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Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity for the month of November demonstrated an increase of eleven indicators while eleven indicators decreased. In addition, year-to-date (YTD) figures, ten indicators were up and twelve decreased. Selected 2001 YTD comparisons to 2000 reported by border cities include the following:

- Southbound pedestrian crossings into Mexico were down 2.7 percent. Laredo decreased 3.0 percent, Rio Grande jumped 2.9 percent, McAllen registered an increase of 3.1 percent and El Paso rose 2.1 percent.
- Northbound pedestrian crossings into Texas were up 3.3 percent. Laredo fell 3.1 percent. El Paso went up 4.6 percent. McAllen marked an increase of 21.2 percent.
- Southbound vehicle crossings were down 2.3 percent. Brownsville fell 4.3 percent, and Eagle Pass increased 3.4 percent. El Paso went down 7.1 percent and Pharr decreased 4.0 percent. Laredo went down 1.6 percent. McAllen decreased 0.9 percent.
- Northbound vehicle crossings were down 3.1 percent. Eagle Pass rose 0.5 percent. Roma increased 0.7 percent, El Paso went down 6.1 percent, Brownsville lost 3.2 percent and Pharr increased 3.0 percent.
- Southbound truck crossings into Mexico were down 3.6 percent. Eagle Pass went down 15.6 percent. Pharr increased 0.4 percent, and Laredo fell 0.5 percent. Del Rio was down 0.6 percent. Progreso gained 4.8 and Rio Grande grew 1.7 percent.
- Northbound truck crossings into Texas went down 6.4 percent, Pharr fell 2.0 percent and Eagle Pass posted an 8.4 percent decrease. Brownsville decreased 16.8 percent, Laredo fell 6.2 percent, Del Rio marked a drop of 3.5 percent. Rio Grande had a gain of 8.6 percent. Progreso went up 63.1 percent.
- Southbound shipments by rail were up 1.9 percent.
- Northbound shipments by rail were up 4.4 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs went down 10.3 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators were up 1.2 percent.
- Total building permits issued were up 4.7 percent. Laredo rose 14.9 percent, Eagle Pass gained 4.4 percent, while McAllen-Hidalgo dropped 8.4 percent, and Brownsville registered a decrease of 4.0 percent. El Paso showed an 8.2 percent increase.
- Total building permit values increased 11.5 percent. Laredo increased 20.5 percent, and Brownsville fell 18.6 percent. McAllen increased 32.6 percent. El Paso was up 12.4 percent, and Eagle Pass jumped 82.7 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.0 percent, with 4,301 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in November 2001 was 8.1 percent.

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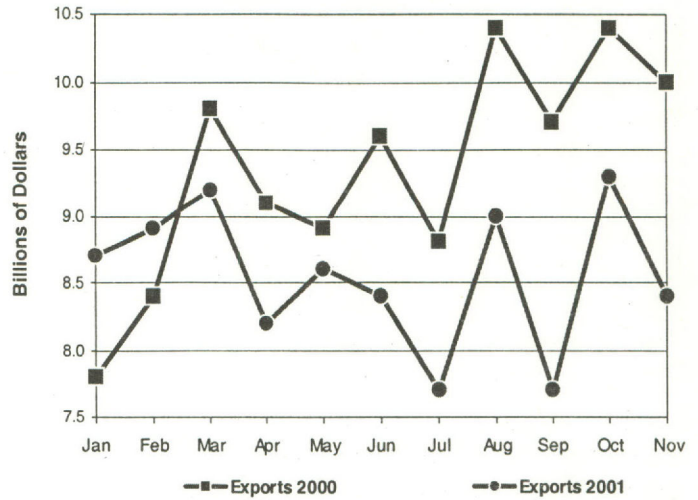
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U.S.-Mexico Trade Will Register a Decrease as Year Ends

In the November issue of the *BBI*, the effects of the U.S. economic downturn on U.S.-Mexico trade was exhibited in a set of year-to-date figures comparing 2000 and 2001. An update of those trade figures showed total U.S.-Mexico trade experienced a 5.4 percent decrease from \$228.6 billion (Nov. 2000 YTD) to \$216.3 billion in Nov 2001 year-to-date. U.S. exports to Mexico were down 8.4 percent year-to-date and U.S. imports from Mexico were down 2.9 percent for the same period (See Chart 1A). Charts 1B through 3 demonstrate monthly 2001 figures for total trade, U.S. exports and U.S. imports.

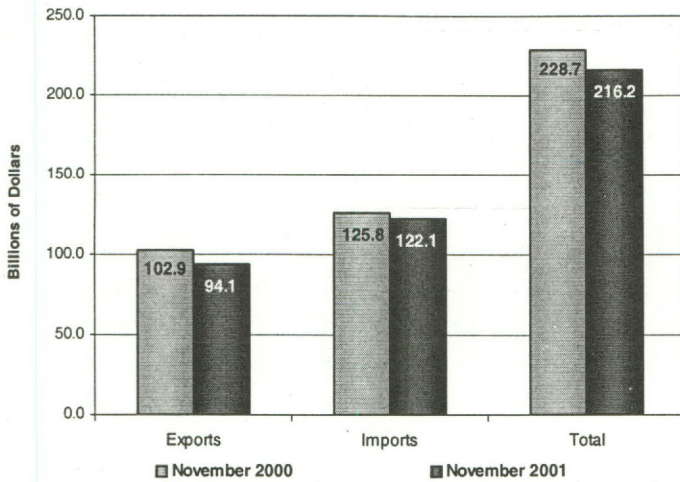
Chart 4 shows the percent change between November 2000 and 2001 for U.S. exports (-1.6%), U.S. imports (-1.0%) and total trade (-2.6%). U.S.-Mexico trade will register a loss at year's end for the first time in quite a few years. This drop will be due to the slowing of both countries' interdependent economies. Although the event of 9/11 may have had some effect, its lingering effect will be on the daily operations of trade because of the increased emphasis on insuring national security at all points of entry. —*B. G. Garcia*

Chart 2 U.S. Exports to Mexico
November 2000 YTD vs. November 2001 YTD



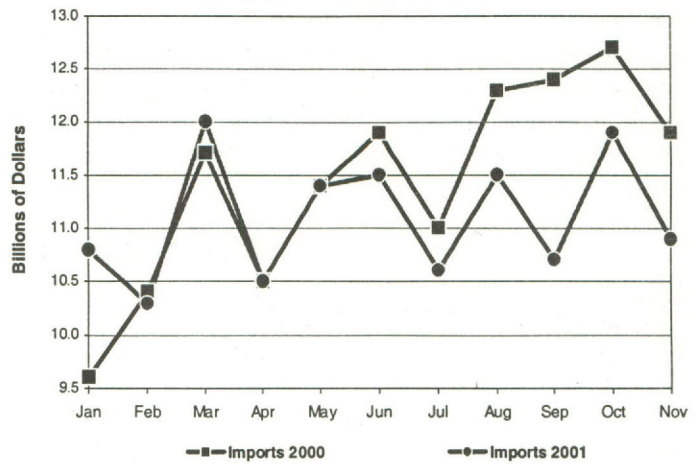
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Chart 1A U.S.-Mexico Trade
November 2000 YTD vs. November 2001 YTD



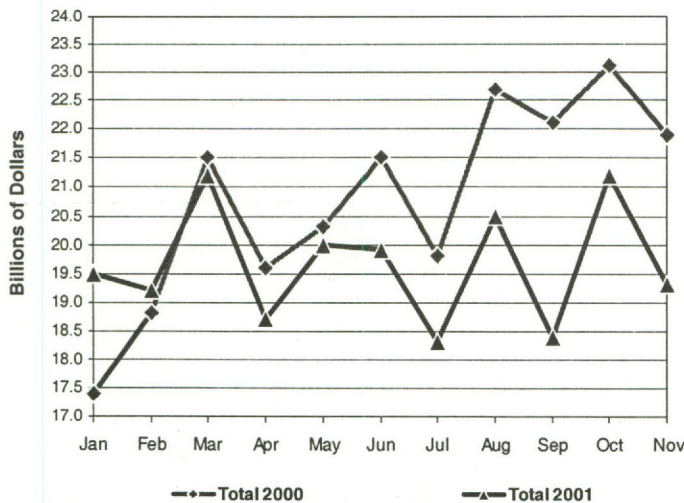
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Chart 3 U.S. Imports from Mexico
November 2000 YTD vs. November 2001 YTD



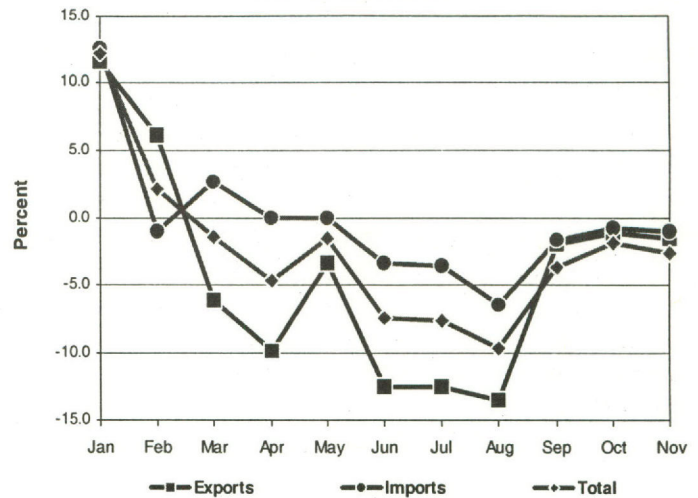
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Chart 1B U.S.-Mexico Trade
November 2000 YTD vs. November 2001 YTD



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Chart 4 U.S.-Mexico Trade Percent Changes
2000 YTD vs. 2001 YTD



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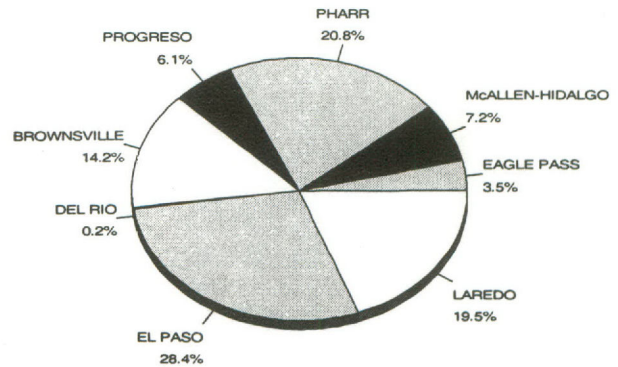
Pedestrian Bridge Crossings into Mexico

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	234,838	201,288	208,693	211,063	2,440,290	2,532,224	3.8
DEL RIO	2,970	5,290	2,202	1,347	39,784	46,078	15.8
EAGLE PASS	53,847	53,416	51,567	50,579	541,902	561,177	3.6
EL PASO	501,330	461,411	416,137	504,412	4,875,828	4,979,420	2.1
HARLINGEN	68	90	99	61	816	881	8.0
LAREDO	353,342	289,427	285,371	362,342	3,851,955	3,737,084	-3.0
McALLEN-HIDALGO	113,749	97,458	105,953	113,347	1,206,941	1,244,722	3.1
PHARR	299,358	294,242	305,095	372,402	3,996,535	3,385,645	-15.3
PROGRESO	61,490	64,181	89,264	91,388	1,118,641	1,112,374	-0.6
RIO GRANDE	487	305	253	759	9,692	9,974	2.9
ROMA	12,718	13,857	N/A	N/A	141,877	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	1,634,197	1,480,965	1,464,634	1,707,700	18,224,261	17,739,362	-2.7

Source: Data provided by U.S. bridge operators in cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Southbound pedestrian crossings into Mexico for November were down 1.1 percent. Rio Grande decreased 17.0 percent, Brownsville gained 3.7 percent, Eagle Pass fell 3.5 percent, El Paso decreased 9.8 percent, and Laredo went down 1.4 percent. Progreso gained 39.1 percent, and McAllen-Hidalgo went up 8.7 percent. Del Rio decreased 58.4 percent. YTD southbound pedestrian crossings into Mexico declined 2.7 percent. El Paso's southbound pedestrian crossings, which made up 28.1 percent of all crossings, increased 2.1 percent YTD. Laredo, accounting for 21.1 percent of total crossings, fell 3.0 percent YTD. Brownsville, with a 14.3 percent share, increased 3.8 percent YTD. Progreso, with 6.3 percent share, declined 0.6 percent. Del Rio, with 0.3 percent, increased 15.8 percent YTD.

% Share Pedestrians for November 2001



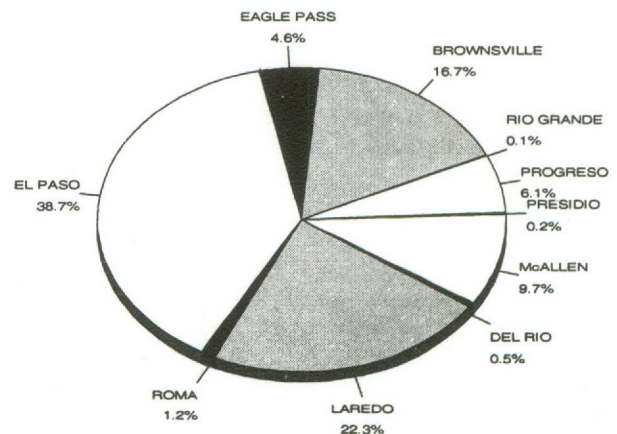
Pedestrian Bridge Crossings into Texas

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	268,301	233,657	243,184	250,942	2,793,620	2,877,885	3.0
DEL RIO	8,076	7,262	7,055	5,996	91,185	85,450	-6.3
EAGLE PASS	71,732	69,625	66,544	61,111	710,966	732,162	3.0
EL PASO	683,100	639,793	563,713	632,387	6,237,403	6,525,721	4.6
LAREDO	389,253	324,925	325,048	391,558	4,263,638	4,130,644	-3.1
McALLEN-HIDALGO	151,099	130,643	140,540	140,677	1,314,948	1,593,278	21.2
PRESIDIO	2,412	2,174	2,218	2,748	28,750	27,612	-4.0
PROGRESO	60,975	64,452	89,409	91,227	1,081,560	1,105,951	2.3
RIO GRANDE	1,135	1,052	1,179	1,338	15,238	14,260	-6.4
ROMA	17,084	17,001	17,153	17,032	194,349	184,795	-4.9
TOTAL	1,653,167	1,490,584	1,456,043	1,595,016	16,731,657	17,277,758	3.3

Source: Data provided by Mexico's Oficina de Caminos y Puentes and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Northbound pedestrian crossings into Texas were down 2.3 percent in November. Progreso increased 38.7 percent, Brownsville was up 4.1 percent, El Paso fell 11.9 percent, and Laredo gained 0.04 percent. YTD northbound pedestrian crossings into Texas were up 3.3 percent. El Paso, accounting for 37.8 percent of northbound crossings, was up 4.6 percent YTD. Laredo, with 23.9 percent of all northbound crossings, was down 3.1 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 16.7 percent of all northbound pedestrian crossings, increased 3.0 percent over the previous year.

% Share Pedestrians for November 2001



Vehicle Bridge-Crossings into Mexico

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	489,875	499,744	519,436	640,813	6,912,341	6,617,393	-4.3
DEL RIO	145,972	138,892	149,707	144,256	1,717,608	1,696,054	-1.3
EAGLE PASS	222,283	232,197	257,735	261,372	2,798,103	2,894,222	3.4
EL PASO	360,209	332,765	336,227	459,955	5,172,700	4,804,878	-7.1
HARLINGEN	42,316	43,084	46,383	45,915	515,852	524,719	1.7
LAREDO	621,154	640,011	653,806	763,801	8,013,599	7,887,925	-1.6
McALLEN-HIDALGO	427,369	422,929	439,157	487,673	5,397,704	5,350,740	-0.9
PHARR	145,544	144,528	148,620	180,020	1,931,367	1,854,276	-4.0
PROGRESO	74,354	75,894	83,771	91,388	1,026,756	1,029,735	0.3
RIO GRANDE	49,924	48,690	53,865	48,882	536,974	561,913	4.6
ROMA	88,503	87,504	N/A	N/A	963,143	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	2,667,503	2,666,238	2,688,707	3,124,075	34,986,147	34,190,355	-2.3

Source: Data provided by U.S. bridge operators in cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Southbound vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico were up 0.8 percent in November. Eagle Pass was up 11.0 percent, Del Rio rose 7.8 percent, Rio Grande gained 10.6 percent, McAllen-Hidalgo increased 3.8 percent, and Brownsville went up 3.9 percent. Harlingen gained 7.7 percent, and Laredo was up 2.2 percent. YTD southbound vehicle bridge crossings were down 2.3 percent. Laredo, with 23.1 percent of all southbound traffic, was down 1.6 percent

YTD. Brownsville, with 19.4 percent of all southbound vehicle bridge crossings, had a 4.3 percent decrease YTD. El Paso, accounting for 14.1 percent of all southbound vehicle crossings, fell 7.1 percent YTD. McAllen-Hidalgo, with 15.6 percent of all southbound vehicle crossings, experienced a 0.9 percent decrease YTD.

Vehicle Bridge-Crossings into Texas

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	490,479	500,040	509,642	578,138	6,645,830	6,431,222	-3.2
DEL RIO	149,466	142,561	150,956	156,903	1,802,546	1,777,539	-1.4
EAGLE PASS	232,511	240,725	263,972	270,109	2,987,691	3,002,444	0.5
EL PASO	610,939	576,608	577,185	747,569	8,209,431	7,711,768	-6.1
HARLINGEN	64,705	62,027	66,240	55,372	635,478	673,770	6.0
LAREDO	520,353	536,997	555,009	642,432	7,375,056	7,050,038	-4.4
McALLEN-HIDALGO	386,562	385,837	391,788	454,543	5,213,376	4,942,461	-5.2
PHARR	194,714	186,139	194,159	216,600	2,264,879	2,332,882	3.0
PRESIDIO	57,549	52,274	56,679	60,724	684,578	671,288	-1.9
PROGRESO	78,350	79,397	90,733	89,194	987,453	1,027,251	4.0
RIO GRANDE	50,863	50,087	54,770	54,064	603,737	597,316	-1.1
ROMA	90,099	88,184	96,331	99,249	1,070,636	1,078,415	0.7
TOTAL	2,926,590	2,900,876	3,007,464	3,424,897	38,480,691	37,296,394	-3.1

Source: Data provided by Mexico's Oficina de Caminos y Puentes and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Northbound vehicle bridge crossings into Texas for November were up 3.7 percent. Eagle Pass went up 9.7 percent, Progreso gained 14.3 percent, Brownsville increased 1.9 percent, and McAllen-Hidalgo rose 1.5 percent. Presidio was up 8.4 percent, and Laredo went up 3.4 percent. YTD northbound vehicle bridge

crossings into Texas were down 3.1 percent. El Paso, with 20.7 percent of all crossings, was down 6.1 percent YTD. Laredo, with 18.9 percent of all crossings, fell 4.4 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 17.2 percent of all crossings, declined 3.2 percent YTD.

Truck Crossings into Mexico —Number of Trucks

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE+	17,402	19,724	18,497	18,078	218,226	201,302	-7.8
DEL RIO+	5,734	6,535	6,255	5,809	64,727	64,359	-0.6
EAGLE PASS+	6,856	7,903	7,532	8,778	101,703	85,835	-15.6
EL PASO+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	N/A	N/A	N/A
HARLINGEN+	3,520	3,469	2,694	4,767	68,060	40,344	-40.7
LAREDO+	111,596	128,487	122,895	123,341	1,298,440	1,292,290	-0.5
McALLEN-HIDALGO+	2,570	2,757	2,902	3,388	43,306	34,333	-20.7
PHARR+	19,487	21,812	20,362	22,330	238,607	239,679	0.4
PROGRESO+	2,371	2,572	2,089	2,425	22,669	23,754	4.8
RIO GRANDE+	1,553	1,553	1,599	1,667	19,823	20,166	1.7
ROMA+	1,071	1,146	N/A	N/A	13,142	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	172,160	195,958	184,825	190,583	2,088,703	2,013,461	-3.6

Source: Data provided by U.S. bridge operators in cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

+ Includes both loaded and empty trucks.

++ Includes loaded trucks only.

+++ El Paso does not separate loaded trucks from other vehicles and therefore is not reported.

Truck crossings into Mexico were down 5.7 percent in November. Harlingen decreased 22.3 percent, Del Rio fell 4.3 percent, and Pharr decreased 6.6 percent. Laredo was down 4.4 percent and Brownsville lost 6.2 percent. YTD southbound truck crossings were down 3.6 percent. Laredo, with 64.2 percent of all southbound

crossings, experienced a 0.5 percent decrease YTD. Brownsville, with a 10.0 percent of all southbound crossings, had a 7.8 percent decrease YTD. Pharr, with 11.9 percent, registered an increase of 0.4 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, with 4.3 percent of all truck crossings, fell 15.6 percent YTD.

Truck Crossings into Texas —Number of Trucks

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	20,708	22,322	20,792	22,183	280,324	233,346	-16.8
DEL RIO	5,005	4,967	5,523	5,120	57,173	55,157	-3.5
EAGLE PASS	7,132	8,346	7,730	9,289	99,570	91,167	-8.4
FALCON	0	0	0	29	429	223	-48.0
LAREDO	113,938	131,992	114,006	125,273	1,382,963	1,297,783	-6.2
McALLEN-HIDALGO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PHARR	27,708	32,070	30,434	31,226	347,791	340,972	-2.0
PROGRESO	2,025	2,240	1,956	1,168	10,967	17,892	63.1
RIO GRANDE	1,738	1,946	1,848	2,048	21,991	23,874	8.6
ROMA	1,029	1,091	923	1,019	11,957	10,925	-8.6
TOTAL	179,283	204,974	183,212	197,355	2,213,165	2,071,339	-6.4

Source: Data provided by the South Texas CMC in Laredo and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Editor's Note: Figures represent loaded and empty trucks.

November northbound truck crossings into Texas were down 10.6 percent. Eagle Pass was down 7.4 percent, Brownsville lost 6.9 percent, Progreso fell 12.7 percent, Pharr went down 5.1 percent, and Laredo decreased 13.6 percent. Roma went down 15.4 percent. YTD northbound truck crossings were down 6.4 percent. Laredo,

accounting for 62.7 percent of all northbound truck crossings, had a 6.2 percent decrease YTD. Pharr, with 16.5 percent of all crossings, experienced a 2.0 percent decline YTD. Brownsville, with 11.3 percent of all northbound truck crossings, experienced a 16.8 percent decrease YTD.

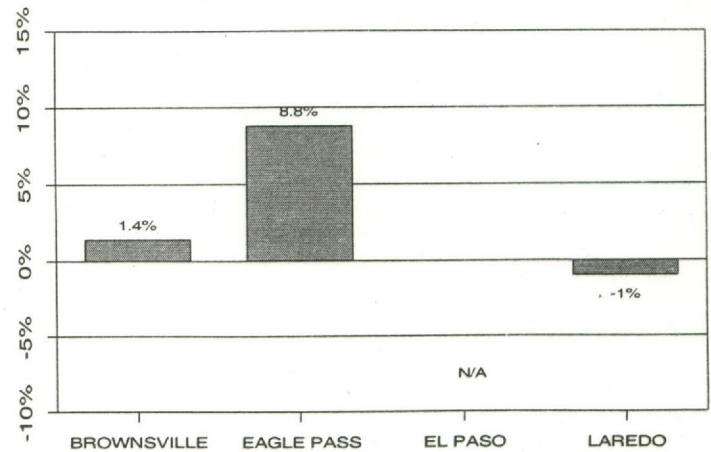
Export Shipments by Rail into Mexico —Number of Rail Cars

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	1,765	3,382	4,455	2,020	33,868	34,353	1.4
EAGLE PASS	8,057	7,358	7,334	6,610	72,262	78,637	8.8
EL PASO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
LAREDO	15,149	16,329	16,717	16,925	169,113	167,378	-1.0
TOTAL	24,971	27,069	28,506	25,555	275,243	280,368	1.9

Source: Data provided by railroad companies serving cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Southbound rail shipments into Mexico increased 5.3 percent in November. Brownsville rose 31.7 percent, while Laredo increased 2.4 percent. Eagle Pass fell 0.3 percent. YTD southbound rail shipments into Mexico from Texas were up 1.9 percent. Laredo which accounted for 59.7 percent of all southbound rail shipments, was down 1.0 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, accounting for 28.0 percent of all southbound rail shipments, increased 8.8 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 12.3 percent of all southbound rail shipments, showed an increase of 1.4 percent YTD.

Export Rail YTD % Change 00-01



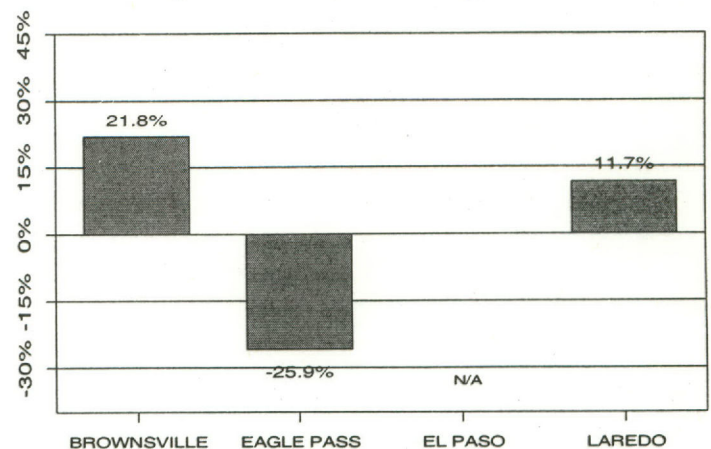
Import Shipments by Rail into Texas —Number of Rail Cars

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	2,536	1,220	284	1,154	11,125	13,555	21.8
EAGLE PASS	2,466	2,681	2,109	3,078	39,757	29,448	-25.9
EL PASO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
LAREDO	14,035	15,872	13,815	12,605	139,744	156,037	11.7
TOTAL	19,037	19,773	16,208	16,837	190,626	199,040	4.4

Source: Data provided by railroad companies serving cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Northbound rail shipments into Texas decreased 18.0 percent in November. Laredo fell 13.0 percent, Brownsville declined 76.7 percent, and Eagle Pass lost 21.3 percent. YTD total northbound shipments into Texas from Mexico were up 4.4 percent. Laredo, which accounted for 78.4 percent of all northbound rail shipments, was up 11.7 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, accounting for 14.8 percent of all northbound rail shipments, fell 25.9 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 6.8 percent of all northbound rail shipments, increased 21.8 percent YTD.

Import Rail YTD % Change 00-01



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

CITY	DUTY	MPF	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL	YTD	YTD	YTD % CHG
	NOV 01	NOV 01	REVENUE NOV 01	REVENUE NOV 01	REVENUE NOV 00	REVENUE NOV 00	REVENUE NOV 01	
BROWNSVILLE	894,354	115,638	1,552,775	2,562,767	4,151,162	53,647,637	38,216,402	-28.8
DEL RIO	249,276	33,895	21,126	304,297	182,088	2,246,331	2,005,703	-10.7
EAGLE PASS	135,170	12,828	2,442,651	2,590,649	2,483,010	36,378,878	34,800,040	-4.3
LAREDO	7,065,527	685,187	8,292,065	16,042,779	18,293,225	211,859,555	199,680,382	-5.7
McALLEN-HIDALGO	1,700,948	216,024	169,422	2,086,394	5,479,528	31,999,661	26,769,999	-16.3
PROGRESO	2	1,915	15,439	17,356	11,029	211,191	199,977	-5.3
RIO GRANDE	25,471	5,714	6,869	38,054	38,988	668,920	680,906	1.8
ROMA	14,232	516	8,113	22,861	30,999	455,394	303,630	-33.3
TOTAL	10,084,980	1,071,717	12,508,460	23,665,157	30,670,031	337,467,569	302,657,038	-10.3

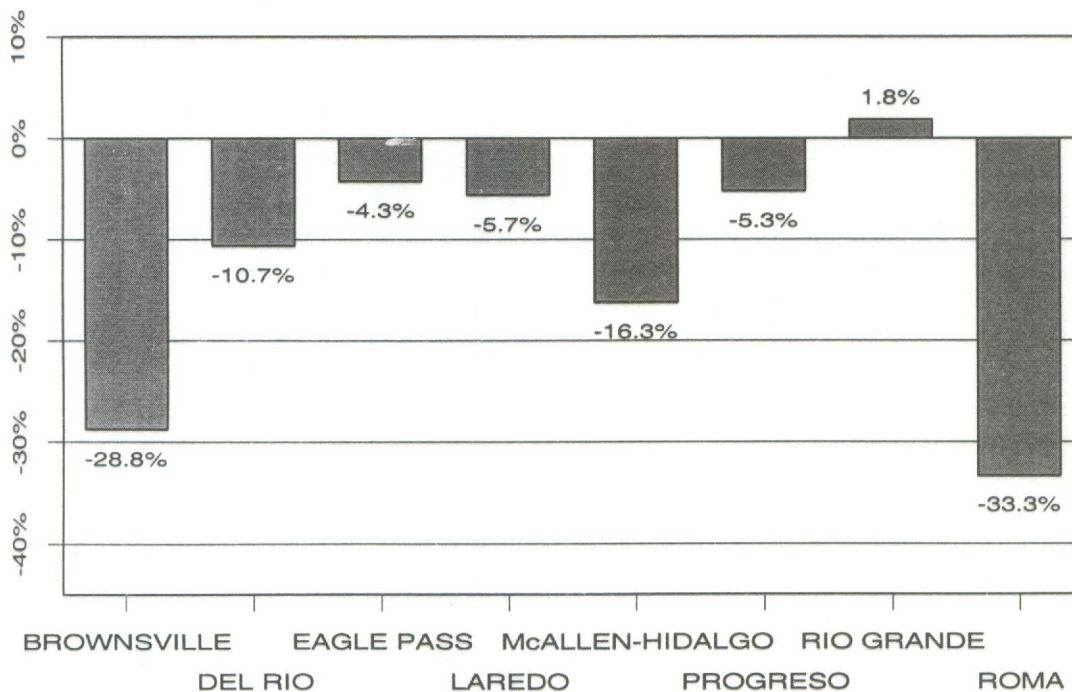
Source: Data provided by the South Texas CMC in Laredo and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

MPF = Merchandise Processing Fee

Total U.S. Customs revenues, for November, for the former District of Laredo, had a decrease of 5.8 percent. McAllen-Hidalgo was down 3.8 percent, Rio Grande gained 7.7 percent, Progreso fell 9.4 percent, Roma decreased 21.5 percent, Laredo went down 1.7 percent, Eagle Pass went up 2.9 percent, Brownsville lost 32.7 percent, and Del Rio was up 32.2 percent. YTD revenues for the border was down 10.3 percent compared to November 2000.

Laredo, accounting for 66.0 percent share of the former district's revenue was down 5.7 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 12.6 percent share of total revenues, was down 28.8 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, accounting for 11.5 percent of all revenues, was down 4.3 percent YTD. McAllen-Hidalgo, with 8.8 percent of total revenues, decreased 16.3 percent YTD.

% Change Total Revenues YTD 00-01



Revenues (in U.S. Dollars) Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	781,106	870,863	888,068	871,749	8,981,381	9,909,031	10.3
DEL RIO	347,255	360,614	354,863	364,984	4,195,027	4,147,680	-1.1
EAGLE PASS	509,893	537,314	579,512	603,340	6,667,176	6,421,798	-3.7
EL PASO	943,293	813,421	788,805	1,001,976	10,601,782	10,239,960	-3.4
HARLINGEN	102,198	111,592	108,200	130,995	1,376,829	1,261,546	-8.4
LAREDO	2,210,120	2,286,527	2,335,760	2,463,441	26,477,335	26,206,406	-1.0
McALLEN-HIDALGO	704,852	694,433	724,159	798,733	7,942,152	8,784,598	10.6
PHARR	358,207	404,746	374,075	447,601	4,407,011	4,502,230	2.2
TOTAL	5,956,924	6,079,510	6,153,442	6,682,819	70,648,694	71,473,250	1.2

Source: Data provided by U.S. bridge operators in cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development
Brownsville's Revenues are for Cameron County Bridge only.

U.S. bridge operators' revenues increased 1.2 percent in the month of November. Pharr went down 7.6 percent, Brownsville gained 2.0 percent, Laredo rose 2.2 percent. Del Rio decreased 1.6 percent, Harlingen went down 3.0 percent, McAllen-Hidalgo was up 4.3 percent, Eagle Pass increased 7.9 percent, and El Paso fell 3.0 percent. YTD U.S. bridge operator's revenues were up 1.2 percent. Laredo, accounting for 36.7 percent of total U.S. bridge operator's

revenues collected, had a 1.0 percent decrease YTD. El Paso, accounting for 14.3 percent of total U.S. bridge revenues, went down 3.4 percent YTD. Brownsville, accounting for 13.9 percent, was up 10.3 percent YTD. McAllen-Hidalgo, with 12.3 percent of the total bridge revenues, increased 10.6 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, with 9.0 percent of the total bridge revenues, fell 3.7 percent YTD.

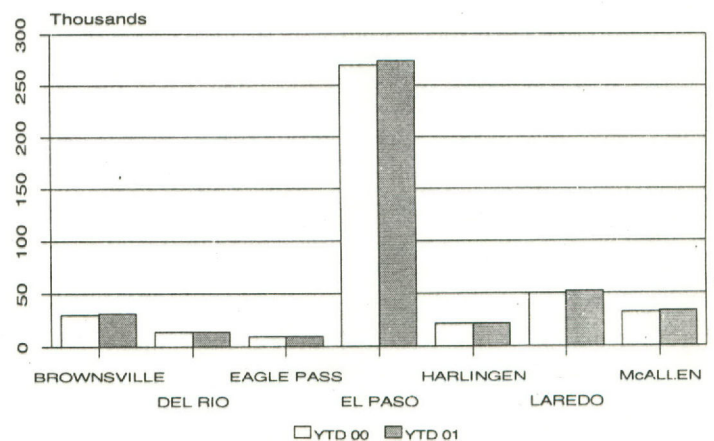
Power Connections—Texas Border Residential Connections

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	31,581	31,668	31,677	30,640	30,308	31,390	3.6
DEL RIO	14,114	14,086	14,102	14,109	14,035	14,105	0.5
EAGLE PASS	9,874	9,901	9,937	9,782	9,662	9,847	1.9
EL PASO	275,108	275,335	275,816	271,596	269,622	273,819	1.6
HARLINGEN	21,613	21,658	21,930	21,839	21,496	21,821	1.5
LAREDO	52,208	52,258	52,192	50,906	50,087	51,820	3.5
McALLEN	33,168	33,377	33,873	32,847	32,324	32,963	2.0
TOTAL	437,666	438,283	439,527	431,719	427,534	435,766	1.9

Source: Data provided by CP&L, Brownsville Public Utilities Board, and El Paso Electric Co. and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

November total residential power connections for cited Texas border cities increased 0.28 percent. YTD residential power connections were up 1.9 percent. Laredo was up 3.5 percent, McAllen increased 2.0 percent, Del Rio gained 0.5 percent, Harlingen jumped 1.5 percent, Brownsville increased 3.6 percent, and Eagle Pass was up by 1.9 percent.

YTD AVG November 00-01



Power Connections – Texas Border (Cont'd)

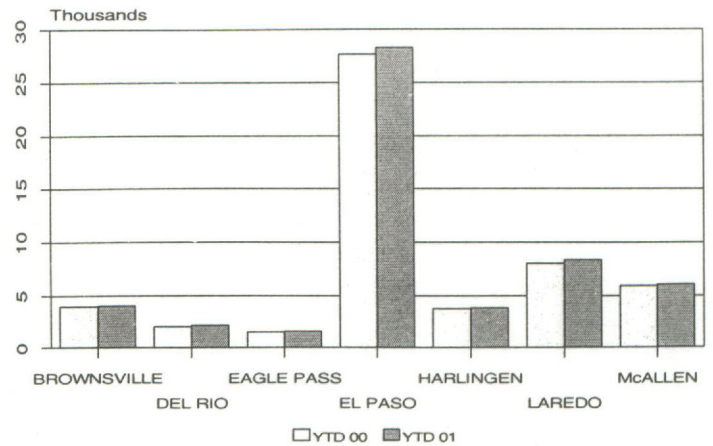
Commercial Connections

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	3,954	4,019	4,059	3,990	3,954	4,002	1.2
DEL RIO	2,172	2,174	2,185	2,117	2,088	2,155	3.2
EAGLE PASS	1,561	1,566	1,578	1,525	1,515	1,548	2.2
EL PASO	28,529	28,553	28,557	27,946	27,660	28,326	2.4
HARLINGEN	3,863	3,853	3,845	3,833	3,791	3,844	1.4
LAREDO	8,394	8,397	8,373	8,216	8,059	8,332	3.4
McALLEN	6,151	6,149	6,150	5,941	5,913	6,071	2.7
TOTAL	54,624	54,711	54,747	53,568	52,980	54,278	2.4

Source: Data provided by CP&L, Brownsville Public Utilities Board, and El Paso Electric Co. and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

November total commercial power connections for cited Texas border cities increased 0.07 percent. YTD averages of commercial power connections increased 2.4 percent. Harlingen was up 1.4 percent, Eagle Pass increased 2.2 percent, Laredo gained 3.4 percent, McAllen was up 2.7 percent, Del Rio rose 3.2 percent, El Paso gained 2.4 percent, and Brownsville rose 1.2 percent.

YTD AVG November 00-01



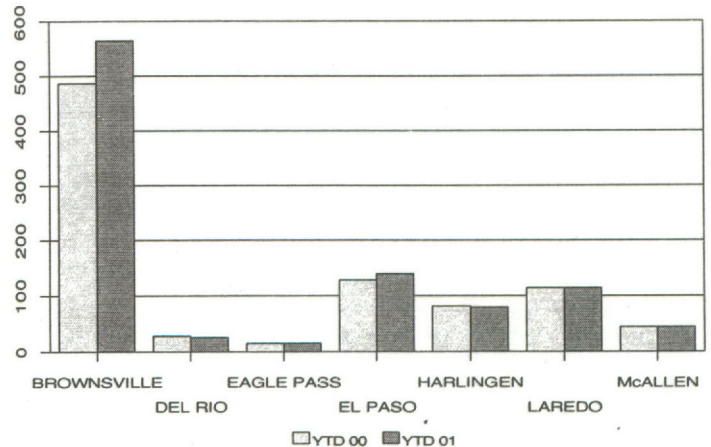
Industrial Connections

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	622	619	623	520	487	565	15.9
DEL RIO	25	24	24	27	27	25	-8.1
EAGLE PASS	15	16	16	16	15	15	0.6
EL PASO	143	143	140	133	129	140	8.2
HARLINGEN	80	76	76	78	81	79	-1.9
LAREDO	116	112	108	118	115	114	-0.5
McALLEN	46	41	39	44	44	43	-1.0
TOTAL	1,047	1,031	1,026	936	898	981	9.3

Source: Data provided by CP&L, Brownsville Public Utilities Board, and El Paso Electric Co. and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

November total industrial power connections for cited Texas border cities were down 0.48 percent. YTD averages of industrial power connections increased 9.3 percent. El Paso increased 8.2 percent, Harlingen fell 1.9 percent, Brownsville was up 15.9 percent, and Laredo was down 0.5 percent.

YTD AVG November 00-01



Building Permits — Texas Border

Number of Permits

NUMBER	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG.
BROWNSVILLE	286	325	263	281	3,735	3,586	-4.0
DEL RIO	16	37	17	43	645	581	-9.9
EAGLE PASS	44	43	40	18	474	495	4.4
EL PASO	505	614	474	382	6,027	6,524	8.2
HARLINGEN	72	71	64	102	833	723	-13.2
LAREDO	214	643	554	457	5,543	6,369	14.9
MCALLEN	123	143	119	152	1,673	1,533	-8.4
TOTAL	1,260	1,876	1,531	1,435	18,930	19,811	4.7

Source: Data provided by cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic & Enterprise Development

November building permits issued by reporting Texas border cities were down 18.4 percent. Eagle Pass decreased 7.0 percent, El Paso went down 22.8 percent, and Laredo fell 13.8 percent. McAllen declined 16.8 percent, and Brownsville was down 19.1 percent. YTD, the number of permits issued rose 4.7 percent. El Paso,

accounting for 32.9 percent of all building permits issued, had an increase of 8.2 percent YTD. Laredo, with 32.1 percent of building permits issued, was up 14.9 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 18.1 percent of building permits issued, decreased 4.0 percent YTD.

U.S. Dollar Value of Permits

VALUE	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG.
BROWNSVILLE	13,837,001	20,753,314	14,347,813	19,505,691	248,491,618	202,341,693	-18.6
DEL RIO	451,711	914,820	197,944	875,238	27,458,380	13,634,051	-50.3
EAGLE PASS	2,435,775	1,170,114	1,922,152	461,487	15,509,336	28,336,163	82.7
EL PASO	35,657,005	49,875,157	33,512,487	28,038,977	391,245,004	439,688,004	12.4
HARLINGEN	1,995,242	8,928,771	2,986,119	7,968,961	63,900,513	91,953,032	43.9
LAREDO	18,185,830	37,227,432	24,107,000	25,823,598	234,633,141	282,689,341	20.5
MCALLEN	12,127,190	8,988,386	10,857,570	16,116,117	166,892,825	221,292,707	32.6
TOTAL	84,689,754	127,857,994	87,931,085	98,790,069	1,148,130,817	1,279,934,991	11.5

Source: Data provided by cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic & Enterprise Development

November building permit values for reporting Texas border cities were down 31.2 percent. Harlingen fell 66.6 percent, McAllen rose 20.8 percent, and El Paso fell 32.8 percent. Brownsville went down 30.9 percent. Laredo declined 35.2 percent. Eagle Pass rose 64.3 percent. YTD reporting border cities experienced an 11.5 percent increase in building permit values. El Paso, with 34.4 percent of

total building permit values, increased 12.4 percent YTD. Laredo, with 22.1 percent of total building permit values, gained 20.5 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 15.8 percent of total building permit values, decreased 18.6 percent. Eagle Pass with 2.2 percent of total building permits, increased 82.7 percent.

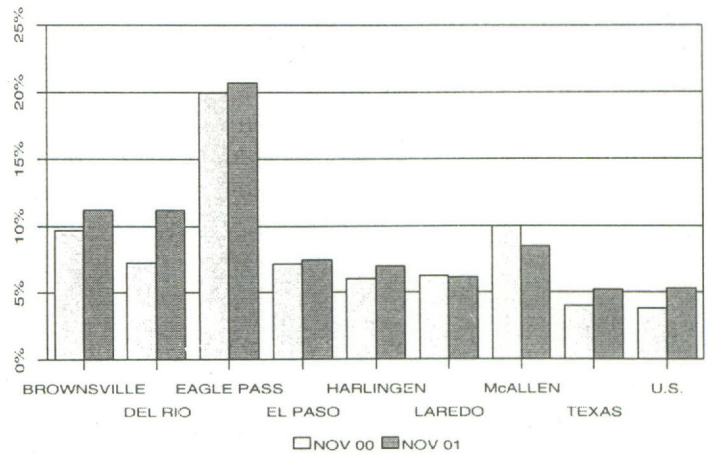
Employment/Unemployment Rates —Texas Border

CITY	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL UNEMPLOYED	TOTAL UNEMPLOYED	PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	PERCENT UNEMPLOYED
	NOV 01	NOV 00	NOV 01	NOV 00	NOV 01	NOV 00
BROWNSVILLE	45,013	43,696	5,697	4,676	11.2	9.7
DEL RIO	45,013	14,683	5,697	1,150	11.2	7.3
EAGLE PASS	9,410	8,833	2,450	2,195	20.7	19.9
EL PASO	238,125	240,827	19,427	18,704	7.5	7.2
HARLINGEN	25,860	25,103	1,937	1,590	7.0	6.0
LAREDO	67,622	64,940	4,421	4,278	6.1	6.2
McALLEN	47,815	45,921	4,463	5,100	8.5	10.0
TOTAL	478,858	444,003	44,092	37,693	8.4	7.8
THE TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE					5.20	4.00
THE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE					5.30	3.80

Source: Data (preliminary figures subject to revision) provided by the Texas Employment Commission and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic & Enterprise Development

In November, total employment in reporting Texas border cities increased 0.1 percent (301 jobs gained). Eagle Pass employment gained 1.0 percent (91 jobs gained), Del Rio rose 1.2 percent (170 jobs gained), and McAllen went up 1.4 percent (665 jobs gained), and Laredo fell 0.01 percent (5 jobs lost). Brownsville decreased 0.8 percent (344 jobs lost). YTD total employment in Texas border cities was up 1.0 percent (4,301 jobs gained) from a year ago. The average unemployment rate for the border was 8.1 percent compared to 5.2 percent for Texas, and 5.3 percent for the U.S. in the month of November.

% Unemployed November 00-01



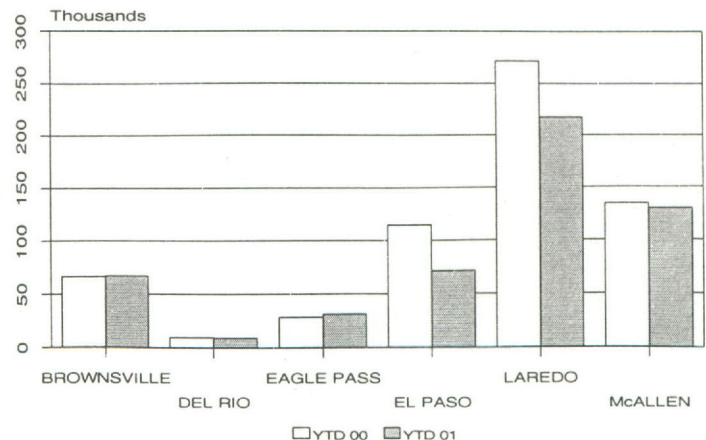
Visas to Tourists from Texas to Mexico

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	%CHG
BROWNSVILLE	4,208	3,908	6,243	6,521	66,389	67,274	1.3
DEL RIO	467	652	1,174	1,080	9,564	8,919	-6.7
EAGLE PASS	1,772	2,227	3,328	1,583	28,060	30,801	9.8
EL PASO	4,616	5,186	6,199	11,018	114,642	71,413	-37.7
LAREDO	15,243	14,906	22,270	27,570	271,446	217,596	-19.8
McALLEN	7,673	8,739	11,766	13,439	133,975	129,272	-3.5
TOTAL	33,979	35,618	50,980	61,211	624,076	525,275	-15.8

Source: Data provided by Mexico's Instituto Nacional de Migracion and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

In November, visas increased 43.1 percent. Laredo gained 49.4 percent, Eagle Pass rose 49.4, Brownsville rose 59.7 percent, and Del Rio increased 80.1 percent over the month of October. El Paso rose 19.5 percent. YTD total visas were down 15.8 percent. Brownsville, with a 12.8 percent share, gained 1.3 percent. Eagle Pass, with 5.9 percent share, rose 9.8 percent. Del Rio, with 1.7 percent share, fell 6.7 percent. Laredo, with 41.4 percent share, decreased 19.8 percent. McAllen, with 24.6 percent share, declined 3.5 percent YTD; and El Paso with 13.6 percent share, dropped 37.7 percent YTD.

Tourist Visas YTD November 00-01



Air Passenger Service Activities — Selected Border Cities

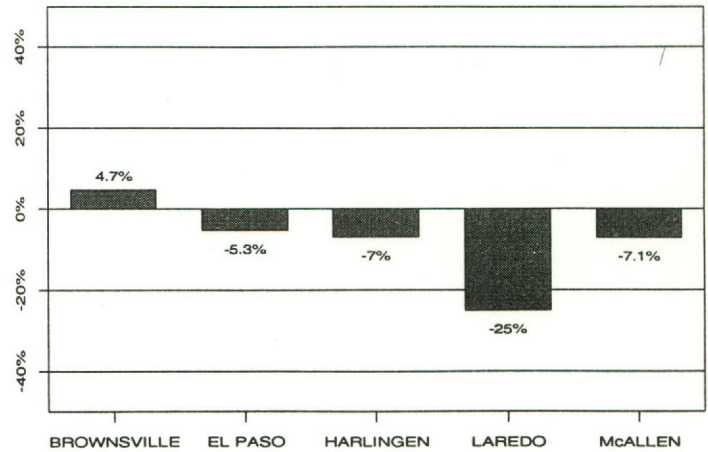
Passenger Arrivals

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	3,190	4,273	4,774	5,243	60,603	63,430	4.7
EL PASO	86,473	108,475	111,162	130,565	1,485,359	1,406,584	-5.3
HARLINGEN	22,440	28,416	27,577	35,089	422,155	392,588	-7.0
LAREDO	3,848	4,866	5,044	6,046	79,123	59,348	-25.0
McALLEN	13,970	18,953	20,282	25,355	287,071	266,803	-7.1
TOTAL	129,921	164,983	168,839	202,298	2,334,311	2,188,753	-6.2

Source: Data provided by cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic & Enterprise Development

November air passengers arriving in Texas border cities were up 2.3 percent from October. McAllen rose 7.0 percent, Laredo gained 3.7 percent, and El Paso was up 2.5 percent. Harlingen decreased 3.0 percent. YTD air passenger arrivals were down 6.2 percent. El Paso, with 64.3 percent of all arriving passengers, showed a decrease of 5.3 percent YTD. Harlingen, accounting for 17.9 percent of all arrivals, slipped 7.0 percent YTD. McAllen, with 12.2 percent of all arrivals, was down 7.1 percent YTD. Laredo, with 2.7 percent of all arrivals, decreased 25.0 percent YTD.

Passenger Arrivals % Change YTD 00-01



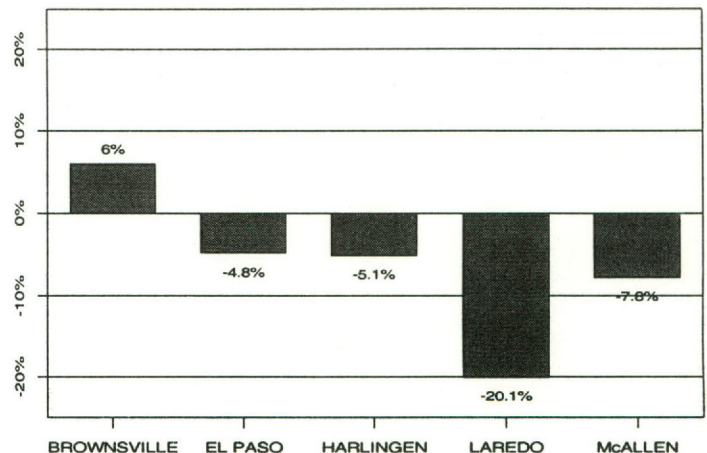
Passenger Departures

CITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	3,442	4,046	4,821	5,596	62,477	66,227	6.0
EL PASO	89,862	109,254	113,254	135,055	1,518,505	1,446,069	-4.8
HARLINGEN	23,988	28,407	27,738	37,370	432,634	410,626	-5.1
LAREDO	3,899	4,755	6,144	6,216	81,394	65,000	-20.1
McALLEN	14,827	17,500	21,315	26,035	300,066	276,708	-7.8
TOTAL	136,018	163,962	173,272	210,272	2,395,076	2,264,630	-5.4

Source: Data provided by cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic & Enterprise Development

November air passenger departures for reporting Texas border cities were up 5.7 percent. McAllen rose 21.8 percent, Harlingen fell 2.4 percent, Laredo was down 29.2 percent, and El Paso increased 3.7 percent. YTD air passenger departures were down 5.4 percent. El Paso, with 63.9 percent of all departing passengers, was down 4.8 percent YTD. Harlingen, with 18.1 percent of all departing passengers, exhibited a decrease of 5.1 percent YTD. McAllen, with 12.2 percent of all departing passengers, decreased 7.8 percent, YTD. Laredo, with 2.9 percent of all departing passengers, fell 20.1 percent YTD.

Passenger Departures % Change YTD 00-01



Port Of Corpus Christi

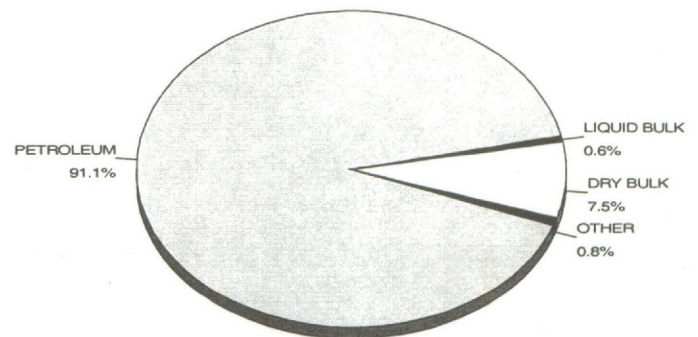
Inbound Cargo (in Tons)

COMMODITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BREAK BULK	466	410	19,861	3,160	22,868	183,904	704.2
DRY BULK	293,144	376,314	318,745	484,020	4,043,862	3,747,569	-7.3
BULK GRAIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
LIQUID	26,634	0	26,954	0	52,282	239,707	358.5
PETROLEUM	4,461,456	4,480,017	3,855,835	4,336,552	46,225,311	45,779,363	-1.0
CHEMICAL	6,783	9,358	11,712	8,622	130,345	111,720	-14.3
TOTAL	4,788,483	4,866,099	4,233,107	4,832,354	50,474,668	50,062,262	-0.8

Source: Data provided by the Port of Corpus Christi and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

The Port of Corpus Christi had a 13.0 percent decrease in inbound cargo in November. Petroleum, which made up 91.1 percent of all inbound traffic, was down 13.9 percent compared to October. Dry bulk, which accounted for 7.5 percent of inbound cargo, fell 15.3 percent. Total inbound cargo tonnage was down 0.8 percent YTD.

% Share November 2001 Inbound Cargo



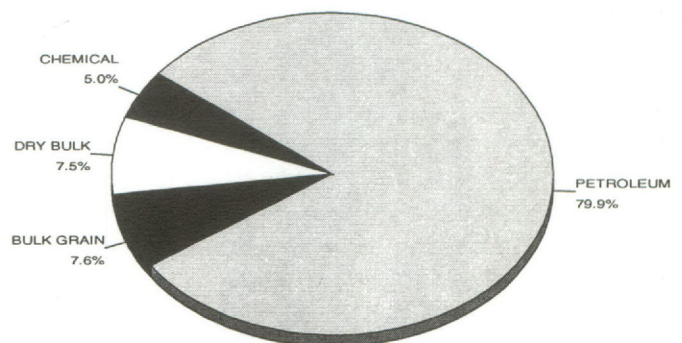
Outbound Cargo (in Tons)

COMMODITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BREAK BULK	0	488	85	9,448	46,929	27,290	-41.8
DRY BULK	213,485	405,790	178,795	195,264	2,701,295	2,654,305	-1.7
BULK GRAIN	67,131	178,794	180,455	132,672	1,371,081	4,520,922	229.7
LIQUID	6,968	0	0	14,705	14,705	55,628	278.3
PETROLEUM	2,193,864	2,305,507	1,901,230	2,212,132	27,884,337	22,851,751	-18.0
CHEMICAL	169,957	106,434	118,216	140,029	1,786,741	1,701,181	-4.8
TOTAL	2,651,405	2,997,013	2,378,781	2,704,249	33,805,089	31,811,077	-5.9

Source: Data provided by the Port of Corpus Christi and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

The Port of Corpus Christi had a 20.6 percent gain in outbound cargo tonnage in November. Petroleum, which was 79.9 percent of total outbound cargo, fell 17.5 percent. Bulk grain, which accounted for 7.6 percent of cargo, gained 0.9 percent. Dry bulk, which accounted for 7.5 percent of the total outbound cargo for November, decreased 55.9 percent. YTD total outbound cargo tonnage was down 5.9 percent.

% Share November 2001 Outbound Cargo



Port Of Brownsville

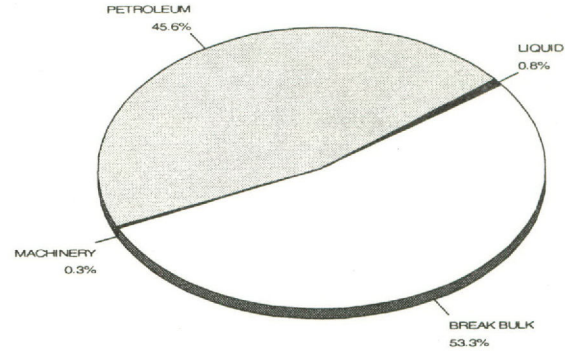
Total Port Activity (in Metric Tons)

COMMODITY	SEP 01	OCT 01	NOV 01	NOV 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BREAK BULK	215,952	166,669	142,196	152,492	1,760,568	1,728,449	-1.8
LIQUID	11,147	3,058	2,015	2,694	56,619	52,523	-7.2
PETROLEUM	215,162	127,396	121,684	68,756	1,009,947	1,530,679	51.6
GRAIN	2,216	0	0	12,153	81,437	52,336	-35.7
CONTAINERS	20	368	5	27	4,685	759	-83.8
MACHINERY	0	0	720	0	5,570	6,225	11.8
TOTAL	444,497	297,491	266,620	236,122	2,918,826	3,370,971	15.5

Source: Data provided by the Port of Brownsville and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

The Port of Brownsville had a decrease of 10.4 percent total tonnage in November over the previous month. Break Bulk, which accounted for 53.3 percent of total tonnage decreased 14.7 percent from October. Liquid, 0.8 percent share of November's total tonnage, fell 34.1 percent. Petroleum, which made up 45.6 percent of the total cargo for November dropped 4.5 percent. YTD figures showed a 15.5 percent increase in total cargo tonnage. Break Bulk tonnage, with 51.3 percent of total tonnage, fell 1.8 percent. Petroleum, with 45.4 percent of total tonnage, increased 51.6 percent. Liquid, with 1.6 percent of total tonnage, fell 7.2 percent.

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