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## U.S.-Mexico Trade: Activity at the Major U.S.-Mexico Border Ports

U.S.-Mexico border ports processed \$84.0 billion or 78.8 percent of the total trade dollar value of U.S.-Mexico merchandise (\$106.6 billion) crossing the border for the period January-April 2006. The percent share was down compared to 81.4 percent for the same period last year.

The list below shows the top three types of merchandise —SITC 2-Digit—traversing at the nine major U.S.-Mexico border ports. Each port handled over \$1 billion in merchandise (both U.S. exports and imports) from January to April 2006. —B. Garcia

U.S. Exports to Mexico via Top U.S.-Mexico Border Ports (January-April 2006)

Port of Entry	Rank	SITC	Product Description	US\$ Value
Laredo, TX	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	2,443,588,088
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	1,249,128,789
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	920,991,271
El Paso, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	1,805,589,401
	2	75	Office Machines and Automatic Data Processing Machines	1,070,177,155
	3	89	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles, N.E.S.	378,318,551
Otay Mesa Sta., CA	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	541,715,874
	2	89	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles, N.E.S.	253,821,071
	3	69	Manufactures of Metals, N.E.S.	213,303,147
Nogales, AZ	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	581,876,851
	2	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	375,078,240
	3	69	Manufactures of Metals, N.E.S.	113,334,438
Hidalgo, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	541,904,695
	2	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	363,988,795
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	353,517,590
Brownsville, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	407,031,716
	2	57	Plastics in Primary Forms	188,240,185
	3	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	139,221,368
Calexico-East, CA	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	405,525,140
	2	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	201,081,856
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	172,797,165
Eagle Pass, TX	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	178,923,854
	2	65	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles, N.E.S., and Related Products	106,776,034
	3	57	Plastics in Primary Forms	99,276,595
Del Rio, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	116,030,821
	2	65	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles, N.E.S., and Related Products	73,049,104
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	42,475,438

U.S. Imports from Mexico via Top U.S.-Mexico Border Ports (January-April 2006)

Port of Entry	Rank	SITC	Product Description	US\$ Value
Laredo, TX	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	4,803,237,444
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	2,108,035,527
	3	71	Power Generating Machinery and Equipment	1,395,696,307

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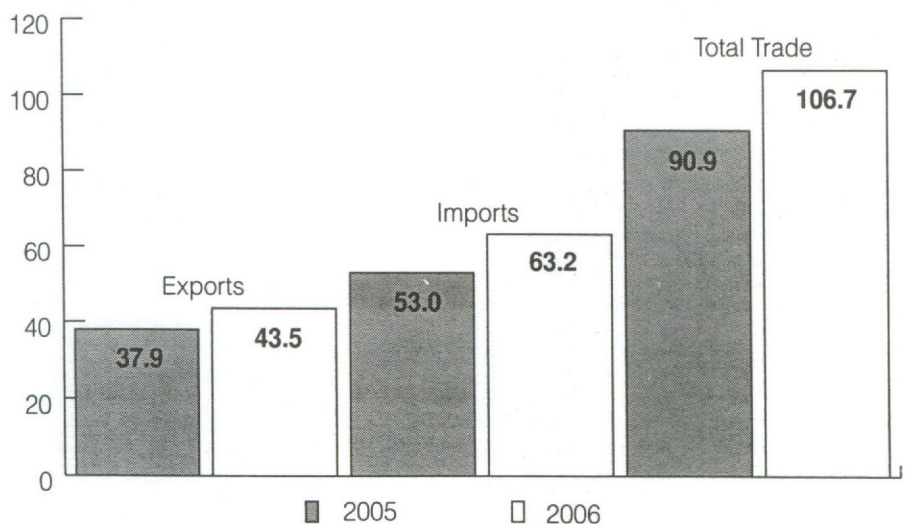
**Note from the Director**

Indicators of border business activity for April 2006 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated sixteen indicators increased and six decreased. 2006 YTD comparisons to 2005 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were up 1.3 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were up 3.8 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 1.7 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 0.2 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 9.4 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 5.5 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico down 3.6 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 19.5 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 3.2 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 10.0 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were up 1.1 percent.
- Total employment was up 3.1 percent, with 14,447 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in April 2006 was 6.0 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 12.3 percent.
- Total building permit values decreased 1.2 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.7 percent, commercial were up 1.5 percent and industrial were down 1.1 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were up 1.2 percent, and departures were up 1.4 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville increased 31.5 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 4.0 percent, and outbound cargo decreased 6.4 percent.

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

April 2006 Year-to-Date  
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



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

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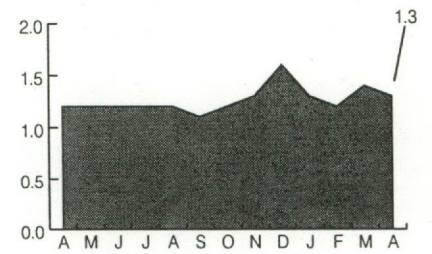


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Apr 06	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	197,912	15.4	6.9	711,781	768,464	14.9	8.0
Del Rio	3,335	0.3	-15.2	19,424	16,535	0.3	-14.9
Eagle Pass	51,870	4.0	-4.5	202,338	204,636	4.0	1.1
El Paso	440,755	34.4	-4.6	1,816,794	1,646,346	31.9	-9.4
Harlingen	83	0.0	-27.2	376	383	0.0	1.9
Laredo	344,715	26.9	6.1	1,275,442	1,338,610	25.9	5.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	128,040	10.0	13.9	432,422	506,557	9.8	17.1
Progreso	97,422	7.6	8.8	585,134	609,161	11.8	4.1
Rio Grande	50	0.0	-89.7	1,012	398	0.0	-60.7
Roma	17,169	1.3	26.8	51,454	70,093	1.4	36.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,281,351</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>5,096,177</b>	<b>5,161,183</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
April 2005 vs. April 2006: Up 2.8%  
(In Millions)

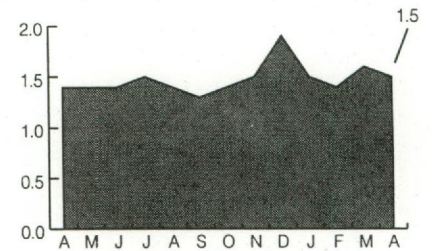


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Apr 06	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	231,619	15.3	6.0	863,480	915,110	15.1	6.0
Del Rio	6,203	0.4	-4.8	30,825	24,423	0.4	-20.8
Eagle Pass	60,496	4.0	0.8	228,070	234,186	3.9	2.7
El Paso	561,318	37.1	-0.1	2,156,341	2,095,186	34.5	-2.8
Laredo	378,725	25.0	7.4	1,406,211	1,487,441	24.5	5.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	155,875	10.3	20.6	503,226	614,647	10.1	22.1
Presidio	1,735	0.1	0.3	8,391	7,653	0.1	-8.8
Progreso	96,472	6.4	8.6	578,232	604,735	10.0	4.6
Rio Grande	1,431	0.1	45.3	3,804	5,449	0.1	43.2
Roma	20,087	1.3	16.7	67,238	81,275	1.3	20.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,513,961</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5,845,818</b>	<b>6,070,105</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities**  
April 2005 vs. April 2006: Up 5.3%  
(In Millions)

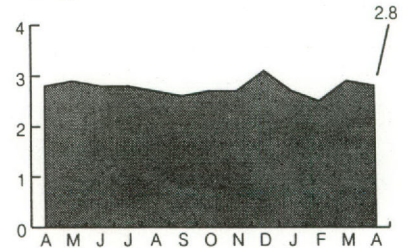


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Apr 06	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	566,869	20.4	-0.6	2,246,619	2,250,714	20.7	0.2
Del Rio	144,978	5.2	2.6	559,713	565,595	5.2	1.1
Eagle Pass	263,822	9.5	-2.0	1,053,451	1,013,294	9.3	-3.8
El Paso	407,531	14.7	5.8	1,473,429	1,584,049	14.6	7.5
Harlingen	60,207	2.2	5.6	228,778	233,590	2.2	2.1
Laredo	514,117	18.5	-8.5	2,179,939	1,982,258	18.3	-9.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	446,639	16.1	-3.2	1,791,565	1,739,902	16.0	-2.9
Pharr	152,083	5.5	2.0	595,605	599,880	5.5	0.7
Progreso	87,754	3.2	1.0	362,458	359,895	3.3	-0.7
Rio Grande	52,123	1.9	-2.4	206,052	196,725	1.8	-4.5
Roma	85,518	3.1	-2.6	349,414	333,099	3.1	-4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,781,641</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>11,047,023</b>	<b>10,859,001</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.7</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
April 2005 vs. April 2006: Down 1.5%  
(In Millions)

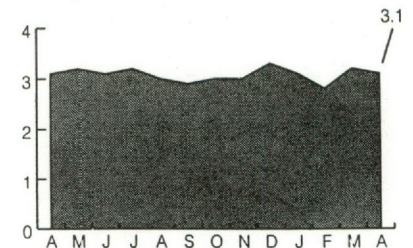


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Apr 06	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	574,008	18.5	0.7	2,258,596	2,287,310	18.8	1.3
Del Rio	157,588	5.1	4.3	599,744	613,423	5.0	2.3
Eagle Pass	275,295	8.9	0.1	1,098,752	1,069,967	8.8	-2.6
El Paso	581,073	18.7	2.6	2,289,446	2,262,946	18.6	-1.2
Harlingen	66,740	2.1	8.0	256,024	261,963	2.1	2.3
Laredo	522,700	16.8	-6.4	2,230,705	2,054,085	16.8	-7.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	434,420	14.0	-2.8	1,755,359	1,688,090	13.8	-3.8
Pharr	196,250	6.3	2.5	766,072	787,130	6.5	2.7
Presidio	64,613	2.1	7.2	242,744	252,073	2.1	3.8
Progreso	87,808	2.8	2.4	358,947	363,265	3.0	1.2
Rio Grande	57,656	1.9	-0.8	231,620	220,973	1.8	-4.6
Roma	86,100	2.8	-1.0	354,858	334,375	2.7	-5.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,104,251</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>12,442,867</b>	<b>12,195,600</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.0</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities**  
April 2005 vs. April 2006: Down 0.3%  
(In Millions)





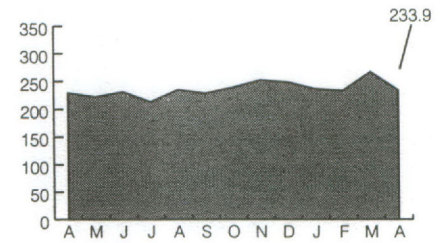
**Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Apr 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	16,666	7.1	-2.9		66,714	71,535	7.4	7.2
Del Rio	5,671	2.4	2.3		36,957	23,655	2.4	-36.0
Eagle Pass	7,699	3.3	-4.8		31,366	32,545	3.4	3.8
El Paso	25,033	10.7	-3.6		99,555	105,482	10.9	6.0
Harlingen	2,887	1.2	-15.6		12,453	12,603	1.3	1.2
Laredo	133,562	57.1	7.6		474,961	555,606	57.2	17.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	942	0.4	-47.2		6,746	5,890	0.6	-12.7
Pharr	35,410	15.1	-3.5		135,543	138,426	14.3	2.1
Progreso	2,273	1.0	4.0		8,429	10,109	1.0	19.9
Rio Grande	2,862	1.2	-17.7		11,578	11,572	1.2	-0.1
Roma	858	0.4	-3.3		3,327	3,444	0.4	3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>233,863</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>		<b>887,629</b>	<b>970,867</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks. El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas.

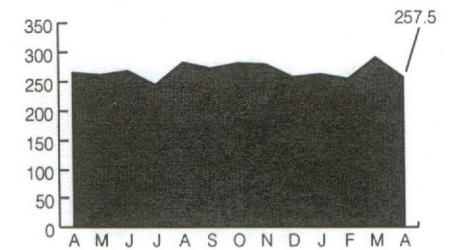
Trucks into Mexico All Cited Cities  
April 2005 vs. April 2006: Up 2.0%  
(In Thousands)



**Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Apr 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	18,044	7.0	14.8		61,014	67,966	6.4	11.4
Del Rio	5,223	2.0	-6.9		21,540	22,629	2.1	5.1
Eagle Pass	7,708	3.0	-8.2		32,877	32,328	3.0	-1.7
El Paso	60,772	23.6	-2.7		237,312	247,411	23.2	4.3
Falcon Heights	3	0.0	-78.6		32	18	0.0	-43.8
Harlingen	3,016	1.2	-13.1		13,382	12,864	1.2	-3.9
Laredo	116,904	45.4	-2.7		450,287	489,101	45.9	8.6
Pharr	38,305	14.9	-7.8		165,593	162,852	15.3	-1.7
Presidio	423	0.2	-10.2		1,827	2,012	0.2	10.1
Progreso	2,403	0.9	22.7		7,673	10,477	1.0	36.5
Rio Grande	4,046	1.6	-11.9		16,229	16,291	1.5	0.4
Roma	666	0.3	-17.2		2,892	2,711	0.3	-6.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>257,513</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.9</b>		<b>1,010,658</b>	<b>1,066,660</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>

Trucks into Texas All Cited Cities  
April 2005 vs. April 2006: Down 2.9%  
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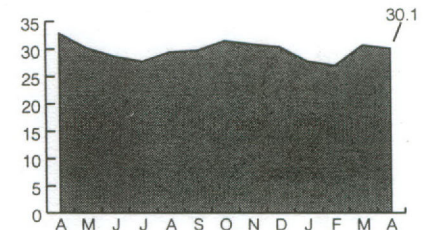


Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo & U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso  
Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks.

**Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Apr 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	4,360	14.5	19.0		14,194	15,719	13.6	10.7
Eagle Pass	6,121	20.3	-7.0		23,767	23,253	20.1	-2.2
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	19,665	65.2	-13.0		82,019	76,643	66.3	-6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,146</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.2</b>		<b>119,980</b>	<b>115,615</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.6</b>

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities  
April 2005 vs. April 2006: Down 8.2%  
(In Thousands)

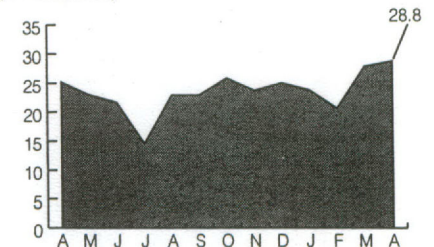


Source: Railroad companies in cited cities  
Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

**Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Apr 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	432	1.5	-54.7		2,971	1,825	1.8	-38.6
Eagle Pass	3,600	12.5	84.6		6,960	14,592	14.4	109.7
El Paso	11,579	40.2	80.9		20,946	32,403	32.0	54.7
Laredo	13,184	45.8	-17.1		53,811	52,410	51.8	-2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,795</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14.2</b>		<b>84,688</b>	<b>101,230</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19.5</b>

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities  
April 2005 vs. April 2006: Up 14.2%  
(In Thousands)



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

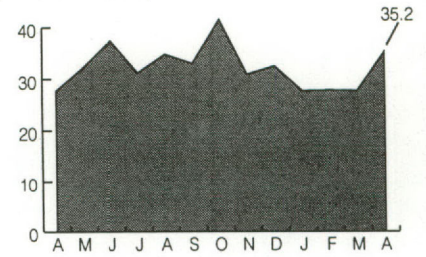


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)**

City	Apr 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,878,676	5.3	19.1		8,229,097	6,458,548	5.5	-21.5
Del Rio	164,147	0.5	50.6		449,084	708,733	0.6	57.8
Eagle Pass	2,148,118	6.1	53.7		4,300,759	6,037,300	5.1	40.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	3,493,040	9.9	-17.4		15,352,015	14,367,965	12.1	-6.4
Laredo	27,378,952	77.8	35.0		86,050,557	90,319,616	76.3	5.0
Progreso	45,061	0.1	79.5		132,362	132,730	0.1	0.3
Rio Grande	34,075	0.1	12.4		98,825	105,211	0.1	6.5
Roma	35,972	0.1	121.8		80,911	200,638	0.2	148.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,178,040</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27.1</b>		<b>114,693,610</b>	<b>118,330,741</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo  
 April 2005 vs. April 2006: Up 27.1%  
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

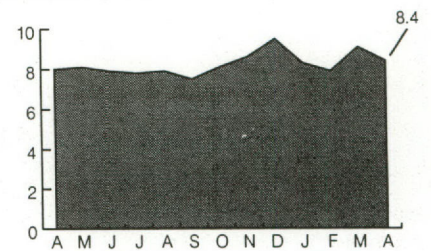


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)**

City	Apr 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,295,643	15.5	9.3		4,656,817	5,226,337	15.6	12.2
Del Rio	290,514	3.5	1.3		1,136,743	1,141,141	3.4	0.4
Eagle Pass	577,566	6.9	-2.5		2,321,423	2,238,750	6.7	-3.6
El Paso	1,174,563	14.0	1.2		4,464,269	4,711,088	14.0	5.5
Harlingen	181,875	2.2	6.7		662,804	732,115	2.2	10.5
Laredo	3,079,672	36.8	9.3		10,719,090	12,606,103	37.5	17.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	936,525	11.2	-3.3		3,547,864	3,671,434	10.9	3.5
Pharr	593,775	7.1	-1.8		2,271,099	2,353,153	7.0	3.6
Roma	232,672	2.8	20.6		765,135	909,188	2.7	18.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,362,803</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>		<b>30,545,244</b>	<b>33,589,309</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>

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

Bridge Revenues All Cited Cities  
 April 2005 vs. April 2006: Up 4.8%  
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

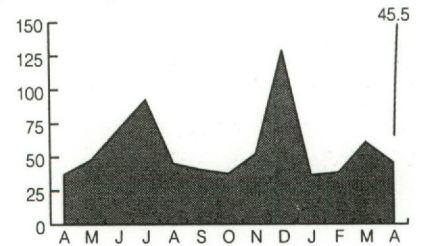


**Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico**

City	Apr 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	511	1.1	42.7		1,846	1,982	1.1	7.4
El Paso	8,681	19.1	14.5		32,274	31,033	17.2	-3.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	9,571	21.0	18.4		42,838	42,592	23.5	-0.6
Brownsville	5,654	12.4	28.8		22,132	23,275	12.9	5.2
Laredo	18,865	41.4	31.7		70,575	72,777	40.2	3.1
Eagle Pass	2,258	5.0	3.8		9,191	9,238	5.1	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,540</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>23.4</b>		<b>178,856</b>	<b>180,897</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities  
 April 2005 vs. April 2006: Up 23.4%  
 (In Thousands)

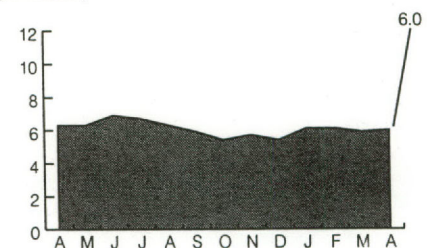


**Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)**

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		05 vs. 06		Gain/Loss
	Apr 06	Apr 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	Emp %Chg	YTD	
Brownsville	56,366	3,836	6.4	54,550	56,156	2.9	1,606	
Del Rio	14,855	952	6.0	14,774	14,746	-0.2	-28	
El Paso	237,538	16,054	6.3	232,467	236,756	1.8	4,290	
Harlingen	23,504	1,493	6.0	22,747	23,416	2.9	670	
Laredo	80,357	4,482	5.3	75,292	79,941	6.2	4,649	
McAllen	55,592	3,000	5.1	53,135	55,492	4.4	2,357	
Pharr	21,319	1,192	5.3	20,377	21,281	4.4	904	
<b>Total</b>	<b>489,531</b>	<b>31,009</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>473,340</b>	<b>487,787</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>14,447</b>	
Texas Unemployment Rate							4.8	
U.S. Unemployment Rate							4.5	

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  
 April 2005 vs. April 2006: Down 2.7%  
 (In Percent)

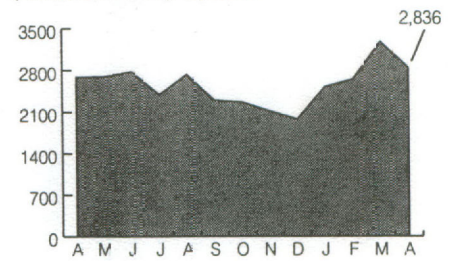




**Building Permits**

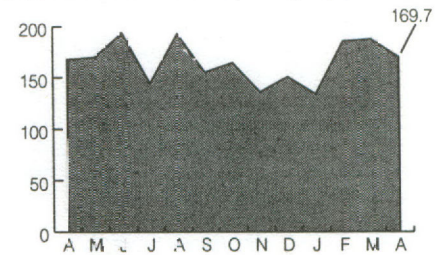
Number City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Apr 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	293	10.3	-10.1	1,239	1,165	10.3	-6.0
Del Rio	224	7.9	-5.5	892	952	8.4	6.7
Eagle Pass	27	1.0	-40.0	204	144	1.3	-29.4
El Paso	1,005	35.4	-18.1	4,289	3,729	33.1	-13.1
Harlingen	423	14.9	49.5	1,154	1,358	12.1	17.7
Laredo	639	22.5	69.0	1,497	3,149	27.9	110.4
McAllen	225	7.9	20.3	755	771	6.8	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>10,030</b>	<b>11,268</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.3</b>

Building Permits All Cited Cities  
April 2005 vs. April 2006  
(Number of Permits): Up 5.7%



Dollar Value City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Apr 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	30,849,036	18.2	73.4	89,037,091	95,550,073	14.1	7.3
Del Rio	4,912,900	2.9	2.9	11,948,857	13,332,506	2.0	11.6
Eagle Pass	3,345,669	2.0	60.7	21,457,372	7,950,415	1.2	-62.9
El Paso	62,193,976	36.7	-25.7	271,249,687	262,722,202	38.8	-3.1
Harlingen	7,717,743	4.5	-6.3	25,092,426	40,387,118	6.0	61.0
Laredo	33,628,792	19.8	13.2	131,439,860	156,130,889	23.1	18.8
McAllen	27,011,703	15.9	26.0	134,042,971	100,203,702	14.8	-25.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>169,659,819</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>684,268,264</b>	<b>676,276,905</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.2</b>

(Value of Permits in Millions of U.S.): Up 1.2%



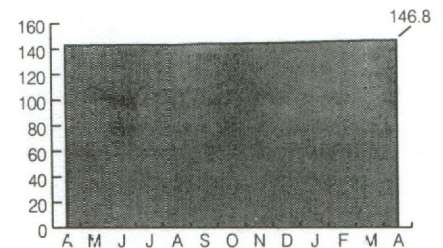
Source: Permit Departments in cited cities

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**Power Connections (in Service)**

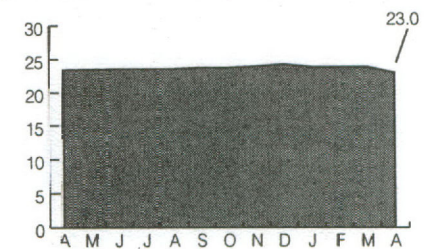
Residential City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Apr 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	14,850	10.1	1.0	14,655	14,801	10.1	1.0
Eagle Pass	10,987	7.5	2.1	10,686	10,944	7.5	2.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	23,630	16.1	2.3	23,044	23,523	16.1	2.1
Laredo	59,963	40.8	3.7	57,399	59,578	40.7	3.8
McAllen	37,411	25.5	2.2	36,584	37,412	25.6	2.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,841</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>142,368</b>	<b>146,258</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>

Power Connections All Cited Cities  
April 2005 vs. April 2006  
(Residential - in Thousands): Up 2.7%



Commercial City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Apr 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,346	10.2	1.7	2,304	2,329	9.8	1.1
Eagle Pass	1,694	7.4	0.5	1,676	1,696	7.2	1.1
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,033	17.6	1.3	3,981	4,045	17.1	1.6
Laredo	8,126	35.4	-8.2	8,821	8,851	37.4	0.3
McAllen	6,758	29.4	2.8	6,541	6,742	28.5	3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,957</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>23,323</b>	<b>23,662</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>

(Commercial - In Thousands): Down 1.9%



Industrial City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Apr 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	44	8.8	0.0	45	44	8.9	-1.7
Eagle Pass	29	5.8	-3.3	31	29	5.7	-6.6
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	102	20.4	-3.8	104	102	20.4	-1.9
Laredo	202	40.5	-1.9	205	203	40.5	-1.3
McAllen	122	24.4	2.5	121	123	24.5	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.1</b>

(Industrial): Down 1.2%



Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company

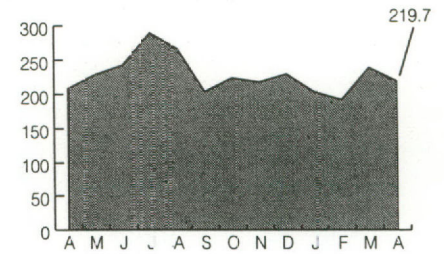
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**Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)**

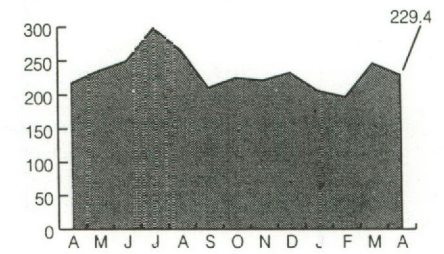
City	Apr 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	7,480	3.4	25.5		24,920	29,736	3.5	19.3
El Paso	137,075	62.4	6.5		505,135	521,010	60.9	3.1
Harlingen	36,028	16.4	-9.3		169,088	145,468	17.0	-14.0
Laredo	7,301	3.3	-0.4		30,616	28,781	3.4	-6.0
McAllen	31,852	14.5	19.7		116,672	131,176	15.3	12.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>219,736</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>		<b>846,431</b>	<b>856,171</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities  
April 2005 vs. April 2006  
(Arrivals - In Thousands): Up 5.5%



City	Apr 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	7,750	3.4	22.8		25,730	30,794	3.5	19.7
El Paso	141,062	61.5	6.2		515,047	531,744	60.5	3.2
Harlingen	39,646	17.3	-7.3		176,179	153,698	17.5	-12.8
Laredo	7,462	3.3	3.1		29,962	28,889	3.3	-3.6
McAllen	33,510	14.6	18.1		120,010	134,336	15.3	11.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>229,430</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>		<b>866,928</b>	<b>879,461</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>

(Departures - In Thousands): Up 5.5%

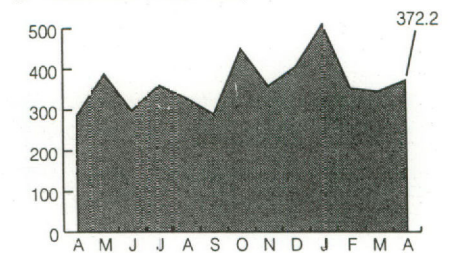


Source: Airports in cited cities

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

Cargo Type	Apr 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	264,731	71.1	50.9		748,013	1,066,781	67.5	42.6
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0		13,070	0	0.0	-100.0
Liquid	1,547	0.4	426.6		10,364	47,787	3.0	361.1
Machinery	1,930	0.5	467.8		50,717	33,144	2.1	-34.7
Ores - Minerals	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Other	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Petroleum	103,993	27.9	-5.8		380,328	433,129	27.4	13.9
Steel - Other Minerals	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>372,202</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29.9</b>		<b>1,202,492</b>	<b>1,580,840</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>31.5</b>

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo  
April 2005 vs. April 2006: Up 29.9%  
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



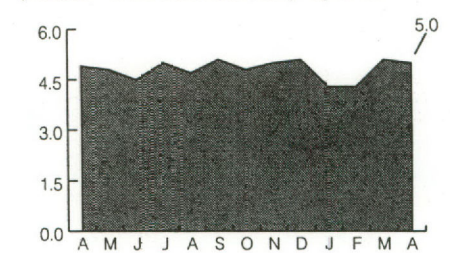
Source: Port of Brownsville

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

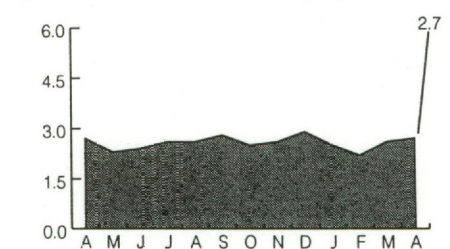
Cargo Type	Apr 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	31,676	0.6	-3.1		75,195	67,723	0.4	-9.9
Chemical	7,984	0.2	-51.7		49,709	49,410	0.3	-0.6
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	445,076	9.0	19.2		1,666,079	2,016,757	10.8	21.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	-100.0		5,974	3,471	0.0	-41.9
Liquid	0	0.0	0.0		72,202	74,378	0.4	3.0
Petroleum	4,469,323	90.2	0.6		16,082,937	16,457,056	88.2	2.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,954,059</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>		<b>17,952,096</b>	<b>18,668,794</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo  
April 2005 vs. April 2006  
(Inbound - In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 1.7%



Cargo Type	Apr 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Break Bulk	8,233	0.3	987.7		71,614	24,922	0.3	-65.2
Chemical	134,810	5.1	-15.4		545,321	511,949	5.1	-6.1
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	230,465	8.7	-47.5		1,616,756	763,356	7.7	-52.8
Grain Bulk	121,800	4.6	97.9		573,080	551,131	5.5	-3.8
Liquid	0	0.0	-100.0		53,984	20,008	0.2	-62.9
Petroleum	2,168,191	81.4	9.1		7,770,187	8,084,390	81.2	4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,663,500</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>		<b>10,630,941</b>	<b>9,955,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.4</b>

(Outbound - In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 0.2%



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.



El Paso, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	2,109,104,566
	2	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	1,297,743,730
	3	75	Office Machines and Automatic Data Processing Machines	939,638,943
Otay Mesa Sta., CA	1	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	1,856,623,352
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	605,205,806
	3	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	476,309,218
Nogales, AZ	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	1,463,685,181
	2	05	Vegetables and Fruit	1,122,300,167
	3	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	527,191,312
Hidalgo, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	806,504,133
	2	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	745,488,358
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	300,250,720
Brownsville, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	506,590,175
	2	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	255,140,958
	3	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	188,844,061
Calexico-East, CA	1	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	507,118,466
	2	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	249,451,453
	3	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	237,468,002
Eagle Pass, TX	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	1,471,879,236
	2	84	Articles of Apparel and Clothing Accessories	279,973,633
	3	69	Manufactures of Metals, N.E.S.	129,984,969
Del Rio, TX	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	118,834,934
	2	82	Furniture and Parts thereof; Bedding, Mattresses, Mattress Supports, Cushions and Similar Stuffed Furnishings	118,699,551
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	101,861,146

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