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## U.S.-Mexico 2009 Trade Figures Show Decrease Over 2008

Since the final quarter of 2008, trade figures between the U.S. and Mexico have been subpar. U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico experienced downturns starting in 2008 and continuing into 2009. From January 2009, these figures posted double-digit losses throughout the year. 2009 trade figures have averaged as follow: 1) U.S. exports to Mexico, -18.7 percent; 2) U.S. imports from Mexico, -23.5 percent; and 3) total trade, -21.5 percent.

In Table 1, the total dollar value of all merchandise trade (\$247.6 billion) was down 21.5 percent for October 2009 YTD against the same period in 2008 (\$315.6 billion). Trade between the partners was down. This reduced the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico. The October 2008 YTD deficit was \$56.8 billion. U.S.

imports from Mexico still outpaced exports to Mexico in 2009 resulting in a deficit of \$37.2 billion. This translated into a 34.5 percent decrease in the deficit and was due to the overall drop in trade and not an increase of U.S. exports to Mexico.

Of the \$247.6 billion dollar value of this merchandise trade between the trading partners in 2009 YTD, \$198.2 billion or 80.0 percent was processed at U.S.-Mexico border ports of entry. Texas border ports of entry accounted for \$148.6 billion or 75.0 percent of that total trade merchandise value (See Table 2 and 3).

On the back page, Tables 5 and 6 delineate the 27 ports of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border, and the dollar value of U.S. exports to Mexico, and U.S. imports from Mexico passing through them respectively. —B. Garcia

**Table 1**  
U.S.-Mexico Trade  
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2008 Oct YTD Total	2009 Oct YTD Total	'08 vs. '09 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	129.4	105.2	-18.7
U.S. Imports from Mexico	186.2	142.4	-23.5
<b>Total Trade</b>	<b>315.6</b>	<b>247.6</b>	<b>-21.5</b>

**Table 2**  
U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports  
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2008 Oct YTD Total	2009 Oct YTD Total	'08 vs. '09 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	105.9	87.1	-17.8
U.S. Imports from Mexico	136.5	111.1	-18.6
<b>Total Trade</b>	<b>242.4</b>	<b>198.2</b>	<b>-18.2</b>

**Table 3**  
U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed by Texas Border Ports  
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2008 Oct YTD Total	2009 Oct YTD Total	'08 vs. '09 Percent Change
Texas Border Ports	184.9	148.6	-19.6
Other U.S.-Mexico Border Ports	57.5	49.6	-13.7
<b>Total Trade</b>	<b>242.4</b>	<b>198.2</b>	<b>-18.2</b>

Note: Figures may not match due to rounding.

**Table 4**  
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade  
Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports  
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2008 Oct YTD Total	2009 Oct YTD Total	'08 vs. '09 Percent Change
Brownsville	11,043,057,267	8,024,430,147	-27.3
Del Rio	2,486,312,256	1,866,371,955	-24.9
Eagle Pass	10,289,260,402	9,965,375,801	-3.1
Laredo	99,353,183,963	77,411,299,271	-22.1
Hidalgo	19,061,585,459	16,001,327,404	-16.1
Rio Grande	384,805,868	223,615,437	-41.9
Progreso	348,307,724	243,918,577	-30.0
Roma	159,073,585	56,925,804	-64.2
Edinburg Airport	2,750	0	-100.0
El Paso	41,253,395,769	34,601,280,408	-16.1
Presidio	483,490,744	214,256,288	-55.7
Fabens	25,785,505	2,163,343	-91.6
Columbus	41,478,189	58,856,482	41.9
Santa Teresa	1,045,759,378	3,073,862,167	193.9
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	1,891,957	956,239	-49.5
Calexico	46,690,636	69,584,651	49.0
San Ysidro	222,947,645	119,160,336	-46.6
Tecate	973,173,711	773,568,073	-20.5
Otay Mesa Station	27,187,870,228	23,601,515,494	-13.2
Calexico-East	9,802,723,544	6,959,983,812	-29.0
Douglas	1,003,690,744	926,681,390	-7.7
Lukeville	8,667,030	2,939,322	-66.1
Naco	36,899,651	19,163,996	-48.1
Nogales	16,140,302,100	13,192,821,564	-18.3
Sasabe	1,231,032	1,003,776	-18.5
San Luis	960,262,686	776,399,499	-19.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>242,361,849,823</b>	<b>198,187,461,236</b>	<b>-18.2</b>

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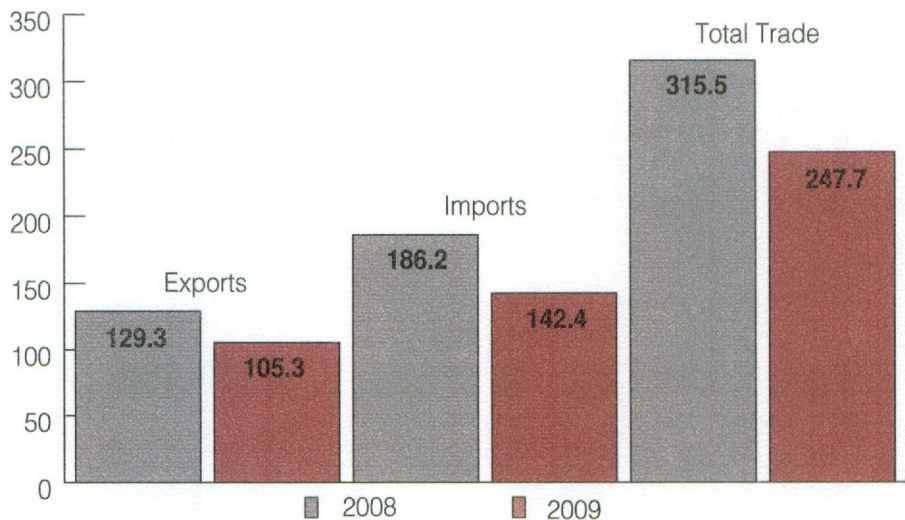
**Note from the Director**

Indicators of border business activity that were reported for October 2009 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated four indicators increased and sixteen decreased. 2009 YTD comparisons to 2008 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 1.6 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 25.2 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 13.1 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 18.2 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico lost 15.2 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas lost 16.0 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went down 23.4 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went down 31.7 percent.
- Revenues data collected by U.S. Customs was not available at press time.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a loss of 14.0 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were up 0.7 percent.
- Total employment was up 0.6 percent, with 3,080 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in October 2009 was 8.7 percent.
- Total building permits issued fell 12.9 percent.
- Total building permit values decreased 26.0 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 1.2 percent, commercial were up 0.3 percent and industrial were down 3.7 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 7.7 percent, and departures were down 8.1 percent.
- Total cargo data for the Port of Brownsville was not available at press time.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went down 10.4 percent, and outbound cargo went down 18.4 percent.

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

October 2009 Year-to-Date  
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



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

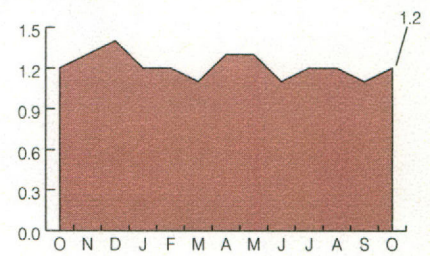
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**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Oct 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	158,034	13.0	2.1		1,489,815	1,684,937	14.2	13.1
Del Rio	3,869	0.3	-19.8		45,271	42,316	0.4	-6.5
Eagle Pass	55,013	4.5	-7.8		562,058	524,045	4.4	-6.8
El Paso	461,413	37.9	4.0		4,216,859	4,241,955	35.6	0.6
Harlingen	10	0.0	N/A		201	250	0.0	24.4
Laredo	337,728	27.7	-5.9		3,519,989	3,307,117	27.8	-6.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	133,842	11.0	7.9		1,219,818	1,157,672	9.7	-5.1
Progreso	48,327	4.0	-23.8		847,856	775,008	6.5	-8.6
Rio Grande	82	0.0	925.0		234	292	0.0	24.8
Roma	19,840	1.6	-6.1		192,389	170,123	1.4	-11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,218,158</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>		<b>12,094,490</b>	<b>11,903,715</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.6</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009: Down 1.0%  
(In Millions)

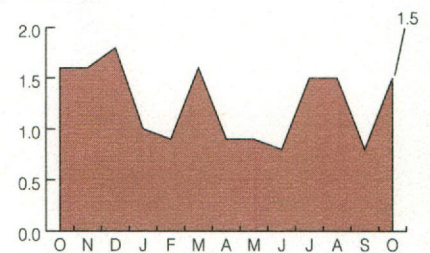


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Oct 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	150,118	10.2	-24.7		2,037,563	1,932,327	17.0	-5.2
Del Rio	6,154	0.4	-14.4		70,535	68,540	0.6	-2.8
Eagle Pass	60,753	4.1	-2.9		609,400	579,814	5.1	-4.9
El Paso	619,532	42.2	-0.6		5,713,382	2,352,319	20.7	-58.8
Laredo	389,810	26.5	-6.4		4,108,753	3,802,021	33.4	-7.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	169,409	11.5	6.9		1,566,912	1,635,351	14.4	4.4
Presidio	1,951	0.1	9.5		23,196	8,269	0.1	-64.4
Progreso	48,996	3.3	-23.7		856,469	784,231	6.9	-8.4
Rio Grande	2,087	0.1	27.1		13,866	17,454	0.2	25.9
Roma	20,943	1.4	-3.3		207,736	199,718	1.8	-3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,469,753</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5.6</b>		<b>15,207,812</b>	<b>11,380,044</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-25.2</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009: Down 5.6%  
(In Millions)

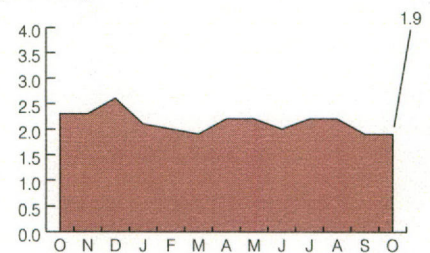


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Oct 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	272,521	14.4	-38.3		4,393,820	3,618,902	17.7	-17.6
Del Rio	114,123	6.0	-7.1		1,241,352	1,157,544	5.7	-6.8
Eagle Pass	213,106	11.3	-2.7		2,295,470	2,141,297	10.5	-6.7
El Paso	281,063	14.9	-9.5		3,366,379	2,900,006	14.2	-13.9
Harlingen	47,811	2.5	-5.8		489,161	506,704	2.5	3.6
Laredo	412,173	21.8	-1.7		4,418,930	4,063,340	19.9	-8.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	374,815	19.9	-5.3		4,135,426	3,305,026	16.2	-20.1
Pharr	N/A	N/A	N/A		1,335,077	1,047,764	5.1	-21.5
Progreso	60,776	3.2	-9.0		703,184	651,560	3.2	-7.3
Rio Grande	41,435	2.2	-4.1		426,181	423,677	2.1	-0.6
Roma	70,098	3.7	4.3		706,157	616,381	3.0	-12.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,887,921</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-16.5</b>		<b>23,511,137</b>	<b>20,432,201</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-13.1</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009: Down 16.5%  
(In Millions)

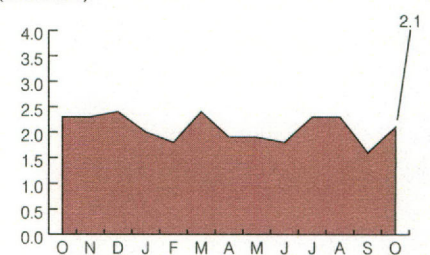


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Oct 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	266,023	12.9	-40.0		4,667,725	3,748,322	18.7	-19.7
Del Rio	116,170	5.6	-11.3		1,332,722	1,183,556	5.9	-11.2
Eagle Pass	219,679	10.7	-3.2		2,291,532	2,236,965	11.2	-2.4
El Paso	376,861	18.3	-6.6		4,557,076	1,546,977	7.7	-66.1
Harlingen	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	327,896	15.9	1.1		3,683,566	3,995,913	20.0	8.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	352,230	17.1	-0.7		3,775,689	3,607,934	18.0	-4.4
Pharr	167,330	8.1	0.5		1,725,936	1,614,996	8.1	-6.4
Presidio	54,276	2.6	21.8		520,324	220,456	1.1	-57.6
Progreso	63,802	3.1	-9.9		743,662	700,703	3.5	-5.8
Rio Grande	44,182	2.1	-5.0		476,973	467,998	2.3	-1.9
Roma	69,656	3.4	6.1		705,138	688,906	3.4	-2.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,058,105</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-9.6</b>		<b>24,480,343</b>	<b>20,012,726</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-18.2</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009: Down 9.6%  
(In Millions)



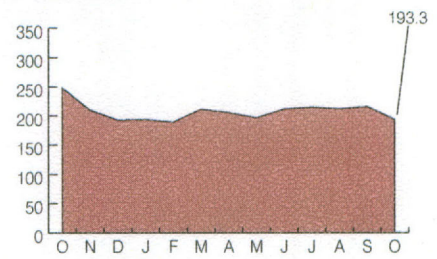
**Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Oct 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	15,753	8.2	-7.2		155,703	140,746	6.9	-9.6
Del Rio	4,873	2.5	-9.0		54,245	44,897	2.2	-17.2
Eagle Pass	7,486	3.9	-16.7		82,502	64,334	3.2	-22.0
El Paso	26,220	13.6	-10.6		287,290	237,359	11.6	-17.4
Harlingen	1,798	0.9	-30.1		21,413	18,276	0.9	-14.6
Laredo	130,840	67.7	-5.6		1,348,744	1,165,705	57.1	-13.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	297	0.2	-39.5		4,599	3,033	0.1	-34.1
Pharr	N/A	N/A	N/A		390,132	305,607	15.0	-21.7
Progreso	2,123	1.1	-29.8		31,448	27,909	1.4	-11.3
Rio Grande	3,329	1.7	41.5		24,068	28,487	1.4	18.4
Roma	556	0.3	-32.3		8,269	5,717	0.3	-30.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>193,275</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-22.0</b>		<b>2,408,413</b>	<b>2,042,070</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-15.2</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  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009: Down 22.0%  
(In Thousands)



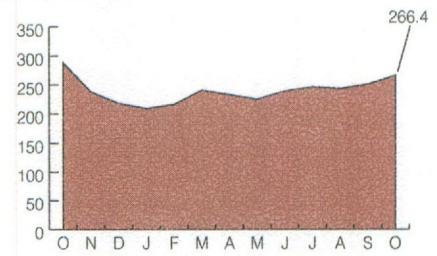
**Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Oct 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	15,433	5.8	-3.0		161,357	135,113	5.7	-16.3
Del Rio	4,984	1.9	-5.6		49,212	41,174	1.7	-16.3
Eagle Pass	7,870	3.0	-14.2		87,741	69,062	2.9	-21.3
El Paso	60,851	22.8	-9.2		658,487	525,902	22.2	-20.1
Falcon Heights	0	0.0	-100.0		38	11	0.0	-71.1
Harlingen	2,454	0.9	-26.2		30,944	24,330	1.0	-21.4
Laredo	131,044	49.2	-6.3		1,347,837	1,151,944	48.6	-14.5
Pharr	36,872	13.8	-10.4		410,135	350,386	14.8	-14.6
Presidio	771	0.3	87.6		5,221	5,383	0.2	3.1
Progreso	3,540	1.3	-4.4		38,646	39,418	1.7	2.0
Rio Grande	1,996	0.7	-13.6		26,576	23,530	1.0	-11.5
Roma	556	0.2	-13.7		6,508	5,819	0.2	-10.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>266,371</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-7.7</b>		<b>2,822,702</b>	<b>2,372,072</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-16.0</b>

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  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009: Down 7.7%  
(In Thousands)



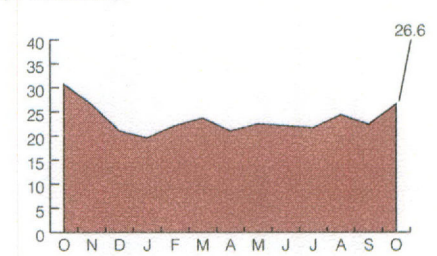
**Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Oct 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	3,048	11.5	7.0		39,607	28,876	12.8	-27.1
Eagle Pass	8,792	33.1	-1.4		77,313	70,886	31.4	-8.3
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	14,756	55.5	-21.9		178,357	126,343	55.9	-29.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-13.2</b>		<b>295,277</b>	<b>226,105</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-23.4</b>

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009: Down 13.2%  
(In Thousands)

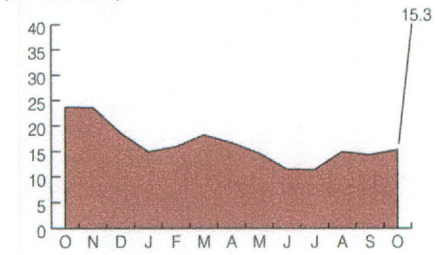


**Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Oct 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	389	2.5	-29.8		5,226	5,324	3.6	1.9
Eagle Pass	5,220	34.1	-9.9		39,564	45,229	30.6	14.3
El Paso	2,285	14.9	-70.6		67,188	39,204	26.6	-41.7
Laredo	7,436	48.5	-22.1		104,275	57,857	39.2	-44.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,330</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-35.2</b>		<b>216,253</b>	<b>147,614</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-31.7</b>

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009: Down 35.2%  
(In Thousands)



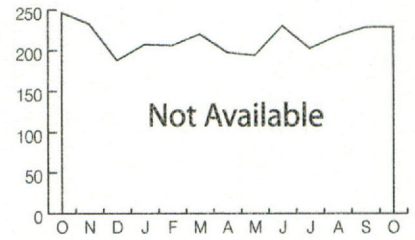
**Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)**

City	Oct 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%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  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009: N/A  
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

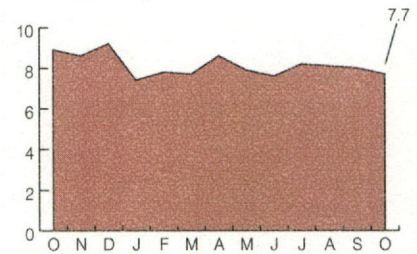


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)**

City	Oct 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	1,053,796	13.7	-0.4		10,128,614	9,553,906	12.1	-5.7
Del Rio	350,039	4.5	14.6		3,761,774	3,405,388	4.3	-9.5
Eagle Pass	N/A	N/A	N/A		6,014,764	1,699,647	2.2	-71.7
El Paso	1,349,997	17.5	1.9		13,952,639	12,091,460	15.3	-13.3
Harlingen	157,328	2.0	-4.1		1,543,301	1,528,948	1.9	-0.9
Laredo	3,638,421	47.3	-0.9		37,477,665	33,541,814	42.5	-10.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	920,098	12.0	-4.8		10,059,841	8,118,755	10.3	-19.3
Pharr	N/A	N/A	N/A		6,870,862	6,987,315	8.9	1.7
Roma	227,202	3.0	2.1		2,001,522	2,004,738	2.5	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,696,880</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-13.8</b>		<b>91,810,981</b>	<b>78,931,971</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-14.0</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  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009: Down 13.8%  
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

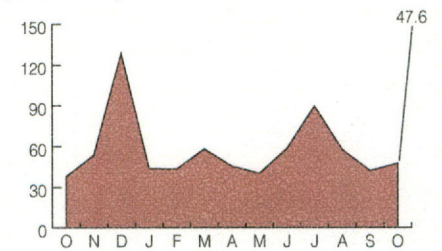


**Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico**

City	Oct 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		YTD 08	YTD 09	YTD	
			%Chg				%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	4,049	8.5	-17.0		62,041	49,144	9.3	-20.8
Del Rio	462	1.0	-0.2		5,911	4,958	0.9	-16.1
Eagle Pass	2,223	4.7	1433.1		24,104	23,439	4.5	-2.8
El Paso	8,909	18.7	12.0		96,420	78,749	15.0	-18.3
Falcon Heights	343	0.7	N/A		N/A	3,985	0.8	N/A
Laredo	18,168	38.2	8.5		236,537	220,496	41.9	-6.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	8,611	18.1	14.7		97,864	98,353	18.7	0.5
Presidio	1,012	2.1	N/A		N/A	10,635	2.0	N/A
Progreso	1,054	2.2	N/A		N/A	11,073	2.1	N/A
Rio Grande	730	1.5	N/A		N/A	6,272	1.2	N/A
Roma	1,991	4.2	N/A		N/A	19,318	3.7	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,552</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26.2</b>		<b>522,877</b>	<b>526,422</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009: Up 26.2%  
(In Thousands)

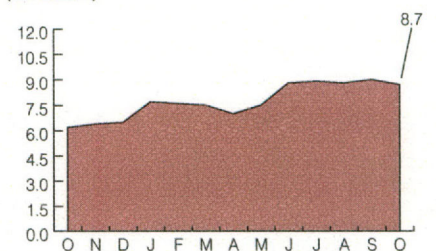


**Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)**

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		08 vs. 09		Gain/Loss
	Oct 09	Oct 09		Oct 09	YTD 08	YTD 09	Emp %Chg	
Brownsville	58,150	6,985	10.7	58,259	58,246	0.0	-13	
Del Rio	15,451	1,453	8.6	15,639	15,194	-2.8	-445	
El Paso	241,128	22,903	8.7	240,272	239,531	-0.3	-741	
Harlingen	23,590	2,235	8.7	23,678	23,629	-0.2	-49	
Laredo	84,061	7,330	8.0	81,087	83,629	3.1	2,543	
McAllen	57,601	4,589	7.4	56,286	57,062	1.4	776	
Pharr	23,484	2,381	9.2	22,257	23,265	4.5	1,008	
<b>Total</b>	<b>503,465</b>	<b>47,876</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>497,477</b>	<b>500,557</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3,080</b>	
Texas Unemployment Rate						8.1		
U.S. Unemployment Rate						9.5		

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

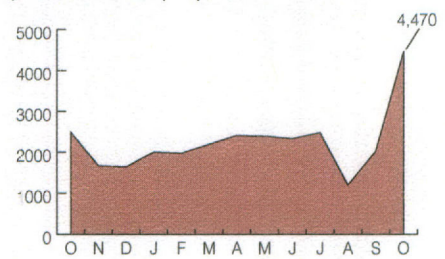
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009: Up 45.1%  
(In Percent)



**Building Permits**

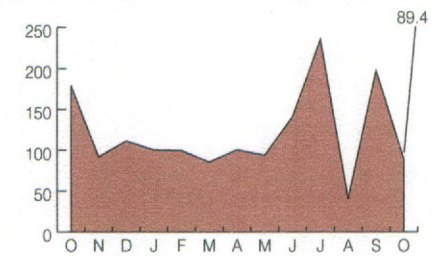
Number	08 vs. 09			YTD			
City	Oct 09	%Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,146	1,637	7.0	-23.7
Del Rio	N/A	N/A	N/A	952	200	0.9	-79.0
Eagle Pass	35	0.8	45.8	400	282	1.2	-29.5
El Paso	3,709	83.0	131.2	16,299	13,277	56.6	-18.5
Harlingen	151	3.4	-33.8	2,185	2,056	8.8	-5.9
Laredo	296	6.6	289.5	2,414	3,222	13.7	33.5
McAllen	279	6.2	11.2	2,539	2,787	11.9	9.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,470</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>26,935</b>	<b>23,461</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-12.9</b>

Building Permits All Cited Cities  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009  
(Number of Permits): Up 80.0%



Dollar Value	08 vs. 09			YTD			
City	Oct 09	%Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	245,825,940	77,177,726	6.5	-68.6
Del Rio	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,634,187	13,910,088	1.2	10.1
Eagle Pass	7,932,936	8.9	563.0	24,722,486	25,513,617	2.2	3.2
El Paso	59,079,160	66.1	-50.7	832,021,646	685,033,982	57.9	-17.7
Harlingen	2,115,641	2.4	-62.9	55,973,559	72,809,166	6.2	30.1
Laredo	13,132,877	14.7	-40.2	227,821,062	133,281,019	11.3	-41.5
McAllen	7,096,413	7.9	-39.0	200,460,691	175,698,494	14.8	-12.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,357,027</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-50.1</b>	<b>1,599,459,571</b>	<b>1,183,424,092</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-26.0</b>

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Down 50.1%

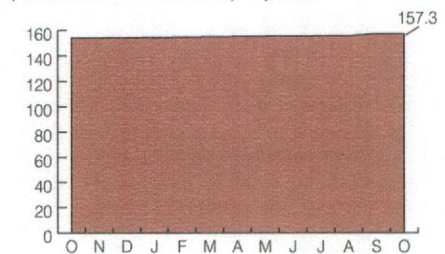


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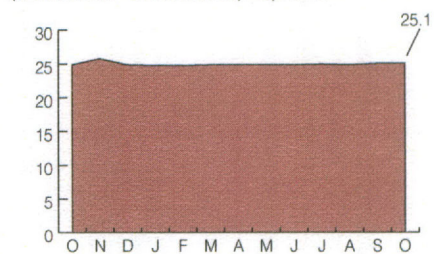
Residential	08 vs. 09			Average		YTD	
City	Oct 09	%Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	15,650	9.9	1.8	15,317	15,469	9.9	1.0
Eagle Pass	11,640	7.4	3.3	11,334	11,479	7.4	1.3
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	24,874	15.8	1.3	24,548	24,738	15.9	0.8
Laredo	65,121	41.4	2.4	63,515	64,346	41.3	1.3
McAllen	40,053	25.5	2.3	39,161	39,643	25.5	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,338</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>153,875</b>	<b>155,675</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>

Power Connections All Cited Cities  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009  
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 2.2%



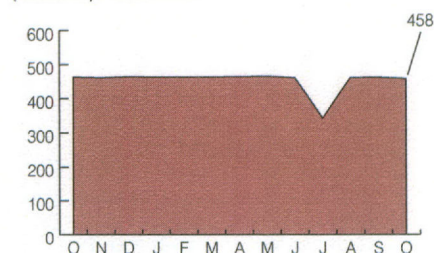
Commercial	08 vs. 09			Average		YTD	
City	Oct 09	%Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,421	9.6	0.7	2,429	2,394	9.6	-1.5
Eagle Pass	1,668	6.6	0.3	1,665	1,675	6.7	0.6
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,181	16.6	0.8	4,153	4,157	16.7	0.1
Laredo	9,673	38.5	1.4	9,543	9,565	38.3	0.2
McAllen	7,191	28.6	1.4	7,073	7,154	28.7	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,134</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>24,863</b>	<b>24,945</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 1.1%



Industrial	08 vs. 09			Average		YTD	
City	Oct 09	%Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	44	9.6	0.0	44	43	9.6	-1.8
Eagle Pass	22	4.8	-8.3	26	23	5.2	-9.7
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	94	20.5	1.1	96	95	21.0	-1.8
Laredo	181	39.5	-2.2	184	173	38.3	-6.4
McAllen	117	25.5	0.0	117	117	25.9	-0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.7</b>

(Industrial): Down 1.1%

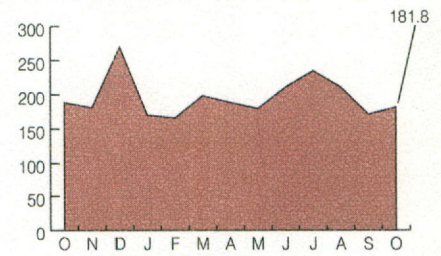


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**Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)**

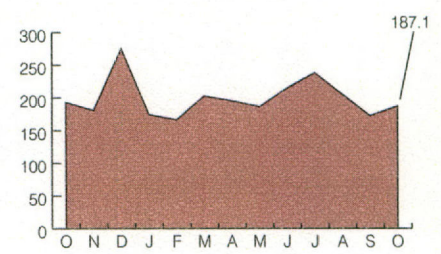
Arrivals		08 vs. 09		YTD		YTD	
City	Oct 09 %Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg	
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	68,863	47,206	2.5	-31.4	
El Paso	116,617	64.1	-1.0	1,255,957	1,156,550	60.4	-7.9
Harlingen	27,215	15.0	-11.1	347,246	304,020	15.9	-12.4
Laredo	8,532	4.7	9.7	87,343	100,508	5.2	15.1
McAllen	29,482	16.2	10.6	315,603	306,274	16.0	-3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,846</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>2,075,012</b>	<b>1,914,558</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-7.7</b>

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009  
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Down 3.7%



Departures		08 vs. 09		YTD		YTD	
City	Oct 09 %Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg	
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	72,865	49,132	2.5	-32.6	
El Paso	121,006	64.7	0.4	1,271,428	1,171,297	60.3	-7.9
Harlingen	28,005	15.0	-9.4	356,996	312,459	16.1	-12.5
Laredo	8,113	4.3	2.2	87,541	98,256	5.1	12.2
McAllen	29,980	16.0	9.2	323,973	310,787	16.0	-4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>187,104</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>2,112,803</b>	<b>1,941,931</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.1</b>

(Departures – In Thousands): Down 3.0%



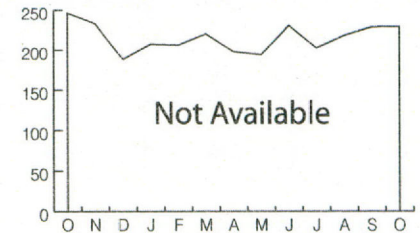
Source: Airports in cited cities

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

Cargo Type	Oct 09 %Share	08 vs. 09 %Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg
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Port of Brownsville Total Cargo  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009: N/A  
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



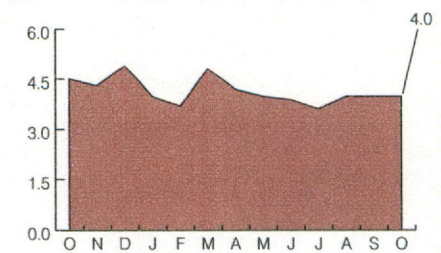
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**Port of Corpus Christi (Cargo in U.S. Tons)**

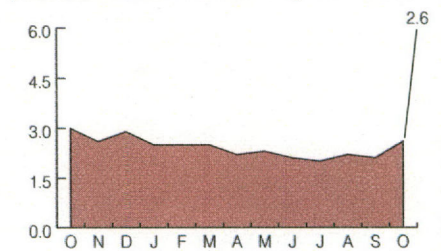
Inbound		08 vs. 09		YTD		YTD	
Cargo Type	Oct 09 %Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg	
Break Bulk	1,566	0.0	-88.2	331,301	125,007	0.3	-62.3
Chemical	12,899	0.3	82.9	119,751	104,050	0.3	-13.1
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	350,937	8.8	-20.2	4,685,380	3,436,383	8.6	-26.7
Grain Bulk	7,734	0.2	77.1	20,647	23,931	0.1	15.9
Liquid	0	0.0	-100.0	198,228	67,780	0.2	-65.8
Petroleum	3,596,852	90.6	-10.2	39,499,254	36,431,063	90.7	-7.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,969,988</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-11.4</b>	<b>44,854,560</b>	<b>40,188,214</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-10.4</b>

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo  
Oct. 2008 vs. Oct. 2009  
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 11.4%



Outbound		08 vs. 09		YTD		YTD	
Cargo Type	Oct 09 %Share	%Chg	YTD 08	YTD 09	%Share	%Chg	
Break Bulk	2,153	0.1	0.0	148,970	113,733	0.5	-23.7
Chemical	98,302	3.8	-34.1	1,371,101	1,000,203	4.3	-27.1
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	139,524	5.4	-28.4	2,067,127	1,997,163	8.6	-3.4
Grain Bulk	518,614	20.1	-24.7	4,711,647	2,742,242	11.8	-41.8
Liquid	0	0.0	0.0	60,638	0	0.0	-100.0
Petroleum	1,824,793	70.6	-8.4	20,090,216	17,369,120	74.8	-13.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,583,386</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-14.6</b>	<b>28,449,699</b>	<b>23,222,462</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-18.4</b>

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 14.6%



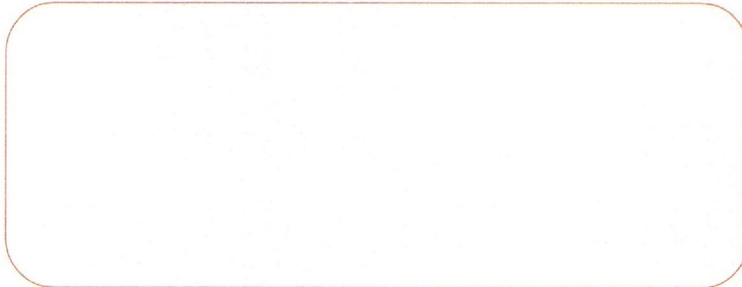
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**Table 5**  
 U.S. Exports to Mexico Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports  
 (In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2008 Oct YTD Total	2009 Oct YTD Total	'08 vs. '09 Percent Change
Brownsville	6,953,995,768	5,016,424,416	-27.9
Del Rio	1,205,295,810	857,909,228	-28.8
Eagle Pass	4,193,293,246	3,759,605,152	-10.3
Laredo	45,858,255,711	36,860,082,781	-19.6
Hidalgo	8,397,106,686	7,313,920,754	-12.9
Rio Grande	248,347,412	138,353,724	-44.3
Progreso	292,634,485	171,992,753	-41.2
Roma	152,070,867	52,095,563	-65.7
Edinburg Airport	2,750	0	-100.0
El Paso	17,245,428,727	14,731,064,467	-14.6
Presidio	399,255,094	142,344,440	-64.3
Fabens	25,785,505	2,163,343	-91.6
Columbus	15,611,424	20,952,725	34.2
Santa Teresa	346,801,586	1,053,583,527	203.8
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	1,891,957	956,239	-49.5
Calexico	46,690,636	69,584,651	49.0
San Ysidro	222,947,645	119,143,584	-46.6
Tecate	487,154,631	345,785,287	-29.0
Otay Mesa Station	9,012,473,426	7,862,268,502	-12.8
Calexico-East	4,203,141,685	2,967,929,034	-29.4
Douglas	359,737,556	344,277,162	-4.3
Lukeville	8,060,645	2,217,658	-72.5
Naco	28,007,989	12,463,210	-55.5
Nogales	5,772,905,651	4,897,984,044	-15.2
Sasabe	1,231,032	1,003,776	-18.5
San Luis	410,682,153	332,470,987	-19.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,888,810,077</b>	<b>87,076,577,007</b>	<b>-17.8</b>

**Table 6**  
 U.S. Imports from Mexico Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports  
 (In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2008 Oct YTD Total	2009 Oct YTD Total	'08 vs. '09 Percent Change
Brownsville	4,089,061,499	3,008,005,731	-26.4
Del Rio	1,281,016,446	1,008,462,727	-21.3
Eagle Pass	6,095,967,156	6,205,770,649	1.8
Laredo	53,494,928,252	40,551,216,490	-24.2
Hidalgo	10,664,478,773	8,687,406,650	-18.5
Rio Grande	136,458,456	85,261,713	-37.5
Progreso	55,673,239	71,925,824	29.2
Roma	7,002,718	4,830,241	-31.0
Edinburg Airport	0	0	-
El Paso	24,007,967,042	19,870,215,941	-17.2
Presidio	84,235,650	71,911,848	-14.6
Fabens	0	0	-
Columbus	25,866,765	37,903,757	46.5
Santa Teresa	698,957,792	2,020,278,640	189.0
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	0	0	-
Calexico	0	0	-
San Ysidro	0	16,752	-
Tecate	486,019,080	427,782,786	-12.0
Otay Mesa Station	18,175,396,802	15,739,246,992	-13.4
Calexico-East	5,599,581,859	3,992,054,778	-28.7
Douglas	643,953,188	582,404,228	-9.6
Lukeville	606,385	721,664	19.0
Naco	8,891,662	6,700,786	-24.6
Nogales	10,367,396,449	8,294,837,520	-20.0
Sasabe	0	0	-
San Luis	549,580,533	443,928,512	-19.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,473,039,746</b>	<b>111,110,884,229</b>	<b>-18.6</b>

Source: Charts 1-6, U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census, Foreign Trade Division