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## Note from the Director

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

- Southbound pedestrian crossings into Mexico were down 3.4 percent. Laredo fell 2.2 percent, Rio Grande jumped 26.7 percent, McAllen registered an increase of 3.4 percent and El Paso rose 3.4 percent.
- Northbound pedestrian crossings into Texas were up 2.7 percent. Laredo fell 1.7 percent. El Paso went up 1.0 percent. McAllen marked an increase of 35.1 percent.
- Southbound vehicle crossings were down 1.3 percent. Brownsville rose 1.5 percent, and Eagle Pass rose 6.8 percent. El Paso went down 0.3 percent and Pharr increased 0.3 percent. Laredo went up 0.5 percent. McAllen gained 2.1 percent.
- Northbound vehicle crossings were down 1.3 percent. Eagle Pass rose 2.5 percent. Roma increased 2.0 percent, El Paso went down 0.4 percent, Brownsville lost 7.1 percent and Pharr increased 7.7 percent.
- Southbound truck crossings into Mexico were down 4.1 percent. Eagle Pass went down 12.0 percent. Pharr increased 3.0 percent, and Laredo fell 1.6 percent. Del Rio was down 2.0 percent. Progreso gained 8.4 and Rio Grande grew 8.4 percent.
- Northbound truck crossings into Texas went down 7.3 percent, Pharr fell 0.9 percent and Eagle Pass posted a 4.2 percent decrease. Brownsville decreased 21.2 percent, Laredo fell 7.0 percent, Del Rio marked a drop of 6.9 percent. Rio Grande had a gain of 20.2 percent. Progreso went up 44.4 percent.
- Southbound shipments by rail were up 4.1 percent.
- Northbound shipments by rail were up 5.5 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs went down by 1.5 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators were up 4.3 percent.
- Total building permits issued were up 4.7 percent. Laredo rose 19.0 percent, Eagle Pass fell 0.7 percent, while McAllen-Hidalgo dropped 3.3 percent, and Brownsville registered a decrease of 8.9 percent. El Paso showed a 3.7 percent increase.
- Total building permit values increased 19.2 percent. Laredo increased 4.8 percent, and Brownsville fell 19.1 percent. McAllen increased 68.5 percent. El Paso was up 12.0 percent, and Eagle Pass jumped 71.6 percent.
- Total employment was up 2.1 percent, with 9,128 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate in June 2001 was 8.9 percent for the border.

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# June Figures Exhibited a Drop in Exports; Drop in Total U.S.-Mexico Trade

June year-to-date figures exhibited a drop in exports thusly affecting the trend of total U.S.-Mexico trade. The June 2001 year-to-date total dollar trade value between the U.S. and Mexico registered \$118.5 billion, a decline of 0.3 percent against the \$118.9 billion posted 2000 year-to-date. As shown in Chart 1, 2001 exports equaled \$52.0 billion, a 2.8 percent drop from last year's trade figures of \$53.5 billion. Conversely, imports continued to register a year-to-date gain of 1.7 percent over the same period last year. Previously, the trend of trade between the two countries had been increasing in both exports and imports.

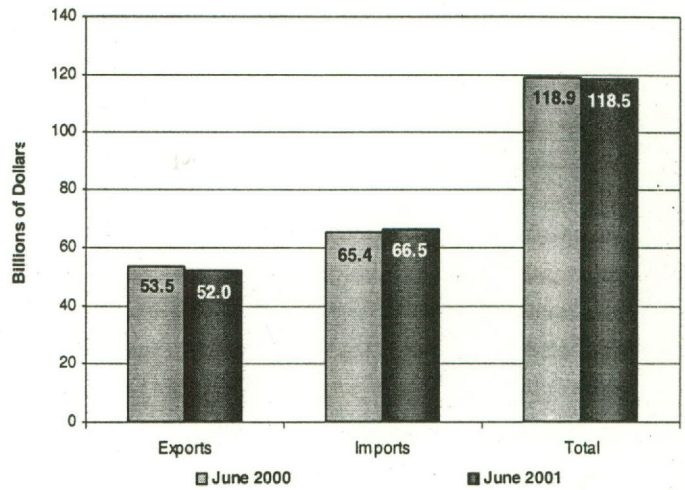
Chart 2 exhibits the amount of the total dollar value going through the U.S.-Mexico border ports (see Map 1 Below). As shown, exports' dollar value of \$43.6 billion was handled through these border ports — down 3.5 percent compared to June 2000 year-to-date. On the other hand, imports — totaling \$55.2 billion — posted an increase of 3.4 percent over last year. The total dollar value processed by these ports showed a very slight increase from \$98.6 billion in 2000 to \$98.8 billion this year, a gain of 0.2 percent. These ports have processed this year 83.4 percent of the total U.S.-Mexico trade dollar value.

Texas border ports continued to dominate the total trade dollar amount transited between both countries at \$76.5 billion or 77.4 percent of the amount passing through all border ports for this year. (see Chart 3) These ports did experience a drop of 4.7 percent in the dollar value of exports, but did register an increase of 3.2 percent in import dollar value compared to last year's figures. In total dollar value, the ports dropped slightly by 0.5 percent from last year.

In both exports and imports, California, Arizona and New Mexico together handled a smaller portion of this trade, but they logged gains nonetheless (see Chart 3).

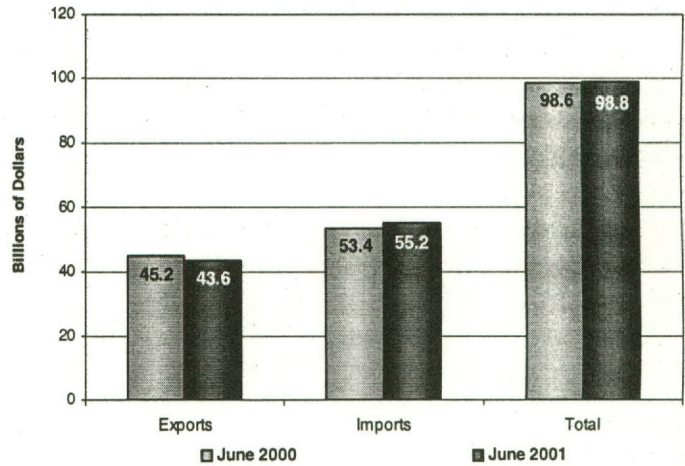
With the figures in for the first six months of the year 2001, the down turn in the stock market and the slowing of the U.S. economy appears to have had its affect on U.S.-Mexico trade. Double-digit increases experienced in 2000 have been replaced by slight increases in imports and decreases in exports. The next half of the year will be of great interest as to whether U.S.-Mexico trade maintains a even keel with that of last year or will it begin to show significant drops. In subsequent issues of the *Border Business Indicators*, we will continue to monitor any fluctuations that may occur. —B. G. Garcia

Chart 1  
U.S.-Mexico Trade, June 2000 YTD vs. June 2001 YTD



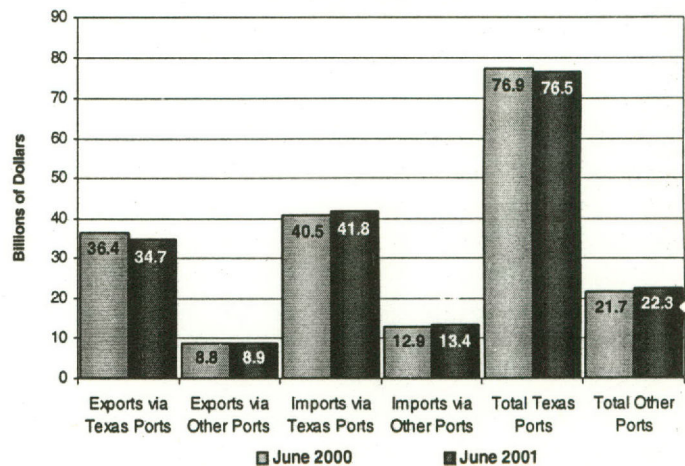
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division, Data Dissemination Branch, Washington, D.C. 20233

Chart 2  
U.S.-Mexico Trade via U.S.-Mexico Border Ports  
June 2000 YTD vs. June 2001 YTD

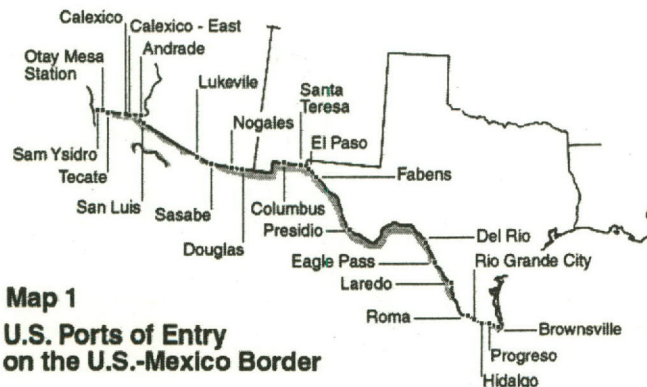


Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University

Chart 3  
U.S.-Mexico Trade via Texas and Other U.S.-Mexico Border Ports  
June 2000 YTD vs. June 2001 YTD



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



Map 1  
U.S. Ports of Entry  
on the U.S.-Mexico Border



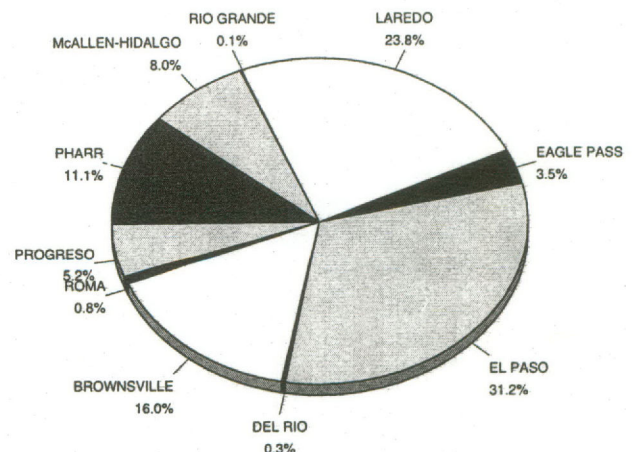
## Pedestrian Bridge Crossings into Mexico

| CITY            | APR 01           | MAY 01           | JUN 01           | JUN 00           | YTD 00            | YTD 01           | % CHG       |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| BROWNSVILLE     | 231,839          | 232,936          | 227,088          | 205,219          | 1,383,330         | 1,427,420        | 3.2         |
| DEL RIO         | 4,224            | 4,140            | 3,862            | 4,059            | 23,829            | 25,950           | 8.9         |
| EAGLE PASS      | 55,828           | 53,566           | 48,981           | 39,108           | 302,760           | 305,267          | 0.8         |
| EL PASO         | 447,341          | 462,256          | 441,923          | 429,497          | 2,578,742         | 2,667,432        | 3.4         |
| HARLINGEN       | 93               | 103              | 68               | 56               | 420               | 475              | 13.1        |
| LAREDO          | 370,284          | 363,162          | 336,591          | 336,591          | 2,136,832         | 2,090,440        | -2.2        |
| McALLEN-HIDALGO | 120,182          | 119,437          | 113,865          | 100,342          | 677,862           | 701,116          | 3.4         |
| PHARR           | 360,936          | 157,994          | 157,338          | 350,150          | 2,181,105         | 1,745,913        | -20.0       |
| PROGRESO        | 89,826           | 71,731           | 73,466           | 67,574           | 768,406           | 750,614          | -2.3        |
| RIO GRANDE      | 1,195            | 1,245            | 711              | 713              | 5,743             | 7,275            | 26.7        |
| ROMA            | 13,572           | 13,742           | 11,764           | 12,333           | 89,976            | 79,425           | -11.7       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>1,695,320</b> | <b>1,480,312</b> | <b>1,415,657</b> | <b>1,545,642</b> | <b>10,149,005</b> | <b>9,801,327</b> | <b>-3.4</b> |

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 June were down 4.4 percent. Rio Grande decreased 42.9 percent, Brownsville fell 2.5 percent, Eagle Pass decreased 8.6 percent, El Paso lost 4.4 percent, and Laredo dropped 7.3 percent. Progreso gained 2.4 percent, and McAllen-Hidalgo was down 4.7 percent. Del Rio fell 6.7 percent. YTD southbound pedestrian crossings into Mexico declined 3.4 percent. El Paso's southbound pedestrian crossings, which made up 27.2 percent of all crossings, increased 3.4 percent YTD. Laredo, accounting for 21.3 percent of total crossings, decreased 2.2 percent YTD. Brownsville, with a 14.6 percent share, increased 3.2 percent YTD. Progreso, with 7.7 percent share, declined 2.3 percent. Del Rio, with 0.3 percent, increased 8.9 percent YTD.

**% Share Pedestrians for June 2001**



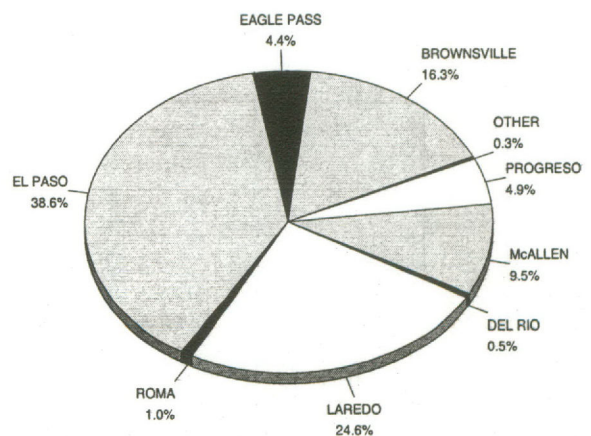
## Pedestrian Bridge Crossings into Texas

| CITY            | APR 01           | MAY 01           | JUN 01           | JUN 00           | YTD 00           | YTD 01           | % CHG      |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| BROWNSVILLE     | 264,838          | 263,780          | 249,393          | 230,821          | 1,550,178        | 1,586,791        | 2.4        |
| DEL RIO         | 8,117            | 7,304            | 7,360            | 6,948            | 53,695           | 47,672           | -11.2      |
| EAGLE PASS      | 70,476           | 68,824           | 66,838           | 63,227           | 400,172          | 390,323          | -2.5       |
| EL PASO         | 589,515          | 556,800          | 591,779          | 588,683          | 3,378,324        | 3,413,088        | 1.0        |
| LAREDO          | 399,478          | 391,273          | 375,889          | 384,971          | 2,344,820        | 2,304,142        | -1.7       |
| McALLEN-HIDALGO | 152,507          | 151,415          | 144,760          | 121,744          | 651,528          | 879,925          | 35.1       |
| PRESIDIO        | 2,711            | 2,332            | 2,463            | 2,506            | 15,501           | 15,700           | 1.3        |
| PROGRESO        | 89,876           | 70,322           | 74,680           | 67,385           | 731,382          | 743,535          | 1.7        |
| RIO GRANDE      | 1,473            | 1,349            | 1,260            | 1,229            | 7,935            | 8,529            | 7.5        |
| ROMA            | 17,811           | 17,751           | 15,195           | 15,946           | 108,595          | 101,236          | -6.8       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>1,596,802</b> | <b>1,531,150</b> | <b>1,529,617</b> | <b>1,483,460</b> | <b>9,242,130</b> | <b>9,490,941</b> | <b>2.7</b> |

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 down 0.1 percent in June. Progreso increased 6.2 percent, Brownsville was down 5.5 percent, El Paso rose 6.3 percent, and Laredo declined 3.9 percent. YTD northbound pedestrian crossings into Texas were up 2.7 percent. El Paso, accounting for 36.0 percent of northbound crossings, was up 1.0 percent YTD. Laredo, with 24.3 percent of all northbound crossings, was down 1.7 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 16.7 percent of all northbound pedestrian crossings, increased 2.4 percent over the previous year.

**% Share Pedestrians for June 2001**





## Vehicle Bridge-Crossings into Mexico

| CITY            | APR 01           | MAY 01           | JUN 01           | JUN 00           | YTD 00            | YTD 01            | % CHG      |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| BROWNSVILLE     | 632,194          | 649,603          | 636,968          | 620,316          | 3,743,202         | 3,800,620         | 1.5        |
| DEL RIO         | 155,159          | 157,357          | 156,257          | 156,205          | 971,006           | 931,372           | -4.1       |
| EAGLE PASS      | 275,094          | 282,497          | 276,071          | 208,584          | 1,520,755         | 1,623,564         | 6.8        |
| EL PASO         | 460,771          | 489,320          | 476,540          | 479,383          | 2,808,415         | 2,799,903         | -0.3       |
| HARLINGEN       | 49,606           | 49,782           | 49,087           | 45,969           | 284,656           | 288,332           | 1.3        |
| LAREDO          | 767,440          | 794,902          | 731,015          | 750,271          | 4,331,255         | 4,354,626         | 0.5        |
| McALLEN-HIDALGO | 508,574          | 517,966          | 508,950          | 486,089          | 2,948,220         | 3,011,335         | 2.1        |
| PHARR           | 175,014          | 181,589          | 178,391          | 169,403          | 1,054,276         | 1,057,926         | 0.3        |
| PROGRESO        | 99,477           | 96,062           | 94,890           | 86,895           | 582,361           | 605,850           | 4.0        |
| RIO GRANDE      | 52,014           | 45,849           | 53,095           | 46,849           | 300,692           | 300,460           | -0.1       |
| ROMA            | 99,318           | 101,049          | 96,682           | 92,364           | 583,125           | 594,634           | 2.0        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>3,274,661</b> | <b>3,365,976</b> | <b>3,257,946</b> | <b>3,142,328</b> | <b>19,127,963</b> | <b>19,368,622</b> | <b>1.3</b> |

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 down 3.2 percent in June from May's figures. Eagle Pass was down 2.3 percent, Del Rio fell 0.7 percent, Rio Grande gained 15.8 percent, McAllen-Hidalgo decreased 1.7 percent, and Brownsville went down 1.9 percent. Harlingen declined 1.4 percent, and Laredo went down 8.0 percent. YTD southbound vehicle bridge crossings were up 1.3 percent. Laredo, with 22.5 percent of all southbound traffic,

was up 0.5 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 19.6 percent of all southbound vehicle bridge crossings, had a 1.5 percent increase YTD. El Paso, accounting for 14.5 percent of all southbound vehicle crossings, fell 0.3 percent YTD. McAllen-Hidalgo, with 15.5 percent of all southbound vehicle crossings, experienced a 2.1 percent increase YTD.

## Vehicle Bridge-Crossings into Texas

| CITY            | APR 01           | MAY 01           | JUN 01           | JUN 00           | YTD 00            | YTD 01            | % CHG       |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| BROWNSVILLE     | 607,212          | 617,131          | 363,031          | 609,010          | 3,619,293         | 3,362,288         | -7.1        |
| DEL RIO         | 170,412          | 171,308          | 167,566          | 159,293          | 994,301           | 993,809           | 0.0         |
| EAGLE PASS      | 288,102          | 291,602          | 281,935          | 258,087          | 1,646,047         | 1,686,393         | 2.5         |
| EL PASO         | 746,145          | 743,154          | 761,839          | 721,314          | 4,421,877         | 4,403,588         | -0.4        |
| HARLINGEN       | 60,705           | 60,347           | 59,007           | 57,167           | 352,604           | 352,104           | -0.1        |
| LAREDO          | 683,806          | 698,008          | 681,285          | 644,866          | 4,113,637         | 4,021,159         | -2.2        |
| McALLEN-HIDALGO | 481,041          | 480,505          | 472,012          | 465,653          | 2,886,123         | 2,810,167         | -2.6        |
| PHARR           | 219,330          | 222,459          | 213,847          | 200,550          | 1,208,731         | 1,302,018         | 7.7         |
| PRESIDIO        | 64,645           | 64,356           | 62,114           | 63,666           | 380,940           | 375,931           | -1.3        |
| PROGRESO        | 99,450           | 94,834           | 93,341           | 84,125           | 558,651           | 590,715           | 5.7         |
| RIO GRANDE      | 58,022           | 55,105           | 52,905           | 52,062           | 337,407           | 332,275           | -1.5        |
| ROMA            | 102,795          | 101,353          | 95,963           | 91,000           | 590,654           | 602,525           | 2.0         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>3,581,665</b> | <b>3,600,162</b> | <b>3,304,845</b> | <b>3,406,793</b> | <b>21,110,265</b> | <b>20,832,972</b> | <b>-1.3</b> |

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 June were down 8.2 percent from May. Roma registered a 5.3 percent decrease, Eagle Pass went down 3.3 percent, Progreso fell 1.6 percent, Brownsville lost 41.2 percent, and McAllen-Hidalgo decreased 1.8 percent. Presidio was down 3.5 percent, and Laredo fell 2.4

percent. YTD northbound vehicle bridge crossings into Texas were down 1.3 percent. El Paso, with 21.1 percent of all crossings, was down 0.4 percent YTD. Laredo, with 19.3 percent of all crossings, fell 2.2 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 16.1 percent of all crossings, declined 7.1 percent YTD.



## Truck Crossings into Mexico —Number of Trucks

| CITY             | APR 01  | MAY 01  | JUN 01  | JUN 00  | YTD 00    | YTD 01    | % CHG |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| BROWNSVILLE+     | 16,371  | 18,685  | 18,358  | 20,698  | 119,099   | 106,567   | -10.5 |
| DEL RIO+         | 4,877   | 6,417   | 6,147   | 6,142   | 35,098    | 34,405    | -2.0  |
| EAGLE PASS+      | 7,740   | 8,407   | 7,698   | 8,796   | 55,998    | 49,290    | -12.0 |
| EL PASO+++       | +++     | +++     | +++     | +++     | N/A       | N/A       | N/A   |
| HARLINGEN+       | 2,826   | 4,371   | 4,428   | 8,814   | 38,571    | 22,842    | -40.8 |
| LAREDO+          | 103,036 | 109,877 | 117,542 | 123,062 | 692,299   | 681,240   | -1.6  |
| McALLEN-HIDALGO+ | 3,140   | 3,701   | 2,777   | 3,963   | 24,317    | 20,221    | -16.8 |
| PHARR+           | 22,619  | 23,595  | 21,053  | 21,250  | 130,646   | 134,605   | 3.0   |
| PROGRESO+        | 2,296   | 773     | 1,663   | 1,333   | 11,612    | 12,583    | 8.4   |
| RIO GRANDE+      | 2,186   | 1,991   | 1,393   | 1,630   | 11,282    | 12,230    | 8.4   |
| ROMA+            | 1,063   | 1,197   | 1,199   | 1,340   | 8,010     | 6,781     | -15.3 |
| TOTAL            | 166,154 | 179,014 | 182,258 | 197,028 | 1,126,932 | 1,080,764 | -4.1  |

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.

Trucks crossing into Mexico were up 1.8 percent in June. Harlingen increased 1.3 percent, Del Rio fell 4.2 percent, and Pharr went down 10.8 percent. Rio Grande dropped 30.0 percent. Laredo was up 7.0 percent and Brownsville declined 1.8 percent. YTD southbound truck crossings were down 4.1 percent. Laredo, with 63.0

percent of all southbound crossings, experienced a 1.6 percent decrease YTD. Brownsville, with a 9.9 percent of all southbound crossings, had a 10.5 percent decrease YTD. Pharr, with 12.5 percent, registered an increase of 3.0 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, with 4.6 percent of all truck crossings, fell 12.0 percent YTD.

## Truck Crossings into Texas —Number of Trucks

| CITY            | APR 01  | MAY 01  | JUN 01  | JUN 00  | YTD 00    | YTD 01    | % CHG |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| BROWNSVILLE     | 18,570  | 22,058  | 21,593  | 27,756  | 157,518   | 124,092   | -21.2 |
| DEL RIO         | 4,930   | 5,524   | 5,379   | 5,436   | 31,409    | 29,253    | -6.9  |
| EAGLE PASS      | 8,473   | 9,063   | 8,344   | 8,941   | 54,413    | 52,145    | -4.2  |
| FALCON          | 25      | 47      | 28      | 31      | 270       | 176       | -34.8 |
| LAREDO          | 108,443 | 125,059 | 116,930 | 131,162 | 745,422   | 693,024   | -7.0  |
| McALLEN-HIDALGO | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | N/A       | N/A       | N/A   |
| PHARR           | 34,072  | 31,877  | 29,409  | 31,603  | 190,796   | 188,993   | -0.9  |
| PROGRESO        | 1,626   | 1,108   | 1,404   | 1,062   | 5,749     | 8,304     | 44.4  |
| RIO GRANDE      | 2,569   | 2,273   | 1,768   | 1,860   | 11,893    | 14,295    | 20.2  |
| ROMA            | 862     | 1,063   | 1,030   | 1,050   | 6,736     | 5,756     | -14.5 |
| TOTAL           | 179,570 | 198,072 | 185,885 | 208,901 | 1,204,206 | 1,116,038 | -7.3  |

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

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

June northbound truck crossings into Texas were down 6.2 percent from May's crossings. Eagle Pass was down 7.9 percent, Brownsville decreased 2.1 percent, Progreso gained 26.7 percent, Pharr declined 7.7 percent, and Laredo went down 6.5 percent. Roma declined 3.1 percent. YTD northbound truck crossings were down

7.3 percent. Laredo, accounting for 62.1 percent of all northbound truck crossings, had a 7.0 percent decrease YTD. Pharr, with 16.9 percent of all crossings, experienced a 0.9 percent decline YTD. Brownsville, with 11.1 percent of all northbound truck crossings, experienced an 21.2 percent decrease YTD.



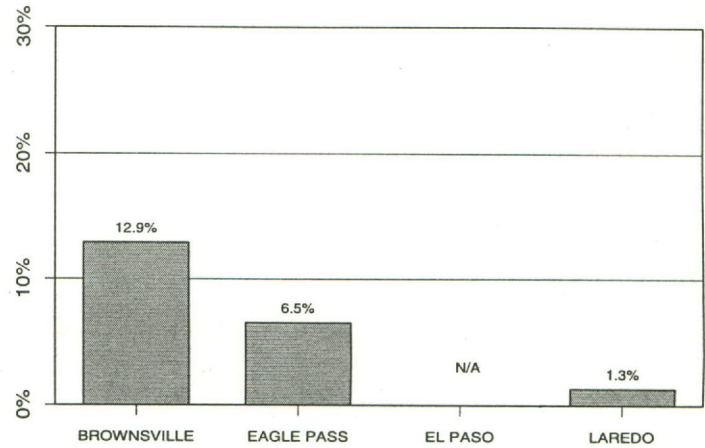
## Export Shipments by Rail into Mexico —Number of Rail Cars

| CITY        | APR 01 | MAY 01 | JUN 01 | JUN 00 | YTD 00  | YTD 01  | % CHG |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-------|
| BROWNSVILLE | 3,113  | 3,617  | 2,713  | 3,164  | 18,352  | 20,724  | 12.9  |
| EAGLE PASS  | 7,382  | 6,879  | 6,481  | 4,973  | 38,806  | 41,320  | 6.5   |
| EL PASO     | N/A    | N/A    | N/A    | N/A    | N/A     | N/A     | N/A   |
| LAREDO      | 16,264 | 14,640 | 13,915 | 15,094 | 89,715  | 90,912  | 1.3   |
| TOTAL       | 26,759 | 25,136 | 23,109 | 23,231 | 146,873 | 152,956 | 4.1   |

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 decreased 8.1 percent in June compared to May. Brownsville fell 25.0 percent, while Laredo declined 5.0 percent. Eagle Pass dropped 5.8 percent. YTD southbound rail shipments into Mexico from Texas were up 4.1 percent. Laredo which accounted for 59.4 percent of all southbound rail shipments, was up 1.3 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, accounting for 27.0 percent of all southbound rail shipments, increased 6.5 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 13.5 percent of all southbound rail shipments, showed an increase of 12.9 percent YTD.

Export Rail YTD % Change 00-01



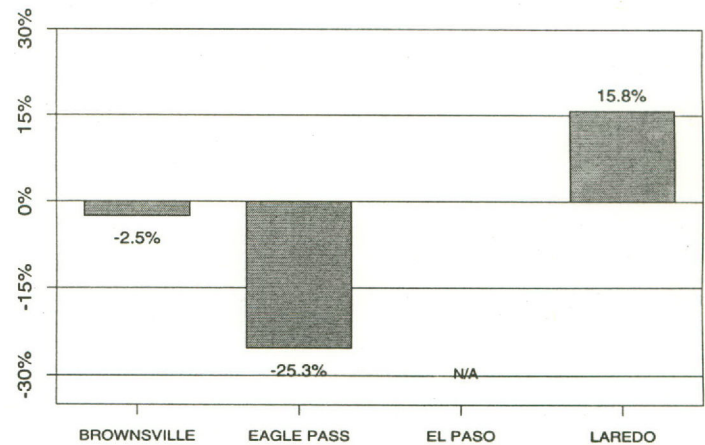
## Import Shipments by Rail into Texas —Number of Rail Cars

| CITY        | APR 01 | MAY 01 | JUN 01 | JUN 00 | YTD 00  | YTD 01  | % CHG |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-------|
| BROWNSVILLE | 884    | 1,023  | 1,432  | 1,056  | 6,187   | 6,030   | -2.5  |
| EAGLE PASS  | 2,716  | 2,646  | 2,865  | 4,188  | 22,473  | 16,793  | -25.3 |
| EL PASO     | N/A    | N/A    | N/A    | N/A    | N/A     | N/A     | N/A   |
| LAREDO      | 13,090 | 15,637 | 15,504 | 13,171 | 72,193  | 83,624  | 15.8  |
| TOTAL       | 16,690 | 19,306 | 19,801 | 18,415 | 100,853 | 106,447 | 5.5   |

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 increased 2.6 percent in June. Laredo fell 0.9 percent, Brownsville grew 40.0 percent, and Eagle Pass gained 8.3 percent. YTD total northbound shipments into Texas from Mexico were up 5.5 percent. Laredo, which accounted for 78.6 percent of all northbound rail shipments, were up 15.8 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, accounting for 15.8 percent of all northbound rail shipments, fell 25.3 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 5.7 percent of all northbound rail shipments, decreased 2.5 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<br>% CHG |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                 | JUN 01            | JUN 01           | REVENUE<br>JUN 01 | REVENUE<br>JUN 01 | REVENUE<br>JUN 00 | REVENUE<br>JUN 00 | REVENUE<br>JUN 01 |              |
| BROWNSVILLE     | 2,145,276         | 153,734          | 394,953           | 2,693,963         | 5,326,520         | 27,946,020        | 21,237,000        | -24.0        |
| DEL RIO         | 133,360           | 31,322           | 15,500            | 180,181           | 312,204           | 1,213,187         | 1,011,689         | -16.6        |
| EAGLE PASS      | 186,367           | 11,879           | 2,689,014         | 2,887,261         | 3,167,821         | 17,249,790        | 17,814,218        | 3.3          |
| LAREDO          | 8,576,616         | 682,493          | 11,256,251        | 20,515,361        | 19,854,530        | 109,046,29        | 113,347,37        | 3.9          |
| McALLEN-HIDALGO | 1,650,200         | 246,731          | 210,896           | 2,107,827         | 2,513,752         | 16,550,151        | 16,193,581        | -2.2         |
| PROGRESO        | 64                | 3,188            | 17,540            | 20,792            | 16,378            | 114,068           | 106,549           | -6.6         |
| RIO GRANDE      | 56,165            | 6,571            | 13,422            | 76,158            | 73,113            | 441,190           | 439,248           | -0.4         |
| ROMA            | 16,268            | 262              | 9,163             | 25,694            | 48,488            | 270,115           | 174,364           | -35.4        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>12,764,316</b> | <b>1,136,181</b> | <b>14,606,740</b> | <b>28,507,237</b> | <b>31,312,808</b> | <b>172,830,81</b> | <b>170,324,02</b> | <b>-1.5</b>  |

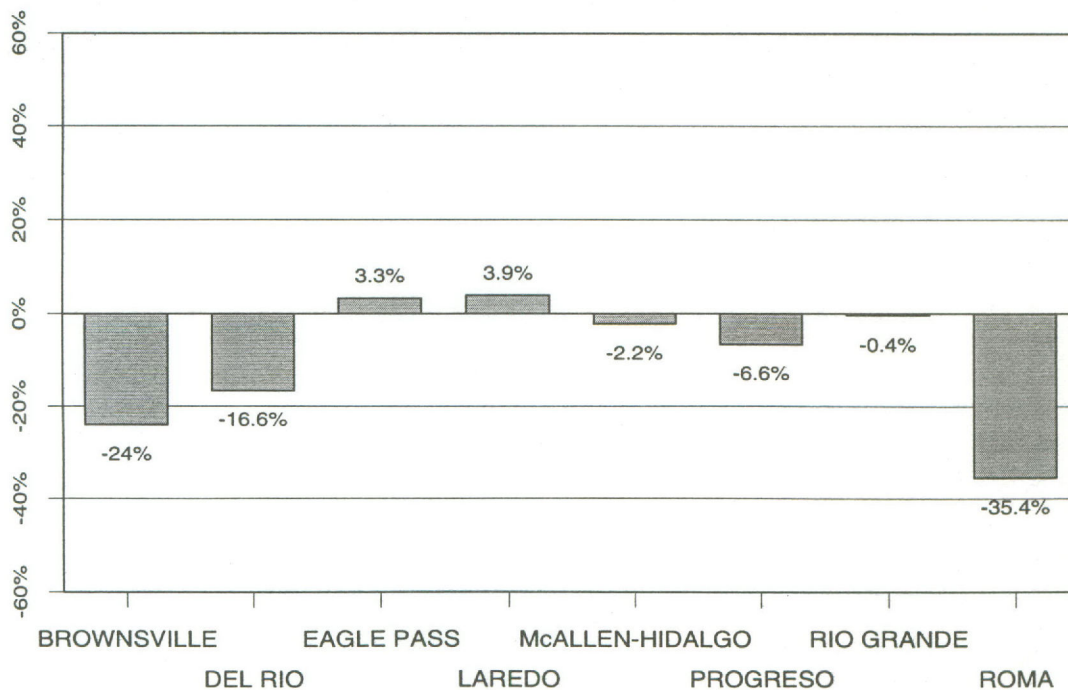
Source: Data provided by the South Texas CMC in Laredo and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

MPF = Merchandise Processing Fee

Total U.S. Customs revenues, for June, for the former District of Laredo, had a decrease of 6.4 percent from May's figures. McAllen-Hidalgo was down 37.7 percent, Rio Grande decreased 12.2 percent, Progreso jumped 110.3 percent, Roma increased 0.7 percent, Rio Grande fell 12.2 percent, Laredo went up 2.8 percent, Eagle Pass went down 17.7 percent, Brownsville declined 18.1 percent, and Del Rio was down 3.1 percent. YTD revenues for the border were

down 1.5 percent compared to June 2000. Laredo, accounting for 65.5 percent share of the former district's revenue was up 3.9 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 12.5 percent share of total revenues, was down 24.0 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, accounting for 10.5 percent of all revenues, was up 3.3 percent YTD. McAllen-Hidalgo, with 9.95 percent of total revenues, increased 2.2 percent YTD.

**% Change Total Revenues YTD 00-01**





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

| CITY            | APR 01           | MAY 01           | JUN 01           | JUN 00           | YTD 00            | YTD 01            | % CHG      |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| BROWNSVILLE     | 899,679          | 952,754          | 932,768          | 800,325          | 4,799,750         | 5,441,369         | 13.4       |
| DEL RIO         | 390,306          | 400,085          | 395,991          | 376,285          | 2,319,860         | 2,296,787         | -1.0       |
| EAGLE PASS      | 561,727          | 581,552          | 629,261          | 594,115          | 3,654,617         | 3,554,445         | -2.7       |
| EL PASO         | 994,195          | 1,019,518        | 979,523          | 958,773          | 5,891,392         | 5,838,872         | -0.9       |
| HARLINGEN       | 107,391          | 126,569          | 119,325          | 130,607          | 740,363           | 700,793           | -5.3       |
| LAREDO          | 2,232,691        | 2,435,157        | 2,446,980        | 2,466,893        | 14,036,319        | 14,336,031        | 2.1        |
| McALLEN-HIDALGO | 835,130          | 851,855          | 828,651          | 685,362          | 4,167,970         | 4,951,311         | 18.8       |
| PHARR           | 448,312          | 374,342          | 370,343          | 391,523          | 2,367,075         | 2,473,762         | 4.5        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>6,469,430</b> | <b>6,741,831</b> | <b>6,702,842</b> | <b>6,403,883</b> | <b>37,977,346</b> | <b>39,593,369</b> | <b>4.3</b> |

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 decreased 0.6 percent in the month of June. Pharr went down 1.1 percent, Brownsville declined 2.1 percent, Laredo went up 0.5 percent. Del Rio increased 1.0 percent, Harlingen fell 5.7 percent, McAllen-Hidalgo was down 2.7 percent, Eagle Pass gained 8.2 percent, and El Paso decreased 3.9 percent. YTD U.S. bridge operator's revenues were up 4.3 percent. Laredo, accounting for 36.2 percent of total U.S. bridge operator's revenues

collected, had a 2.1 percent increase YTD. El Paso, accounting for 14.7 percent of total U.S. bridge revenues, decreased 0.9 percent YTD. Brownsville, accounting for 13.7 percent, was up 13.4 percent YTD. McAllen-Hidalgo, with 12.5 percent of the total bridge revenues, increased 18.8 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, with 9.0 percent of the total bridge revenues, fell 2.7 percent YTD.

## Power Connections – Texas Border

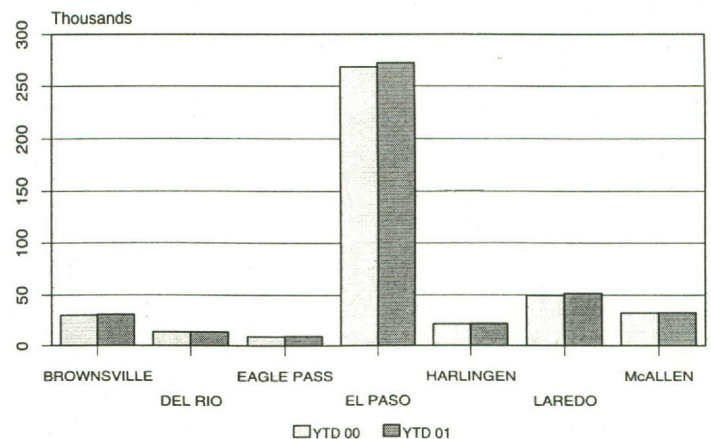
### Residential Connections

| CITY         | APR 01         | MAY 01         | JUN 01         | JUN 00         | YTD 00         | YTD 01         | % CHG      |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| BROWNSVILLE  | 31,293         | 31,369         | 31,445         | 30,323         | 30,171         | 31,205         | 3.4        |
| DEL RIO      | 14,094         | 14,109         | 14,116         | 14,059         | 14,026         | 14,101         | 0.5        |
| EAGLE PASS   | 9,818          | 9,838          | 9,826          | 9,663          | 9,632          | 9,822          | 2.0        |
| EL PASO      | 273,228        | 273,492        | 273,738        | 269,651        | 268,573        | 272,861        | 1.6        |
| HARLINGEN    | 21,855         | 21,650         | 21,674         | 21,256         | 21,516         | 21,931         | 1.9        |
| LAREDO       | 51,638         | 51,815         | 51,985         | 50,158         | 49,683         | 51,526         | 3.7        |
| McALLEN      | 31,194         | 32,363         | 32,912         | 32,086         | 32,279         | 32,715         | 1.4        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>433,120</b> | <b>434,636</b> | <b>435,696</b> | <b>427,196</b> | <b>425,881</b> | <b>434,161</b> | <b>1.9</b> |

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

June total residential power connections for cited Texas border cities increased over May's figures of 0.24 percent. YTD residential power connections were up 1.9 percent. Laredo was up 3.7 percent, McAllen increased 1.4 percent, Del Rio gained 0.5 percent, Harlingen jumped 1.9 percent, Brownsville increased 3.4 percent, and Eagle Pass was up by 2.0 percent.

### YTD AVG June 00-01





## Power Connections – Texas Border (Cont'd)

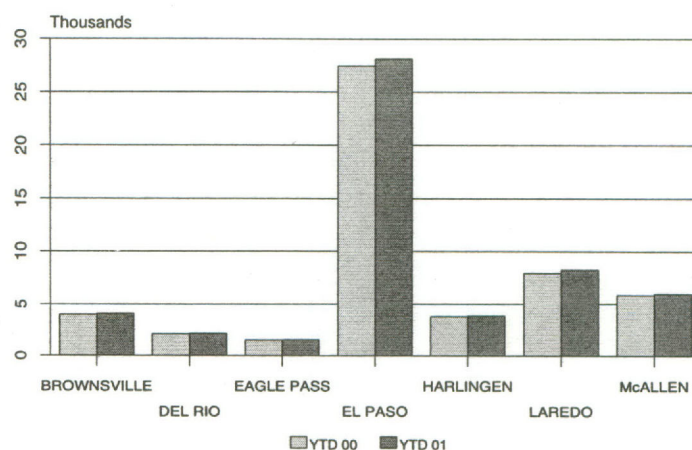
### Commercial Connections

| CITY         | APR 01        | MAY 01        | JUN 01        | JUN 00        | YTD 00        | YTD 01        | % CHG      |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| BROWNSVILLE  | 4,084         | 3,987         | 3,985         | 3,959         | 3,936         | 4,011         | 1.9        |
| DEL RIO      | 2,136         | 2,161         | 2,162         | 2,101         | 2,073         | 2,141         | 3.3        |
| EAGLE PASS   | 1,544         | 1,548         | 1,545         | 1,519         | 1,507         | 1,535         | 1.8        |
| EL PASO      | 28,190        | 28,265        | 28,353        | 27,691        | 27,503        | 28,168        | 2.4        |
| HARLINGEN    | 3,837         | 3,837         | 3,849         | 3,795         | 3,767         | 3,833         | 1.7        |
| LAREDO       | 8,261         | 8,310         | 8,335         | 8,065         | 7,964         | 8,289         | 4.1        |
| McALLEN      | 5,944         | 6,040         | 6,094         | 5,910         | 5,894         | 6,022         | 2.2        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>53,996</b> | <b>54,148</b> | <b>54,323</b> | <b>53,040</b> | <b>52,643</b> | <b>53,997</b> | <b>2.6</b> |

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

June total commercial power connections for cited Texas border cities increased 0.32 percent over figures. YTD averages of commercial power connections increased 2.6 percent. Harlingen was up 1.7 percent, Eagle Pass increased 1.8 percent, Laredo gained 4.1 percent, McAllen was up 2.2 percent, Del Rio rose 3.3 percent, El Paso gained 2.4 percent, and Brownsville increased 1.9 percent.

### YTD AVG June 00-01



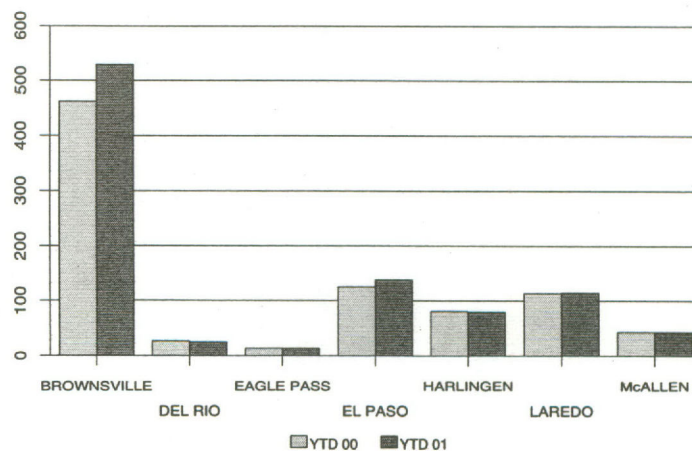
### Industrial Connections

| CITY         | APR 01     | MAY 01     | JUN 01     | JUN 00     | YTD 00     | YTD 01     | % CHG      |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| BROWNSVILLE  | 529        | 537        | 543        | 437        | 462        | 529        | 14.5       |
| DEL RIO      | 25         | 25         | 25         | 27         | 27         | 25         | -7.4       |
| EAGLE PASS   | 15         | 15         | 15         | 15         | 15         | 15         | 2.3        |
| EL PASO      | 142        | 137        | 139        | 125        | 125        | 138        | 10.3       |
| HARLINGEN    | 80         | 80         | 80         | 81         | 81         | 80         | -1.6       |
| LAREDO       | 116        | 114        | 114        | 115        | 114        | 115        | 1.0        |
| McALLEN      | 43         | 42         | 44         | 44         | 44         | 44         | -0.4       |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>950</b> | <b>950</b> | <b>960</b> | <b>844</b> | <b>868</b> | <b>945</b> | <b>9.0</b> |

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

June total industrial power connections for cited Texas border cities were up 1.05 percent from May's figures. YTD averages of industrial power connections increased 9.0 percent. El Paso increased 10.3 percent, Harlingen fell 1.6 percent, Brownsville was up 14.5 percent.

### YTD AVG June 00-01





## Building Permits —Texas Border

### Number of Permits

| NUMBER      | APR 01 | MAY 01 | JUN 01 | JUNE 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | % CHG. |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| BROWNSVILLE | 319    | 355    | 357    | 412     | 2,216  | 2,019  | -8.9   |
| DEL RIO     | 75     | 106    | 34     | 68      | 356    | 428    | 20.2   |
| EAGLE PASS  | 57     | 48     | 51     | 50      | 287    | 285    | -0.7   |
| EL PASO     | 511    | 733    | 628    | 617     | 3,495  | 3,625  | 3.7    |
| HARLINGEN   | 29     | 83     | 75     | 65      | 423    | 341    | -19.4  |
| LAREDO      | 688    | 705    | 774    | 685     | 3,313  | 3,944  | 19.0   |
| MCALLEN     | 142    | 153    | 139    | 166     | 910    | 880    | -3.3   |
| TOTAL       | 1,821  | 2,183  | 2,058  | 2,063   | 11,000 | 11,522 | 4.7    |

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

June building permits issued by reporting Texas border cities were down 5.7 percent from May. Eagle Pass rose 6.3 percent, El Paso went down 14.3 percent, and Laredo increased 9.8 percent. McAllen decreased 9.2 percent, and Brownsville gained 0.6 percent. YTD, the number of permits issued rose 4.7 percent. El Paso, accounting

for 31.5 percent of all building permits issued, had an increase of 3.7 percent YTD. Laredo, with 34.2 percent of building permits issued, was up 19.0 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 17.5 percent of building permits issued, decreased 8.9 percent YTD.

### U.S. Dollar Value of Permits

| VALUE       | APR 01      | MAY 01      | JUN 01      | JUNE 00     | YTD 00      | YTD 01      | % CHG. |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| BROWNSVILLE | 16,949,937  | 28,592,620  | 18,171,121  | 35,092,468  | 142,910,703 | 115,664,144 | -19.1  |
| DEL RIO     | 1,125,404   | 5,437,205   | 1,215,848   | 651,608     | 5,395,966   | 10,497,606  | 94.5   |
| EAGLE PASS  | 8,525,597   | 1,591,677   | 1,894,018   | 1,186,039   | 9,031,880   | 15,498,613  | 71.6   |
| EL PASO     | 23,152,781  | 49,186,145  | 47,716,053  | 45,794,163  | 218,876,374 | 245,194,259 | 12.0   |
| HARLINGEN   | 30,535,559  | 14,121,580  | 9,696,178   | 10,526,236  | 32,786,843  | 74,267,202  | 126.5  |
| LAREDO      | 24,911,069  | 27,418,703  | 17,440,006  | 29,213,529  | 134,330,819 | 140,781,108 | 4.8    |
| MCALLEN     | 16,846,115  | 13,689,379  | 11,392,876  | 14,731,578  | 92,639,614  | 156,072,060 | 68.5   |
| TOTAL       | 122,046,462 | 140,037,309 | 107,526,100 | 137,195,621 | 635,972,199 | 757,974,992 | 19.2   |

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

June building permit values for reporting Texas border cities were down 23.2 percent from May. Harlingen declined 31.3 percent, McAllen fell 16.8 percent, and El Paso decreased 3.0 percent. Brownsville went down 36.4 percent. Laredo was fell 36.4 percent. Eagle Pass gained 19.0 percent. YTD reporting border cities experienced a 19.2 percent increase in building permit values. El

Paso, with 32.3 percent of total building permit values, increased 12.0 percent YTD. Laredo, with 18.6 percent of total building permit values, gained 4.8 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 15.3 percent of total building permit values, decreased 19.1 percent. Eagle Pass with 2.0 percent of total building permits, increased 71.6 percent.



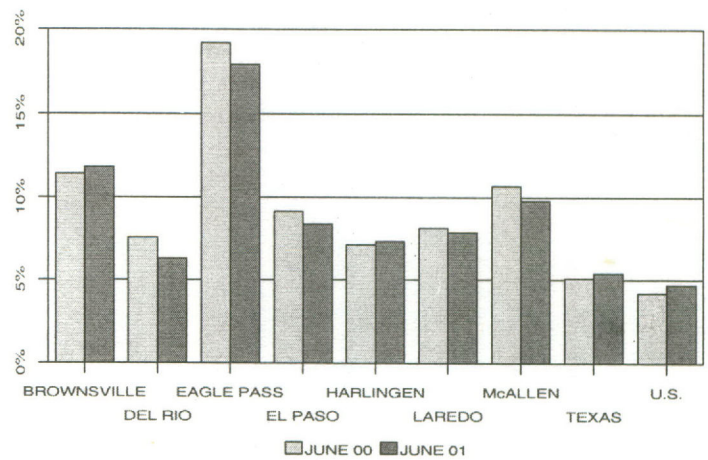
## Employment/Unemployment Rates — Texas Border

| CITY                           | TOTAL EMPLOYED | TOTAL EMPLOYED | TOTAL UNEMPLOYED | TOTAL UNEMPLOYED | PERCENT UNEMPLOYED | PERCENT UNEMPLOYED |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                | JUN 01         | JUN 00         | JUN 01           | JUN 00           | JUN 01             | JUN 00             |
| BROWNSVILLE                    | 45,934         | 44,513         | 6,146            | 5,717            | 11.8               | 11.4               |
| DEL RIO                        | 14,451         | 14,543         | 976              | 1,197            | 6.3                | 7.6                |
| EAGLE PASS                     | 9,574          | 8,866          | 2,084            | 2,102            | 17.9               | 19.2               |
| EL PASO                        | 238,568        | 237,620        | 21,932           | 24,219           | 8.4                | 9.2                |
| HARLINGEN                      | 26,388         | 25,572         | 2,090            | 1,944            | 7.3                | 7.1                |
| LAREDO                         | 67,057         | 64,133         | 5,765            | 5,758            | 7.9                | 8.2                |
| McALLEN                        | 47,691         | 45,288         | 5,183            | 5,428            | 9.8                | 10.7               |
| TOTAL                          | 449,663        | 440,535        | 44,176           | 46,365           | 8.9                | 9.5                |
| THE TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE    |                |                |                  |                  | 5.40               | 5.10               |
| THE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE |                |                |                  |                  | 4.70               | 4.20               |

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 June, total employment in reporting Texas border cities increased 0.5 percent (2,160 jobs gained) over May figures. Eagle Pass employment rose 1.5 percent (140 jobs gained), Del Rio increased 0.2 percent (31 jobs gained), and McAllen went down 1.6 percent (754 jobs lost), and Laredo rose 0.1 percent (52 jobs gained). Brownsville gained 2.1 percent (930 jobs lost). YTD total employment in Texas border cities was up 2.1 percent (9,128 jobs gained) from a year ago. The average unemployment rate for the border was 8.9 percent compared to 5.4 percent for Texas, and 4.7 percent for the U.S. in the month of June.

**% Unemployed June 00-01**



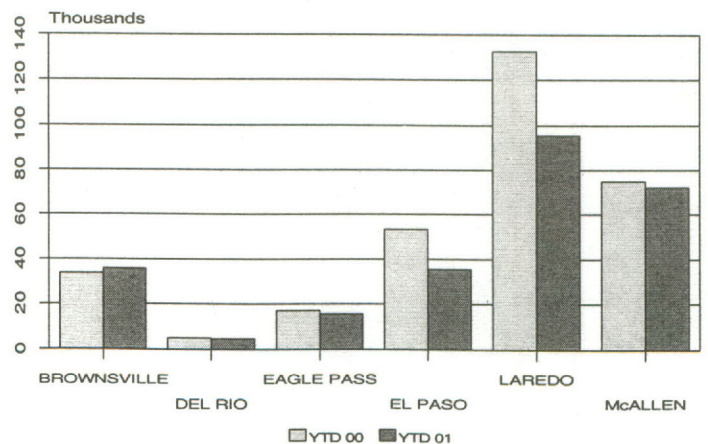
## Visas to Tourists from Texas to Mexico

| CITY        | APR 01 | MAY 01 | JUN 01 | JUN 00 | YTD 00  | YTD 01  | %CHG  |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-------|
| BROWNSVILLE | 5,549  | 5,036  | 8,392  | 9,469  | 33,630  | 35,944  | 6.9   |
| DEL RIO     | 647    | 748    | 1,289  | 1,309  | 4,783   | 4,516   | -5.6  |
| EAGLE PASS  | 2,440  | 2,606  | 3,961  | 3,789  | 17,102  | 15,687  | -8.3  |
| EL PASO     | 5,205  | 5,297  | 9,193  | 13,584 | 53,262  | 35,459  | -33.4 |
| LAREDO      | 11,168 | 10,217 | 35,267 | 36,697 | 132,708 | 95,424  | -28.1 |
| McALLEN     | 10,280 | 10,209 | 15,267 | 15,807 | 75,020  | 72,195  | -3.8  |
| TOTAL       | 35,289 | 34,113 | 73,369 | 80,655 | 316,505 | 259,225 | -18.1 |

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 June, visas jumped 115.1 percent. Laredo gained 245.2 percent, Eagle Pass increased 52.0, Brownsville gained 66.6 percent, and Del Rio rose 72.3 percent over the month of June. El Paso gained 73.6. YTD total visas were down 18.1 percent. Brownsville, with a 13.9 percent share, gained 6.9 percent. Eagle Pass, with a 6.1 percent share, dipped 8.3 percent. Del Rio, with 1.7 percent share, fell 5.6 percent. Laredo, with 36.8 percent share, fell 28.1 percent. McAllen, with 27.9 percent share, declined 3.8 percent YTD; and El Paso with 13.7 percent share, dropped 33.4 percent YTD.

**Tourist Visas YTD June 00-01**





## Air Passenger Service Activities — Selected Border Cities

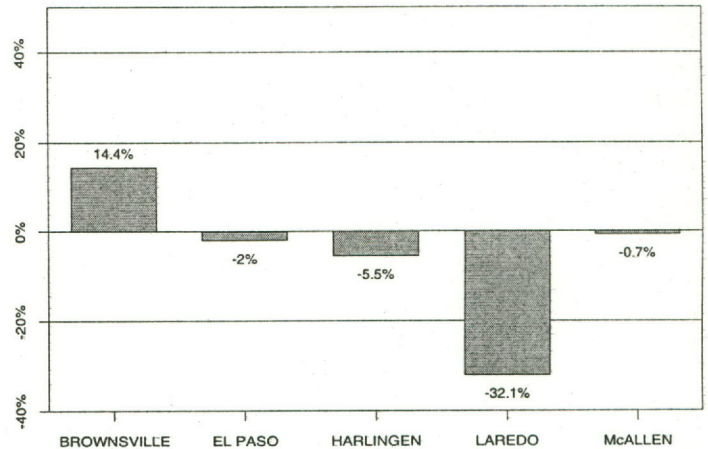
### Passenger Arrivals

| CITY         | APR 01         | MAY 01         | JUN 01         | JUN 00         | YTD 00           | YTD 01           | % CHG       |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| BROWNSVILLE  | 6,367          | 6,069          | 6,234          | 5,595          | 33,662           | 38,513           | 14.4        |
| EL PASO      | 129,889        | 141,722        | 150,745        | 151,320        | 802,802          | 786,619          | -2.0        |
| HARLINGEN    | 36,549         | 38,287         | 42,312         | 41,288         | 240,784          | 227,532          | -5.5        |
| LAREDO       | 3,637          | 6,171          | 6,310          | 6,367          | 47,499           | 32,237           | -32.1       |
| McALLEN      | 26,431         | 24,507         | 24,953         | 24,832         | 161,645          | 160,492          | -0.7        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>202,873</b> | <b>216,756</b> | <b>230,554</b> | <b>229,402</b> | <b>1,286,392</b> | <b>1,245,393</b> | <b>-3.2</b> |

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

June air passengers arriving in Texas border cities were up 6.4 percent from June's figures. Brownsville was up 2.7 percent, McAllen gained 1.8 percent, Laredo jumped 2.3 percent, and El Paso was up 6.4 percent. Harlingen gained 10.5 percent. YTD air passenger arrivals were down 3.2 percent. El Paso, with 63.2 percent of all arriving passengers, showed a decrease of 2.0 percent YTD. Harlingen, accounting for 18.3 percent of all arrivals, slipped 5.5 percent YTD. McAllen, with 12.9 percent of all arrivals, was down 0.7 percent YTD. Laredo, with 2.6 percent of all arrivals, decreased 32.1 percent YTD.

**Passenger Arrivals % Change YTD 00-01**



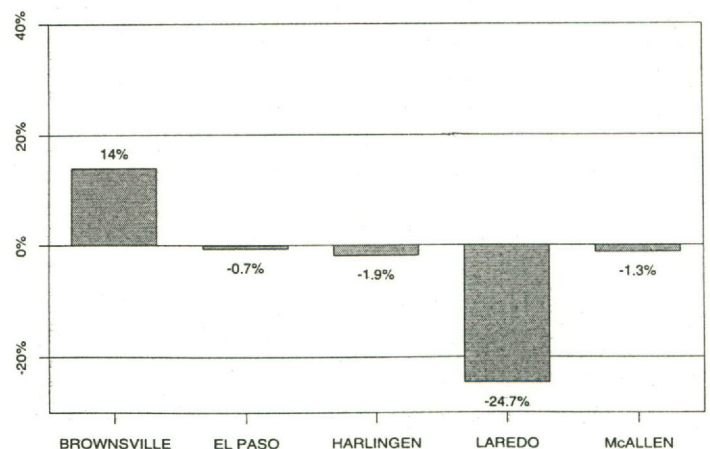
### Passenger Departures

| CITY         | APR 01         | MAY 01         | JUN 01         | JUN 00         | YTD 00           | YTD 01           | % CHG       |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| BROWNSVILLE  | 6,770          | 6,309          | 6,294          | 5,657          | 34,963           | 39,851           | 14.0        |
| EL PASO      | 134,005        | 146,949        | 155,254        | 152,847        | 819,543          | 813,752          | -0.7        |
| HARLINGEN    | 40,178         | 39,648         | 43,059         | 42,138         | 246,371          | 241,725          | -1.9        |
| LAREDO       | 6,124          | 6,417          | 6,522          | 6,630          | 48,862           | 36,770           | -24.7       |
| McALLEN      | 28,543         | 25,795         | 25,981         | 26,425         | 170,473          | 168,263          | -1.3        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>215,620</b> | <b>225,118</b> | <b>237,110</b> | <b>233,697</b> | <b>1,320,212</b> | <b>1,300,361</b> | <b>-1.5</b> |

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June air passenger departures for reporting Texas border cities were up 5.3 percent. Brownsville lost 0.2 percent, McAllen increased 0.7, Harlingen fell 8.6 percent, Laredo went up 1.6 percent, and El Paso gained 5.7 percent. YTD air passenger departures were down 1.5 percent. El Paso, with 62.6 percent of all departing passengers, was down 0.7 percent YTD. Harlingen, with 18.6 percent of all departing passengers, exhibited a decrease of 1.9 percent YTD. McAllen, with 12.9 percent of all departing passengers, decreased 1.3 percent YTD. Laredo, with 2.8 percent of all departing passengers, fell 24.7 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 3.1 percent of departures, gained 14.0 percent YTD.

**Passenger Departures % Change YTD 00-01**





## Port Of Corpus Christi

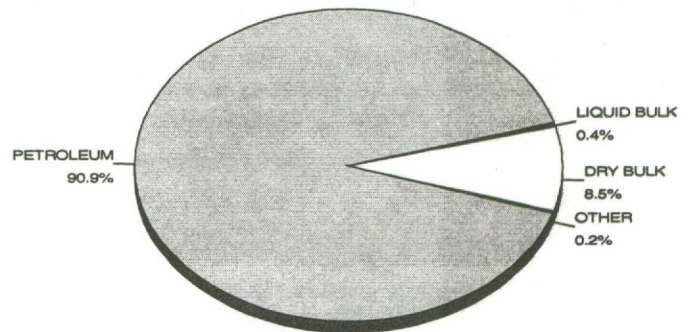
### Inbound Cargo (in Tons)

| COMMODITY    | APR 01           | MAY 01           | JUN 01           | JUN 00           | YTD 00            | YTD 01            | % CHG      |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| BREAK BULK   | 0                | 117,142          | 2,086            | 4,582            | 11,213            | 142,607           | 1171.8     |
| DRY BULK     | 683,538          | 196,353          | 377,035          | 406,786          | 1,785,284         | 1,522,578         | -14.7      |
| BULK GRAIN   | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                 | 0                 | N/A        |
| LIQUID       | 3,872            | 18,370           | 17,667           | 0                | 10,929            | 113,401           | 937.7      |
| PETROLEUM    | 4,957,873        | 4,269,690        | 4,034,140        | 4,409,103        | 19,737,249        | 20,179,342        | 2.2        |
| CHEMICAL     | 4,930            | 18,986           | 9,381            | 11,211           | 58,084            | 42,095            | -27.5      |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>5,650,212</b> | <b>4,620,541</b> | <b>4,440,309</b> | <b>4,831,683</b> | <b>21,602,758</b> | <b>22,000,023</b> | <b>1.8</b> |

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 3.9 percent decrease in inbound cargo from last month. Petroleum, which made up 90.9 percent of all inbound traffic in June, was down 5.5 percent compared to May. Dry bulk, which accounted for 8.5 percent inbound cargo for June, gained 92.0 percent. Total inbound cargo tonnage was up 1.8 percent YTD.

**% Share June 2001 Inbound Cargo**



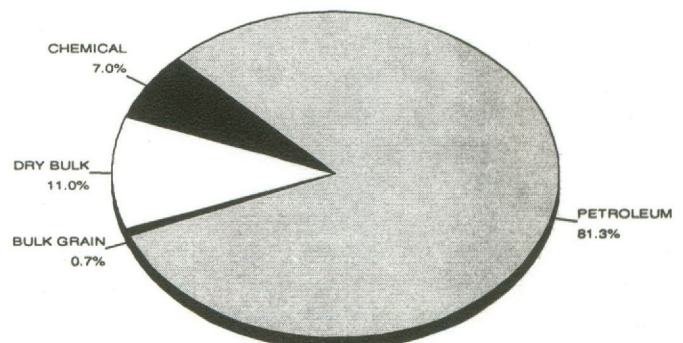
### Outbound Cargo (in Tons)

| COMMODITY    | APR 01           | MAY 01           | JUN 01           | JUN 00           | YTD 00            | YTD 01            | % CHG       |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| BREAK BULK   | 5,310            | 667              | 125              | 4,582            | 28,710            | 25,964            | -9.6        |
| DRY BULK     | 362,806          | 244,925          | 265,400          | 406,786          | 1,550,588         | 1,441,922         | -7.0        |
| BULK GRAIN   | 1,434,851        | 178,036          | 17,981           | 0                | 426,326           | 3,679,161         | 763.0       |
| LIQUID       | 5,422            | 5,463            | 0                | 0                | 0                 | 34,108            | N/A         |
| PETROLEUM    | 1,966,991        | 2,385,097        | 1,957,053        | 4,409,103        | 16,839,888        | 12,259,164        | -27.2       |
| CHEMICAL     | 209,818          | 137,138          | 169,627          | 11,211           | 1,005,251         | 977,646           | -2.7        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>3,985,198</b> | <b>2,951,327</b> | <b>2,410,185</b> | <b>4,831,683</b> | <b>19,850,764</b> | <b>18,417,965</b> | <b>-7.2</b> |

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 an 18.3 percent decrease in outbound cargo tonnage in June from the previous month. Petroleum, which was 81.2 percent of total outbound cargo, fell 17.9 percent. Bulk grain, which accounted for 0.7 percent of cargo, dropped 89.9 percent. Dry bulk, which accounted for 11.0 percent of the total outbound cargo for June, rose 8.4 percent from May. YTD total outbound cargo tonnage was down 7.2 percent.

**% Share June 2001 Outbound Cargo**





## Port Of Brownsville

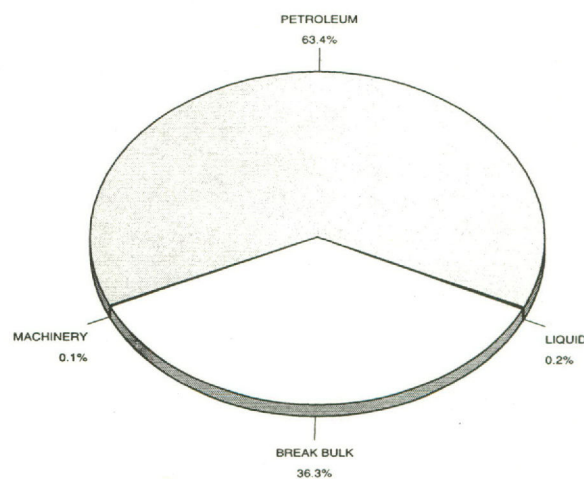
### Total Port Activity (in Metric Tons)

| COMMODITY    | APR 01        | MAY 01         | JUN 01         | JUN 00         | YTD 00           | YTD 01           | % CHG      |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| BREAK BULK   | 13,548        | 179,910        | 119,409        | 134,861        | 1,029,200        | 994,728          | -3.3       |
| LIQUID       | 238           | 5,536          | 537            | 9,836          | 38,238           | 28,363           | -25.8      |
| PETROLEUM    | 78,270        | 125,375        | 208,771        | 73,105         | 511,561          | 690,468          | 35.0       |
| GRAIN        | 0             | 0              | 0              | 1,339          | 43,649           | 31,204           | -28.5      |
| CONTAINERS   | 31            | 0              | 0              | 66             | 1,005            | 366              | -63.6      |
| MACHINERY    | 1,395         | 2,031          | 425            | 1,224          | 1,801            | 3,851            | 113.8      |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>93,482</b> | <b>312,852</b> | <b>329,142</b> | <b>220,431</b> | <b>1,625,454</b> | <b>1,748,980</b> | <b>7.6</b> |

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 an increase of 5.2 percent in June's total cargo tonnage over the previous month. Break Bulk, which accounted for 36.3 percent of the total cargo tonnage fell 33.6 percent from May's figures. Liquid, 0.2 percent share of June's total tonnage, dropped 90.3 percent. Petroleum, which made up 63.4 percent of the total cargo for June gained 66.5 percent. YTD figures showed a 7.6 percent increase. Break Bulk tonnage, with 56.9 percent of total tonnage, fell 3.3 percent. Grain, with 1.8 percent of total tonnage, had a YTD increase of 1.8 percent. Petroleum, with 39.5 percent of total tonnage, increased 35.0 percent.

### % Share June 2001 Total Cargo



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