle Pass	7,977	3.4	-4.9		72,267	73,256	3.3	1.4
El Paso	26,312	11.3	-0.3		229,504	241,654	11.0	5.3
Harlingen	945	0.4	-75.6		32,360	23,447	1.1	-27.5
Laredo	135,051	58.1	5.9		1,103,738	1,260,082	57.5	14.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	437	0.2	-72.8		15,071	8,826	0.4	-41.4
Pharr	32,341	13.9	2.3		295,949	310,140	14.1	4.8
Progreso	2,405	1.0	24.2		16,739	21,045	1.0	25.7
Rio Grande	2,128	0.9	-21.4		25,718	25,416	1.2	-1.2
Roma	847	0.4	12.2		7,373	8,102	0.4	9.9
Total	232,416	100.0	1.6		2,018,677	2,191,829	100.0	8.6

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
Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006: Up 1.6%
(In Thousands)



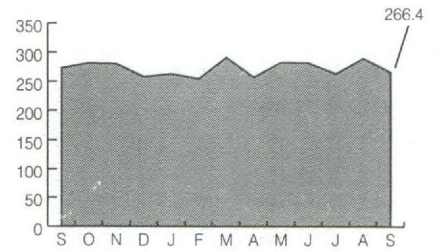
Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Sep 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	16,976	6.4	3.2		141,795	154,062	6.3	8.7
Del Rio	5,597	2.1	-0.9		47,770	50,759	2.1	6.3
Eagle Pass	7,893	3.0	-6.3		74,130	73,220	3.0	-1.2
El Paso	64,678	24.3	-1.6		551,037	583,648	23.8	5.9
Falcon Heights	1	0.0	-85.7		58	25	0.0	-56.9
Harlingen	3,601	1.4	-5.6		33,299	32,516	1.3	-2.4
Laredo	125,455	47.1	-0.4		1,068,139	1,139,155	46.5	6.6
Pharr	35,161	13.2	-12.0		362,989	350,324	14.3	-3.5
Presidio	464	0.2	35.3		3,670	4,523	0.2	23.2
Progreso	2,701	1.0	26.0		16,857	23,440	1.0	39.1
Rio Grande	3,129	1.2	-16.3		35,268	33,948	1.4	-3.7
Roma	734	0.3	21.9		6,298	6,535	0.3	3.8
Total	266,390	100.0	-2.4		2,341,310	2,452,155	100.0	4.7

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
Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006: Down 2.4%
(In Thousands)



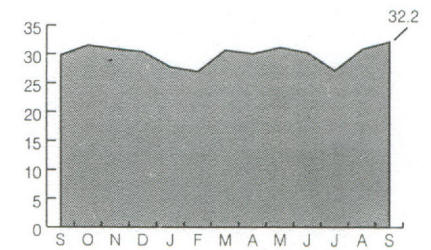
Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Sep 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	4,548	14.1	27.2		28,547	37,515	14.0	31.4
Eagle Pass	7,190	22.3	3.4		57,030	54,685	20.4	-4.1
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	20,469	63.6	6.5		180,430	175,244	65.5	-2.9
Total	32,207	100.0	8.3		266,007	267,444	100.0	0.5

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006: Up 8.3%
(In Thousands)

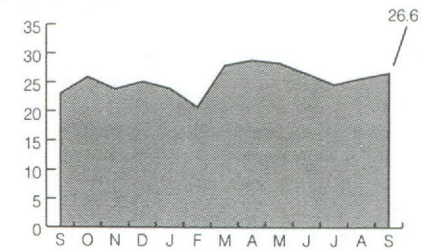


Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Sep 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	489	1.8	-2.2		5,654	4,099	1.8	-27.5
Eagle Pass	3,390	12.8	65.7		16,563	33,304	14.3	101.1
El Paso	8,684	32.7	56.2		43,454	75,382	32.4	73.5
Laredo	13,989	52.7	-5.9		124,299	120,085	51.6	-3.4
Total	26,552	100.0	15.6		189,970	232,870	100.0	22.6

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006: Up 15.6%
(In Thousands)

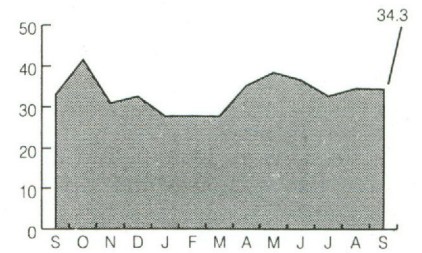


Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Sep 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	3,423,225	10.0	47.8		19,235,964	18,121,046	6.1	-5.8
Del Rio	160,705	0.5	58.8		1,064,152	1,551,818	0.5	45.8
Eagle Pass	530,982	1.5	-50.3		11,526,968	12,922,501	4.4	12.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	4,578,498	13.3	4.2		37,286,080	35,272,180	12.0	-5.4
Laredo	25,526,945	74.4	1.7		213,564,294	225,980,987	76.7	5.8
Progreso	27,957	0.1	48.5		236,721	289,506	0.1	22.3
Rio Grande	24,786	0.1	60.2		202,715	232,979	0.1	14.9
Roma	27,935	0.1	32.2		216,301	419,647	0.1	94.0
Total	34,301,032	100.0	3.9		283,333,195	294,790,666	100.0	4.0

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
 Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006: Up 3.9%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

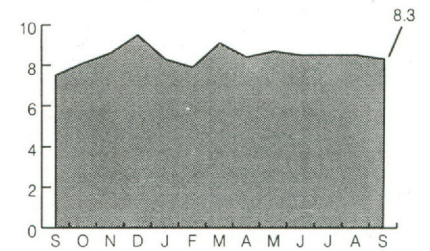


Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)

City	Sep 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,230,453	14.9	9.6		10,552,831	11,734,599	15.4	11.2
Del Rio	279,805	3.4	3.5		2,565,674	2,570,133	3.4	0.2
Eagle Pass	516,206	6.2	-3.6		5,193,957	4,933,755	6.5	-5.0
El Paso	1,136,248	13.7	-1.0		10,334,180	10,584,148	13.9	2.4
Harlingen	153,139	1.9	-8.0		1,551,330	1,613,971	2.1	4.0
Laredo	3,342,170	40.4	26.5		24,507,196	29,105,788	38.3	18.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	839,957	10.2	-5.7		8,261,015	8,169,307	10.8	-1.1
Pharr	551,928	6.7	6.2		5,031,535	5,277,838	6.9	4.9
Roma	215,949	2.6	21.3		1,681,374	2,000,506	2.6	19.0
Total	8,265,856	100.0	10.6		69,679,092	75,990,045	100.0	9.1

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
 Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006: Up 10.6%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

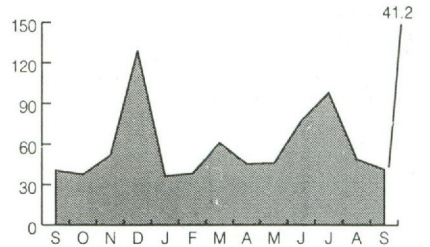


Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Sep 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	428	1.0	16.3		5,568	5,698	1.2	2.3
El Paso	7,522	18.2	-3.7		92,021	88,276	17.9	-4.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	7,781	18.9	-11.4		101,451	101,126	20.5	-0.3
Brownsville	5,399	13.1	7.2		60,998	62,234	12.6	2.0
Laredo	17,598	42.7	8.7		190,969	211,001	42.8	10.5
Eagle Pass	2,509	6.1	12.0		24,154	24,265	4.9	0.5
Total	41,237	100.0	2.0		475,161	492,600	100.0	3.7

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
 Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006: Up 2.0%
 (In Thousands)

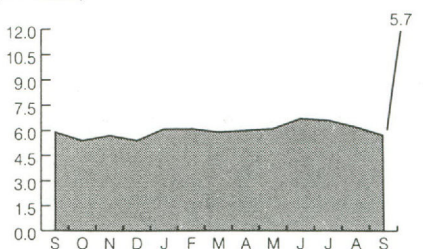


Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		05 vs. 06		Gain/Loss
	Sep 06	Sep 06		Sep 06	YTD 05	YTD 06	Emp %Chg	
Brownsville	57,024	3,679	6.1	54,836	56,660	3.3	1,824	
Del Rio	14,984	841	5.3	14,820	14,902	0.6	82	
El Paso	242,336	16,312	6.3	233,971	238,157	1.8	4,186	
Harlingen	23,778	1,452	5.8	22,866	23,626	3.3	760	
Laredo	82,509	3,938	4.6	76,076	80,676	6.0	4,601	
McAllen	56,456	2,776	4.7	53,191	55,681	4.7	2,490	
Pharr	21,651	1,235	5.4	20,398	21,353	4.7	955	
Total	498,738	30,233	5.7	476,158	491,056	3.1	14,897	
Texas Unemployment Rate							4.7	
U.S. Unemployment Rate							4.4	

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

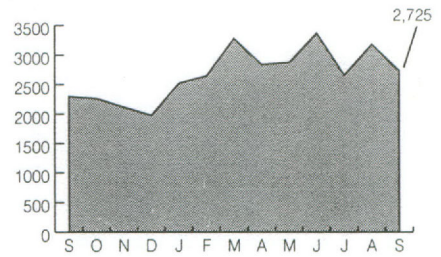
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
 Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006: Down 0.2%
 (In Percent)



Building Permits

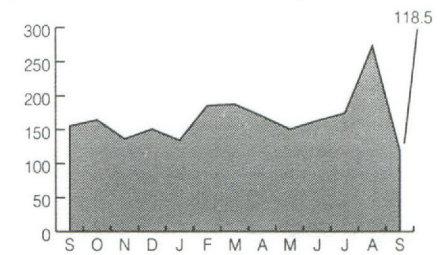
Number City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Sep 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	281	10.3	14.2	2,772	2,549	9.8	-8.0
Del Rio	165	6.1	-13.2	2,037	1,981	7.6	-2.7
Eagle Pass	43	1.6	30.3	448	350	1.3	-21.9
El Paso	1,062	39.0	11.0	9,962	9,281	35.6	-6.8
Harlingen	269	9.9	-11.5	2,517	2,804	10.8	11.4
Laredo	601	22.1	66.9	3,365	6,683	25.6	98.6
McAllen	304	11.2	46.9	1,816	2,409	9.2	32.7
Total	2,725	100.0	18.6	22,917	26,057	100.0	13.7

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006
(Number of Permits): Up 18.6%



Dollar Value City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Sep 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	20,115,705	17.0	-29.2	214,591,815	194,183,185	12.5	-9.5
Del Rio	1,530,763	1.3	-6.4	22,954,502	20,587,399	1.3	-10.3
Eagle Pass	1,440,885	1.2	-33.0	39,944,076	20,150,619	1.3	-49.6
El Paso	46,108,947	38.9	-2.3	624,324,953	650,283,930	41.8	4.2
Harlingen	5,805,460	4.9	-44.3	59,285,737	80,903,059	5.2	36.5
Laredo	24,476,522	20.7	-48.7	345,926,757	344,146,309	22.1	-0.5
McAllen	19,026,836	16.1	8.6	233,133,663	245,946,842	15.8	5.5
Total	118,505,118	100.0	-23.6	1,540,161,503	1,556,201,343	100.0	1.0

(Value of Permits in Millions of U.S.\$): Down 23.6%

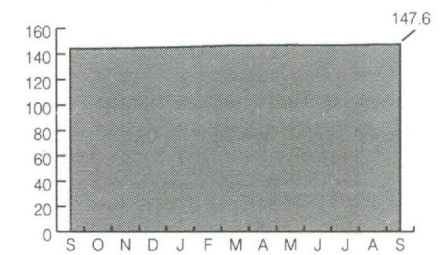


Source: Permit Departments in cited cities
Note: Dollar value totals may not add up due to rounding.

Power Connections (in Service)

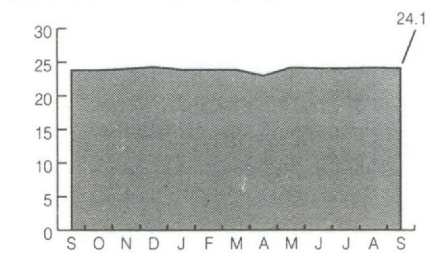
Residential City	05 vs. 06			Average			
	Sep 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	14,864	10.1	1.0	14,680	14,834	10.1	1.0
Eagle Pass	11,033	7.5	2.1	10,734	10,970	7.5	2.2
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	23,502	15.9	1.9	23,077	23,537	16.0	2.0
Laredo	60,438	40.9	3.2	57,869	59,926	40.8	3.6
McAllen	37,812	25.6	1.9	36,640	37,517	25.6	2.4
Total	147,649	100.0	2.3	143,001	146,783	100.0	2.6

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 2.3%



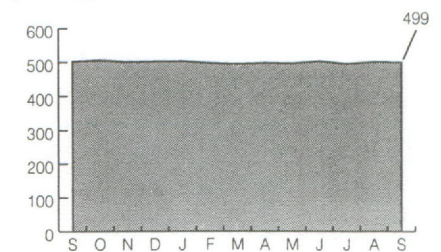
Commercial City	05 vs. 06			Average			
	Sep 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,355	9.8	1.2	2,306	2,345	9.8	1.7
Eagle Pass	1,702	7.1	0.2	1,686	1,702	7.1	1.0
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,018	16.6	-0.3	3,998	4,038	16.9	1.0
Laredo	9,235	38.3	2.7	8,891	9,067	37.9	2.0
McAllen	6,824	28.3	1.8	6,594	6,778	28.3	2.8
Total	24,134	100.0	1.6	23,475	23,929	100.0	1.9

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 1.6%



Industrial City	05 vs. 06			Average			
	Sep 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	43	8.6	-2.3	44	44	8.8	-1.3
Eagle Pass	29	5.8	-6.5	31	29	5.7	-6.5
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	105	21.0	2.9	102	103	20.7	0.8
Laredo	201	40.3	-1.0	203	202	40.4	-0.9
McAllen	121	24.2	-0.8	120	122	24.5	1.5
Total	499	100.0	-0.6	501	499	100.0	-0.4

(Industrial): Down 0.6%

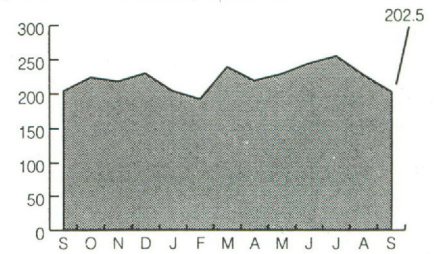


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Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

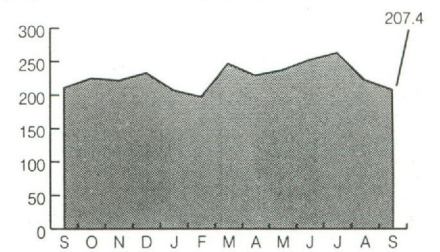
Arrivals		05 vs. 06		YTD			
City	Sep 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	6,688	3.3	37.0	116,908	67,318	3.3	-42.4
El Paso	128,963	63.7	-0.9	1,247,813	1,257,643	62.4	0.8
Harlingen	30,659	15.1	-11.1	375,861	318,615	15.8	-15.2
Laredo	8,167	4.0	13.5	71,250	71,480	3.5	0.3
McAllen	28,003	13.8	1.5	267,305	299,744	14.9	12.1
Total	202,480	100.0	-0.9	2,079,137	2,014,800	100.0	-3.1

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
 Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006
 (Arrivals – In Thousands): Down 0.9%



Departures		05 vs. 06		YTD			
City	Sep 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	6,818	3.3	33.8	122,106	69,178	3.4	-43.3
El Paso	132,035	63.6	-1.9	1,269,697	1,280,415	62.1	0.8
Harlingen	31,863	15.4	-10.3	390,073	335,266	16.3	-14.1
Laredo	7,984	3.8	19.2	68,980	71,036	3.4	3.0
McAllen	28,743	13.9	0.0	275,536	305,850	14.8	11.0
Total	207,443	100.0	-1.5	2,126,392	2,061,745	100.0	-3.0

(Departures – In Thousands): Down 1.5%

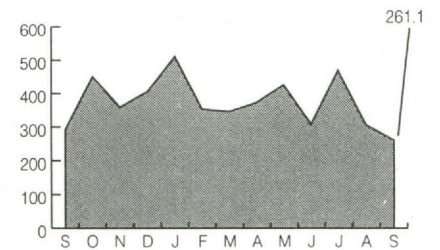


Source: Airports in cited cities

Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type		05 vs. 06		YTD			
Sep 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg	
Break Bulk	153,000	58.6	-10.6	1,174,583	1,997,532	59.6	70.1
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	-100.0	14,403	0	0.0	-100.0
Liquid	48,662	18.6	294.7	185,628	253,183	7.6	36.4
Machinery	285	0.1	-80.7	52,192	42,248	1.3	-19.1
Ores - Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	80,587	0	0.0	-100.0
Other	0	0.0	0.0	205,601	23,398	0.7	-88.6
Petroleum	59,157	22.7	-42.9	1,056,437	1,032,589	30.8	-2.3
Steel - Other Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	98,448	0	0.0	-100.0
Total	261,104	100.0	-9.9	2,867,880	3,348,952	100.0	16.8

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
 Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006: Down 9.9%
 (In Thousands of Metric Tons)



Source: Port of Brownsville

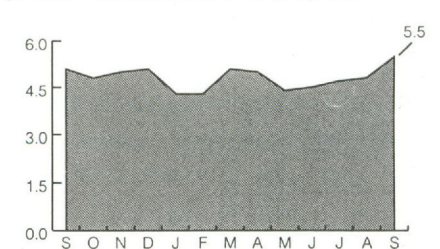
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Port of Corpus Christi (Cargo in U.S. Tons)

Inbound		05 vs. 06		YTD			
Cargo Type	Sep 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	700	0.0	-91.7	225,069	99,171	0.2	-55.9
Chemical	6,942	0.1	-49.7	111,928	99,632	0.2	-11.0
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	422,700	7.8	-25.1	4,124,252	3,963,513	9.3	-3.9
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	7,882	9,521	0.0	20.8
Liquid	34,204	0.6	-22.3	251,059	147,534	0.3	-41.2
Petroleum	4,989,343	91.5	12.8	37,149,106	38,159,401	89.8	2.7
Total	5,453,889	100.0	7.9	41,869,296	42,478,770	100.0	1.5

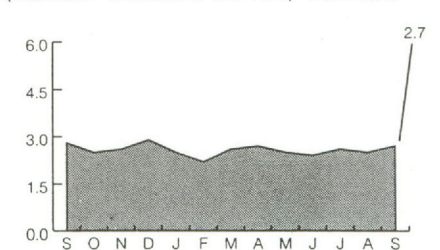
Port of Corpus Christi Cargo

Sep. 2005 vs. Sep. 2006
 (Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 7.9%



Outbound		05 vs. 06		YTD			
Cargo Type	Sep 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	18,193	0.7	1102.6	91,511	69,948	0.3	-23.6
Chemical	68,027	2.5	-41.3	1,230,783	1,076,279	4.8	-12.6
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	209,954	7.8	-19.2	2,908,839	1,815,412	8.0	-37.6
Grain Bulk	185,709	6.9	-49.4	1,585,717	1,248,495	5.5	-21.3
Liquid	9,703	0.4	-38.4	159,056	29,711	0.1	-81.3
Petroleum	2,211,027	81.8	10.2	17,296,529	18,393,943	81.3	6.3
Total	2,702,612	100.0	-2.3	23,272,435	22,633,788	100.0	-2.7

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 2.3%



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 1
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade Dollar Value via Top 5 U.S.-Mexico Border Ports of Entry
Merchandise Composition by 1-Digit SITC Code
September 2005 Year-to-Date vs. September 2006 Year-to-Date
(Continued)

Hidalgo, Texas		Total Trade \$ Value YTD		% Change YTD	% Share YTD	
SITC	Description	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	2005 vs. 2006	Sep 05	Sep 06
0	Food and Live Animals	784,704,473	855,086,507	9.0	5.8	5.7
1	Beverages and Tobacco	8,041,819	7,695,705	-4.3	0.1	0.1
2	Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	114,830,832	102,738,589	-10.5	0.8	0.7
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	186,415,375	306,407,099	64.4	1.4	2.0
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	1,025,054	985,830	-3.8	0.0	0.0
5	Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	278,132,825	375,112,041	34.9	2.0	2.5
6	Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	1,006,123,246	1,103,689,373	9.7	7.4	7.3
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	8,988,109,491	10,081,742,143	12.2	66.1	66.9
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	1,770,651,168	1,838,403,069	3.8	13.0	12.2
9	Commodities and Transactions not Classified Elsewhere in the SITC	450,329,503	397,195,949	-11.8	3.3	2.6
Total		13,588,363,786	15,069,056,305	10.9	100.0	100.0

Nogales, Arizona		Total Trade \$ Value YTD		% Change YTD	% Share YTD	
SITC	Description	Sep 2005	Sep 2006	2005 vs. 2006	Sep 05	Sep 06
0	Food and Live Animals	1,773,866,946	2,030,079,439	14.4	18.1	14.5
1	Beverages and Tobacco	61,108,279	79,138,782	29.5	0.6	0.6
2	Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	102,392,041	223,316,750	118.1	1.0	1.6
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	34,226,126	39,676,717	15.9	0.3	0.3
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	19,818,859	22,026,144	11.1	0.2	0.2
5	Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	204,045,077	295,652,286	44.9	2.1	2.1
6	Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	1,082,176,110	1,270,096,631	17.4	11.1	9.1
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	5,322,313,340	8,810,486,993	65.5	54.4	63.1
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	901,554,901	897,158,141	-0.5	9.2	6.4
9	Commodities and Transactions not Classified Elsewhere in the SITC	281,164,935	302,320,086	7.5	2.9	2.2
Total		9,782,666,614	13,969,951,969	42.8	100.0	100.0

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas.

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