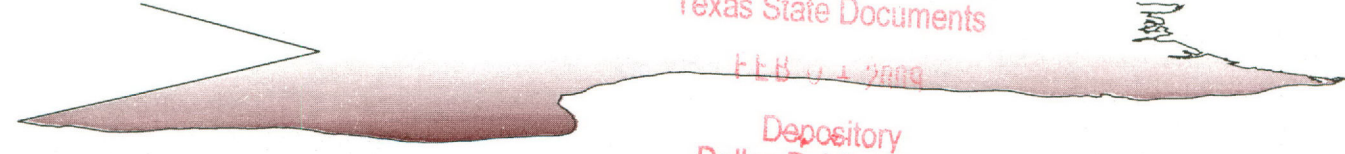


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## U.S.-Mexico Trade: 2007 Figures with Slim Increase Over 2006

In the March 2007 issue of the *Border Business Indicators*, it was stated that trade figures for January 2007 were flat in comparison with those of January 2006. There was speculation that if that trend continued throughout 2007, the final trade figures in 2007 between the U.S. and Mexico would most probably end with a very modest increase at the end of the year.

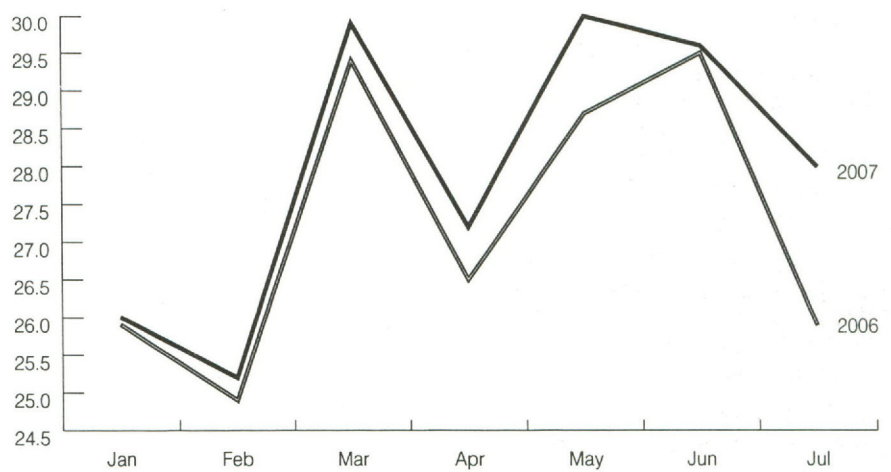
Trade figures from January to July of 2007 showed this trend. In comparison, 2007 year-to-date (YTD) trade values marked a slight increase of 2.7 percent. 2007 YTD total trade figure registered \$195.9 billion as opposed to \$190.8 billion in 2006 (See Chart 1).

In Chart 1, total trade figures exhibited single-digit increases in each month versus the corresponding ones of the previous year. The highest increase being that of July 2007 over the same month in 2006. The lowest increase was that of June 2007 over June 2006. The total trade figures in Chart 1 are composed from the sums of U.S. exports to Mexico dollar value figures and those of U.S. imports from Mexico.

In Chart 2, the monthly dollar figures for U.S. export to Mexico are presented for 2006 and 2007. As noted, the recorded monthly dollar values had their highs and lows in 2007. The lows were in March (decrease of 3.3 percent) and April (decrease of 0.9 percent) while February had no change. The overall increase for 2007 YTD was 1.4 percent over that of 2006. The cumulative exports dollar value for 2007 was \$78.3 billion as compared to \$77.2 billion for the same period last year.

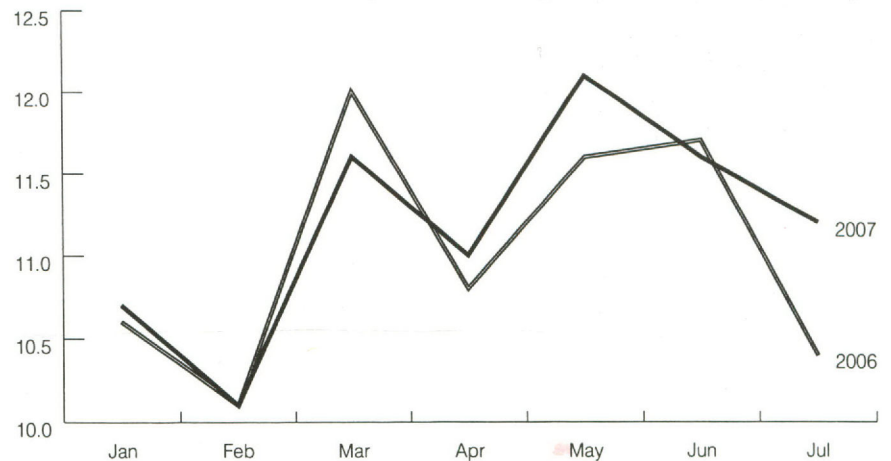
As with the export trade figures, the 2007 dollar value figures for U.S. imports from Mexico marked single-digit increases

**Chart 1**  
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade  
Jan.-July 2006 vs. Jan.-July 2007  
(In Billions of Dollars)



Total Trade	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	YTD
2006	25.9	24.9	29.4	26.5	28.7	29.5	25.9	190.8
2007	26.0	25.2	29.9	27.2	30.0	29.6	28.0	195.9
% Change 2006 vs. 2007	0.4	1.2	1.7	2.6	4.5	0.3	8.1	2.7

**Chart 2**  
U.S. Exports to Mexico  
Jan.-July 2006 vs. Jan.-July 2007  
(In Billions of Dollars)



Exports	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	YTD
2006	10.6	10.1	12.0	10.8	11.6	11.7	10.4	77.2
2007	10.7	10.1	11.6	11.0	12.1	11.6	11.2	78.3
% Change 2006 vs. 2007	0.9	0.0	-3.3	1.9	4.3	-0.9	7.7	1.4

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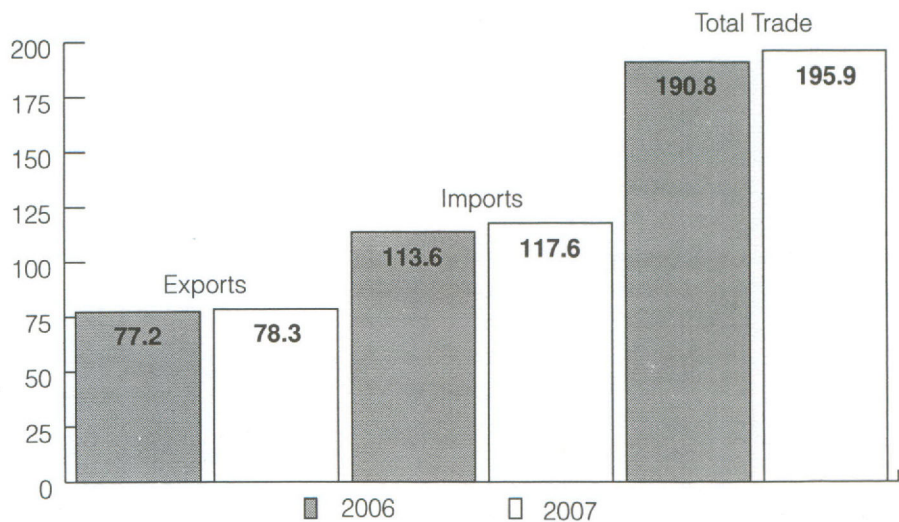
**Note from the Director**

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

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were up 1.0 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were up 5.6 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 5.8 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 7.0 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico lost 1.6 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 2.4 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 0.7 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 5.4 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 8.0 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a loss of 1.6 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 2.2 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.1 percent, with 5,417 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in July 2007 was 5.8 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 3.3 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 86.9 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.8 percent, commercial were up 2.8 percent and industrial were down 2.6 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 25.9 percent, and departures were down 28.3 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 5.7 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 1.3 percent, and outbound cargo went up 13.0 percent.

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

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



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

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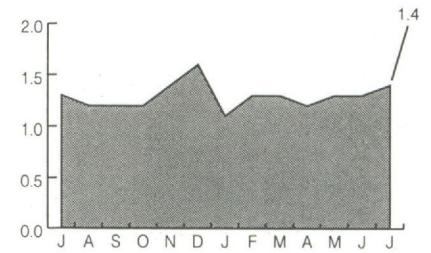


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	176,896	12.9	-8.9		1,338,795	1,243,405	13.9	-7.1
Del Rio	4,335	0.3	29.8		26,111	27,441	0.3	5.1
Eagle Pass	55,007	4.0	13.1		348,523	372,430	4.2	6.9
El Paso	520,511	37.9	17.9		2,921,366	3,200,193	35.8	9.5
Harlingen	106	0.0	194.4		568	483	0.0	-15.0
Laredo	367,251	26.7	5.2		2,360,408	2,201,479	24.6	-6.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	143,330	10.4	14.8		876,734	945,475	10.6	7.8
Progreso	90,577	6.6	-2.2		854,872	821,949	9.2	-3.9
Rio Grande	42	0.0	50.0		563	343	0.0	-39.1
Roma	15,289	1.1	-0.9		118,118	122,206	1.4	3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,373,344</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.2</b>		<b>8,846,058</b>	<b>8,935,404</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007: Up 8.2%  
(In Millions)

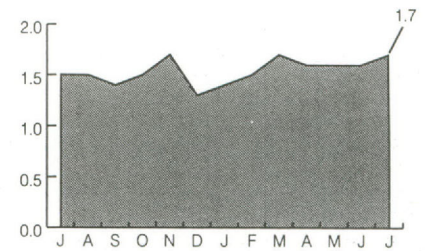


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	226,620	13.2	-3.2		1,590,933	1,531,539	13.8	-3.7
Del Rio	6,038	0.4	8.4		39,773	40,647	0.4	2.2
Eagle Pass	64,296	3.7	9.7		404,417	427,646	3.9	5.7
El Paso	697,468	40.6	22.1		3,750,658	4,202,759	37.9	12.1
Laredo	432,926	25.2	10.2		2,616,799	2,739,648	24.7	4.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	176,049	10.2	8.9		1,084,084	1,150,624	10.4	6.1
Presidio	1,955	0.1	11.0		12,731	15,399	0.1	21.0
Progreso	92,282	5.4	1.0		849,066	825,255	7.4	-2.8
Rio Grande	1,091	0.1	-1.0		8,912	9,641	0.1	8.2
Roma	18,832	1.1	-0.4		137,211	142,298	1.3	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,717,557</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11.7</b>		<b>10,494,584</b>	<b>11,085,456</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007: Up 11.7%  
(In Millions)

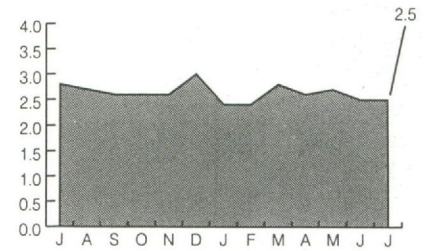


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	521,880	20.8	-8.5		3,945,817	3,634,362	20.3	-7.9
Del Rio	134,147	5.3	-8.1		994,947	1,015,021	5.7	2.0
Eagle Pass	231,272	9.2	-8.6		1,767,921	1,616,742	9.0	-8.6
El Paso	344,350	13.7	-13.8		2,787,346	2,546,315	14.2	-8.6
Harlingen	61,795	2.5	-6.1		418,725	400,552	2.2	-4.3
Laredo	477,625	19.0	-6.5		3,487,710	3,278,147	18.3	-6.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	405,996	16.2	-9.2		3,051,661	2,863,215	16.0	-6.2
Pharr	136,526	5.4	-8.8		1,044,690	1,130,241	6.3	8.2
Progreso	77,816	3.1	-9.9		608,788	572,116	3.2	-6.0
Rio Grande	46,305	1.8	2.1		335,556	324,668	1.8	-3.2
Roma	75,037	3.0	-5.8		575,616	540,167	3.0	-6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,512,749</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.8</b>		<b>19,018,777</b>	<b>17,921,546</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5.8</b>

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**Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007: Down 8.8%  
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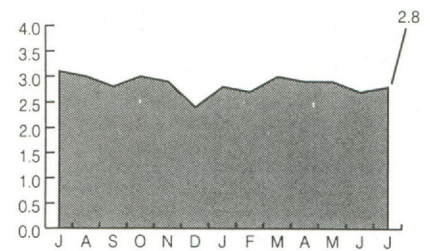


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	523,293	19.0	-9.4		3,999,063	3,641,916	18.4	-8.9
Del Rio	144,679	5.3	-9.3		1,080,913	1,018,774	5.1	-5.7
Eagle Pass	246,392	8.9	-7.8		1,857,958	1,701,761	8.6	-8.4
El Paso	498,326	18.1	-19.2		4,060,772	3,997,364	20.2	-1.6
Harlingen	74,328	2.7	3.6		461,343	471,144	2.4	2.1
Laredo	435,485	15.8	-17.1		3,564,562	3,061,441	15.4	-14.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	362,876	13.2	-12.5		2,899,260	2,647,669	13.4	-8.7
Pharr	191,405	6.9	-6.9		1,396,409	1,362,255	6.9	-2.4
Presidio	60,685	2.2	-8.5		443,952	421,972	2.1	-5.0
Progreso	91,126	3.3	1.3		620,279	608,186	3.1	-1.9
Rio Grande	49,993	1.8	-4.4		375,647	360,060	1.8	-4.1
Roma	75,570	2.7	-5.5		574,317	538,702	2.7	-6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,754,158</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-11.9</b>		<b>21,334,475</b>	<b>19,831,244</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-7.0</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007: Down 11.9%  
(In Millions)





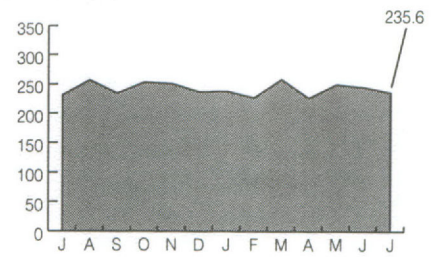
**Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	17,959	7.6	-2.7		128,797	120,645	7.2	-6.3
Del Rio	6,042	2.6	12.7		41,580	41,230	2.5	-0.8
Eagle Pass	8,032	3.4	8.5		56,580	55,970	3.3	-1.1
El Paso	27,598	11.7	12.9		186,290	192,182	11.4	3.2
Harlingen	2,400	1.0	-12.4		23,033	18,554	1.1	-19.4
Laredo	131,279	55.7	-2.0		976,584	940,823	56.0	-3.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	381	0.2	-35.5		7,969	2,395	0.1	-69.9
Pharr	35,913	15.2	9.3		242,733	263,975	15.7	8.8
Progreso	3,189	1.4	82.9		16,279	19,881	1.2	22.1
Rio Grande	2,014	0.9	-20.7		20,287	17,342	1.0	-14.5
Roma	812	0.3	-8.8		6,248	6,214	0.4	-0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>235,619</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>		<b>1,706,380</b>	<b>1,679,211</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.6</b>

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**  
Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007: Up 2.0%  
(In Thousands)



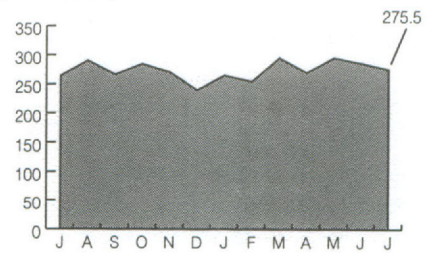
**Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	16,485	6.0	0.9		120,013	111,436	5.7	-7.1
Del Rio	5,444	2.0	13.3		39,175	37,523	1.9	-4.2
Eagle Pass	8,257	3.0	11.7		56,594	57,619	3.0	1.8
El Paso	65,825	23.9	0.7		448,552	460,764	23.7	2.7
Falcon Heights	1	0.0	0.0		24	12	0.0	-50.0
Harlingen	3,482	1.3	4.5		25,051	23,238	1.2	-7.2
Laredo	129,709	47.1	5.0		876,051	907,539	46.7	3.6
Pharr	39,136	14.2	9.1		276,754	288,156	14.8	4.1
Presidio	607	0.2	20.9		3,508	4,533	0.2	29.2
Progreso	3,399	1.2	54.4		17,804	23,623	1.2	32.7
Rio Grande	2,523	0.9	-30.5		27,187	22,239	1.1	-18.2
Roma	634	0.2	-14.7		4,976	4,778	0.2	-4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>275,502</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>		<b>1,895,689</b>	<b>1,941,460</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>

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**  
Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007: Up 4.5%  
(In Thousands)



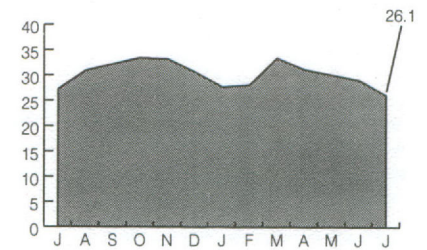
**Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	4,019	15.4	-2.0		28,900	28,413	13.8	-1.7
Eagle Pass	3,662	14.0	-33.4		41,381	40,807	19.8	-1.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	18,465	70.6	4.8		134,034	136,535	66.4	1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,146</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.9</b>		<b>204,315</b>	<b>205,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

**Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007: Down 3.9%  
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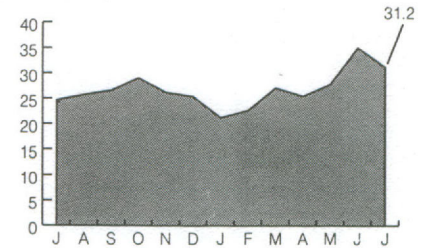


**Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	583	1.9	110.5		3,205	4,116	2.2	28.4
Eagle Pass	2,534	8.1	-25.4		26,732	24,991	13.1	-6.5
El Paso	14,885	47.7	70.4		58,104	73,463	38.6	26.4
Laredo	13,219	42.3	8.6		92,539	87,808	46.1	-5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,221</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27.0</b>		<b>180,580</b>	<b>190,378</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>

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

**Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007: Up 27.0%  
(In Thousands)

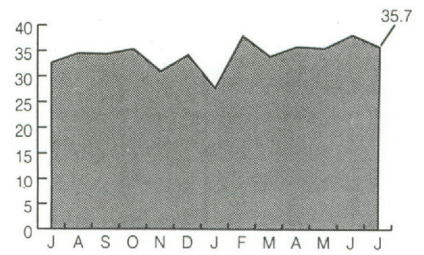


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)**

City	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	2,244,205	6.3	34.5		12,018,375	13,946,231	5.7	16.0
Del Rio	125,714	0.4	-32.2		1,208,673	1,024,017	0.4	-15.3
Eagle Pass	2,366,408	6.6	50.7		11,517,153	7,493,265	3.1	-34.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	4,618,848	13.0	18.4		26,057,372	29,747,532	12.2	14.2
Laredo	26,181,553	73.4	3.9		174,437,934	190,941,452	78.2	9.5
Progreso	49,099	0.1	89.5		235,388	289,103	0.1	22.8
Rio Grande	12,187	0.0	-50.4		184,987	133,342	0.1	-27.9
Roma	57,879	0.2	70.0		315,432	501,005	0.2	58.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,655,892</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>		<b>225,975,313</b>	<b>244,075,947</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo  
 Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007: Up 9.4%  
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

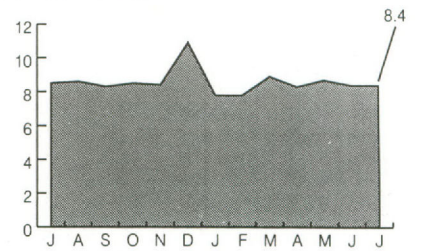


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)**

City	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,259,647	15.1	-5.9		9,203,547	8,594,635	14.8	-6.6
Del Rio	270,691	3.2	-8.0		2,006,368	1,963,505	3.4	-2.1
Eagle Pass	605,800	7.3	8.6		3,889,694	4,233,798	7.3	8.8
El Paso	1,143,983	13.7	-1.2		8,259,710	8,055,220	13.8	-2.5
Harlingen	185,253	2.2	-7.3		1,328,712	1,259,026	2.2	-5.2
Laredo	3,161,768	37.9	-2.6		22,449,432	21,851,837	37.5	-2.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	850,801	10.2	-8.9		6,414,259	6,056,203	10.4	-5.6
Pharr	665,802	8.0	13.0		4,120,386	4,757,929	8.2	15.5
Roma	206,486	2.5	-2.1		1,564,737	1,491,604	2.6	-4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,350,231</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.1</b>		<b>59,236,844</b>	<b>58,263,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.6</b>

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  
 Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007: Down 2.1%  
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

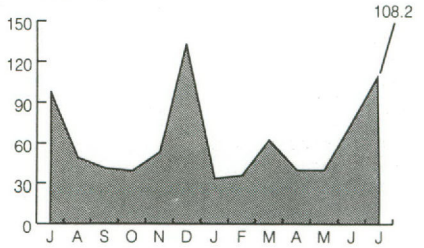


**Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico**

City	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	1,174	1.1	-4.2		4,748	4,126	1.0	-13.1
El Paso	17,990	16.6	-0.9		71,510	69,975	17.8	-2.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	13,772	12.7	-19.0		83,253	72,077	18.3	-13.4
Brownsville	30,132	27.9	157.6		50,094	65,569	16.7	30.9
Laredo	41,031	37.9	-9.2		172,973	162,213	41.3	-6.2
Eagle Pass	4,061	3.8	-12.5		19,641	19,220	4.9	-2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,160</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.5</b>		<b>402,219</b>	<b>393,180</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.2</b>

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities  
 Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007: Up 10.5%  
 (In Thousands)

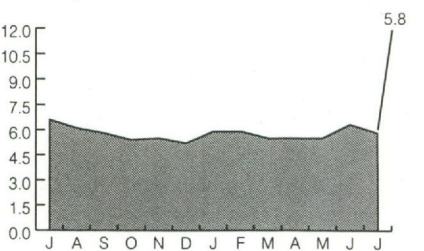


**Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)**

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		06 vs. 07		Gain/Loss
	Jul 07	Jul 07		Jul 07	YTD 06	YTD 07	Emp %Chg	
Brownsville	58,570	4,139	6.6	57,678	58,332	1.1	654	
Del Rio	15,248	1,260	7.6	14,965	15,220	1.7	255	
El Paso	233,906	14,925	6.0	233,556	233,904	0.1	349	
Harlingen	23,804	1,432	5.7	23,441	23,689	1.1	247	
Laredo	79,658	4,217	5.0	78,431	79,788	1.7	1,357	
McAllen	54,044	2,854	5.0	53,328	55,073	3.3	1,744	
Pharr	21,371	1,385	6.1	20,967	21,777	3.9	811	
<b>Total</b>	<b>486,601</b>	<b>30,212</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>482,365</b>	<b>487,782</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>5,417</b>	
<b>Texas Unemployment Rate</b>			<b>4.7</b>					
<b>U.S. Unemployment Rate</b>			<b>4.9</b>					

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  
 Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007: Down 11.4%  
 (In Percent)

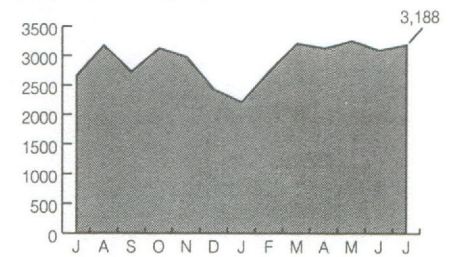




**Building Permits**

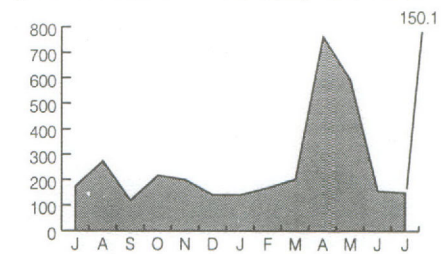
Number City	06 vs. 07		YTD		YTD		
	Jul 07	%Share	%Chg	06	07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	246	7.7	-1.2	2,000	1,794	8.6	-10.3
Del Rio	219	6.9	18.4	1,625	1,552	7.5	-4.5
Eagle Pass	26	0.8	-29.7	272	266	1.3	-2.2
El Paso	1,729	54.2	58.0	7,053	9,196	44.1	30.4
Harlingen	307	9.6	21.3	2,291	1,752	8.4	-23.5
Laredo	525	16.5	-11.6	5,259	4,297	20.6	-18.3
McAllen	136	4.3	-44.0	1,659	1,974	9.5	19.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>20,159</b>	<b>20,831</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>

**Building Permits All Cited Cities**  
Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007  
(Number of Permits): Up 20.1%



Dollar Value City	06 vs. 07		YTD		YTD		
	Jul 07	%Share	%Chg	06	07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	14,505,289	9.7	-11.2	145,817,494	442,436,023	20.3	203.4
Del Rio	1,470,026	1.0	20.5	18,495,416	12,935,768	0.6	-30.1
Eagle Pass	902,234	0.6	-57.4	14,093,973	16,998,949	0.8	20.6
El Paso	77,332,060	51.5	20.5	465,965,485	1,144,360,600	52.6	145.6
Harlingen	21,391,508	14.3	443.7	67,826,492	54,148,502	2.5	-20.2
Laredo	22,954,916	15.3	-17.9	256,011,873	242,655,097	11.1	-5.2
McAllen	11,534,738	7.7	-80.3	196,352,238	263,352,947	12.1	34.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,090,772</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-13.9</b>	<b>1,164,562,971</b>	<b>2,176,887,886</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>86.9</b>

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.): Down 13.9%

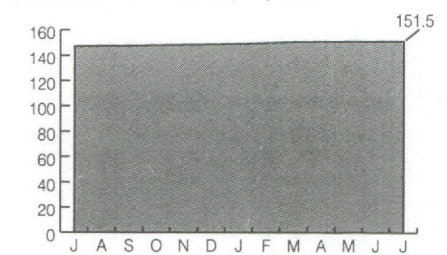


Source: Permit Departments in cited cities  
Note: Dollar value totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Power Connections (in Service)**

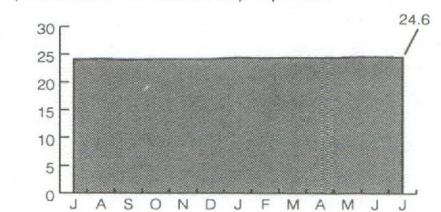
Residential City	06 vs. 07		Average		YTD		
	Jul 07	%Share	%Chg	06	07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	15,175	10.0	2.1	14,827	15,058	10.0	1.6
Eagle Pass	11,162	7.4	1.7	10,958	11,163	7.4	1.9
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	24,304	16.0	3.3	23,535	24,237	16.1	3.0
Laredo	62,321	41.1	3.7	59,800	61,801	41.0	3.3
McAllen	38,548	25.4	2.6	37,456	38,473	25.5	2.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,510</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>146,575</b>	<b>150,731</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>

**Power Connections All Cited Cities**  
Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007  
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 3.0%



Commercial City	06 vs. 07		Average		YTD		
	Jul 07	%Share	%Chg	06	07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,381	9.7	1.6	2,343	2,373	9.7	1.3
Eagle Pass	1,673	6.8	-1.9	1,703	1,682	6.9	-1.2
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,103	16.7	2.0	4,039	4,106	16.7	1.6
Laredo	9,457	38.5	2.5	9,014	9,419	38.4	4.5
McAllen	6,980	28.4	2.5	6,765	6,945	28.3	2.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,594</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>23,863</b>	<b>24,525</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 2.0%



Industrial City	06 vs. 07		Average		YTD		
	Jul 07	%Share	%Chg	06	07	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	44	9.2	2.3	44	43	8.9	-2.6
Eagle Pass	29	6.0	7.4	28	29	6.0	3.0
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	100	20.8	-2.9	103	101	20.7	-1.9
Laredo	189	39.4	-6.0	202	195	40.0	-3.6
McAllen	118	24.6	-2.5	122	119	24.4	-2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.6</b>

(Industrial): Down 3.0%



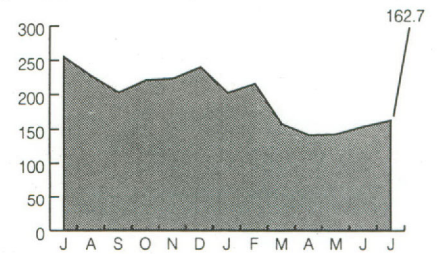
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**Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)**

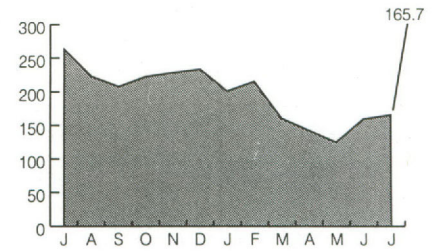
Arrivals City	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	7,530	4.6	-5.0		53,064	54,542	4.6	2.8
El Paso	63,769	39.2	-60.9		987,016	547,291	46.6	-44.6
Harlingen	39,711	24.4	8.9		253,345	261,544	22.3	3.2
Laredo	9,021	5.5	-2.7		54,142	56,794	4.8	4.9
McAllen	42,685	26.2	11.2		237,780	254,293	21.7	6.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,716</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-36.2</b>		<b>1,585,347</b>	<b>1,174,464</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-25.9</b>

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities  
Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007  
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Down 36.2%



Departures City	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	7,794	4.7	-6.4		54,876	56,434	4.8	2.8
El Paso	63,508	38.3	-61.9		1,009,416	548,008	46.8	-45.7
Harlingen	40,888	24.7	4.8		267,520	270,874	23.2	1.3
Laredo	9,719	5.9	4.2		54,464	57,709	4.9	6.0
McAllen	43,777	26.4	10.7		245,280	236,873	20.2	-3.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,686</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-37.0</b>		<b>1,631,556</b>	<b>1,169,898</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-28.3</b>

(Departures – In Thousands): Down 37.0%

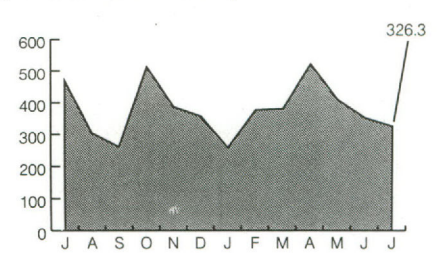


Source: Airports in cited cities

**Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)**

Cargo Type	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	180,788	55.4	-35.5		1,717,817	1,242,699	47.3	-27.7
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0		0	1,488	0.1	0.0
Liquid	1,223	0.4	-97.5		200,808	180,854	6.9	-9.9
Machinery	6,352	1.9	435.5		36,945	32,471	1.2	-12.1
Ores - Minerals	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Other	0	0.0	-100.0		22,941	0	0.0	-100.0
Petroleum	137,986	42.3	19.3		804,118	1,167,266	44.5	45.2
Steel - Other Minerals	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>326,349</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-30.4</b>		<b>2,782,629</b>	<b>2,624,778</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5.7</b>

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo  
Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007: Down 30.4%  
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



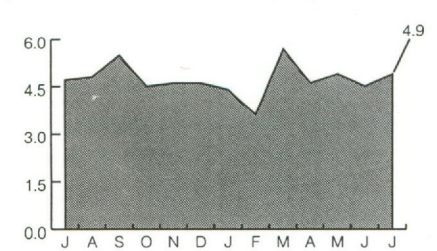
Source: Port of Brownsville

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

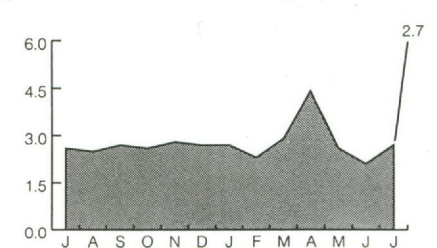
Inbound Cargo Type	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	30,825	0.6	1216.3		93,565	206,085	0.6	120.3
Chemical	8,879	0.2	34.1		79,351	83,767	0.3	5.6
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	326,701	6.6	-18.0		3,000,506	3,305,651	10.1	10.2
Grain Bulk	4,556	0.1	63.3		9,521	4,556	0.0	-52.1
Liquid	34,227	0.7	237.3		84,526	163,778	0.5	93.8
Petroleum	4,543,905	91.8	5.2		28,994,325	28,907,901	88.5	-0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,949,094</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>		<b>32,261,795</b>	<b>32,671,739</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo  
Jul. 2006 vs. Jul. 2007  
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 4.5%



Outbound Cargo Type	Jul 07	%Share	06 vs. 07		YTD 06	YTD 07	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	27,411	1.0	292.4		39,335	97,125	0.5	146.9
Chemical	182,619	6.8	90.6		867,047	989,299	5.0	14.1
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	229,832	8.6	107.9		1,367,962	3,537,524	18.0	158.6
Grain Bulk	155,975	5.8	32.8		973,126	1,062,370	5.4	9.2
Liquid	6,133	0.2	0.0		20,008	62,174	0.3	210.7
Petroleum	2,071,640	77.5	-8.0		14,135,666	13,908,759	70.8	-1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,673,610</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>		<b>17,403,144</b>	<b>19,657,250</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 3.6%



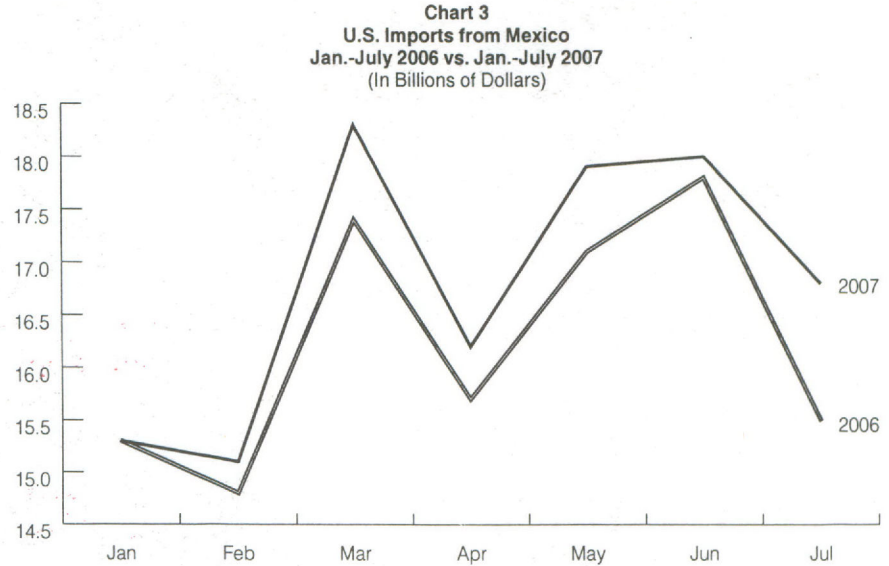
Source: Port of Corpus Christi

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over 2006 with one exception. In Chart 3, U.S. imports from Mexico dollar values for the period January to July 2007 are exhibited, marking the monthly increases of this year over the last. The highest increase was in July 2007—26.4 percent. The smallest increase was in June, and January was the only month without a change. The year-to-date dollar value for imports in this period was \$117.6 billion compared with \$113.6 billion for the same period in 2006, translating into a 3.5 percent increase.

The balance of trade between the trading partners continued with the U.S. in deficit with Mexico. In 2007 year-to-date, the trade deficit was \$39.5 billion. The deficit for the same period last year was \$36.4 billion, an increase of 8.5 percent. The U.S. has been in a trade deficit with Mexico since the last time the U.S. registered a surplus in 1994. That was prior to the start of the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1995.

With only five months of trade values still to be collected, the only question left



Imports	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	YTD
2006	15.3	14.8	17.4	15.7	17.1	17.8	15.5	113.6
2007	15.3	15.1	18.3	16.2	17.9	18.0	16.8	117.6
% Change 2006 vs. 2007	0.0	2.0	5.2	3.2	4.7	1.1	8.4	3.5

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census, Foreign Trade Division data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University (Charts 1-3)

regarding U.S.-Mexico trade in 2007 will be the slightness of the increase over 2006. In the following issues of the *BBI*, these trends will be monitored. —*B. Garcia*

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