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Merchandise Composition: Flows at the U.S.-Mexico Border

Table 1 below exhibits the dollar values and product descriptions of merchandise that flowed between the U.S. and Mexico between their border ports of entry from January to November

2008. The total trade (U.S. export to Mexico plus U.S. imports from Mexico) for each state was aggregated from the respective dollar values of their border ports of entry. —B. Garcia

Table 1
Merchandise Composition of Trade at the U.S.-Mexico Border (Top 15 Products - SITC-3 Digit)
Aggregated by State's Border Ports of Entry (Dollar Value of Total Trade)
January - November 2008

State	Rank	Code	SITC-3 Digit Product Description	U.S.\$ Value
Texas	1	784	Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of groups 722, 781, 782 and 783	14,113,000,000
	2	764	Telecommunications equipment, n.e.s., and parts, n.e.s., and accessories of apparatus falling within division 76	11,394,000,000
	3	781	Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver), including station-wagons and racing cars	11,111,000,000
	4	772	Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits or for making connections to or in electrical circuits (e.g., switches, relays, fuses, lightning arresters, voltage limiters, surge suppressors...(excluding swithching apparatus of subgroup 764.1)	6,604,431,859
	5	782	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods and special-purpose motor vehicles	6,424,540,787
	6	761	Monitors and projectors, not incorporating television reception apparatus; reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus	6,413,097,206
	7	773	Equipment for distributing electricity, n.e.s.	5,996,348,136
	8	713	Internal combustion piston engines and parts thereof, n.e.s.	5,923,127,133
	9	778	Electrical machinery and apparatus, n.e.s.	5,676,392,976
	10	752	Automatic data-processing machines and units thereof; magnetic or optical readers, machines for transcribing data onto data media in coded form and machines forprocessing such data, n.e.s.	5,203,807,081
	11	821	Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	3,790,476,263
	12	699	Manufactures of base metal, n.e.s.	3,380,006,856
	13	743	Pumps (other than pumps for liquids), air or other gas compressors and fans; ventilating or recycling hoods incorporating a fan, whether or not fitted with filters; centrifuges; filtering or purifying apparatus; parts thereof	3,198,993,614
	14	775	Household-type electrical and non-electrical equipment, n.e.s.	3,185,488,972
	15	716	Rotating electric plant and parts thereof, n.e.s.	3,077,444,016
California	1	761	Monitors and projectors, not incorporating television reception apparatus; reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus	11,109,000,000
	2	872	Instruments and appliances, n.e.s., for medical, surgical, dental or veterinary purposes	1,526,304,773
	3	764	Telecommunications equipment, n.e.s., and parts, n.e.s., and accessories of apparatus falling within division 76	1,461,675,477
	4	772	Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits or for making connections to or in electrical circuits (e.g., switches, relays, fuses, lightning arresters, voltage limiters, surge suppressors...(excluding swithching apparatus of subgroup 764.1)	1,416,293,432
	5	699	Manufactures of base metal, n.e.s.	1,321,220,713
	6	776	Thermionic, cold cathode or photo-cathode valves and tubes (e.g., vacuum or vapour or gas-filled valves and tubes, mercury arc rectifying valves and tubes, cathode-ray tubes...electronic integrated circuits and microassemblies; parts thereof	1,317,888,201
	7	784	Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of groups 722, 781, 782 and 783	1,187,101,807
	8	782	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods and special-purpose motor vehicles	1,128,969,211
	9	931	Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	1,098,248,392
	10	893	Articles, n.e.s., of plastics	952,699,280
	11	778	Electrical machinery and apparatus, n.e.s.	922,881,915
	12	054	Vegetables, fresh, chilled, frozen or simply preserved (including dried leguminous vegetables), roots, tubers and other ediole vegetable products, n.e.s., fresh or dried	812,029,661
	13	714	Engines and motors, non-electric (other than those of groups 712, 713 and 718); parts, n.e.s., of these engines and motors	613,680,790
	14	821	Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	580,277,158
	15	845	Articles of apparel, of textile fabrics, whether or not knitted or crocheted, n.e.s.	512,773,196
Arizona	1	781	Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver), including station-wagons and racing cars	3,688,696,599
	2	054	Vegetables, fresh, chilled, frozen or simply preserved (including dried leguminous vegetables); roots, tubers and other edible vegetable products, n.e.s., fresh or dried	1,502,786,097
	3	773	Equipment for distributing electricity, n.e.s.	1,305,733,835
	4	784	Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of groups 722, 781, 782 and 783	1,113,612,085
	5	764	Telecommunications equipment, n.e.s., and parts, n.e.s., and accessories of apparatus falling within division 76	1,091,901,323
	6	772	Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits or for making connections to or in electrical circuits (e.g., switches, relays, fuses, lightning arresters, voltage limiters, surge suppressors...(excluding swithching apparatus of subgroup 764.1)	1,055,835,092

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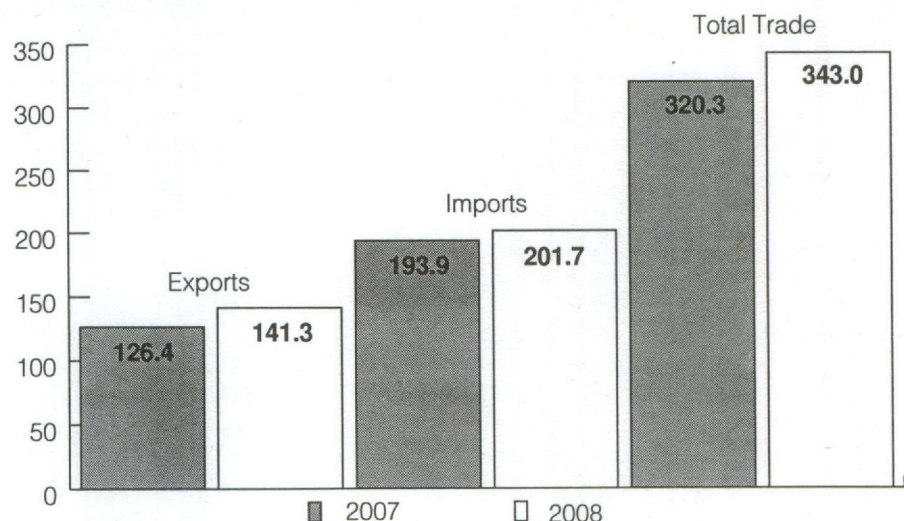
Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity that were reported for November 2008 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated fifteen indicators increased and six decreased. 2008 YTD comparisons to 2007 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 5.7 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 4.8 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 6.6 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 9.1 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico lost 2.3 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas lost 0.9 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went down 3.7 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went down 18.8 percent.
- Revenues data collected by U.S. Customs was not available at press time.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 6.1 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 1.6 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.9 percent, with 9,220 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in November 2008 was 6.4 percent.
- Total building permits issued fell 12.0 percent.
- Total building permit values decreased 41.6 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 1.8 percent, commercial were up 1.9 percent and industrial were down 3.4 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 6.2 percent, and departures were down 5.3 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville increased 28.4 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went down 5.2 percent, and outbound cargo went up 1.1 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

November 2008 Year-to-Date
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



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

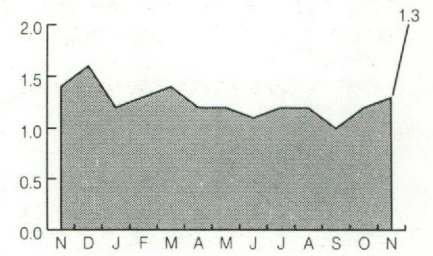
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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Nov 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	158,062	12.5	-11.8		1,931,491	1,647,877	12.3	-14.7
Del Rio	N/A	0.0	-100.0		39,638	40,444	0.3	2.0
Eagle Pass	58,053	4.6	-4.3		604,249	620,111	4.6	2.6
El Paso	438,244	34.7	-11.3		5,102,618	4,655,103	34.9	-8.8
Harlingen	67	0.0	97.1		620	268	0.0	-56.8
Laredo	363,156	28.8	-2.8		3,638,735	3,883,145	29.1	6.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	133,848	10.6	-4.1		1,496,065	1,353,666	10.1	-9.5
Progreso	87,954	7.0	-10.5		1,151,560	935,810	7.0	-18.7
Rio Grande	21	0.0	200.0		395	255	0.0	-35.4
Roma	22,009	1.7	21.9		191,291	214,398	1.6	12.1
Total	1,261,414	100.0	-7.8		14,156,662	13,351,077	100.0	-5.7

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008: Down 7.8%
(In Millions)

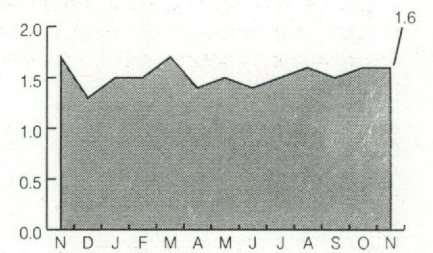


Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Nov 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	204,986	12.7	-9.4		2,399,481	2,242,549	13.3	-6.5
Del Rio	7,892	0.5	16.0		65,403	78,427	0.5	19.9
Eagle Pass	63,328	3.9	-6.6		689,124	672,728	4.0	-2.4
El Paso	614,841	38.1	-3.9		6,881,015	6,328,223	37.6	-8.0
Laredo	430,883	26.7	-1.3		4,394,068	4,539,636	27.0	3.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	173,961	10.8	-2.8		1,813,673	1,740,873	10.3	-4.0
Presidio	2,826	0.2	-13.0		25,517	26,022	0.2	2.0
Progreso	88,952	5.5	-9.4		1,156,152	945,421	5.6	-18.2
Rio Grande	1,811	0.1	47.1		14,292	15,677	0.1	9.7
Roma	24,178	1.5	9.5		223,812	231,914	1.4	3.6
Total	1,613,658	100.0	-4.0		17,662,537	16,821,470	100.0	-4.8

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008: Down 4.0%
(In Millions)

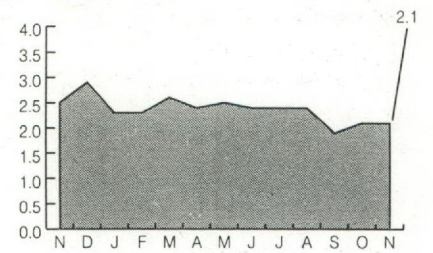


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Nov 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	426,518	19.9	-12.3		5,600,027	4,820,338	18.9	-13.9
Del Rio	N/A	0.0	-100.0		1,400,718	1,118,496	4.4	-20.1
Eagle Pass	225,846	10.5	-2.0		2,527,620	2,521,316	9.9	-0.2
El Paso	292,973	13.7	-11.7		3,835,942	3,659,352	14.3	-4.6
Harlingen	55,336	2.6	-5.5		626,659	544,497	2.1	-13.1
Laredo	432,474	20.2	-10.7		5,139,182	4,851,404	19.0	-5.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	394,753	18.4	-5.3		4,482,720	4,530,179	17.7	1.1
Pharr	129,540	6.0	-8.9		1,516,856	1,464,617	5.7	-3.4
Progreso	73,034	3.4	0.1		867,504	776,218	3.0	-10.5
Rio Grande	44,279	2.1	1.1		495,245	470,460	1.8	-5.0
Roma	70,698	3.3	-7.5		839,039	776,855	3.0	-7.4
Total	2,145,451	100.0	-13.2		27,331,512	25,533,732	100.0	-6.6

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008: Down 13.2%
(In Millions)

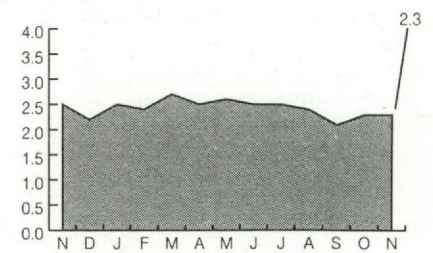


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Nov 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	425,900	18.7	-10.8		5,586,278	5,093,625	19.0	-8.8
Del Rio	129,292	5.7	-3.2		1,570,139	1,462,014	5.5	-6.9
Eagle Pass	235,527	10.4	-1.7		2,653,785	2,527,059	9.4	-4.8
El Paso	385,650	17.0	-18.2		5,837,570	4,942,726	18.5	-15.3
Laredo	329,685	14.5	-14.5		4,643,338	4,013,251	15.0	-13.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	348,412	15.3	-7.3		4,123,708	4,124,101	15.4	0.0
Harlingen	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pharr	166,725	7.3	-7.5		2,073,110	1,892,661	7.1	-8.7
Presidio	54,957	2.4	-1.3		644,133	575,281	2.2	-10.7
Progreso	78,828	3.5	0.7		924,683	822,490	3.1	-11.1
Rio Grande	48,916	2.2	0.5		553,093	525,889	2.0	-4.9
Roma	69,034	3.0	-7.5		834,333	774,172	2.9	-7.2
Total	2,272,926	100.0	-9.8		29,444,170	26,753,269	100.0	-9.1

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008: Down 9.8%
(In Millions)

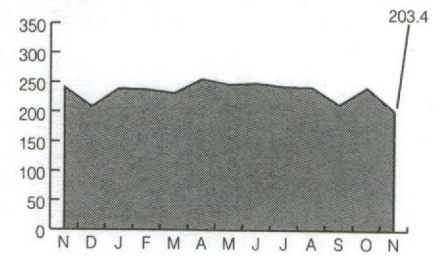


Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Nov 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	12,291	6.0	-29.7		193,966	167,994	6.4	-13.4
Del Rio	N/A	0.0	-100.0		58,917	48,891	1.9	-17.0
Eagle Pass	7,211	3.5	-12.7		90,319	89,713	3.4	-0.7
El Paso	25,703	12.6	-12.2		311,984	312,993	12.0	0.3
Harlingen	2,168	1.1	-8.0		29,140	23,581	0.9	-19.1
Laredo	117,825	57.9	-11.4		1,495,294	1,466,569	56.3	-1.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	381	0.2	-12.4		3,992	4,980	0.2	24.7
Pharr	33,079	16.3	-12.8		414,758	423,211	16.2	2.0
Progreso	2,038	1.0	-31.8		32,760	33,486	1.3	2.2
Rio Grande	2,025	1.0	-28.2		25,770	26,093	1.0	1.3
Roma	677	0.3	-21.5		9,994	8,946	0.3	-10.5
Total	203,398	100.0	-15.6		2,666,894	2,606,457	100.0	-2.3

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities
 Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks. El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas.

Trucks into Mexico All Cited Cities
 Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008: Down 15.6%
 (In Thousands)

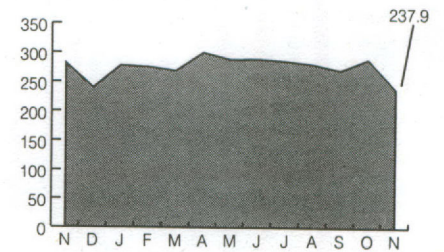


Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Nov 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	13,245	5.6	-31.0		186,092	174,602	5.7	-6.2
Del Rio	4,307	1.8	-13.8		59,357	53,519	1.7	-9.8
Eagle Pass	7,607	3.2	-8.7		92,880	95,348	3.1	2.7
El Paso	53,183	22.4	-17.8		729,309	711,670	23.3	-2.4
Falcon Heights	0	0.0	0.0		16	38	0.0	137.5
Harlingen	2,837	1.2	-6.0		36,816	33,781	1.1	-8.2
Laredo	116,652	49.0	-12.2		1,449,897	1,464,489	47.9	1.0
Pharr	34,105	14.3	-16.8		451,575	444,240	14.5	-1.6
Presidio	465	0.2	-8.1		6,765	5,686	0.2	-15.9
Progreso	2,877	1.2	-18.3		37,563	41,523	1.4	10.5
Rio Grande	2,056	0.9	-13.5		32,110	28,632	0.9	-10.8
Roma	522	0.2	-17.9		7,502	7,030	0.2	-6.3
Total	237,856	100.0	-15.4		3,089,882	3,060,558	100.0	-0.9

Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo & U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso
 Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks.

Trucks into Texas All Cited Cities
 Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008: Down 15.4%
 (In Thousands)

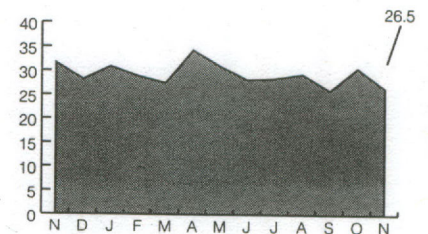


Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Nov 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	2,642	10.0	-25.3		41,860	42,249	13.1	0.9
Eagle Pass	8,025	30.3	17.3		72,109	85,338	26.5	18.3
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	15,857	59.8	-25.4		220,220	194,214	60.4	-11.8
Total	26,524	100.0	-16.2		334,189	321,801	100.0	-3.7

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities
 Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
 Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008: Down 16.2%
 (In Thousands)

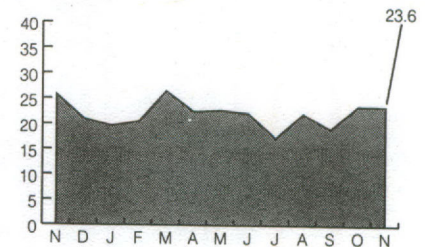


Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Nov 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	631	2.7	-32.2		7,466	5,857	2.4	-21.6
Eagle Pass	5,391	22.8	57.4		41,392	44,955	18.7	8.6
El Paso	8,624	36.5	-0.3		105,761	75,812	31.6	-28.3
Laredo	8,962	38.0	-29.3		140,848	113,237	47.2	-19.6
Total	23,608	100.0	-8.0		295,467	239,861	100.0	-18.8

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
 Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008: Down 8.0%
 (In Thousands)



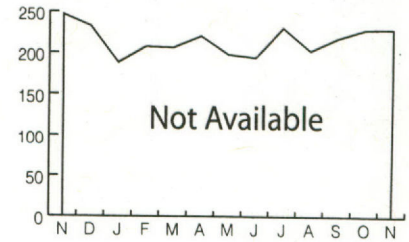
Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Nov 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					

Data was not available at press time.
Check our website, <http://texascenter.tamui.edu>, for updates.

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008: **N/A**
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

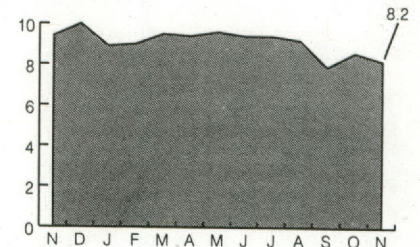


Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)

City	Nov 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	993,245	12.0	-14.3		13,532,730	11,121,859	11.2	-17.8
Del Rio	N/A	0.0	-100.0		2,802,224	2,804,523	2.8	0.1
Eagle Pass	602,547	7.3	-0.5		6,624,848	6,617,311	6.7	-0.1
El Paso	1,228,510	14.9	-11.2		13,311,733	15,181,148	15.3	14.0
Harlingen	169,643	2.1	-5.8		1,990,212	1,712,944	1.7	-13.9
Laredo	3,432,787	41.6	-10.9		35,863,343	40,910,452	41.3	14.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	968,680	11.7	-3.3		9,611,834	11,028,521	11.1	14.7
Pharr	621,060	7.5	-7.7		7,334,888	7,491,923	7.6	2.1
Roma	232,300	2.8	9.9		2,321,720	2,233,822	2.3	-3.8
Total	8,248,773	100.0	-12.1		93,393,531	99,102,502	100.0	6.1

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities
Note: El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas (Toll-free). Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Bridge Revenues All Cited Cities
Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008: **Down 12.1%**
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

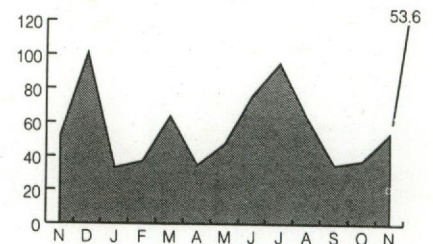


Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Nov 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	775	1.4	52.9		6,256	6,686	1.2	6.9
El Paso	8,419	15.7	-2.6		105,640	104,839	18.2	-0.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	10,350	19.3	2.0		105,440	108,214	18.8	2.6
Brownsville	6,496	12.1	-0.7		88,542	68,537	11.9	-22.6
Laredo	24,257	45.2	5.6		250,706	260,794	45.2	4.0
Eagle Pass	3,330	6.2	8.2		29,397	27,434	4.8	-6.7
Total	53,627	100.0	3.3		585,981	576,504	100.0	-1.6

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008: **Up 3.3%**
(In Thousands)

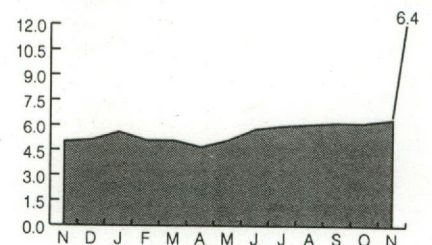


Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		Unemployed		%Unemp Nov 08	Emp Avg		07 vs. 08 Emp %Chg	Gain/Loss YTD
	Nov 08	Nov 08	Nov 08	Nov 08		YTD 07	YTD 08		
Brownsville	58,440	4,970	7.8	58,069	58,276	0.4	206		
Del Rio	15,684	1,016	6.1	15,251	15,643	2.6	392		
El Paso	242,376	16,825	6.5	235,223	240,463	2.2	5,240		
Harlingen	23,751	1,681	6.6	23,589	23,684	0.4	96		
Laredo	81,939	4,982	5.7	79,816	81,164	1.7	1,348		
McAllen	57,145	3,440	5.7	54,976	56,364	2.5	1,388		
Pharr	22,597	1,686	6.9	21,739	22,288	2.5	549		
Total	501,932	34,600	6.4	488,662	497,882	1.9	9,220		
Texas Unemployment Rate			5.6						
U.S. Unemployment Rate			6.5						

Source: Texas Workforce Commission
Note: Figures are preliminary and subject to revision. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

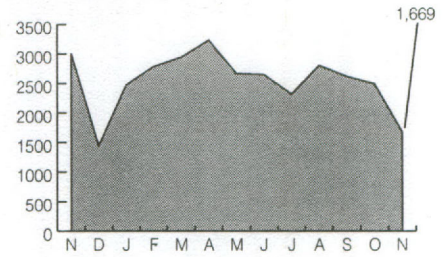
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008: **Up 32.5%**
(In Percent)



Building Permits

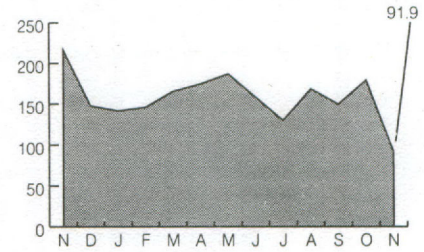
Number City	07 vs. 08			YTD			
	Nov 08	%Share	%Chg	YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	162	9.7	-22.1	2,671	2,307	8.1	-13.6
Del Rio	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,513	952	3.3	-62.1
Eagle Pass	N/A	N/A	N/A	414	400	1.4	-3.4
El Paso	1,025	61.4	-43.0	14,419	17,324	60.6	20.1
Harlingen	172	10.3	-3.9	2,551	2,357	8.2	-7.6
Laredo	91	5.5	-43.5	6,014	2,505	8.8	-58.3
McAllen	219	13.1	-42.1	3,929	2,758	9.6	-29.8
Total	1,669	100.0	-44.5	32,511	28,603	100.0	-12.0

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008
(Number of Permits): Down 44.5%



Dollar Value City	07 vs. 08			YTD			
	Nov 08	%Share	%Chg	YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	13,290,532	14.5	-35.5	544,384,105	259,114,572	15.3	-52.4
Del Rio	N/A	N/A	N/A	33,229,179	12,634,187	0.7	-62.0
Eagle Pass	N/A	N/A	N/A	25,289,458	24,722,486	1.5	-2.2
El Paso	49,868,854	54.3	-29.8	1,386,735,466	881,890,500	52.1	-36.4
Harlingen	5,041,132	5.5	142.7	75,553,259	61,014,691	3.6	-19.2
Laredo	14,328,278	15.6	-83.4	456,725,732	242,149,340	14.3	-47.0
McAllen	9,383,908	10.2	-53.3	374,219,757	209,844,599	12.4	-43.9
Total	91,912,704	100.0	-57.5	2,896,136,956	1,691,370,375	100.0	-41.6

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Down 57.5%

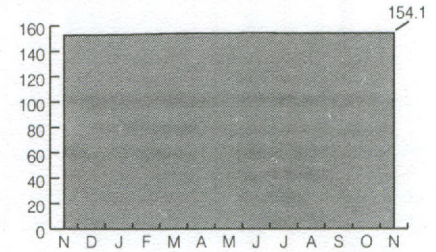


Source: Permit Departments in cited cities
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Power Connections (in Service)

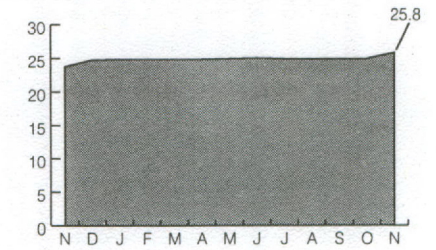
Residential City	07 vs. 08			Average		YTD	
	Nov 08	%Share	%Chg	YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	15,365	10.0	0.9	15,116	15,322	10.0	1.4
Eagle Pass	11,330	7.4	0.9	11,172	11,333	7.4	1.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	24,585	15.9	0.9	24,279	24,551	16.0	1.1
Laredo	63,603	41.3	1.3	62,104	63,523	41.3	2.3
McAllen	39,258	25.5	1.0	38,569	39,170	25.5	1.6
Total	154,141	100.0	1.1	151,241	153,899	100.0	1.8

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 1.1%



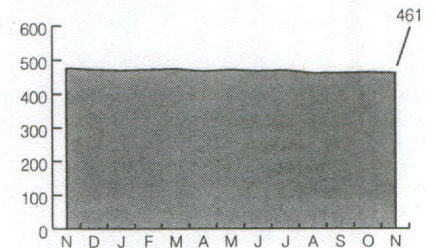
Commercial City	07 vs. 08			Average		YTD	
	Nov 08	%Share	%Chg	YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,409	9.3	71.1	2,291	2,427	9.7	5.9
Eagle Pass	2,658	10.3	59.7	1,679	1,755	7.0	4.6
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,128	16.0	0.0	4,112	4,151	16.6	0.9
Laredo	9,547	36.9	0.6	9,441	9,543	38.2	1.1
McAllen	7,106	27.5	1.6	6,959	7,076	28.4	1.7
Total	25,848	100.0	9.2	24,483	24,953	100.0	1.9

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 9.2%



Industrial City	07 vs. 08			Average		YTD	
	Nov 08	%Share	%Chg	YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	43	9.3	-2.3	43	44	9.4	1.5
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eagle Pass	24	5.2	-14.3	29	26	5.5	-10.4
Harlingen	93	20.2	-5.1	100	96	20.6	-3.8
Laredo	184	39.9	-1.6	192	184	39.5	-4.2
McAllen	117	25.4	-1.7	119	117	25.0	-1.6
Total	461	100.0	-3.2	483	467	100.0	-3.4

(Industrial): Down 3.2%

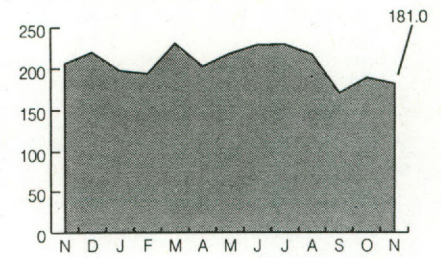


Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company
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Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

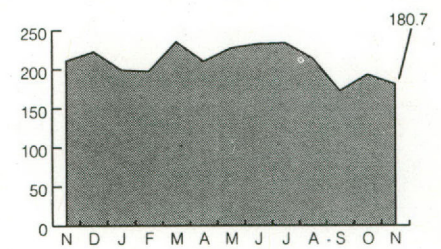
City	07 vs. 08			YTD			
	Nov 08	%Share	%Chg	YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	5,890	3.3	-18.1	83,906	74,753	3.3	-10.9
El Paso	109,994	60.8	-10.2	1,438,273	1,365,951	60.5	-5.0
Harlingen	28,532	15.8	-17.4	397,686	375,778	16.7	-5.5
Laredo	8,089	4.5	-9.0	100,826	95,432	4.2	-5.3
McAllen	28,531	15.8	-13.4	384,807	344,134	15.3	-10.6
Total	181,036	100.0	-12.2	2,405,498	2,256,048	100.0	-6.2

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Down 12.2%



City	07 vs. 08			YTD			
	Nov 08	%Share	%Chg	YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	6,149	3.4	-17.1	86,103	79,014	3.4	-8.2
El Paso	109,312	60.5	-12.9	1,455,348	1,380,740	60.2	-5.1
Harlingen	29,004	16.1	-16.9	409,170	386,000	16.8	-5.7
Laredo	7,675	4.2	-16.5	102,855	95,216	4.2	-7.4
McAllen	28,552	15.8	-15.3	367,685	352,525	15.4	-4.1
Total	180,692	100.0	-14.2	2,421,161	2,293,495	100.0	-5.3

(Departures – In Thousands): Down 14.2%

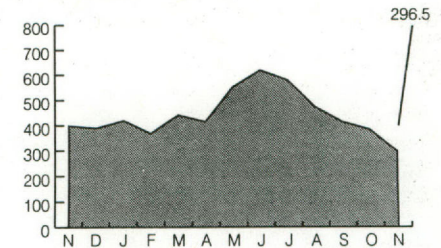


Source: Airports in cited cities

Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type	07 vs. 08			YTD			
	Nov 08	%Share	%Chg	YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	81,463	27.5	-60.0	1,858,046	2,062,873	41.7	11.0
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Liquid	28,257	9.5	-33.5	277,838	740,683	15.0	166.6
Machinery	4,406	1.5	-26.6	44,893	32,793	0.7	-27.0
Ores-Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other	612	0.2	-62.8	2,358	4,448	0.1	88.6
Petroleum	181,773	61.3	26.7	1,671,394	2,107,136	42.6	26.1
Steel-Other Materials	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Total	296,512	100.0	-25.4	3,854,529	4,947,932	100.0	28.4

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008: Down 25.4%
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



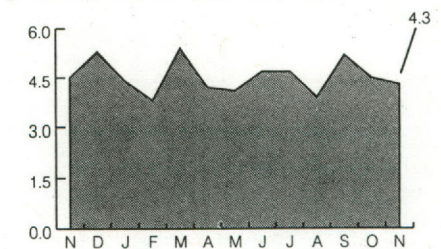
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Port of Corpus Christi (Cargo in U.S. Tons)

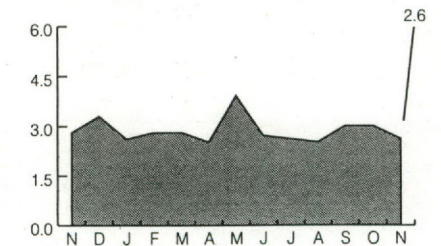
Cargo Type	07 vs. 08			YTD			
	Nov 08	%Share	%Chg	YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	18,332	0.4	29.8	281,078	349,633	0.7	24.4
Chemical	2,887	0.1	-75.7	129,603	122,638	0.2	-5.4
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	397,103	9.3	-34.1	5,113,469	5,082,483	10.3	-0.6
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	6,213	20,647	0.0	232.3
Liquid	31,658	0.7	-10.0	352,719	229,886	0.5	-34.8
Petroleum	3,828,709	89.5	-0.8	45,958,296	43,327,962	88.2	-5.7
Total	4,278,688	100.0	-5.4	51,841,378	49,133,248	100.0	-5.2

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
Nov. 2007 vs. Nov. 2008
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 5.4%



Cargo Type	07 vs. 08			YTD			
	Nov 08	%Share	%Chg	YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	16,481	0.6	621.1	131,930	165,451	0.5	25.4
Chemical	84,709	3.3	-15.6	1,569,965	1,455,810	4.7	-7.3
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	199,993	7.7	20.7	4,291,499	2,267,120	7.3	-47.2
Grain Bulk	378,291	14.6	-25.4	2,572,174	5,089,938	16.4	97.9
Liquid	0	0.0	0.0	160,319	60,638	0.2	-62.2
Petroleum	1,906,382	73.7	-7.4	21,985,943	21,996,598	70.9	0.0
Total	2,585,856	100.0	-8.7	30,711,830	31,035,555	100.0	1.1

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 8.7%



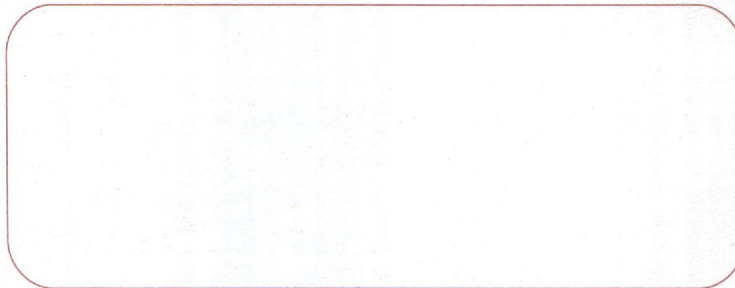
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Arizona (Cont.)	7	057	Fruit and nuts (not including oil nuts), fresh or dried	921,686,100	
	8	283	Copper ores and concentrates; copper mattes; cement copper	528,903,389	
	9	931	Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	427,900,928	
	10	699	Manufactures of base metal, n.e.s.	424,421,154	
	11	744	Mechanical handling equipment and parts thereof, n.e.s.	388,314,366	
	12	893	Articles, n.e.s., of plastics	336,583,690	
	13	036	Crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, whether in shell or not, fresh (live or dead), chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or boiling in water, whether or not chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans or of aquatic invertebrates, fit for human consumption	298,963,955	
	14	872	Instruments and appliances, n.e.s., for medical, surgical, dental or veterinary purposes	290,367,878	
	15	776	Thermionic, cold cathode or photo-cathode valves and tubes (e.g., vacuum or vapour or gas-filled valves and tubes, mercury arc rectifying valves and tubes, cathode-ray tubes...electronic integrated circuits and microassemblies; parts thereof	272,663,373	
	New Mexico	1	742	Pumps for liquids, whether or not fitted with a measuring device; liquid elevators; parts for such pumps and liquid elevators	121,122,478
		2	001	Live animals other than animals of division 03	113,116,433
		3	747	Taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like, including pressure-reducing valves and thermostatically controlled valves	88,720,393
		4	716	Rotating electric plant and parts thereof, n.e.s.	82,572,991
		5	764	Telecommunications equipment, n.e.s., and parts, n.e.s., and accessories of apparatus falling within division 76	72,158,375
		6	874	Measuring, checking, analysing and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	57,181,838
7		062	Sugar confectionery	44,553,950	
8		781	Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver), including station-wagons and racing cars	40,883,209	
9		772	Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits or for making connections to or in electrical circuits (e.g., switches, relays, fuses, lightning arresters, voltage limiters, surge suppressors...(excluding swithching apparatus of subgroup 764.1)	39,262,130	
10		813	Lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	39,205,598	
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12		778	Electrical machinery and apparatus, n.e.s.	34,186,898	
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14		773	Equipment for distributing electricity, n.e.s.	29,050,457	
15		054	Vegetables, fresh, chilled, frozen or simply preserved (including dried leguminous vegetables); roots, tubers and other edible vegetable products, n.e.s., fresh or dried	28,604,257	