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## Note from the Director

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- Southbound pedestrian crossings into Mexico were down 3.0 percent. Laredo fell 2.6 percent, Rio Grande jumped 30.5 percent, McAllen registered an increase of 1.7 percent and El Paso rose 3.5 percent.
- Northbound pedestrian crossings into Texas were up 3.1 percent. Laredo fell 1.6 percent. El Paso went up 2.4 percent. McAllen marked an increase of 38.8 percent.
- Southbound vehicle crossings were down 1.1 percent. Brownsville rose 1.3 percent, and Eagle Pass rose 2.7 percent. El Paso went down 0.2 percent and Pharr decreased 0.6 percent. Laredo went up 1.2 percent. McAllen gained 1.6 percent.
- Northbound vehicle crossings were down 1.8 percent. Eagle Pass rose 1.2 percent. Del Rio dropped 1.0 percent. Roma increased 1.4 percent, El Paso went up 1.1 percent, Brownsville lost 5.8 percent and Pharr increased 7.9 percent.
- Southbound truck crossings into Mexico were down 3.8 percent. Eagle Pass went down 11.9 percent. Pharr increased 3.8 percent, and Laredo fell 1.0 percent. Del Rio was down 2.4 percent. Progreso gained 6.2 and Rio Grande grew 12.3 percent.
- Northbound truck crossings into Texas went down 6.5 percent, Pharr gained 0.2 percent and Eagle Pass posted a 3.7 percent decrease. Brownsville decreased 21.0 percent, Laredo fell 6.2 percent, Del Rio marked a drop of 8.1 percent. Rio Grande had a gain of 24.9 percent. Progreso went up 47.2 percent.
- Southbound shipments by rail were up 5.0 percent.
- Northbound shipments by rail were up 5.1 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs went up by 0.2 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators were up 4.2 percent.
- Total building permits issued were up 4.7 percent. Laredo rose 20.6 percent, Eagle Pass fell 1.3 percent, while McAllen-Hidalgo dropped 0.4 percent, and Brownsville registered a decrease of 7.9 percent. El Paso showed a 4.1 percent increase.
- Total building permit values increased 29.3 percent. Laredo increased 17.3 percent, and Brownsville fell 9.6 percent. McAllen increased 85.7 percent. El Paso was up 14.1 percent, and Eagle Pass was jumped 73.4 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.8 percent, with 7,978 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate in May 2001 was 7.4 percent for the border.

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## U.S.-Mexico Trade Holding Steady According to April Figures

U.S.-Mexico trade figures for the year 2001 continued to increase slightly over those of the year 2000. The April 2001 year-to-date total dollar trade value between the U.S. and Mexico registered a $\$ 78.6$ billion, a total percent growch of 1.8 percent over the $\$ 77.2$ billion posted 2000 year-to-date. As shown in Chart 1, 2001 exports remained equal to last year's trade figures. Imports chalked up a small gain of 3.3 percent for this period. Of the U.S. ports bordering Mexico, Texas' ports continue to handle a sizable 64.1 percent or $\$ 50.4$ billion of U.S.-Mexico total dollar value (See Chart 3).

Chart 2 exhibits the amount of the total dollar value going through the U.S.-Mexico border ports (See Map 1 Below). These ports have processed this year, $\$ 65.2$ billion or 83.0 percent of the total U.S.-Mexico trade dollar value. This was a 1.9 percent increase over the $\$ 64.0$ billion recorded last year for the same period. Export values of goods traversing at the border ports were down by 1.4 percent but import values increased by 4.7 percent. Of the $\$ 65.2$ billion, Texas ports share was 77.3 percent ( $\$ 50.4$ billion) of the value (See Chart 3 ).

In both exports and imports, Texas continued transiting the larger share of the total dollar trade value, even with the slight drop-off on exports. California, Arizona and New Mexico together handled a smaller portion of this trade, but they continued to mark up gains nonetheless (See Chart 3).

With the figures in for the first four months of the year 2001, it appears that the down turn in the stock market and the slowing of the U.S. economy has had its affect on U.S.-Mexico trade. The effect has tempered the double-digit increases experienced in 2000, but increases, however so slight, have still been recorded. The next several months will be of great interest as to whether U.S.-Mexico trade keeps a slight pace ahead of last year or will it exhibited any losses. In subsequent issues of the Border Business Indicators, we will continue to monitor any fluctuations that may occur.

In the meantime, if you have an interest in monthly figures for the ports along the U.S.-Mexico border, visit our web site at www.tamiu.edu/coba/txcntr. On our main page, click on the link Border Trade Data and take a moment to view our trade data. There you will find an expanded version of the data used for this report. If you require more detailed trade data, 1 -digit Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) groupings are available. -B. G. Garcia



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

April 2000 YTD vs. April 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 Porls April 2000 YTD vs. April 2001 YTD


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

## Texas-Mexico Border Ports: Just What Do They Handle?

By truck and by rail, the brunt of U.S.-Mexico trade is handled by ports along their mutual borders. Texas border ports processed the greater part of the dollar trade value (See Article "U.S.-Mexico
trade holding steady according to April figures", page 3). Below is a table depicting the top three May 2001 Year-to-Date U.S. exports to Mexico through each Texas border port.

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| Port | Rank | STC | Product Description | Total \$ Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Brownsville | 1 | 77129 | Parts Of Electric Power Machinery (Other Than Rotating Electric Power Generating Machinery And Equipment), And Parts Thereof | 212,757,164 |
|  | 2 | 78432 | Other Parts And Accessories Of Motor Vehicle Bodies Of Headings 8701 To 8705 (Including Cabs) | 198,171,428 |
|  | 3 | 77649 | Electronic Integrated Circuits And Microassemblies, N.E.S. | 165,310,459 |
| Del Rio | 1 | 82119 | Parts Of Seats, N.E.S. | 58,046,206 |
|  | 2 | 65315 | Woven Manmade Textile Fabrics, N.E.S., Not Under 85\% (Weight) Textured Filaments Of Polyester (Other Than Pile Or Chenille And Narrow Etc. Fabrics) | 35,046,783 |
|  | 3 | 77829 | Parts Of Electric Filament Or Discharge Lamps (Including Parts Of Sealed Beam Lamp Units And Ulitraviolet Or Infrared Lamps) And Arc Lamps | 30,614,427 |
| Eagle Pass | 1 | 71322 | Reciprocating Piston Engines Of A Cylinder Capacity Exceeding 1,000 Cc | 193,401,465 |
|  | 2 | 78432 | Other Parts And Accessories Of Motor Vehicle Bodies Of Headings 8701 To 8705 (Including Cabs) | 133,451,151 |
|  | 3 | 78439 | Parts And Accessories N.E.S. For Tractors, Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles, Trucks, Public-Transport Vehicles And Road Motor Vehicles, N.E.S. | 125,576,410 |
| Laredo | 1 | 78120 | Motor Vehicles For The Transport Of Persons (Other Than Public Transport), N.E.S. | 1,094,433,199 |
|  | 2 | 78432 | Other Parts And Accessories Of Motor Vehicle Bodies Of Headings 8701 To 8705 (Including Cabs) | 666,208,332 |
|  | 3 | 78439 | Parts And Accessories N.E.S. For Tractors, Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles, Trucks, Public-Transport Vehicles And Road Motor Vehicles, N.E.S. | 566,016,891 |
| Hidalgo | 1 | 77867 | Fixed Capacitors, N.E.S. | 143,428,714 |
|  | 2 | 77643 | Nondigital Monolithic Integrated Units | 98,918,176 |
|  | 3 | 76493 | Parts Of Television Receivers, Radiobroadcast Receivers, Transmission Apparatus For Radio Telephony, Telegraphy, Broadcasting Or Television Etc. Pts Of Tv Rec, Radiobroad Rec, Sound Record, Etc. | 93,325,220 |
| Rio Grande | 1 | 97101 | Gold (Including Gold Plated With Platinum), Nonmonetary, Unwrought Or in Semimanufactured Forms Or in Powder Form | 14,601,982 |
|  | 2 | 04530 | Grain Sorghum, Unmilled | 7,251,661 |
|  | 3 | 66749 | Synthetic Or Reconstructed Precious Or Semiprecious Stones, N.E.S., Not Strung, Mounted, Or Set (Including Ungraded Stones Strung Only For Transport) | 3,777,578 |
| Progreso | 1 | 04530 | Grain Sorghum, Unmilled | 18,025,779 |
|  | 2 | 04490 | Maize (Not Including Sweet Corn) Unmilled, Except Seed | 8,452,827 |
|  | 3 | 04814 | Worked Cereal Grains N.E.S. (E.G. Hulled, Pearled, Clipped, Sliced Or Kibbled), Except Semi-Milled Or Wholly Milled Rice | 8,358,213 |
| Roma | 1 | 76424 | Headphones, Earphones And Combined Microphone/Speaker Sets | 3,117,004 |
|  | 2 | 78432 | Other Parts And Accessories Of Motor Vehicle Bodies Of Headings 8701 To 8705 (Including Cabs) | 3,063,537 |
|  | 3 | 78439 | Parts And Accessories N.E.S. For Tractors, Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles, Trucks, Public-Transport Vehicles And Road Motor Vehicles, N.E.S. | 2,839,815 |
| El Paso | 1 | 77641 | Digital Monolithic Integrated Units | 544,830,586 |
|  | 2 | 89399 | Articles Of Plastics, N.E.S. | 266,949,129 |
|  | 3 | 77611 | Television Picture Tubes, Color | 229,192,204 |
| Presidio | 1 | 77255 | Switches For Electrical Apparatus, N.E.S., For Voltages Not Exceeding 1,000 Volts | 4,059,539 |
|  | 2 | 72123 | Harvesting And Threshing Machinery, N.E.S.; Mowers, N.E.S. (Other Than Mowers For Lawns, Parks Or Sports Grounds) | 2,019,411 |
|  | 3 | 26310 | Cotton (Other Than Linters), Not Carded Or Combed | 1,923,759 |
| Fabens | 1 | 73317 | Punching Or Notching Machines, N.E.S. (Including Presses), Including Combined Punching And Shearing Machines (Not Numerically Controlled) | 67,000 |

Below is a table exhibiting the top three May 2001 Year-to-Date U.S. imports from Mexico which enter by way of these Texas border ports. If you wish to see the top 25 U.S. exports, visit our web
site and click on the link, Border Trade Data. In next month's issue of the Border Business Indicators, we review year-to-date dollar value figures for these Texas border ports. -B. G. Garcia

| Port | Rank | SITC | Product Description | Total \$ Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Brownsville | 1 | 76211 | Radiobroadcast Receivers, Combined With Sound Recording Or Reproducing Apparatus, Operating With An External Power Source As In Motor Vehicles | 342,967,222 |
|  | 2 | 78432 | Other Parts And Accessories Of Motor Vehicle Bodies Of Headings 8701 To 8705 (Including Cabs) | 172,174,763 |
|  | 3 | 78439 | Parts And Accessories N.E.S. For Tractors, Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles, Trucks, Public-Transport Vehicles And Road Motor Vehicles, N.E.S: | 147,060,422 |
| Del Rio | 1 | 77313 | Ignition Wiring Sets And Other Wiring Sets Of A Kind Used In Vehicles, Aircraft Or Ships | 110,773,049 |
|  | 2 | 82119 | Parts Of Seats, N.E.S. | 96,675,852 |
|  | 3 | 74380 | Parts For Air Or Vacuum Pumps, Air Or Other Gas Compressors And Fans; Parts Of Ventilating, Recyling Or Cooker Hoods Incorporating A Fan | 29,527,655 |
| Eagle Pass | 1 | 84140 | Trousers, Bib And Brace Overalls, Breeches And Shorts Of Woven Textile Materials, Men'S Or Boys' | 156,117,572 |
|  | - 2 | 69941 | Springs And Leaves For Springs, Of Iron Or Steel | 114,302,173 |
|  | 3 | 71322 | Reciprocating Piston Engines Of A Cylinder Capacity Exceeding 1,000 Cc | 107,158,448 |
| Laredo | 1 | 78120 | Motor Vehicles For The Transport Of Persons (Other Than Public Transport), N.E.S. | 4,320,971,443 |
|  | 2 | 78219 | Motor Vehicles For The Transport Of Goods, N.E.S. | 1,799,510,145 |
|  | 3 | 75997 | Parts Of Automatic Data Processing Machines And Units Thereof, Magnetic Or Optical Readers, And Machines For Transcribing And Processing Data N.E.S. | 463,661,820 |
| Hidalgo | 1 | 76432 | Transmission Apparatus For Radiotelephony, Radiotelegraphy, Radiobroadcasting Or Television, Incorporating Reception Apparatus | 288,527,766 |
|  | 2 | 78432 | Other Parts And Accessories Of Motor Vehicle Bodies Of Headings 8701 To 8705 (Including Cabs) | 169,383,474 |
|  | 3 | 71631 | Electric Motors Of An Output Exceeding 37.5 W (Including Universal Ac/Dc Motors), Ac | 132,791,627 |
| Rio Grande | 1 | 89731 | Articles Of Jewelry And Parts Thereof, Of Precious Metal Or Metals Clad With Precious Metals (Except Watches And Watch Cases) | 21,430,407 |
|  | 2 | 28929 | Waste And Scrap Of Precious Metals N.E.S., Or Of Metals Clad With Precious Metal Other Than Gold Or Platinum | 4,651,446 |
|  | 3 | 05791 | Melons (Including Watermelons) And Papaws (Papayas), Fresh | 3,383,970 |
| Progreso | 1 | 75997 | Parts Of Automatic Data Processing Machines And Units Thereof, Magnetic Or Optical Readers, And Machines For Transcribing And Processing Data N.E.S. | 500,916 |
|  | 2 | 64213 | Paper Sacks And Bags, With A Base Of 40 Cm Or Over In Width | 443,554 |
|  | 3 | 64214 | Paper Sacks And Bags (Including Cones), N.E.S. | 381,953 |
| Roma | 1 | 29299 | Vegetable Materials And Vegetable Products, N.E.S. | 1,541,146 |
|  | 2 | 66332 | Building Blocks And Bricks, Tiles, Flagstones And Similar Articles Of Cement, Concrete Or Artificial Stone | 924,277 |
|  | 3 | 67650 | Bars and Rods of Iron or Steel, N.E.S. | 687,614 |
| El Paso | 1 | 77313 | Ignition Wiring Sets And Other Wiring Sets Of A Kind Used In Vehicles, Aircraft Or Ships | 930,882,629 |
|  | 2 | 76431 | Transmission Apparatus For Radiotelephony, Radiotelegraphy, Radiobroadcasting Or Television, Not Incorporating Reception Apparatus | 687,343,287 |
|  | 3 | 76110 | TV Receivers, Color, Incl Video Monitors \& Projectors), Whet Or Nt Incorp Radiobroadcast Receivers Or Sound Or Video Recordng Or Reproducing Apparatus | 641,834,684 |
| Presidio | 1 | 00119 | Bovine Animals, Other Than Purebred Breeding Animals, Live | 49,514,852 |
|  | 2 | 78439 | Parts And Accessories N.E.S. For Tractors, Motor Cars And Other Motor Vehicles, Trucks, Public-Transport Vehicles And Road Motor Vehicles, N.E.S. | 2,916,480 |
|  | 3 | 78689 | Parts Of Trailers And Semi-Trailers, For Housing Or Camping, Transport Of Goods, Trailers, N.E.S. And Vehicles Not Mechanically Propelled, N.E.S. | 1,733,519 |
| Fabens | 1 | 76432 | Transmission Apparatus For Radiotelephony, Radiotelegraphy, Radiobroadcasting Or Television, Incorporating Reception Apparatus | 2,741,744 |

Pedestrian Bridge Crossings into Mexico

| CITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | 299,927 | 231,839 | 232,936 | 219,974 | $1,178,111$ | $1,200,332$ | 1.9 |
| DEL RIO | 7,167 | 4,224 | 4,140 | 3,611 | 19,770 | 22,088 | 11,7 |
| EAGLE PASS | 5,154 | 55,828 | 53,566 | 51,857 | 263,652 | 256,286 | -2.8 |
| ELPASO | 479,540 | 447,341 | 462,256 | 443,852 | $2,149,245$ | $2,225,509$ | 3.5 |
| HARLINGEN | 52 | 93 | 103 | 123 | 364 | 407 | 11.8 |
| LAREDO | 371,695 | 370,284 | 363,162 | 351,348 | $1,800,241$ | $1,753,849$ | -2.6 |
| MCALLEN-HIDALGO | 131,753 | 120,182 | 119,437 | 103,500 | 577,520 | 587,251 | 1.7 |
| PHARR | 391,244 | 360,936 | 157,994 | 371,672 | $1,830,955$ | $1,588,575$ | -13.2 |
| PROGRESO | 191,835 | 89,826 | 71,731 | 69,308 | 700,832 | 677,148 | -3.4 |
| RIO GRANDE | 1,615 | 1,195 | 1,245 | 1,090 | 5,030 | 6,564 | 30.5 |
| ROMA | N/A | N/A | N/A | 14,707 | 77,643 | N/A | N/A |
| TOTAL | $1,929,982$ | $1,681,748$ | $1,466,570$ | $1,631,042$ | $8,603,363$ | $8,343,229$ | -3.0 |

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 May were down 12.8 percent. Rio Grande increased 4.2 percent, Brownsville rose 0.5 percent, Eagle Pass decreased 4.1 percent, El Paso gained 3.3 percent, and Laredo dropped 1.9 percent. Progreso declined 20.1 percent, and McAllen-Hidalgo was down 0.6 percent. Del Rio fell 2.0 percent. YTD southbound pedestrian crossings into Mexico fell 3.0 percent. El Paso's southbound pedestrian crossings, which made up 26.7 percent of all crossings, increased 3.5 percent YTD. Laredo, accounting for 21.0 percent of total crossings, decreased 2.6 percent YTD. Brownsville, with a 14.4 percent share, increased 1.9 percent YTD. Progreso, with 8.1 percent share, declined 3.4 percent. Del Rio, with 0.3 percent, increased 11.7 percent YTD.


## Pedestrian Bridge Crossings into Texas

| CITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | 330,346 | 264,838 | 263,780 | 252,718 | 1,319,357 | 1,337,398 | 1.4 |
| DEL RIO | 10,286 | 8,117 | 7,304 | 10,060 | 46,747 | 40,312 | -13.8 |
| EAGLE PASS | 66,279 | 70,476 | 68,824 | 72,049 | 336,945 | 323,485 | -4.0 |
| EL PASO | 613,173 | 589,515 | 591,779 | 626,690 | 2,789,641 | 2,856,288 | 2.4 |
| LAREDO | 412,061 | 399,478 | 391,273 | 411,885 | 1,959,849 | 1,928,253 | -1.6 |
| McALLEN-HIDALGO | 162,593 | 152,507 | 151,415 | 108,710 | 529,784 | 735,165 | 38.8 |
| PRESIDIO | 3,005 | 2,711 | 2,463 | 2,821 | 12,995 | 13,368 | 2.9 |
| PROGRESO | 188,177 | 89,876 | 74,680 | 88,438 | 663,997 | 673,213 | 1.4 |
| RIO GRANDE | 1,579 | 1,473 | 1,349 | 1,652 | 6,706 | 7,269 | 8.4 |
| ROMA | 18,916 | 17,811 | 17,751 | 19,170 | 92,649 | 86,041 | -7.1 |
| TOTAL | 1,806,415 | 1,596,802 | 1,570,618 | 1,594,193 | 7,758,670 | 8,000,792 | 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 pedestrian crossings into Texas down 1.6 percent in May. Progreso decreased 16.9 percent, Brownsville was down 0.4 percent, El Paso rose 0.4 percent, and Laredo declined 2.1 percent. YTD northbound pedestrian crossings into Texas were up 3.1 percent. El Paso, accounting for 35.7 percent of northbound crossings, was up 2.4 percent YTD. Laredo, with 24.1 percent of all northbound crossings, was down 1.6 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 16.7 percent of all northbound pedestrian crossings, increased 1.4 percent from the previous year.


Vehicle Bridge-Crossings into Mexico

| CITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | 591,341 | 671,880 | 632,194 | 625,432 | $3,122,886$ | $3,163,652$ | 1.3 |
| DEL RIO | 147,837 | 171,695 | 155,159 | 167,632 | 814,801 | 775,115 | -4.9 |
| EAGLE PASS | 250,107 | 285,190 | 275,094 | 268,787 | $1,312,171$ | $1,347,493$ | 2.7 |
| EL PASO | 431,323 | 488,559 | 460,771 | 441,029 | $2,329,032$ | $2,323,363$ | -0.2 |
| HARLINGEN | 43,307 | 51,969 | 49,606 | 48,529 | 238,687 | 239,245 | 0.2 |
| LAREDO | 595,514 | 786,184 | 767,440 | 714,997 | $3,580,984$ | $3,623,611$ | 1.2 |
| MCALLEN-HIDALGO | 466,887 | 523,087 | 508,574 | 503,227 | $2,462,131$ | $2,502,385$ | 1.6 |
| PHARR | 163,026 | 191,976 | 175,014 | 175,585 | 884,873 | 879,535 | -0.6 |
| PROGRESO | 100,822 | 115,057 | 99,477 | 95,364 | 495,466 | 510,960 | 3.1 |
| RIO GRANDE | 48,133 | 54,964 | 52,014 | 53,503 | 253,843 | 247,365 | -2.6 |
| ROMA | 93,974 | N/A | N/A | 99,756 | 490,761 | N/A | N/A |
| TOTAL | $2,932,271$ | $3,340,561$ | $3,175,343$ | $3,193,841$ | $15,985,635$ | $15,802,603$ | $-1,1$ |

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

Southbound vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico were up 2.8 percent in May from April's figures. Eagle Pass was up 2.7 percent, Del Rio climbed 1.4 percent, Rio Grande decreased 11.9 percent, McAllen-Hidalgo increased 1.8 percent, and Brownsville went up 2.8 percent. Harlingen jumped 0.4 percent, and Laredo rose 3.6 percent. YTD southbound vehicle bridge crossings was down 1.1 percent. Laredo, with 22.9 percent of all southbound traffic, was up
1.2 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 20.0 percent of all southbound vehicle bridge crossings, had a 1.3 percent increase YTD. El Paso, accounting for 14.7 percent of all southbound vehicle crossings, fell 0.2 percent YTD. McAllen-Hidalgo, with 15.8 percent of all southbound vehicle crossings, experienced a 1.6 percent increase YTD.

Vehicle Bridge-Crossings into Texas

| CITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | 628,471 | 607,212 | 453,631 | 638,396 | $3,010,283$ | $2,835,757$ | -5.8 |
| DEL RIO | 173,598 | 170,412 | 171,308 | 169,361 | 835,008 | 826,243 | -1.0 |
| EAGLE PASS | 291,151 | 288,102 | 291,602 | 282,697 | $1,387,960$ | $1,404,458$ | 1.2 |
| EL PASO | 765,542 | 746,145 | 761,839 | 734,962 | $3,700,563$ | $3,660,434$ | $-1,1$ |
| HARLINGEN | 62,531 | 60,705 | 60,347 | 59,646 | 295,437 | 293,097 | -0.8 |
| LAREDO | 689,973 | 683,806 | 698,008 | 665,511 | $3,468,771$ | $3,339,874$ | -3.7 |
| MCALLEN-HIDALGO | 480,184 | 481,041 | 480,505 | 503,207 | $2,420,470$ | $2,338,155$ | -3.4 |
| PHARR | 240,087 | 219,330 | 222,459 | 205,055 | $1,008,181$ | $1,088,171$ | 7.9 |
| PRESIDIO | 65,455 | 64,645 | 62,114 | 64,387 | 317,274 | 311,575 | -1.8 |
| PROGRESO | 110,360 | 99,450 | 93,341 | 91,792 | 474,526 | 495,881 | 4.5 |
| RIO GRANDE | 59,003 | 58,022 | 55,105 | 57,440 | 285,345 | 279,370 | -2.1 |
| ROMA | 107,883 | 102,795 | 101,353 | 99,798 | 499,654 | 506,562 | 1.4 |
| TOTAL | $3,674,238$ | $3,581,665$ | $3,451,612$ | $3,572,252$ | $17,703,472$ | $17,379,577$ | -1.8 |

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 May were down 3.6 percent from April. Roma registered a 1.4 percent decrease, Eagle Pass went up 1.2 percent, Progreso fell 6.1 percent, Brownsville lost 25.3 percent, and McAllen-Hidalgo decreased 0.1 percent. Presidio was down 3.9 percent, and Laredo increased 2.1
percent. YTD northbound vehicle bridge crossings into Texas were down 1.8 percent. El Paso, with 21.1 percent of all crossings, was up 1.1 percent YTD. Laredo, with 19.2 percent of all crossings, fell 3.7 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 16.3 percent of all crossings, declined 5.8 percent YTD.

## Truck Crossings into Mexico - Number of Trucks

| CITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BROWNSVILLE + | 18,592 | 16,371 | 18,685 | 20,324 | 98,401 | 88,209 | -10.4 |
| DEL RIO+ | 6,017 | 4,877 | 6,417 | 5,565 | 28,956 | 28,258 | -2.4 |
| EAGLE PASS + | 8,861 | 7,740 | 8,407 | 10,219 | 47,202 | 41,592 | -11.9 |
| EL PASO+++ | +++ | +++ | +++ | +++ | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| HARLINGEN+ | 3,674 | 2,826 | 4,371 | 7,971 | 29,757 | 18,414 | -38.1 |
| LAREDO+ | 124,275 | 103,036 | 109,877 | 122,209 | 569,237 | 563,698 | -1.0 |
| MCALLEN-HIDALGO+ | 3,506 | 3,140 | 3,701 | 4,004 | 20,354 | 17,444 | -14.3 |
| PHARR+ | 25,919 | 22,619 | 23,595 | 22,086 | 109,396 | 113,552 | 3.8 |
| PROGRESO+ | 2,826 | 2,296 | 773 | 2,016 | 10,279 | 10,920 | 6.2 |
| RIO GRANDE+ | 2,165 | 2,186 | 1,991 | 1,740 | 9,652 | 10,837 | 12.3 |
| ROMA+ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ | 1,406 | 6,670 | N/A | N/A |
| TOTAL | 195,835 | 165,091 | 177,817 | 197,540 | 929,904 | 895,021 | -3.8 |

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
$+\quad$ 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 7.7 percent in May. Harlingen increased 54.7 percent, Del Rio rose 31.6 percent, and Pharr went up 4.3 percent. Rio Grande dropped 8.9 percent. Laredo was up 6.6 percent and Brownsville went up 14.1 percent. YTD southbound truck crossings were down 3.8 percent. Laredo, with 63.0 percent
of all southbound crossings, experienced a 1.0 percent decrease YTD. Brownsville, with a 9.9 percent of all southbound crossings, had a 10.4 percent decrease YTD. Pharr, with 12.7 percent, registered an increase of 3.8 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, with 4.6 percent of all truck crossings, fell 11.9 percent YTD.

Truck Crossings into Texas -Number of Trucks

| CITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 001 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | $\%$ CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | 21,043 | 18,570 | 22,058 | 27,771 | 129,762 | 102,499 | -21.0 |
| DEL RIO | 3,967 | 4,930 | 5,524 | 5,420 | 25,973 | 23,874 | -8.1 |
| EAGLE PASS | 8,921 | 8,473 | 9,063 | 9,876 | 45,472 | 43,801 | -3.7 |
| FALCON | 22 | 25 | 47 | 48 | 239 | 148 | -38.1 |
| LAREDO | 121,363 | 108,443 | 125,059 | 131,385 | 614,260 | 576,094 | -6.2 |
| MCALLEN-HIDALGO | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| PHARR | 35,311 | 34,072 | 31,877 | 32,856 | 159,193 | 159,584 | 0.2 |
| PROGRESO | 1,677 | 1,626 | 1,108 | 1,043 | 4,687 | 6,900 | 47.2 |
| RIO GRANDE | 2,496 | 2,569 | 2,273 | 1,931 | 10,033 | 12,527 | 24.9 |
| ROMA | 1,028 | 862 | 1,063 | 1,268 | 5,686 | 4,726 | -16.9 |
| TOTAL | 195,828 | 179,570 | 198,072 | 211,598 | 995,305 | 930,153 | -6.5 |

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.

May northbound truck crossings into Texas were up 10.3 percent over April's crossings. Eagle Pass was up 7.0 percent, Brownsville increased 18.8 percent, Progreso fell 31.9 percent, Pharr declined 6.4 percent, and Laredo went up 15.3 percent. Roma jumped 23.3 percent. YTD northbound truck crossings were down 6.5 percent.

Laredo, accounting for 61.9 percent of all northbound truck crossings, had a 6.2 percent decrease YTD. Pharr, with 17.2 percent of all crossings, experienced a 0.2 percent increase YTD. Brownsville, with 11.0 percent of all northbound truck crossings, experienced an 21.0 percent decrease YTD.

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

| CITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | 5,029 | 3,113 | 3,617 | 2,885 | 15,188 | 18,011 | 18.6 |
| EAGLE PASS | 8,374 | 7,382 | 6,879 | 6,333 | 33,833 | 34,839 | 3.0 |
| ELPASO | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| LAREDO | 16,865 | 16,264 | 14,640 | 16,777 | 74,621 | 76,997 | 3.2 |
| TOTAL | 30,268 | 26,759 | 25,136 | 25,995 | 123,642 | 129,847 | 5.0 |

Source: Data provided by railroad companies serving cited cities and compiled by Texas $A \mathbb{\&} M$ International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development
Southbound rail shipments into Mexico decreased 6.1 percent in May compared to April. Brownsville gained 16.2 percent, while Laredo declined 10.0 percent. Eagle Pass dropped 6.8 percent. YTD southbound rail shipments into Mexico from Texas were up 5.0 percent. Laredo which accounted for 59.3 percent of all southbound rail shipments, was up 3.2 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, accounting for 26.8 percent of all southbound rail shipments, increased 3.0 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 13.9 percent of all southbound rail shipments, showed an increase of 18.6 percent YTD.

Export Rail YTD \% Change 00-01


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

| CITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | 937 | 884 | 1,023 | 1,188 | 5,131 | 4,598 | -10.4 |
| EAGLE PASS | 2,881 | 2,716 | 2,646 | 4,261 | 18,285 | 13,928 | -23.8 |
| EL PASO | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| LAREDO | 14,958 | 13,090 | 15,637 | 11,835 | 59,022 | 68,120 | 15.4 |
| TOTAL | 18,776 | 16,690 | 19,306 | 17,284 | 82,438 | 86,646 | 5.1 |

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

Northbound rail shipments into Texas increased 15.7 percent in May.Laredo rose 19.5 percent, Brownsville grew 15.7 percent, and Eagle Pass dropped 2.6 percent. YTD total northbound shipments into Texas from Mexico were up 5.1 percent. Laredo, which accounted for 78.6 percent of all northbound rail shipments, were up 15.4 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, accounting for 16.1 percent of all northbound rail shipments, fell 23.8 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 5.3 percent of all northbound rail shipments, decreased 10.4 percent YTD.

Import Rail YTD \% Change 00-01


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

|  |  |  |  | OTHER | TOTAL | TOTAL | YTD | YTD |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | DUTY | MPF | REVENUE | REVENUE | REVENUE | REVENUE | REVENUE | YTD |
| CITY | MAY 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | MAY 00 | MAY 01 | \% CHG |
| BROWNSVILLE | $2,785,603$ | 154,912 | 348,125 | $3,288,640$ | $5,274,442$ | $22,619,500$ | $18,543,037$ | -18.0 |
| DEL RIO | 126,310 | 34,316 | 25,385 | 186,011 | 188,543 | 900,983 | 831,508 | $-7,7$ |
| EAGLE PASS | 179,994 | 10,512 | $3,318,768$ | $3,509,274$ | $3,329,727$ | $14,081,968$ | $14,926,958$ | 6.0 |
| LAREDO | $7,827,799$ | 644,227 | $11,489,906$ | $19,961,932$ | $19,130,352$ | $89,191,763$ | $92,832,012$ | 4.1 |
| MCALLEN-HIDALGO | $2,281,400$ | 227,796 | 876,279 | $3,385,475$ | $2,658,400$ | $14,036,399$ | $14,085,754$ | 0.4 |
| PROGRESO | 29 | 915 | 8,942 | 9,886 | 13,240 | 97,690 | 85,758 | -12.2 |
| RIO GRANDE | 64,137 | 7,058 | 15,548 | 86,743 | 93,183 | 368,077 | 363,090 | -1.4 |
| ROMA | 15,049 | 661 | 9,803 | 25,513 | 48,488 | 221,597 | 148,670 | -32.9 |
| TOTAL | $13,280,321$ | $1,080,398$ | $16,092,755$ | $30,453,474$ | $30,736,375$ | $141,517,976$ | $141,816,786$ | 0.2 |

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 May, for the former District of Laredo, had a minuscule gain of .006 percent from April's figures. McAllen-Hidalgo was up 13.2 percent, Rio Grande rose 5.1 percent, Progreso fell 36.3 percent, Roma decreased 21.8 percent, Rio Grande rose 5.1 percent, Laredo went up 0.1 percent, Eagle Pass went down 22.0 percent, Brownsville rose 20.1 percent, and Del Rio was up 17.3 percent. YTD revenues for the border were up 0.2
percent compared to May 2000. Laredo, accounting for 65.5 percent share of the former district's revenue was up 4.1 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 13.1 percent share of total revenues, was down 18.0 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, accounting for 10.5 percent of all revenues, was up 6.0 percent YTD. McAllen-Hidalgo, with 9.9 percent of total revenues, increased 0.4 percent YTD.
\% Change Total Revenues YTD 00-01


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

| CITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | 966,649 | 899,679 | 952,754 | 817,665 | $3,999,425$ | $4,508,601$ | 12.7 |
| DEL RIO | 404,980 | 390,306 | 400,085 | 385,396 | $1,943,575$ | $1,900,796$ | -2.2 |
| EAGLE PASS | 639,197 | 561,727 | 581,552 | 638,322 | $3,060,502$ | $2,925,184$ | -4.4 |
| EL PASO | $1,014,588$ | 994,195 | $1,019,518$ | $1,014,713$ | $4,932,619$ | $4,859,349$ | -1.5 |
| HARLINGEN | 122,790 | 107,391 | 126,569 | 133,620 | 609,756 | 581,468 | -4.6 |
| LAREDO | $2,786,669$ | $2,232,691$ | $2,435,639$ | $2,389,497$ | $11,569,426$ | $11,889,533$ | 2.8 |
| MCALLEN-HIDALGO | 864,636 | 835,130 | 851,855 | 719,541 | $3,482,608$ | $4,122,660$ | 18.4 |
| PHARR | 464,078 | 448,312 | 374,342 | 411,848 | $1,975,553$ | $2,103,419$ | 6.5 |
| TOTAL | $7,263,587$ | $6,469,430$ | $6,742,313$ | $6,510,601$ | $31,573,463$ | $32,891,010$ | 4.2 |

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 4.2 percent in the month of May. Pharr went down 16.5 percent, Brownsville rose 5.9 percent, Laredo went up 9.1 percent. Del Rio increased 2.5 percent, Harlingen jumped 17.9 percent, McAllen-Hidalgo was up 2.0 percent, Eagle Pass gained 3.5 percent, and El Paso increased 2.5 percent. YTD U.S. bridge operator's revenues were up 4.2 percent. Laredo, accounting for 36.1 percent of total U.S. bridge operator's
revenues collected, had a 2.8 percent increase YTD. El Paso, accounting for 14.8 percent of total U.S. bridge revenues, decreased 1.5 percent YTD. Brownsville, accounting for 13.7 percent, was up 12.7 percent YTD. McAllen-Hidalgo, with 12.5 percent of the total bridge revenues, increased 18.4 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, with 8.9 percent of the total bridge revenues, fell 4.4 percent YTD.

## Building Permits -Texas Border

Number of Permits

| NUMBER | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | 378 | 319 | 355 | 362 | 1,804 | 1,662 | -7.9 |
| DEL RIO | 99 | 75 | N/A | 65 | 288 | N/A | N/A |
| EAGLE PASS | 49 | 57 | 48 | 45 | 237 | 234 | -1.3 |
| EL PASO | 654 | 511 | 733 | 540 | 2,878 | 2,997 | 4.1 |
| HARLINGEN | 35 | 29 | 83 | 76 | 358 | 266 | -25.7 |
| LAREDO | 763 | 688 | 705 | 675 | 2,628 | 3,170 | 20.6 |
| MCALLEN | 145 | 142 | 153 | 154 | 744 | 741 | -0.4 |
| TOTAL | 2,123 | 1,821 | 2,077 | 1,917 | 8,937 | 9,358 | 4.7 |

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

May building permits issued by reporting Texas border cities were up 14.1 percent from April. Eagle Pass fell 15.8 percent, El Paso went up 43.4 percent, and Laredo rose 2.5 percent. McAllen increased 7.7 percent, and Brownsville climbed 11.3 percent. YTD, the number of permits issued rose 4.7 percent. El Paso,
accounting for 32.0 percent of all building permits issued, had an increase of 4.1 percent YTD. Laredo, with 33.9 percent of building permits issued, was up 20.6 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 17.8 percent of building permits issued, decreased 7.9 percent YTD.

# Building Permits -Texas Border (Cont.) 

## U.S. Dollar Value of Permits

| VALUE | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | $19,379,114$ | $16,949,937$ | $28,592,620$ | $16,032,013$ | $107,818,235$ | $97,493,023$ | -9.6 |
| DEL RIO | 991,895 | $1,125,404$ | N/A | 855,472 | $4,744,358$ | N/A | N/A |
| EAGLE PASS | 770,486 | $8,525,597$ | $1,591,677$ | $1,536,253$ | $7,845,841$ | $13,604,595$ | 73.4 |
| EL PASO | $38,169,047$ | $23,152,781$ | $49,186,145$ | $31,063,158$ | $173,082,211$ | $197,478,206$ | 14.1 |
| HARLINGEN | $7,767,233$ | $3,535,559$ | $14,121,580$ | $3,485,890$ | $22,260,607$ | $64,571,024$ | 190.1 |
| LAREDO | $22,692,974$ | $24,911,069$ | $27,418,703$ | $15,686,595$ | $105,117,290$ | $123,341,102$ | 17.3 |
| MCALLEN | $59,236,669$ | $16,846,115$ | $13,689,379$ | $17,799,146$ | $77,908,036$ | $144,679,184$ | 85.7 |
| TOTAL | $149,007,417$ | $122,046,462$ | $134,600,104$ | $86,458,527$ | $498,776,578$ | $645,011,687$ | 29.3 |

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

May building permit values for reporting Texas border cities were up 10.3 percent from April. Harlingen declined 53.8 percent, McAllen fell 18.7 percent, and El Paso jumped 112.4 percent. Brownsville gained 68.7 percent. Laredo was up 10.1 percent. Eagle Pass fell by 81.3 percent. YTD reporting border cities experienced a 29.3 percent increase in building permit values. El

Paso, with 30.6 percent of total building permit values, increased 14.1 percent YTD. Laredo, with 19.1 percent of total building permit values, gained 17.3 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 15.1 percent of total building permit values, decreased 9.6 percent. Eagle Pass with 2.1 percent of total building permits, increased 73.4 percent.

Employment/Unemployment Rates -Texas Border

| CITY | TOTAL EMPLOYED MAY 01 | TOTAL EMPLOYED MAY 00 | TOTAL UNEMPLOYED MAY 01 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { TOTAL } \\ \text { UNEMPLOYED } \\ \text { MAY OO } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { PERCENT } \\ \text { UNEMPLOYED } \\ \text { MAY } 01 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | PERCENT UNEMPLOYED MAY 00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | 45,004 | 43,481 | 4,397 | 4,667 | 8.9 | 9.7 |
| DEL RIO | 14,420 | 14,300 | 889 | 1,081 | 5.8 | 7.0 |
| EAGLE PASS | 9,434 | 8,584 | 2,016 | 2,138 | 17.6 | 19.9 |
| EL PASO | 237,341 | 237,731 | 18,750 | 20,998 | 7.3 | 8.1 |
| HARLINGEN | 25,854 | 24,980 | 1,495 | 1,587 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| LAREDO | 67,005 | 64,504 | 4,518 | 4,636 | 6.3 | 6.7 |
| McALLEN | 48,445 | 45,945 | 3,925 | 4,487 | 7.5 | 8.9 |
| TOTAL | 447,503 | 439,525 | 35,990 | 39,594 | 7.4 | 8.3 |
| THE TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE |  |  |  |  | 4.00 | 4.20 |
| THE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE |  |  |  |  | 4.60 | 3.90 |

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 May, total employment in reporting Texas border cities increased 0.2 percent ( 790 jobs gained) over April figures. Eagle Pass employment rose 2.5 percent ( 231 jobs gained), Del Rio increased 1.8 percent ( 258 jobs gained), and McAllen went down 1.1 percent ( 517 jobs lost), and Laredo rose 0.2 percent ( 108 jobs gained). Brownsville fell 0.4 percent ( 172 jobs lost). YTD total employment in Texas border cities was up 1.8 percent ( 7,978 jobs gained) from a year ago. The average unemployment rate for the border was 7.4 percent compared to 4.0 percent for Texas, and 4.6 percent for the U.S. in the month of May.
\% Unemployed May 00-01


Visas to Tourists from Texas to Mexico

| CITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \%CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | 7,224 | 5,549 | 5,036 | 5,729 | 24,161 | 27,552 | 14.0 |
| DEL RIO | 868 | 647 | 748 | 888 | 3,474 | 3,227 | -7.1 |
| EAGLE PASS | 3,647 | 2,440 | 2,606 | 3,102 | 13,313 | 11,726 | -11.9 |
| EL PASO | 6,956 | 5,205 | 5,297 | 9,040 | 39,678 | 26,266 | -33.8 |
| LAREDO | 11,967 | 11,168 | 10,217 | 23,508 | 96,011 | 60,157 | -37.3 |
| MCALLEN | 15,177 | 10,280 | 10,209 | 10,323 | 59,213 | 56,928 | -3.9 |
| TOTAL | 45,839 | 35,289 | 34,113 | 52,590 | 235,850 | 185,856 | -21.2 |

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 May, visas decreased 3.3 percent. Laredo lost 8.5 percent, Eagle Pass increased 6.8, Brownsville fell 9.2 percent, and Del Rio rose 15.6 percent over the month of May. El Paso gained 1.8. YTD total visas were down 21.2 percent. Brownsville, with a 14.8 percent share, gained 14.0 percent. Eagle Pass, with a 6.3 percent share, dipped 11.9 percent. Del Rio, with 1.7 percent share, fell 7.1 percent. Laredo, with 32.4 percent share, fell 37.3 percent. And McAllen, with 30.6 percent share, declined 3.9 percent YTD.

Tourist Visas YTD May 00-01


## Air Passenger Service Activities —Selected Border Cities

## Passenger Arrivals

| CITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | 7,761 | 6,367 | 6,069 | 5,243 | 22,824 | 26,210 | 14.8 |
| EL PASO | 138,208 | 129,889 | 141,722 | 146,013 | 505,469 | 494,152 | -2.2 |
| HARLINGEN | 42,681 | 36,549 | 38,287 | 37,589 | 161,907 | 146,933 | -9.2 |
| LAREDO | 5,015 | 3,637 | 6,171 | 6,447 | 34,685 | 19,756 | -43.0 |
| MCALLEN | 30,889 | 26,431 | 24,507 | 25,509 | 111,304 | 111,032 | -0.2 |
| TOTAL | 224,554 | 202,873 | 216,756 | 220,801 | 836,189 | 798,083 | -4.6 |

Source: Data provided by cited cities and compiled by Texas A\&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic \& Enterprise Development
May air passengers arriving in Texas border cities were up 6.8 percent from May's figures. McAllen decreased 7.3 percent, Laredo jumped 69.7 percent, Brownsville fell 4.7 percent, and El Paso was up 9.1 percent. Harlingen gained 4.8 percent. YTD air passenger arrivals were down 4.6 percent. El Paso, with 61.9 percent of all arriving passengers, showed a decrease of 2.2 percent YTD. Harlingen, accounting for 18.4 percent of all arrivals, slipped 9.2 percent YTD. McAllen, with 13.9 percent of all arrivals, was down 0.2 percent YTD. Laredo, with 2.5 percent of all arrivals, decreased 43.0 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 3.3 percent of all arrivals, rose 14.8 percent YTD.

Passenger Arrivals \% Change YTD 00-01


## Air Passenger Service Activities -Selected Border Cities (Cont.)

## Passenger Departures

| CITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BROWNSVILLE | 8,447 | 6,770 | 6,309 | 5,290 | 29,306 | 33,557 | 14.5 |
| EL PASO | 142,699 | 134,005 | 146,949 | 148,508 | 666,696 | 658,498 | -1.2 |
| HARLINGEN | 45,435 | 40,178 | 39,648 | 38,307 | 204,233 | 198,666 | -2.7 |
| LAREDO | 6,212 | 6,124 | 6,417 | 6,367 | 42,232 | 30,248 | -28.4 |
| McALLEN | 32,824 | 28,543 | 25,795 | 27,132 | 144,048 | 142,282 | -1.2 |
| TOTAL | 235,617 | 215,620 | 225,118 | 225,604 | $1,086,515$ | $1,063,251$ | -2.1 |

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

May air passenger departures for reporting Texas border cities were up 4.4 percent. McAllen decreased 9.6 percent, Harlingen fell 1.3 percent, Laredo went up 4.8 percent, and El Paso gained 9.7 percent. YTD air passenger departures were down 2.1 percent. El Paso, with 61.9 percent of all departing passengers, was down 1.2 percent YTD. Harlingen, with 18.7 percent of all departing passengers, exhibited a decrease of 2.7 percent YTD. McAllen, with 13.4 percent of all departing passengers, decreased 1.2 percent, YTD. Laredo, with 2.8 percent of all departing passengers, fell 28.4 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 3.2 percent of all departing passengers, increased 14.5 percent YTD.

Passenger Departures \% Change YTD 00-01


## Port of Brownsville

Total Port Activity (in Metric Tons)

| COMMODITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BREAK BULK | 179,884 | 13,548 | 179,910 | 161,895 | 894,339 | 875,319 | -2.1 |
| LIQUID | 3,635 | 238 | 5,536 | 3,164 | 28,402 | 27,826 | -2.0 |
| PETROLEUM | 87,866 | 78,270 | 125,375 | 79,917 | 438,456 | 481,697 | 9.9 |
| GRAIN | 798 | 0 | 0 | 9,523 | 42,310 | 31,204 | -26.2 |
| CONTAINERS | 245 | 31 | 0 | 397 | 939 | 366 | -61.0 |
| MACHINERY | 0 | 1,395 | 2,031 | 448 | 577 | 3,426 | 493.8 |
| TOTAL | 272,428 | 93,482 | 312,852 | 255,344 | $1,405,023$ | $1,419,838$ | 1.1 |

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 234.7 percent in May's total cargo tonnage over the previous month. Break Bulk, which accounted for 57.5 percent of the total cargo tonnage for May jumped 1,227.9 percent from April's figures. Liquid, 1.8 percent share of May's total tonnage, significantly increased by $2,226.1$ percent. Petroleum, which made up 40.1 percent of the total cargo for May gained 60.2 percent. YTD figures showed a 1.1 percent increase. Break Bulk tonnage, with 61.6 percent of total tonnage, fell 2.1 percent. Grain, with 2.2 percent of total tonnage, had a YTD decrease of 26.2 percent. Petroleum, with 33.9 percent of total tonnage, increased 9.9 percent.
\% Share May 2001 Total Cargo


## Port Of Corpus Christi

Inbound Cargo (in Tons)

| COMMODITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BREAK BULK | 2,287 | 0 | 117,142 | 2,810 | 11,213 | 142,607 | 1171.8 |
| DRY BULK | 79,295 | 683,538 | 196,353 | 264,815 | $1,785,284$ | $1,522,578$ | -14.7 |
| BULK GRAIN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LIQUID | 36,061 | 3,872 | 18,370 | 0 | 10,929 | 113,401 | 937.7 |
| PETROLEUM | $3,680,403$ | $4,957,873$ | $4,269,690$ | $4,216,505$ | $19,737,249$ | $20,179,342$ | 2.2 |
| CHEMICAL | 3,774 | 4,930 | 18,986 | 13,552 | 58,084 | 42,095 | -27.5 |
| TOTAL | $3,801,820$ | $5,650,212$ | $4,620,541$ | $4,497,683$ | $21,602,758$ | $22,000,023$ | 1.8 |

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 an 18.2 percent decrease in inbound cargo from last month. Petroleum, which made up 92.4 percent of all inbound traffic in May, was down 13.9 percent compared to April. Dry bulk, which accounted for 4.2 percent inbound cargo for May, fell 71.3 percent. Total inbound cargo tonnage was up 1.8 percent YTD.
\% Share May 2001 Inbound Cargo


Outbound Cargo (in Tons)

| COMMODITY | MAR 01 | APR 01 | MAY 01 | MAY 00 | YTD 00 | YTD 01 | \% CHG |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| BREAK BULK | 14,227 | 5,310 | 667 | 2,810 | 17,935 | 19,862 | 10.7 |
| DRY BULK | 142,860 | 362,806 | 244,925 | 264,815 | 645,043 | 568,791 | -11.8 |
| BULK GRAIN | $1,743,166$ | $1,434,851$ | 178,036 | 0 | 279,115 | $2,048,293$ | 633.9 |
| LIQUID | 16,090 | 5,422 | 5,463 | 0 | 0 | 23,223 | 0 |
| PETROLEUM | $2,078,725$ | $1,966,991$ | $2,385,097$ | $4,216,505$ | $6,061,607$ | $5,950,022$ | -1.8 |
| CHEMICAL | 143,668 | 209,818 | 137,138 | 248,446 | 548,358 | 461,063 | -15.9 |
| TOTAL | $4,138,735$ | $3,985,198$ | $2,951,327$ | $4,732,577$ | $7,552,058$ | $9,071,255$ | 20.1 |

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 25.9 percent decrease in May outbound cargo tonnage in May from the previous month. Petroleum, which was 80.8 percent of total outbound cargo for May, rose 21.3 percent. Bulk grain, which accounted for 6.0 percent of cargo for May, dropped 87.6 percent. Dry bulk, which accounted for 8.3 percent of the total outbound cargo for May, slid 32.5 percent from April. YTD total outbound cargo tonnage was up 20.1 percent.
\% Share May 2001 Outbound Cargo


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