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#### **Note from the Director**

Indicators of border business activity for the month of May demonstrated an increase of twelve indicators while seven indicators decreased. In addition, year-to-date (YTD) figures, eleven 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 3.0 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 growth 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

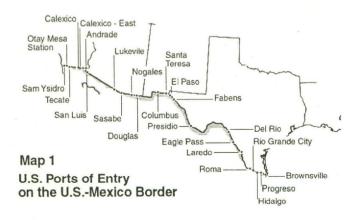
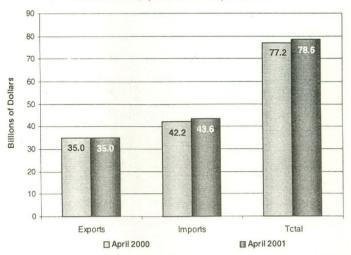
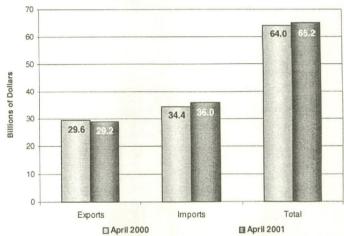


Chart 1
U.S.-Mexico Trade, April 2000 YTD vs. April 2001 YTD



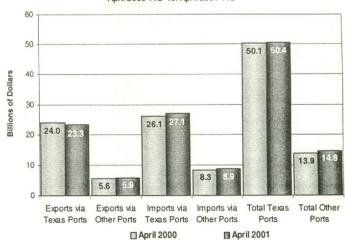
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# Chart 2 U.S.-Mexico Trade via U.S.-Mexico Border Ports April 2000 YTD vs. April 2001 YTD



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 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

## 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	SITC	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 Ultraviolet 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	A LOS SIL A VIOLENCE CONTRACTOR OF Artificial Change	924,277
	3	67650	0.1450	687,614
El Paso	1	77313	Out Of A Mind Hand le Vahiala Aircraft Or China	930,882,629
Liraso	2	76431	Transmission Apparatus For Radiotelephony Radiotelegraphy, Radiobroadcasting Or Television, Not Incorporating	687,343,287
	3	76110	TV Receivers Color Incl Video Monitors & Projectors), What Or Nt Incorp Radiobroadcast Receivers Or Sound Or Video	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	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

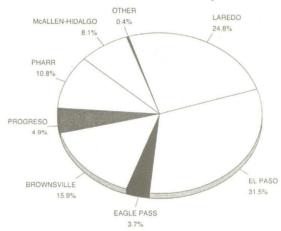
## Pedestrian Bridge Crossings into Mexico

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	55,154	55,828	53,566	51,857	263,652	256,286	-2.8
EL PASO	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.

#### % Share Pedestrians for May 2001



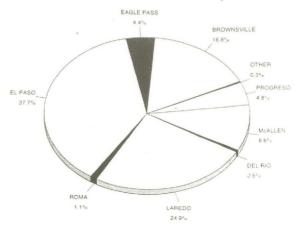
## **Pedestrian Bridge Crossings into Texas**

MAR 01	APR 01	MAY 01	MAY 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
330,346	264,838	263,780	252,718	1,319,357	1,337,398	1.4
10,286	8,117	7,304	10,060	46,747	40,312	-13.8
66,279	70,476	68,824	72,049	336,945	323,485	-4.0
613,173	589,515	591,779	626,690	2,789,641	2,856,288	2.4
412,061	399,478	391,273	411,885	1,959,849	1,928,253	-1.6
162,593	152,507	151,415	108,710	529,784	735,165	38.8
3,005	2,711	2,463	2,821	12,995	13,368	2.9
188,177	89,876	74,680	88,438	663,997	673,213	1.4
1,579	1,473	1,349	1,652	6,706	7,269	8.4
18,916	17,811	17,751	19,170	92,649	86,041	-7.1
1,806,415	1,596,802	1,570,618	1,594,193	7,758,670	8,000,792	3.1
	330,346 10,286 66,279 613,173 412,061 162,593 3,005 188,177 1,579 18,916	330,346 264,838 10,286 8,117 66,279 70,476 613,173 589,515 412,061 399,478 162,593 152,507 3,005 2,711 188,177 89,876 1,579 1,473 18,916 17,811	330,346       264,838       263,780         10,286       8,117       7,304         66,279       70,476       68,824         613,173       589,515       591,779         412,061       399,478       391,273         162,593       152,507       151,415         3,005       2,711       2,463         188,177       89,876       74,680         1,579       1,473       1,349         18,916       17,811       17,751	330,346         264,838         263,780         252,718           10,286         8,117         7,304         10,060           66,279         70,476         68,824         72,049           613,173         589,515         591,779         626,690           412,061         399,478         391,273         411,885           162,593         152,507         151,415         108,710           3,005         2,711         2,463         2,821           188,177         89,876         74,680         88,438           1,579         1,473         1,349         1,652           18,916         17,811         17,751         19,170	330,346         264,838         263,780         252,718         1,319,357           10,286         8,117         7,304         10,060         46,747           66,279         70,476         68,824         72,049         336,945           613,173         589,515         591,779         626,690         2,789,641           412,061         399,478         391,273         411,885         1,959,849           162,593         152,507         151,415         108,710         529,784           3,005         2,711         2,463         2,821         12,995           188,177         89,876         74,680         88,438         663,997           1,579         1,473         1,349         1,652         6,706           18,916         17,811         17,751         19,170         92,649	330,346         264,838         263,780         252,718         1,319,357         1,337,398           10,286         8,117         7,304         10,060         46,747         40,312           66,279         70,476         68,824         72,049         336,945         323,485           613,173         589,515         591,779         626,690         2,789,641         2,856,288           412,061         399,478         391,273         411,885         1,959,849         1,928,253           162,593         152,507         151,415         108,710         529,784         735,165           3,005         2,711         2,463         2,821         12,995         13,368           188,177         89,876         74,680         88,438         663,997         673,213           1,579         1,473         1,349         1,652         6,706         7,269           18,916         17,811         17,751         19,170         92,649         86,041

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.

#### % Share Pedestrians for May 2001



## **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**

MAR 01	APR 01	MAY 01	MAY 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
628,471	607,212	453,631	638,396	3,010,283	2,835,757	-5.8
173,598	170,412	171,308	169,361	835,008	826,243	-1.0
291,151	288,102	291,602	282,697	1,387,960	1,404,458	1.2
765,542	746,145	761,839	734,962	3,700,563	3,660,434	-1.1
62,531	60,705	60,347	59,646	295,437	293,097	-0.8
689,973	683,806	698,008	665,511	3,468,771	3,339,874	-3.7
480,184	481,041	480,505	503,207	2,420,470	2,338,155	-3.4
240,087	219,330	222,459	205,055	1,008,181	1,088,171	7.9
65,455	64,645	62,114	64,387	317,274	311,575	-1.8
110,360	99,450	93,341	91,792	474,526	495,881	4.5
59,003	58,022	55,105	57,440	285,345	279,370	-2.1
107,883	102,795	101,353	99,798	499,654	506,562	1.4
3,674,238	3,581,665	3,451,612	3,572,252	17,703,472	17,379,577	-1.8
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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+	N/A	N/A	N/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

- + 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.

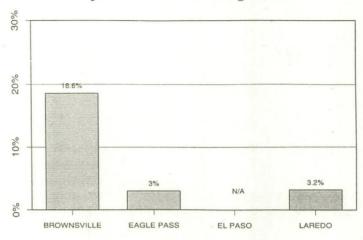
## Export Shipments by Rail into Mexico —Number of Rail Cars

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
EL PASO	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&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



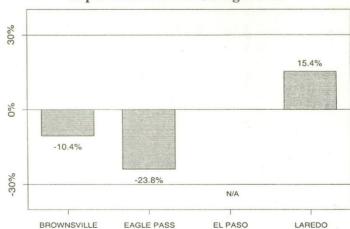
## Import Shipments by Rail into Texas —Number of Rail Cars

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

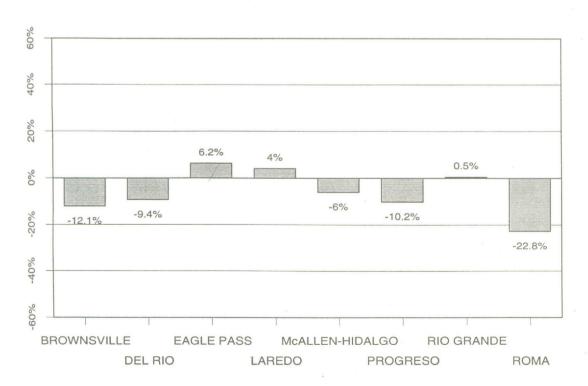
Source: Data provided by the South Texas CMC in Laredo and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

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

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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	30,535,559	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.

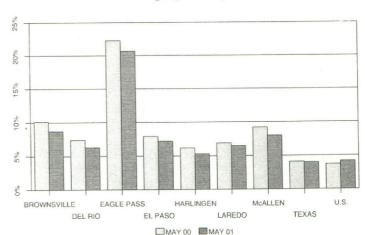
## Employment/Unemployment Rates —Texas Border

	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	PERCENT	PERCENT
	<b>EMPLOYED</b>	<b>EMPLOYED</b>	UNEMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED
CITY	MAY 01	MAY 00	MAY 01	MAY 00	MAY 01	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 UNEMPLOYM					4.00	4.20
THE NATIONAL UNEMPLO					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



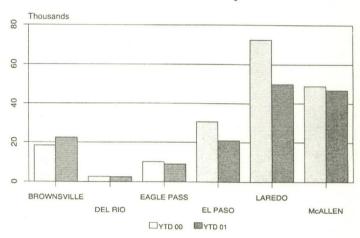
### Visas to Tourists from Texas to Mexico

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

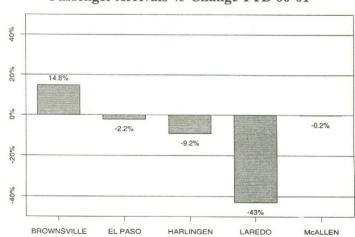
**Passenger Arrivals** 

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**

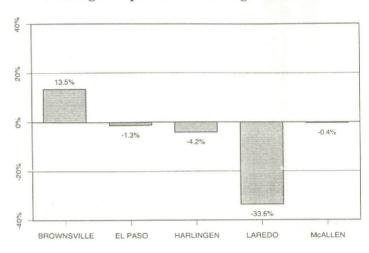
CITY	MAR 01	APR 01	MAY 01	MAY 00	YTD 00	YTD 01	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	8,447	6,770	6,309	5,290	29,306	33,557	14.5
EL PASO	142,699	134,005	146,949	148,508	666,696	658,498	-1.2
HARLINGEN	45,435	40,178	39,648	38,307	204,233	198,666	-2.7
LAREDO	6,212	6,124	6,417	6,367	42,232	30,248	-28.4
McALLEN	32,824	28,543	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

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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

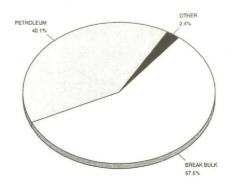
#### **Total Port Activity (in Metric Tons)**

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

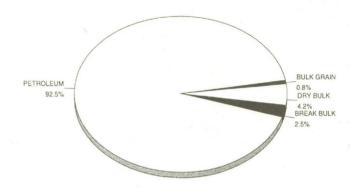
Inbound Cargo (in Tons)

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



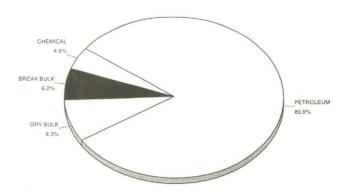
Outbound Cargo (in Tons)

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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