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U.S.-Mexico Trade: August 2006 Figures Mark Continued Growth

As pointed out in previous issues this year of the *Border Business Indicators*, U.S.-Mexico trade figures continued to register growth. Unlike 2005, the growth in both U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico have been in the double-digit ranges.

The trade trends, since the beginning of 2006, have pointed towards another year of growth in trade between the U.S. and Mexico. From January to the present, U.S. exports to Mexico have averaged a 14.4 percent of growth, and U.S. imports from Mexico have averaged a 19.5 percent increase over the previous year.

In Table 1, the year-to-date comparisons of trade between the U.S. and Mexico are exhibited. Total trade was up by 17.4 percent or \$220.4 billion in 2006 YTD. U.S. imports of Mexican

goods accounted for 59.6 percent of the total trade dollar value.

Of the \$220.4 billion value of this merchandise trade between the two trading partners in 2006 YTD, \$173.3 billion or 78.6 percent was processed at U.S.-Mexico border ports of entry. Texas border ports of entry handled \$131.6 billion or 75.9 percent of this border trade merchandise value (See Table 2 and 3).

Table 4 exhibits the dollar value of total trade handled at the 27 border ports of entry. Tables 5 and 6 delineate the dollar value of U.S. exports to Mexico, and U.S. imports from Mexico passing respectively through these ports. (See Back Page)

Trade activity between the U.S. and Mexico has grown in 2006 through the month of August, but the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico has grown too—\$42.6 billion in 2006 YTD compared to \$32.3 billion for the same period in 2005. —B. Garcia

Table 1
U.S.-Mexico Trade
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2005 August YTD Total	2006 August YTD Total	'05 vs. '06 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	77.7	88.9	14.4
U.S. Imports from Mexico	110.0	131.5	19.5
Total Trade	187.7	220.4	17.4

Table 2
U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2005 August YTD Total	2006 August YTD Total	'05 vs. '06 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	64.9	74.3	14.5
U.S. Imports from Mexico	85.7	99.0	15.5
Total Trade	150.6	173.3	15.1

Table 3
U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed by Texas Border Ports
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2005 August YTD Total	2006 August YTD Total	'05 vs. '06 Percent Change
Texas Border Ports	116.1	131.6	13.4
Other U.S.-Mexico Border Ports	34.5	41.7	20.9
Total Trade	150.6	173.3	15.1

Note: Figures may not match due to rounding.

Table 4
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade
Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2005 August YTD Total	2006 August YTD Total	'05 vs. '06 Percent Change
Brownsville	7,481,180,341	8,355,951,114	11.7
Del Rio	2,019,736,929	2,069,699,753	2.5
Eagle Pass	4,869,869,377	7,504,978,316	54.1
Laredo	60,798,841,256	68,353,641,038	12.4
Hidalgo	12,029,596,369	13,414,023,138	11.5
Rio Grande	144,901,567	221,112,677	52.6
Progreso	80,484,401	139,405,202	73.2
Roma	53,569,413	84,260,102	57.3
Edinburg Airport	465,300	0	-100.0
El Paso	28,334,253,800	31,108,680,126	9.8
Presidio	256,936,613	309,351,084	20.4
Fabens	3,707,404	1,068,634	-71.2
Columbus	25,731,189	25,050,392	-2.6
Santa Teresa	783,731,316	771,121,678	-1.6
Santa Teresa Airport	7,875	14,220	80.6
Andrade	2,018,132	1,500,713	-25.6
Calexico	3,625,313	20,456,903	464.3
San Ysidro	84,794,588	97,764,294	15.3
Tecate	771,763,185	826,116,867	7.0
Otay Mesa Station	15,572,219,675	18,214,293,846	17.0
Calexico-East	7,120,264,265	7,727,473,349	8.5
Douglas	758,195,070	751,356,088	-0.9
Lukeville	9,087,970	4,847,862	-46.7
Naco	78,725,856	104,462,241	32.7
Nogales	8,672,013,029	12,552,971,048	44.8
Sasabe	5,553,716	584,322	-89.5
San Luis	632,382,309	632,476,344	0.0
Total	150,593,656,258	173,292,661,351	15.1

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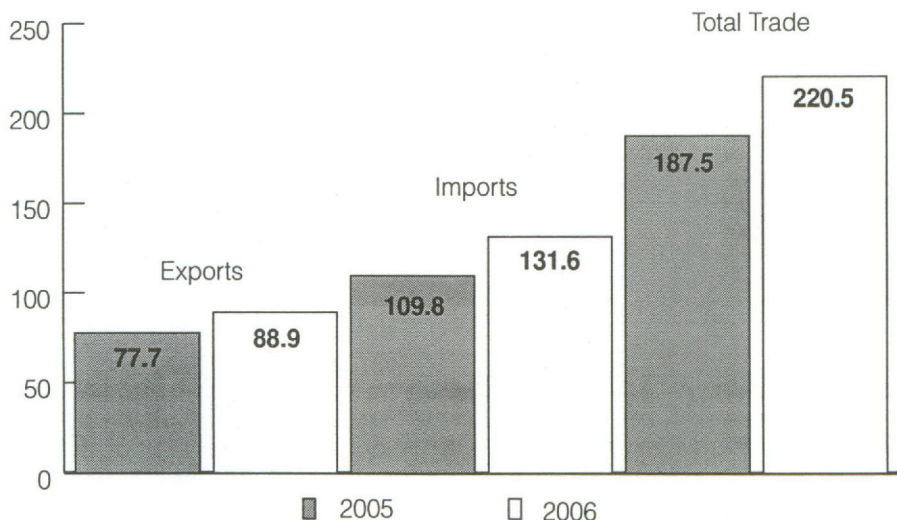
Note from the Director

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

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were up 0.7 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were up 3.1 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 2.8 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 2.6 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 9.5 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 5.7 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went down 0.4 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 23.5 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 4.1 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 8.9 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were up 3.8 percent.
- Total employment was up 3.1 percent, with 14,739 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in August 2006 was 6.2 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 13.2 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 3.8 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.7 percent, commercial were up 2.0 percent and industrial were down 0.3 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 3.3 percent, and departures were down 3.2 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville increased 19.8 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 0.6 percent, and outbound cargo went down 2.8 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

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



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

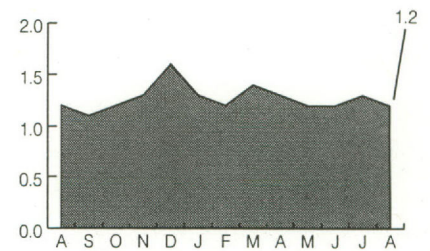
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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Aug 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	190,840	15.7	6.7		1,439,170	1,529,635	15.2	6.3
Del Rio	3,015	0.2	-10.1		35,159	29,126	0.3	-17.2
Eagle Pass	48,176	4.0	1.5		400,459	396,699	3.9	-0.9
El Paso	426,614	35.1	-6.0		3,695,641	3,347,980	33.3	-9.4
Harlingen	55	0.0	-43.3		783	623	0.0	-20.4
Laredo	339,343	27.9	2.9		2,564,424	2,699,751	26.8	5.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	123,982	10.2	9.0		873,738	1,000,716	9.9	14.5
Progreso	66,773	5.5	6.2		878,693	921,645	9.2	4.9
Rio Grande	21	0.0	-75.0		1,319	584	0.0	-55.7
Roma	16,185	1.3	26.8		98,893	134,303	1.3	35.8
Total	1,215,004	100.0	1.0		9,988,279	10,061,062	100.0	0.7

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006: Up 1.0%
(In Millions)

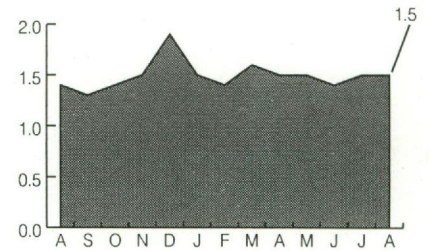


Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Aug 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	228,467	15.7	2.3		1,747,369	1,819,400	15.2	4.1
Del Rio	4,966	0.3	-12.1		55,444	44,739	0.4	-19.3
Eagle Pass	54,758	3.8	-2.0		455,120	459,175	3.8	0.9
El Paso	546,238	37.5	-4.7		4,425,730	4,296,896	36.0	-2.9
Laredo	375,930	25.8	3.4		2,834,619	2,992,729	25.0	5.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	156,340	10.7	8.1		1,045,997	1,240,424	10.4	18.6
Presidio	1,815	0.1	2.0		15,898	14,546	0.1	-8.5
Progreso	67,459	4.6	8.0		870,479	916,525	7.7	5.3
Rio Grande	1,109	0.1	6.9		7,655	10,021	0.1	30.9
Roma	18,645	1.3	14.0		131,357	155,856	1.3	18.7
Total	1,455,727	100.0	0.5		11,589,668	11,950,311	100.0	3.1

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006: Up 0.5%
(In Millions)

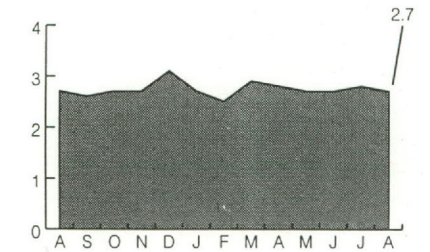


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Aug 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	551,950	20.8	-0.9		4,507,717	4,497,767	20.8	-0.2
Del Rio	141,348	5.3	2.4		1,133,795	1,136,295	5.2	0.2
Eagle Pass	234,491	8.8	-7.5		2,120,440	2,002,412	9.2	-5.6
El Paso	386,999	14.6	-3.9		3,130,192	3,174,345	14.6	1.4
Harlingen	60,024	2.3	4.0		468,740	478,741	2.2	2.1
Laredo	492,340	18.6	-2.2		4,354,027	3,980,050	18.4	-8.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	438,646	16.5	0.1		3,613,036	3,490,307	16.1	-3.4
Pharr	147,316	5.6	3.0		1,196,685	1,192,006	5.5	-0.4
Progreso	78,534	3.0	3.0		687,352	687,322	3.2	0.0
Rio Grande	44,238	1.7	-4.7		403,307	379,794	1.8	-5.8
Roma	77,717	2.9	-3.6		686,537	653,333	3.0	-4.8
Total	2,653,603	100.0	-1.6		22,301,828	21,672,372	100.0	-2.8

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006: Down 1.6%
(In Millions)

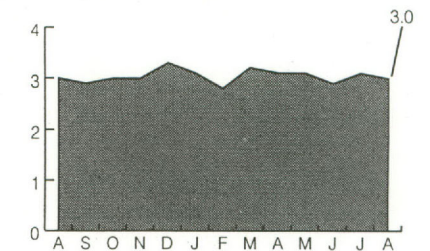


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Aug 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	558,967	18.7	-0.4		4,529,416	4,558,030	18.7	0.6
Del Rio	153,047	5.1	3.0		1,215,126	1,233,960	5.1	1.5
Eagle Pass	247,812	8.3	-6.4		2,208,754	2,105,770	8.7	-4.7
El Paso	591,946	19.8	-4.0		4,727,759	4,652,718	19.1	-1.6
Harlingen	64,481	2.2	-1.2		525,396	525,824	2.2	0.1
Laredo	504,254	16.8	-2.2		4,417,893	4,068,816	16.7	-7.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	406,220	13.6	1.6		3,467,082	3,305,480	13.6	-4.7
Pharr	200,649	6.7	-2.8		1,571,434	1,597,058	6.6	1.6
Presidio	61,185	2.0	2.8		495,406	505,137	2.1	2.0
Progreso	80,961	2.7	3.4		687,236	701,240	2.9	2.0
Rio Grande	48,932	1.6	-5.4		450,123	424,579	1.7	-5.7
Roma	78,132	2.6	-4.5		694,523	652,449	2.7	-6.1
Total	2,996,586	100.0	-1.7		24,990,148	24,331,061	100.0	-2.6

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006: Down 1.7%
(In Millions)



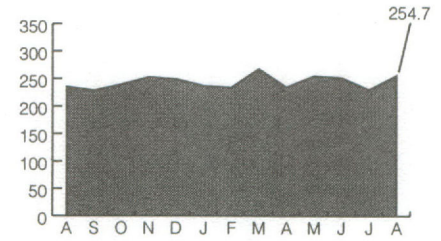
Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Aug 06	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	19,180	7.5	3.8	136,577	147,977	7.6	8.3
Del Rio	6,331	2.5	2.4	59,455	47,911	2.4	-19.4
Eagle Pass	8,699	3.4	-1.2	63,881	65,279	3.3	2.2
El Paso	29,052	11.4	7.0	203,121	215,342	11.0	6.0
Harlingen	1,092	0.4	-72.3	28,489	22,502	1.1	-21.0
Laredo	148,447	58.3	13.8	976,153	1,125,031	57.4	15.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	420	0.2	-72.5	13,462	8,389	0.4	-37.7
Pharr	35,066	13.8	4.7	264,348	277,799	14.2	5.1
Progreso	2,361	0.9	28.7	14,803	18,640	1.0	25.9
Rio Grande	3,001	1.2	18.8	23,011	23,288	1.2	1.2
Roma	1,007	0.4	30.1	6,618	7,255	0.4	9.6
Total	254,656	100.0	8.3	1,789,918	1,959,413	100.0	9.5

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
Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006: Up 8.3%
(In Thousands)



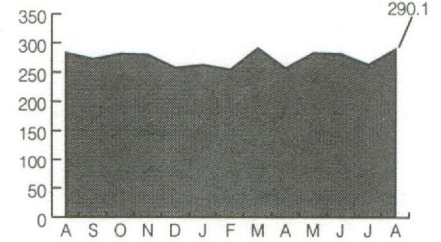
Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Aug 06	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	17,073	5.9	0.3	125,340	137,086	6.3	9.4
Del Rio	5,987	2.1	-0.1	42,121	45,162	2.1	7.2
Eagle Pass	8,733	3.0	-0.5	65,709	65,327	3.0	-0.6
El Paso	70,418	24.3	6.7	485,303	518,970	23.7	6.9
Falcon Heights	0	0.0	-100.0	51	24	0.0	-52.9
Harlingen	3,864	1.3	-8.0	29,484	28,915	1.3	-1.9
Laredo	137,649	47.5	4.8	942,119	1,013,700	46.4	7.6
Pharr	38,409	13.2	-10.0	323,037	315,163	14.4	-2.4
Presidio	551	0.2	39.8	3,327	4,059	0.2	22.0
Progreso	2,935	1.0	33.2	14,714	20,739	0.9	40.9
Rio Grande	3,632	1.3	3.0	31,528	30,819	1.4	-2.2
Roma	825	0.3	24.4	5,696	5,801	0.3	1.8
Total	290,076	100.0	2.5	2,068,429	2,185,765	100.0	5.7

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
Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006: Up 2.5%
(In Thousands)



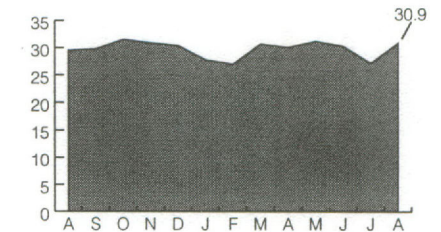
Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Aug 06	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	4,067	13.2	45.7	24,971	32,967	14.0	32.0
Eagle Pass	6,114	19.8	-6.9	50,077	47,495	20.2	-5.2
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	20,741	67.1	2.8	161,207	154,775	65.8	-4.0
Total	30,922	100.0	4.7	236,255	235,237	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
Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006: Up 4.7%
(In Thousands)

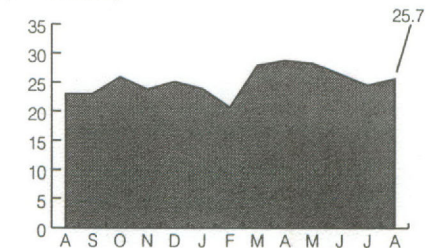


Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Aug 06	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	405	1.6	-23.7	5,154	3,610	1.7	-30.0
Eagle Pass	3,182	12.4	69.3	14,517	29,914	14.5	106.1
El Paso	8,594	33.4	30.1	37,895	66,698	32.3	76.0
Laredo	13,557	52.7	-3.4	109,440	106,096	51.4	-3.1
Total	25,738	100.0	11.7	167,006	206,318	100.0	23.5

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006: Up 11.7%
(In Thousands)

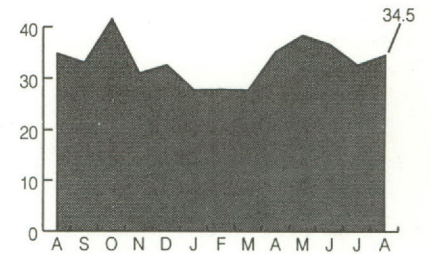


Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Aug 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	2,679,446	7.8	12.1		16,920,257	14,697,821	5.6	-13.1
Del Rio	182,441	0.5	47.1		962,935	1,391,114	0.5	44.5
Eagle Pass	874,366	2.5	-35.6		10,458,985	12,391,519	4.8	18.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	4,636,310	13.4	-3.7		32,890,222	30,693,682	11.8	-6.7
Laredo	26,016,109	75.4	0.0		188,471,965	200,454,042	77.0	6.4
Progreso	26,161	0.1	22.8		217,895	261,549	0.1	20.0
Rio Grande	23,207	0.1	41.0		187,247	208,194	0.1	11.2
Roma	76,280	0.2	51.6		195,169	391,713	0.2	100.7
Total	34,514,320	100.0	-0.8		250,304,675	260,489,633	100.0	4.1

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
 Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006: Down 0.8%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

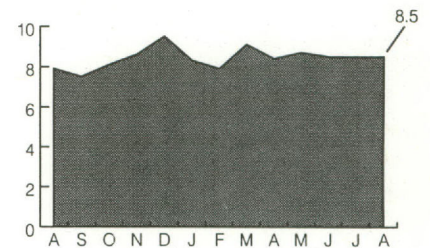


Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)

City	Aug 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,300,599	15.3	8.9		9,430,651	10,504,146	15.5	11.4
Del Rio	283,960	3.3	1.6		2,295,423	2,290,328	3.4	-0.2
Eagle Pass	527,855	6.2	-5.8		4,658,313	4,417,549	6.5	-5.2
El Paso	1,188,191	14.0	-2.0		9,186,625	9,447,900	14.0	2.8
Harlingen	160,527	1.9	-8.5		1,384,793	1,460,832	2.2	5.5
Laredo	3,314,186	38.9	18.5		21,864,955	25,763,618	38.0	17.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	915,091	10.7	-0.7		7,370,547	7,329,350	10.8	-0.6
Pharr	605,524	7.1	11.5		4,511,898	4,725,910	7.0	4.7
Roma	219,820	2.6	24.2		1,503,415	1,784,557	2.6	18.7
Total	8,515,752	100.0	8.3		62,206,620	67,724,189	100.0	8.9

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
 Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006: Up 8.3%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

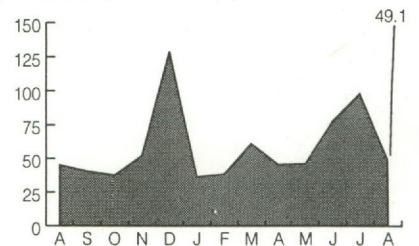


Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Aug 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	522	1.1	-2.8		5,200	5,270	1.2	1.3
El Paso	9,244	18.8	-10.7		84,207	80,754	17.9	-4.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	10,092	20.5	11.5		92,666	93,345	20.7	0.7
Brownsville	6,741	13.7	4.2		55,962	56,835	12.6	1.6
Laredo	20,430	41.6	24.4		174,776	193,403	42.8	10.7
Eagle Pass	2,115	4.3	-7.2		21,914	21,756	4.8	-0.7
Total	49,144	100.0	8.9		434,725	451,363	100.0	3.8

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
 Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006: Up 8.9%
 (In Thousands)



Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		05 vs. 06 Emp %Chg	Gain/Loss YTD
	Aug 06	Aug 06		YTD 05	YTD 06		
Brownsville	57,123	4,072	6.7	54,815	56,614	3.3	1,800
Del Rio	15,046	908	5.7	14,834	14,892	0.4	58
El Paso	239,392	17,007	6.6	233,464	237,635	1.8	4,171
Harlingen	23,820	1,562	6.2	22,857	23,608	3.3	750
Laredo	81,974	4,537	5.2	75,883	80,447	6.0	4,564
McAllen	55,806	2,998	5.1	53,129	55,584	4.6	2,455
Pharr	21,401	1,325	5.8	20,375	21,316	4.6	942
Total	494,562	32,409	6.2	475,356	490,095	3.1	14,739
Texas Unemployment Rate			5.1				
U.S. Unemployment Rate			4.6				

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

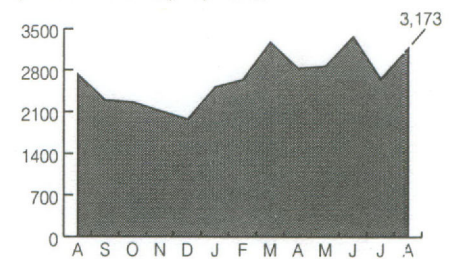
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
 Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006: Down 0.06%
 (In Percent)



Building Permits

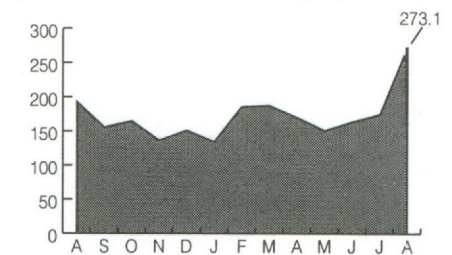
City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Aug 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	268	8.4	-17.3	2,526	2,268	9.7	-10.2
Del Rio	191	6.0	-9.9	1,847	1,816	7.8	-1.7
Eagle Pass	35	1.1	-38.6	415	307	1.3	-26.0
El Paso	1,166	36.7	-2.1	9,005	8,219	35.2	-8.7
Harlingen	244	7.7	-18.1	2,213	2,535	10.9	14.6
Laredo	823	25.9	98.8	3,005	6,082	26.1	102.4
McAllen	446	14.1	93.9	1,609	2,105	9.0	30.8
Total	3,173	100.0	16.4	20,620	23,332	100.0	13.2

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006
(Number of Permits): Up 16.4%



City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Aug 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	28,249,986	10.3	21.2	186,166,332	174,067,480	12.1	-6.5
Del Rio	561,220	0.2	-90.6	21,319,855	19,056,636	1.3	-10.6
Eagle Pass	4,615,761	1.7	99.4	37,793,322	18,709,734	1.3	-50.5
El Paso	138,209,498	50.6	61.2	577,136,031	604,174,983	42.0	4.7
Harlingen	7,271,107	2.7	13.1	48,854,055	75,097,599	5.2	53.7
Laredo	63,657,914	23.3	24.4	298,190,574	319,669,787	22.2	7.2
McAllen	30,567,768	11.2	71.5	215,607,005	226,920,006	15.8	5.2
Total	273,133,254	100.0	41.7	1,385,067,175	1,437,696,225	100.0	3.8

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Up 41.7%



Source: Permit Departments in cited cities

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

Power Connections (in Service)

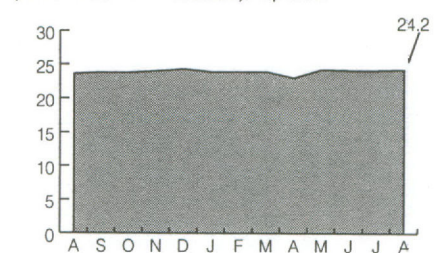
City	05 vs. 06			Average		YTD	
	Aug 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	14,852	10.1	0.9	14,675	14,830	10.1	1.1
Eagle Pass	10,989	7.5	1.9	10,725	10,962	7.5	2.2
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	23,580	16.0	2.0	23,078	23,541	16.0	2.0
Laredo	60,296	40.9	3.5	57,782	59,862	40.8	3.6
McAllen	37,654	25.6	3.3	36,581	37,481	25.6	2.5
Total	147,371	100.0	2.8	142,841	146,675	100.0	2.7

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 2.8%



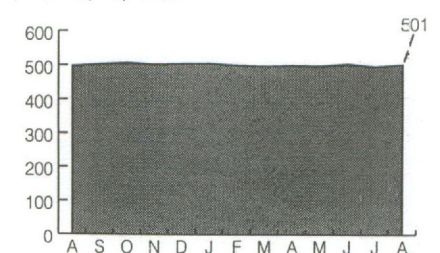
City	05 vs. 06			Average		YTD	
	Aug 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,348	9.7	1.9	2,303	2,343	9.8	1.8
Eagle Pass	1,699	7.0	-0.1	1,684	1,702	7.1	1.1
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,048	16.7	0.9	3,995	4,040	16.9	1.1
Laredo	9,270	38.3	3.2	8,878	9,046	37.8	1.9
McAllen	6,825	28.2	2.8	6,581	6,772	28.3	2.9
Total	24,190	100.0	2.3	23,441	23,904	100.0	2.0

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 2.3%



City	05 vs. 06			Average		YTD	
	Aug 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	45	44	8.8	-1.1
Eagle Pass	31	6.2	0.0	31	29	5.7	-6.6
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	105	21.0	4.0	102	103	20.6	0.5
Laredo	200	39.9	-0.5	204	202	40.4	-0.9
McAllen	122	24.4	1.7	120	122	24.5	1.8
Total	501	100.0	0.8	501	499	100.0	-0.3

(Industrial): Up 0.8%



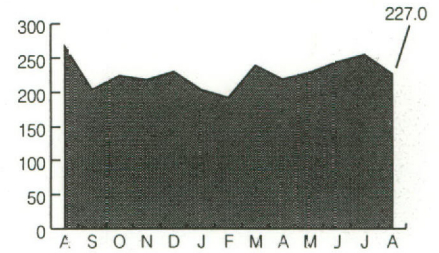
Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company

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Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

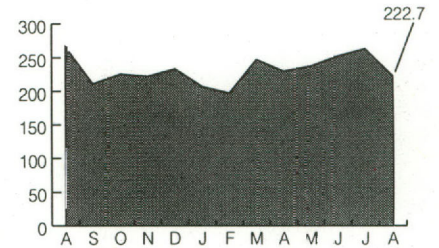
City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Aug 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	7,566	3.3	-79.5	112,027	60,630	3.3	-45.9
El Paso	141,664	62.4	-3.8	1,117,706	1,128,680	62.3	1.0
Harlingen	34,611	15.2	-19.9	341,392	287,956	15.9	-15.7
Laredo	9,171	4.0	9.7	64,057	63,313	3.5	-1.2
McAllen	33,961	15.0	9.2	239,715	271,741	15.0	13.4
Total	226,973	100.0	-14.9	1,874,897	1,812,320	100.0	-3.3

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Down 14.9%



City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Aug 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	7,484	3.4	-80.6	117,012	62,360	3.4	-46.7
El Paso	138,964	62.4	-3.9	1,135,153	1,148,380	61.9	1.2
Harlingen	35,883	16.1	-19.8	354,550	303,403	16.4	-14.4
Laredo	8,588	3.9	13.7	62,284	63,052	3.4	1.2
McAllen	31,827	14.3	5.3	246,783	277,107	14.9	12.3
Total	222,746	100.0	-16.2	1,915,782	1,854,302	100.0	-3.2

(Departures – In Thousands): Down 16.2%

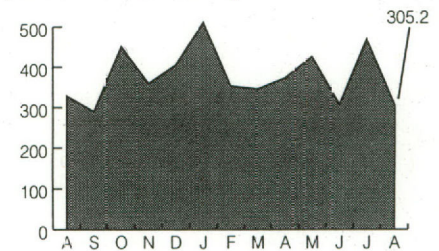


Source: Airports in cited cities

Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Aug 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	126,715	41.5	N/A	1,003,467	1,844,532	59.7	83.8
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	13,070	0	0.0	-100.0
Liquid	3,714	1.2	-43.6	173,299	204,521	6.6	18.0
Machinery	5,019	1.6	N/A	50,717	41,964	1.4	-17.3
Ores - Minerals	0	0.0	-100.0	80,587	0	0.0	-100.0
Other	457	0.1	-99.8	205,601	23,398	0.8	-88.6
Petroleum	169,314	55.5	86.0	952,895	973,432	31.5	2.2
Steel - Other Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	98,448	0	0.0	-100.0
Total	305,219	100.0	-7.2	2,578,085	3,087,848	100.0	19.8

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006: Down 7.2%
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



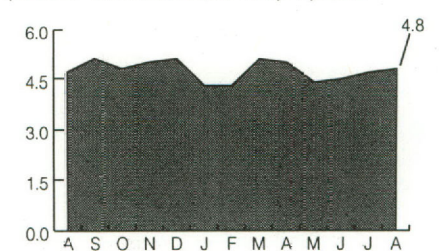
Source: Port of Brownsville

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

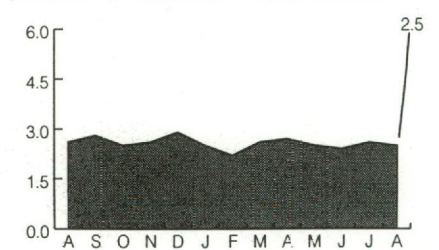
Cargo Type	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Aug 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	4,905	0.1	-60.5	216,665	98,471	0.3	-54.6
Chemical	13,338	0.3	15.8	98,140	92,689	0.3	-5.6
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	540,306	11.3	-12.5	3,559,568	3,540,813	9.6	-0.5
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	7,882	9,521	0.0	20.8
Liquid	28,804	0.6	-25.0	207,052	113,330	0.3	-45.3
Petroleum	4,175,732	87.7	5.0	32,725,660	33,170,058	89.6	1.4
Total	4,763,086	100.0	2.3	36,814,966	37,024,881	100.0	0.6

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
Aug. 2005 vs. Aug. 2006
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 2.3%



Cargo Type	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Aug 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	12,420	0.5	509.1	89,998	51,755	0.3	-42.5
Chemical	141,204	5.6	-18.7	1,114,888	1,008,251	5.1	-9.6
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	237,496	9.4	39.3	2,648,857	1,605,458	8.1	-39.4
Grain Bulk	89,660	3.5	-49.8	1,218,381	1,062,786	5.3	-12.8
Liquid	0	0.0	-100.0	143,313	20,008	0.1	-86.0
Petroleum	2,047,251	81.0	-0.6	15,290,956	16,182,917	81.2	5.8
Total	2,528,031	100.0	-3.0	20,506,394	19,931,175	100.0	-2.8

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 3.0%



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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Table 5
U.S. Exports to Mexico Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2005 August YTD Total	2006 August YTD Total	'05 vs. '06 Percent Change
Brownsville	4,122,292,932	4,564,768,132	10.7
Del Rio	953,712,325	979,493,345	2.7
Eagle Pass	2,283,373,695	2,442,986,416	7.0
Laredo	26,259,743,898	30,419,344,882	15.8
Hidalgo	5,095,798,789	5,565,674,231	9.2
Rio Grande	50,470,663	75,903,229	50.4
Progreso	74,327,640	109,528,449	47.4
Roma	47,046,879	76,466,327	62.5
Edinburg Airport	465,300	0	-100.0
El Paso	12,222,273,678	14,155,936,142	15.8
Presidio	163,093,125	217,653,466	33.5
Fabens	3,707,404	1,064,666	-71.3
Columbus	12,461,706	9,283,818	-25.5
Santa Teresa	284,546,555	271,235,024	-4.7
Santa Teresa Airport	7,875	14,220	80.6
Andrade	2,018,132	1,500,713	-25.6
Calexico	3,625,313	20,456,903	464.3
San Ysidro	84,794,588	97,628,138	15.1
Tecate	358,590,913	396,756,717	10.6
Otay Mesa Station	6,155,911,481	6,658,391,270	8.2
Calexico-East	3,071,491,039	3,387,939,395	10.3
Douglas	223,696,906	300,192,976	34.2
Lukeville	8,944,890	4,753,695	-46.9
Naco	51,986,066	74,400,660	43.1
Nogales	3,161,384,739	4,218,571,106	33.4
Sasabe	5,553,716	584,322	-89.5
San Luis	203,830,740	234,120,449	14.9
Total	64,905,150,987	74,284,648,691	14.5

Table 6
U.S. Imports from Mexico Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2005 August YTD Total	2006 August YTD Total	'05 vs. '06 Percent Change
Brownsville	3,358,887,409	3,791,182,982	12.9
Del Rio	1,066,024,604	1,090,206,408	2.3
Eagle Pass	2,586,495,682	5,061,991,900	95.7
Laredo	34,539,097,358	37,934,296,156	9.8
Hidalgo	6,933,797,580	7,848,348,907	13.2
Rio Grande	94,430,904	145,209,448	53.8
Progreso	6,156,761	29,876,753	385.3
Roma	6,522,534	7,793,775	19.5
Edinburg Airport	0	0	-
El Paso	16,111,980,122	16,952,743,984	5.2
Presidio	93,843,488	91,697,618	-2.3
Fabens	0	3,968	-
Columbus	13,269,483	15,766,574	18.8
Santa Teresa	499,184,761	499,886,654	0.1
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	0	0	-
Calexico	0	0	-
San Ysidro	0	136,156	-
Tecate	413,172,272	429,360,150	3.9
Otay Mesa Station	9,416,308,194	11,555,902,576	22.7
Calexico-East	4,048,773,226	4,339,533,954	7.2
Douglas	534,498,164	451,163,112	-15.6
Lukeville	143,080	94,167	-34.2
Naco	26,739,790	30,061,581	12.4
Nogales	5,510,628,290	8,334,399,942	51.2
Sasabe	0	0	-
San Luis	428,551,569	398,355,895	-7.0
Total	85,688,505,271	99,008,012,660	15.5

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University (Tables 1-6)

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