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U.S.-Mexico Trade: Exports and Imports Double-Digit Increases in Quarter 1 2006

As previously mentioned in the March 2006 issue of the *Border Business Indicators*, U.S. and Mexico total trade registered an all-time high of \$290.2 billion in 2005—the highest figure to date in the trading history of the trading partners. Quarter 1 2006 figures increased in both U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico. But unlike last year, the increases in Q1 2006 were in the double-digits—at this pace 2006 trade figures will surpass those of 2005 (See Table 1).

Both U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico, in 2006, have had healthy increases over the same period in 2005. This year's exports and imports were up, 16.8 percent and 22.1 percent respectively. In turn, the dollar value of total trade was 19.9 percent for 2006.

U.S. exports showed an increase, but the U.S. still registered a trade deficit with Mexico (\$14.8 billion) for Q1 2006. This deficit was higher compared with Q1 2005 (\$10.9 billion).

Table 3 provides a detailed look at the total dollar value of trade activity, U.S. exports plus U.S. imports, at the individual border ports of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border for Quarter 1 2006. A comparison with the same period in 2005 is also provided. As shown, the Port of Laredo registered the highest total of the border ports (\$24.6 billion) followed by El Paso (\$11.7 billion).

On the back page, Tables 4 and 5 provide the dollar value of U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico for the same time periods.

In future issues of the *Border Business Indicators*, these trends in trade activity will be reviewed and presented.

—B. Garcia

Table 1
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade
Q1 2005 vs. Q1 2006
All figures are in Billions of U.S. Dollars

	Q1 2005	Q1 2006	Absolute \$ Change 05 vs. 06	% Change
Exports	28.0	32.7	4.7	16.8
Imports	38.9	47.5	8.6	22.1
Total	66.9	80.2	13.3	19.9

The trade of goods between the two countries has for the most part been at the U.S.-Mexico border. The percentage of the dollar value of goods in trade between them has been historically in the 80s. First quarter figures for 2006 set that percentage at 79.4 percent. The border continued to be the main channel between the trading partners as exhibited in Table 2.

Table 2
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade Activity via U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
Q1 2005 vs. Q1 2006
All figures are in Billions of U.S. Dollars

	Q1 2005	Q1 2006	Absolute \$ Change 05 vs. 06	% Change
Exports	23.5	27.6	4.1	17.4
Imports	30.9	36.1	5.2	16.8
Total	54.4	63.7	9.3	17.1

Table 3
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade Activity via U.S.-Mexico Border by Port
Q1 2005 vs. Q1 2006

Port	Q1 2005	Q1 2006	Absolute \$ Change 05 vs. 06	% Change 05 vs. 06
Brownsville	2,632,215,936	3,084,818,853	452,602,917	17.2
Del Rio	740,673,267	773,991,442	33,318,175	4.5
Eagle Pass	1,727,780,419	2,767,678,133	1,039,897,714	60.2
Laredo	21,786,955,156	24,571,909,407	2,784,954,251	12.8
Hidalgo	4,519,628,283	5,001,432,833	481,804,550	10.7
Rio Grande	51,818,214	67,165,532	15,347,318	29.6
Progreso	31,946,744	56,659,055	24,712,311	77.4
Roma	18,796,333	24,946,595	6,150,262	32.7
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	-
El Paso	10,472,740,022	11,663,544,113	1,190,804,091	11.4
Presidio	101,165,174	128,126,810	26,961,636	26.7
Fabens	1,721,777	111,540	-1,610,237	-93.5
Columbus	7,214,492	10,092,149	2,877,657	39.9
Santa Teresa	291,681,522	315,436,473	23,754,951	8.1
Santa Teresa Airport	0	4,620	4,620	-
Andrade	878,135	513,742	-364,393	-41.5
Calexico	1,385,791	5,882,552	4,496,761	324.5
San Ysidro	27,859,633	38,007,890	10,148,257	36.4
Tecate	263,632,034	290,696,782	27,064,748	10.3
Otay Mesa Station	5,316,701,925	6,306,228,744	989,526,819	18.6
Calexico-East	2,677,632,158	2,829,378,333	151,746,175	5.7
Douglas	287,655,464	285,918,635	-1,736,829	-0.6
Lukeville	1,449,971	2,562,936	1,112,965	76.8
Naco	28,062,126	28,350,099	287,973	1.0
Nogales	3,223,320,914	5,113,117,779	1,889,796,865	58.6
Sasabe	3,649,053	197,877	-3,451,176	-94.6
San Luis	261,773,091	284,209,093	22,436,002	8.6
Total	54,478,337,634	63,650,982,017	9,172,644,383	16.8

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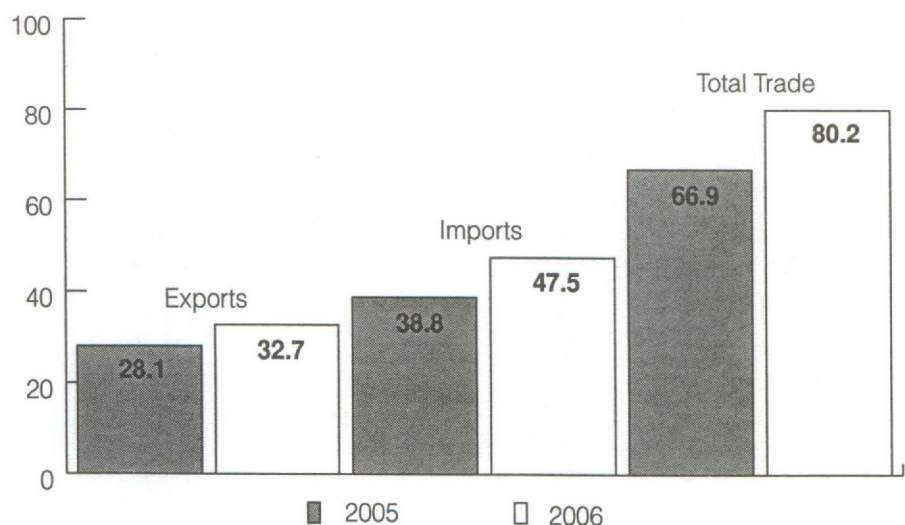
Note from the Director

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

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were up 0.8 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were up 3.4 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 1.8 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 2.6 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 12.0 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 8.5 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went down 1.9 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 21.8 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs decreased 4.4 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 11.8 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 4.6 percent.
- Total employment was up 3.2 percent, with 15,233 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in March 2006 was 5.9 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 14.8 percent.
- Total building permit values decreased 1.9 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.7 percent, commercial were up 2.6 percent and industrial were down 1.1 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 0.3 percent, and departures were up 0.1 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville increased 31.9 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 4.8 percent, and outbound cargo went down 8.5 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

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



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

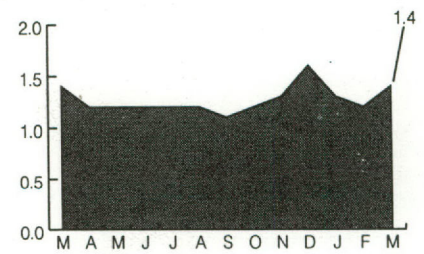
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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Mar 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	207,568	14.9	3.6		526,560	570,552	14.7	8.4
Del Rio	6,204	0.4	1.4		15,493	13,200	0.3	-14.8
Eagle Pass	54,789	3.9	-1.8		148,028	152,766	3.9	3.2
El Paso	421,654	30.3	-15.8		1,354,560	1,205,591	31.1	-11.0
Harlingen	131	0.0	26.0		262	300	0.0	14.5
Laredo	359,131	25.8	3.2		950,617	993,895	25.6	4.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	140,937	10.1	18.1		320,023	378,517	9.8	18.3
Progreso	184,207	13.2	0.5		495,597	511,739	13.2	3.3
Rio Grande	145	0.0	-46.1		528	348	0.0	-34.1
Roma	18,460	1.3	31.0		37,915	52,924	1.4	39.6
Total	1,393,226	100.0	-2.4		3,849,583	3,879,832	100.0	0.8

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006: Down 2.4%
(In Millions)

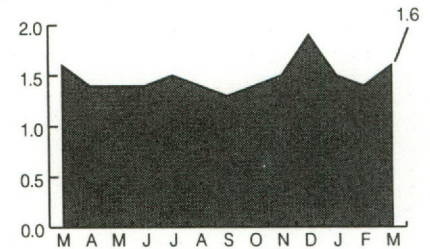


Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Mar 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	243,172	15.0	0.2		644,973	683,491	15.0	6.0
Del Rio	6,938	0.4	-27.9		24,309	18,220	0.4	-25.0
Eagle Pass	62,745	3.9	-1.8		168,075	173,690	3.8	3.3
El Paso	545,299	33.6	-0.4		1,594,212	1,533,868	33.7	-3.8
Laredo	393,271	24.2	2.3		1,053,505	1,108,716	24.3	5.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	162,332	10.0	16.1		373,981	458,772	10.1	22.7
Presidio	1,810	0.1	-26.4		6,662	5,918	0.1	-11.2
Progreso	183,294	11.3	1.1		489,400	508,263	11.2	3.9
Rio Grande	1,514	0.1	50.0		2,819	4,018	0.1	42.5
Roma	21,422	1.3	13.3		50,031	61,188	1.3	22.3
Total	1,621,797	100.0	1.9		4,407,967	4,556,144	100.0	3.4

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006: Up 1.9%
(In Millions)

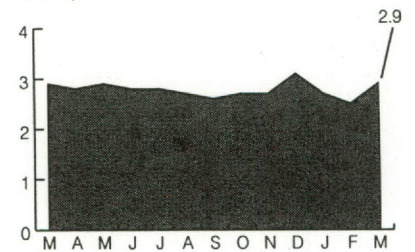


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Mar 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	594,186	20.6	0.2		1,676,339	1,683,845	20.8	0.4
Del Rio	150,764	5.2	1.2		418,452	420,617	5.2	0.5
Eagle Pass	269,714	9.4	-4.4		784,137	749,472	9.3	-4.4
El Paso	423,485	14.7	10.1		1,088,327	1,176,518	14.6	8.1
Harlingen	63,363	2.2	-1.6		171,740	173,383	2.1	1.0
Laredo	523,662	18.2	-10.4		1,617,901	1,468,141	18.2	-9.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	451,159	15.7	-4.7		1,330,110	1,293,263	16.0	-2.8
Pharr	161,063	5.6	3.7		446,492	447,797	5.5	0.3
Progreso	97,289	3.4	-0.1		275,549	272,141	3.4	-1.2
Rio Grande	53,401	1.9	-3.9		152,668	144,602	1.8	-5.3
Roma	89,827	3.1	-5.4		261,625	247,581	3.1	-5.4
Total	2,877,913	100.0	-1.9		8,223,340	8,077,360	100.0	-1.8

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006: Down 1.9%
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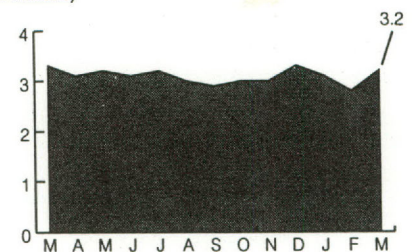


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Mar 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	597,537	18.7	0.4		1,688,476	1,713,302	18.8	1.5
Del Rio	160,987	5.1	2.3		448,691	455,835	5.0	1.6
Eagle Pass	279,091	8.8	-4.2		823,672	794,672	8.7	-3.5
El Paso	595,500	18.7	0.8		1,723,341	1,681,873	18.5	-2.4
Harlingen	68,430	2.1	-4.8		194,247	195,223	2.1	0.5
Laredo	527,300	16.5	-10.7		1,672,144	1,531,385	16.8	-8.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	436,083	13.7	-5.9		1,308,304	1,253,670	13.8	-4.2
Pharr	212,735	6.7	5.0		574,688	590,880	6.5	2.8
Presidio	66,324	2.1	4.7		182,488	187,460	2.1	2.7
Progreso	97,474	3.1	-0.1		273,163	275,457	3.0	0.8
Rio Grande	58,708	1.8	-5.2		173,506	163,317	1.8	-5.9
Roma	87,502	2.7	-8.1		267,880	248,205	2.7	-7.3
Total	3,187,671	100.0	-2.8		9,330,600	9,091,279	100.0	-2.6

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006: Down 2.8%
(In Millions)



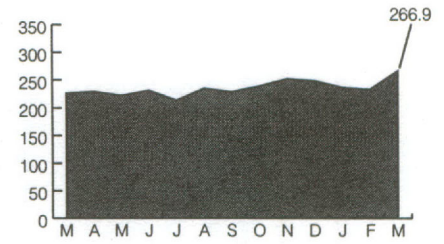
Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Mar 06	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	19,256	7.2	12.7	49,551	54,869	7.4	10.7
Del Rio	6,486	2.4	14.0	31,414	17,984	2.4	-42.8
Eagle Pass	8,899	3.3	8.7	23,278	24,846	3.4	6.7
El Paso	29,634	11.1	18.0	73,586	80,449	10.9	9.3
Harlingen	3,386	1.3	-2.0	9,034	9,716	1.3	7.5
Laredo	150,528	56.4	23.6	350,813	422,044	57.3	20.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	1,180	0.4	-31.9	4,961	4,948	0.7	-0.3
Pharr	40,585	15.2	9.7	98,865	103,016	14.0	4.2
Progreso	2,781	1.0	26.5	6,244	7,836	1.1	25.5
Rio Grande	3,219	1.2	12.5	8,099	8,710	1.2	7.5
Roma	985	0.4	16.3	2,440	2,586	0.4	6.0
Total	266,939	100.0	18.1	658,285	737,004	100.0	12.0

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
Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006: Up 18.1%
(In Thousands)



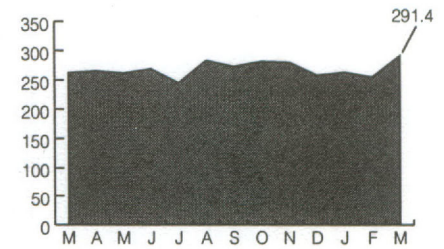
Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Mar 06	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	17,800	6.1	14.2	45,290	49,922	6.2	10.2
Del Rio	6,366	2.2	13.3	15,929	17,406	2.2	9.3
Eagle Pass	8,845	3.0	1.2	24,482	24,620	3.0	0.6
El Paso	64,457	22.1	4.6	174,885	186,639	23.1	6.7
Falcon Heights	5	0.0	-61.5	18	15	0.0	-16.7
Harlingen	3,621	1.2	4.7	9,913	9,848	1.2	-0.7
Laredo	137,752	47.3	20.3	330,100	372,197	46.0	12.8
Pharr	43,845	15.0	-3.5	124,063	124,547	15.4	0.4
Presidio	553	0.2	22.6	1,356	1,589	0.2	17.2
Progreso	2,921	1.0	49.8	5,715	8,074	1.0	41.3
Rio Grande	4,494	1.5	14.0	11,636	12,245	1.5	5.2
Roma	732	0.3	-1.9	2,088	2,045	0.3	-2.1
Total	291,391	100.0	11.2	745,475	809,147	100.0	8.5

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
Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006: Up 11.2%
(In Thousands)



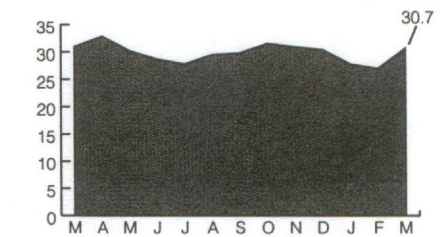
Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Mar 06	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	4,264	13.9	8.3	10,531	11,359	13.3	7.9
Eagle Pass	5,907	19.2	-11.3	17,188	17,132	20.0	-0.3
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	20,546	66.9	1.2	59,424	56,978	66.7	-4.1
Total	30,717	100.0	-0.6	87,143	85,469	100.0	-1.9

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006: Down 0.6%
(In Thousands)

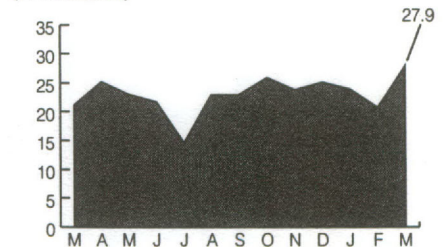


Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Mar 06	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	534	1.9	-42.1	2,017	1,393	1.9	-30.9
Eagle Pass	4,519	16.2	157.6	5,010	10,992	15.2	119.4
El Paso	7,862	28.2	66.1	14,544	20,824	28.7	43.2
Laredo	14,939	53.6	8.8	37,908	39,226	54.2	3.5
Total	27,854	100.0	31.8	59,479	72,435	100.0	21.8

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006: Up 31.8%
(In Thousands)

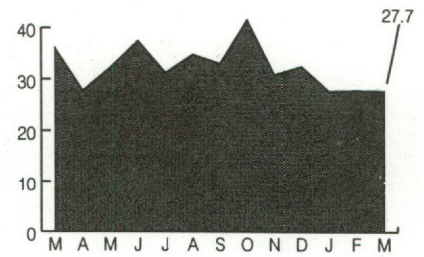


Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Mar 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,577,601	5.7	-32.9		6,651,496	4,579,872	5.5	-31.1
Del Rio	108,990	0.4	-25.2		340,094	544,586	0.7	60.1
Eagle Pass	1,397,943	5.1	13.6		2,902,815	3,889,182	4.7	34.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	4,230,412	15.3	-14.4		11,121,604	10,874,924	13.1	-2.2
Laredo	20,286,828	73.3	-25.1		65,763,728	62,940,664	75.7	-4.3
Progreso	25,098	0.1	-31.0		107,265	87,670	0.1	-18.3
Rio Grande	30,315	0.1	-19.4		68,510	71,137	0.1	3.8
Roma	16,215	0.1	-48.1		64,695	164,666	0.2	154.5
Total	27,673,403	100.0	-22.8		87,020,207	83,152,701	100.0	-4.4

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
 Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006: Down 22.8%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

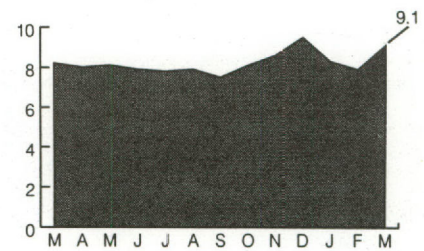


Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)

City	Mar 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,380,477	15.2	12.1		3,471,912	3,930,694	15.6	13.2
Del Rio	306,898	3.4	1.0		849,989	850,628	3.4	0.1
Eagle Pass	595,598	6.6	-4.2		1,729,115	1,661,184	6.6	-3.9
El Paso	1,285,323	14.2	8.6		3,304,065	3,536,525	14.0	7.0
Harlingen	198,281	2.2	7.0		492,318	550,241	2.2	11.8
Laredo	3,452,963	38.1	22.8		7,900,384	9,526,431	37.8	20.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	951,235	10.5	-4.4		2,579,125	2,734,909	10.8	6.0
Pharr	657,918	7.3	6.0		1,666,350	1,759,378	7.0	5.6
Roma	245,170	2.7	18.3		572,266	676,517	2.7	18.2
Total	9,073,863	100.0	11.2		22,565,523	25,226,506	100.0	11.8

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
 Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006: Up 11.2%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

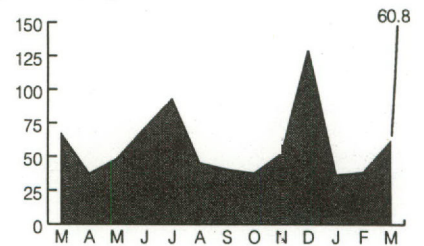


Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Mar 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	629	1.0	-12.6		1,488	1,471	1.1	-1.1
El Paso	9,914	16.3	-17.7		24,693	22,352	16.5	-9.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	14,575	24.0	-4.8		34,752	33,021	24.4	-5.0
Brownsville	7,921	13.0	-4.7		17,741	17,621	13.0	-0.7
Laredo	24,476	40.2	-5.9		56,252	53,912	39.8	-4.2
Eagle Pass	3,320	5.5	-7.4		7,015	6,980	5.2	-0.5
Total	60,835	100.0	-7.8		141,941	135,357	100.0	-4.6

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
 Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006: Down 7.8%
 (In Thousands)

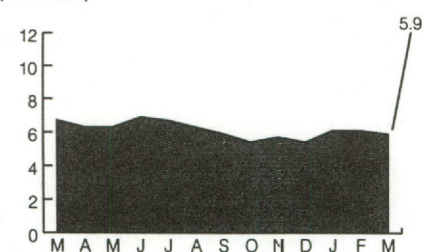


Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		05 vs. 06		Gain/Loss
	Mar 06	Mar 06		YTD 05	YTD 06	Emp	%Chg	
Brownsville	56,404	4,002	6.6	54,320	56,085	3.2	1,765	
Del Rio	14,763	985	6.3	14,685	14,709	0.2	25	
El Paso	238,133	15,749	6.2	232,048	236,495	1.9	4,447	
Harlingen	23,520	1,515	6.1	22,651	23,387	3.2	736	
Laredo	80,461	4,508	5.3	75,135	79,802	6.2	4,667	
McAllen	55,722	2,971	5.1	52,862	55,459	4.9	2,597	
Pharr	21,369	1,165	5.2	20,272	21,268	4.9	996	
Total	490,372	30,895	5.9	471,973	487,206	3.2	15,233	
Texas Unemployment Rate			5.0					
U.S. Unemployment Rate			4.8					

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

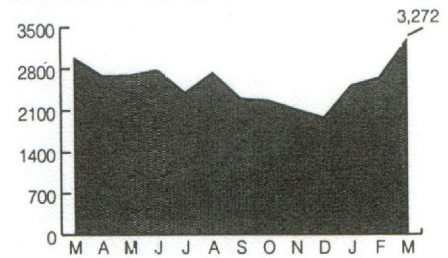
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
 Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006: Down 9.7%
 (In Percent)



Building Permits

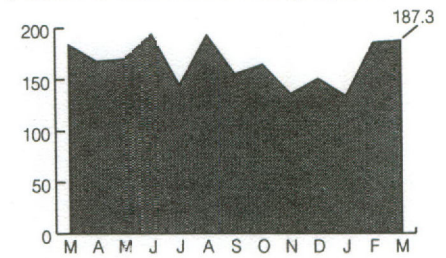
Number City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Mar 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	301	9.2	-9.6	913	872	10.3	-4.5
Del Rio	279	8.5	-0.4	655	728	8.6	11.1
Eagle Pass	33	1.0	-59.3	159	117	1.4	-26.4
El Paso	1,094	33.4	-15.4	3,062	2,724	32.3	-11.0
Harlingen	294	9.0	0.3	871	935	11.1	7.3
Laredo	1,070	32.7	121.1	1,119	2,510	29.8	124.3
McAllen	201	6.1	-6.9	568	546	6.5	-3.9
Total	3,272	100.0	9.8	7,347	8,432	100.0	14.8

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006
(Number of Permits): Up 9.8%



Dollar Value City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Mar 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	20,275,770	10.8	-23.0	71,244,894	64,701,037	12.8	-9.2
Del Rio	4,170,555	2.2	-4.8	7,173,782	8,419,606	1.7	17.4
Eagle Pass	432,328	0.2	-96.7	19,375,540	4,604,747	0.9	-76.2
El Paso	64,548,249	34.5	-13.0	187,555,967	200,528,226	39.6	6.9
Harlingen	9,788,409	5.2	35.8	16,855,287	32,669,375	6.4	93.8
Laredo	59,586,787	31.8	82.8	101,730,015	122,502,097	24.2	20.4
McAllen	28,461,173	15.2	11.2	112,607,682	73,191,999	14.4	-35.0
Total	187,263,272	100.0	2.0	516,543,168	506,617,086	100.0	-1.9

(Value of Permits in Millions of U.S.): Up 2.0%



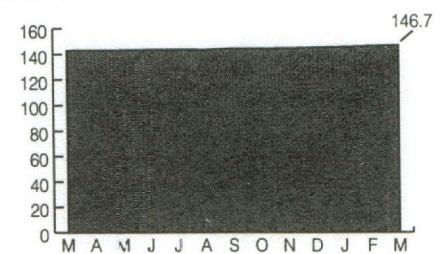
Source: Permit Departments in cited cities

Note: Dollar value totals may not add up due to rounding.

Power Connections (in Service)

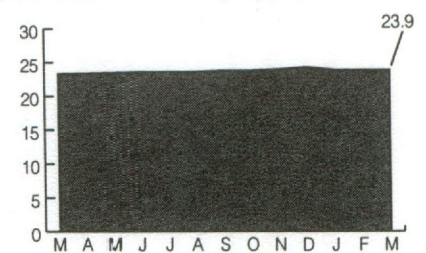
Residential City	05 vs. 06			Average		YTD	
	Mar 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	14,808	10.1	0.9	14,641	14,784	10.1	1.0
Eagle Pass	10,968	7.5	2.3	10,663	10,929	7.5	2.5
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	23,621	16.1	1.9	23,027	23,488	16.1	2.0
Laredo	59,783	40.8	3.8	57,262	59,450	40.7	3.8
McAllen	37,494	25.6	2.3	36,582	37,413	25.6	2.3
Total	146,674	100.0	2.7	142,174	146,064	100.0	2.7

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



Commercial City	05 vs. 06			Average		YTD	
	Mar 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	2,319	9.7	0.7	2,303	2,324	9.7	0.9
Eagle Pass	1,719	7.2	1.8	1,673	1,696	7.1	1.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,018	16.8	0.8	3,982	4,049	16.9	1.7
Laredo	9,126	38.1	3.3	8,810	9,092	38.0	3.2
McAllen	6,753	28.2	3.6	6,529	6,736	28.2	3.2
Total	23,935	100.0	2.6	23,297	23,897	100.0	2.6

(Commercial - in Thousands): Up 2.6%



Industrial City	05 vs. 06			Average		YTD	
	Mar 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	8.9	0.0	45	44	8.9	-2.2
Eagle Pass	27	5.4	-10.0	31	28	5.7	-7.6
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	100	20.2	0.0	103	102	20.3	-1.3
Laredo	204	41.1	-0.5	205	203	40.6	-1.1
McAllen	121	24.4	-0.8	121	123	24.5	1.1
Total	496	100.0	-1.0	505	500	100.0	-1.1

(Industrial): Down 1.0%



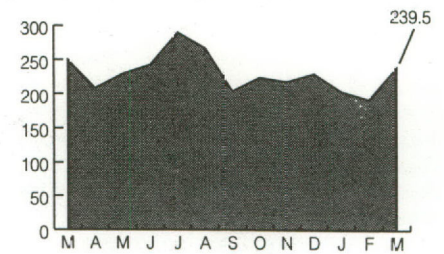
Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company

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Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

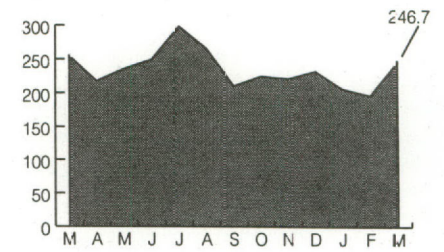
City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Mar 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	8,368	3.5	22.6	18,959	22,256	3.5	17.4
El Paso	145,608	60.8	-2.6	376,394	383,935	60.3	2.0
Harlingen	41,071	17.1	-18.1	129,361	109,440	17.2	-15.4
Laredo	7,528	3.1	-13.6	23,285	21,480	3.4	-7.8
McAllen	36,934	15.4	6.9	90,071	99,324	15.6	10.3
Total	239,509	100.0	-4.1	638,070	636,435	100.0	-0.3

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Down 4.1%



City	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Mar 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	8,701	3.5	23.3	19,419	23,044	3.5	18.7
El Paso	148,618	60.2	-2.7	382,280	390,682	60.1	2.2
Harlingen	42,976	17.4	-16.0	133,404	114,052	17.5	-14.5
Laredo	7,540	3.1	-10.9	22,722	21,427	3.3	-5.7
McAllen	38,906	15.8	11.6	91,626	100,826	15.5	10.0
Total	246,741	100.0	-3.0	649,451	650,031	100.0	0.1

(Departures – In Thousands): Down 3.0%

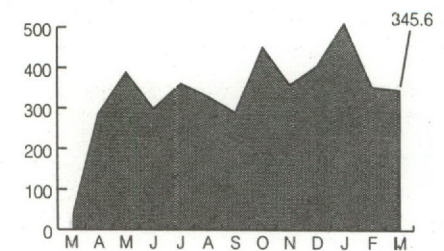


Source: Airports in cited cities

Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Mar 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	232,681	67.3	9,647.9	572,531	802,050	66.4	40.1
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	368	0.1	-94.8	10,070	46,240	3.8	359.2
Machinery	1,478	0.4	N/A	50,377	31,213	2.6	-38.0
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	111,090	32.1	858.2	269,945	329,136	27.2	21.9
Steel - Other Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Total	345,618	100.0	1,536.3	915,993	1,208,639	100.0	31.9

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006: Up 1,536.3%
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



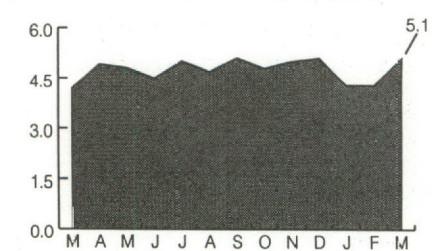
Source: Port of Brownsville

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

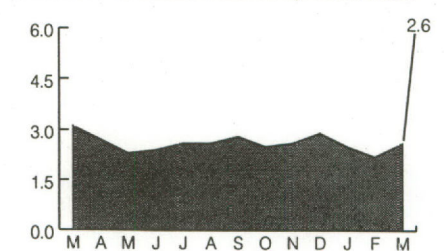
Cargo Type	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Mar 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	14,446	0.3	-55.2	42,510	36,047	0.3	-15.2
Chemical	10,446	0.2	16.2	33,194	41,426	0.3	24.8
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	508,153	9.9	-1.9	1,292,769	1,571,680	11.5	21.6
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	-100.0	2,962	3,471	0.0	17.2
Liquid	0	0.0	0.0	72,202	74,378	0.5	3.0
Petroleum	4,611,806	89.6	25.3	11,638,085	11,987,733	87.4	3.0
Total	5,144,851	100.0	21.3	13,081,722	13,714,735	100.0	4.8

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
Mar. 2005 vs. Mar. 2006
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 21.3%



Cargo Type	05 vs. 06			YTD			
	Mar 06	%Share	%Chg	YTD 05	YTD 06	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	14,920	0.6	-64.9	70,857	16,690	0.2	-76.4
Chemical	151,737	5.9	-8.1	386,034	377,139	5.2	-2.3
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	221,655	8.6	-72.2	1,177,799	532,890	7.3	-54.8
Grain Bulk	153,534	6.0	-20.0	511,549	429,331	5.9	-16.1
Liquid	0	0.0	0.0	41,860	20,008	0.3	-52.2
Petroleum	2,038,165	79.0	8.2	5,783,565	5,916,198	81.1	2.3
Total	2,580,012	100.0	-16.3	7,971,663	7,292,257	100.0	-8.5

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 16.3%



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 4. U.S. Exports to Mexico via U.S.-Mexico Border by Port

Port	Q1 2005	Q1 2006	Absolute	
			\$ Change 05 vs. 06	% Change 05 vs. 06
Brownsville	1,416,115,806	1,693,882,720	277,766,914	19.6
Del Rio	348,897,475	367,712,913	18,815,438	5.4
Eagle Pass	833,969,244	934,314,580	100,345,336	12.0
Laredo	9,397,422,289	11,121,712,979	1,724,290,690	18.3
Hidalgo	1,990,486,431	2,062,937,652	72,451,221	3.6
Rio Grande	19,662,468	20,179,074	516,606	2.6
Progreso	30,127,307	47,958,843	17,831,536	59.2
Roma	16,602,081	22,548,635	5,946,554	35.8
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	-
El Paso	4,541,662,096	5,368,353,463	826,691,367	18.2
Presidio	53,467,451	83,284,866	29,817,415	55.8
Fabens	1,721,777	111,540	-1,610,237	-93.5
Columbus	2,652,541	4,116,978	1,464,437	55.2
Santa Teresa	99,266,477	118,948,678	19,682,201	19.8
Santa Teresa Airport	0	4,620	4,620	-
Andrade	878,135	513,742	-364,393	-41.5
Calexico	1,385,791	5,882,552	4,496,761	324.5
San Ysidro	27,859,633	37,871,734	10,012,101	35.9
Tecate	127,072,728	134,978,697	7,905,969	6.2
Otay Mesa Station	2,164,533,319	2,451,016,451	286,483,132	13.2
Calexico-East	1,138,427,380	1,291,746,255	153,318,875	13.5
Douglas	79,529,487	107,554,427	28,024,940	35.2
Lukeville	1,429,475	2,536,319	1,106,844	77.4
Naco	19,268,498	19,030,378	-238,120	-1.2
Nogales	1,147,113,360	1,573,091,274	425,977,914	37.1
Sasabe	3,649,053	197,877	-3,451,176	-94.6
San Luis	80,081,174	85,728,763	5,647,589	7.1
Total	23,543,281,476	27,556,216,010	4,012,934,534	17.0

Table 5. U.S. Imports from Mexico via U.S.-Mexico Border by Port

Port	Q1 2005	Q1 2006	Absolute	
			\$ Change 05 vs. 06	% Change 05 vs. 06
Brownsville	1,216,100,130	1,390,936,133	174,836,003	14.4
Del Rio	391,775,792	406,278,529	14,502,737	3.7
Eagle Pass	893,811,175	1,833,363,553	939,552,378	105.1
Laredo	12,389,532,867	13,450,196,428	1,060,663,561	8.6
Hidalgo	2,529,141,852	2,938,495,181	409,353,329	16.2
Rio Grande	32,155,746	46,986,458	14,830,712	46.1
Progreso	1,819,437	8,700,212	6,880,775	378.2
Roma	2,194,252	2,397,960	203,708	9.3
Edinburg Airport	0	0	0	-
El Paso	5,931,077,926	6,295,190,650	364,112,724	6.1
Presidio	47,697,723	44,841,944	-2,855,779	-6.0
Fabens	0	0	0	-
Columbus	4,561,951	5,975,171	1,413,220	31.0
Santa Teresa	192,415,045	196,487,795	4,072,750	2.1
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	0	-
Andrade	0	0	0	-
Calexico	0	0	0	-
San Ysidro	0	136,156	136,156	-
Tecate	136,559,306	155,718,085	19,158,779	14.0
Otay Mesa Station	3,152,168,606	3,855,212,293	703,043,687	22.3
Calexico-East	1,539,204,778	1,537,632,078	-1,572,700	-0.1
Douglas	208,125,977	178,364,208	-29,761,769	-14.3
Lukeville	20,496	26,617	6,121	29.9
Naco	8,793,628	9,319,721	526,093	6.0
Nogales	2,076,207,554	3,540,026,505	1,463,818,951	70.5
Sasabe	0	0	0	-
San Luis	181,691,917	198,480,330	16,788,413	9.2
Total	30,935,056,158	36,094,766,007	5,159,709,849	16.7

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University (Tables 1-5)

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