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

U.S.-Mexico border ports processed \$93.4 billion or 77.8 percent of the total trade dollar value of U.S.-Mexico merchandise (\$120.1 billion) crossing the border for the period January-April 2008. 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 2008.—*B. Garcia*

U.S. Exports to Mexico via Top U.S.-Mexico Border Ports (January-April 2008)

Port of Entry	Rank	SITC	Product Description	US\$ Value
Laredo, TX	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	2,675,022,698
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	1,230,440,056
	3	57	Plastics in Primary Forms	1,068,449,394
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.)	1,524,255,965
	2	75	Office Machines and Automatic Data Processing Machines	885,887,387
	3	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	425,228,064
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.)	589,760,819
	2	89	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles, N.E.S.	252,495,132
	3	69	Manufactures of Metals, N.E.S.	227,580,825
Hidalgo, TX	1	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	523,620,057
	2	89	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles, N.E.S.	483,321,089
	3	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	392,870,382
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.)	407,671,152
	2	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	340,129,726
	3	69	Manufactures of Metals, N.E.S.	120,793,595
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.)	347,594,338
	2	89	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles, N.E.S.	177,319,067
	3	57	Plastics in Primary Forms	175,518,345
Calxico-East, CA	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	289,945,379
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	221,824,463
	3	69	Manufactures of Metals, N.E.S.	139,992,778
Eagle Pass, TX	1	22	Oil Seeds and Oleaginous Fruits	262,489,754
	2	57	Plastics in Primary Forms	167,236,933
	3	65	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles, N.E.S., and Related Products	116,241,245
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.)	110,382,884
	2	71	Power Generating Machinery and Equipment	66,470,238
	3	65	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles, N.E.S., and Related Products	46,516,490

U.S. Imports from Mexico via Top U.S.-Mexico Border Ports (January-April 2008)

Port of Entry	Rank	SITC	Product Description	US\$ Value
Laredo, TX	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	5,665,273,175
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	2,395,297,277
	3	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	2,262,148,395

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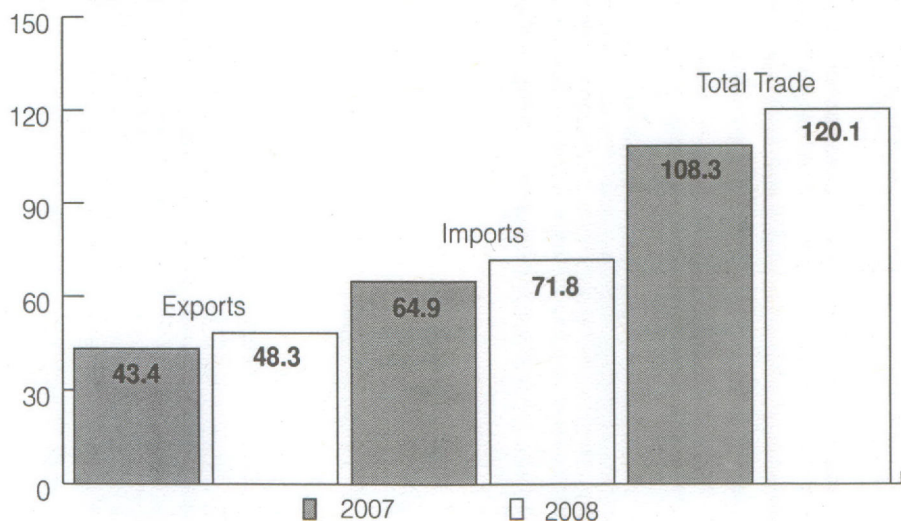
Note from the Director

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

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were up 1.9 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 4.3 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 4.5 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 15.3 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 1.6 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 3.4 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 0.9 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went down 7.6 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs decreased 7.0 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 11.9 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 1.6 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.3 percent, with 6,210 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in April 2008 was 4.7 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 1.2 percent.
- Total building permit values decreased 50.8 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.2 percent, commercial were up 1.5 percent and industrial were down 3.5 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 4.2 percent, and departures were down 3.3 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville increased 16.4 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went down 3.1 percent, and outbound cargo went down 13.1 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

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



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

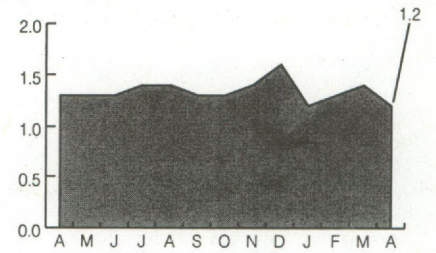
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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Apr 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	163,476	13.8	-12.1		712,021	659,723	13.2	-7.3
Del Rio	4,430	0.4	33.0		15,792	17,854	0.4	13.1
Eagle Pass	55,741	4.7	3.6		206,027	219,188	4.4	6.4
El Paso	408,878	34.4	-12.7		1,634,323	1,658,566	33.1	1.5
Harlingen	27	0.0	-68.2		213	128	0.0	-39.9
Laredo	345,005	29.0	14.0		1,174,373	1,383,693	27.6	17.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	118,728	10.0	-15.6		532,052	497,684	9.9	-6.5
Progreso	71,911	6.1	-22.4		568,679	489,634	9.8	-13.9
Rio Grande	25	0.0	2400.0		252	107	0.0	-57.5
Roma	20,005	1.7	7.4		72,757	82,150	1.6	12.9
Total	1,188,226	100.0	-6.2		4,916,489	5,008,727	100.0	1.9

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008: Down 6.2%
(In Millions)

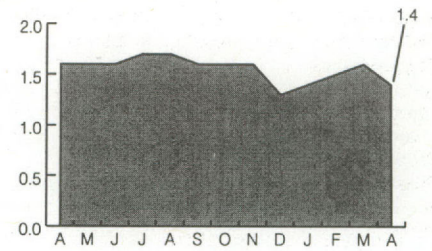


Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Apr 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	154,803	11.1	-32.2		871,309	627,874	10.6	-27.9
Del Rio	6,131	0.4	7.0		23,341	27,601	0.5	18.3
Eagle Pass	59,209	4.3	-4.2		237,226	237,860	4.0	0.3
El Paso	531,213	38.2	-9.8		2,226,105	2,173,334	36.8	-2.4
Laredo	393,201	28.3	2.4		1,512,642	1,616,402	27.3	6.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	148,162	10.7	-10.8		639,191	629,192	10.6	-1.6
Presidio	1,871	0.1	-19.6		9,005	10,189	0.2	13.1
Progreso	72,551	5.2	-22.1		569,293	492,111	8.3	-13.6
Rio Grande	1,510	0.1	-1.2		5,983	5,858	0.1	-2.1
Roma	20,450	1.5	-3.3		84,507	90,348	1.5	6.9
Total	1,389,101	100.0	-10.6		6,178,602	5,910,769	100.0	-4.3

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008: Down 10.6%
(In Millions)

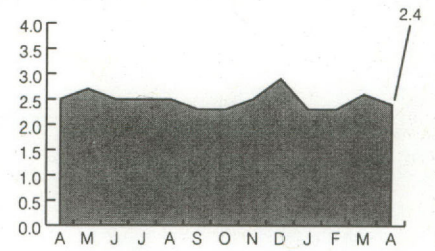


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Apr 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	474,462	20.0	-6.7		2,054,825	1,913,459	19.9	-6.9
Del Rio	122,430	5.2	-9.8		540,033	490,467	5.1	-9.2
Eagle Pass	226,690	9.5	-3.6		910,350	915,419	9.5	0.6
El Paso	351,242	14.8	-5.0		1,476,624	1,375,465	14.3	-6.9
Harlingen	54,680	2.3	-3.2		222,990	214,604	2.2	-3.8
Laredo	424,210	17.9	-12.6		1,829,007	1,771,120	18.5	-3.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	406,843	17.1	-2.4		1,625,379	1,628,825	17.0	0.2
Pharr	130,774	5.5	-2.0		558,452	536,809	5.6	-3.9
Progreso	70,554	3.0	-13.8		335,906	290,409	3.0	-13.5
Rio Grande	42,536	1.8	-10.0		189,329	172,352	1.8	-9.0
Roma	71,256	3.0	-9.7		309,017	286,211	3.0	-7.4
Total	2,375,677	100.0	-6.8		10,051,912	9,595,140	100.0	-4.5

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008: Down 6.8%
(In Millions)

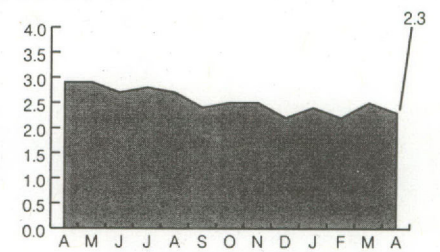


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Apr 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	325,545	13.9	-35.9		2,064,199	1,291,522	13.7	-37.4
Del Rio	130,916	5.6	-11.2		582,044	529,104	5.6	-9.1
Eagle Pass	237,050	10.1	-4.3		964,022	969,024	10.3	0.5
El Paso	490,565	20.9	-18.4		2,376,090	1,938,780	20.5	-18.4
Harlingen	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	363,092	15.5	-19.1		1,764,834	1,518,403	16.1	-14.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	374,557	16.0	-3.9		1,523,482	1,501,564	15.9	-1.4
Pharr	171,482	7.3	-11.4		776,307	687,745	7.3	-11.4
Presidio	53,236	2.3	-13.0		241,309	224,327	2.4	-7.0
Progreso	75,225	3.2	-13.3		351,183	309,201	3.3	-12.0
Rio Grande	48,799	2.1	-8.5		208,952	195,050	2.1	-6.7
Roma	71,159	3.0	-11.4		310,256	288,272	3.0	-7.1
Total	2,341,626	100.0	-16.9		11,162,678	9,452,992	100.0	-15.3

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008: Down 16.9%
(In Millions)



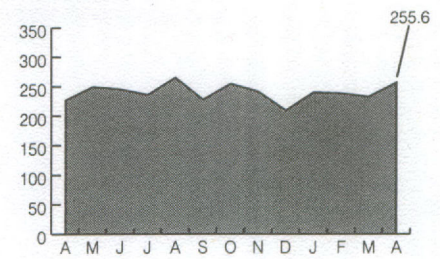
Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Apr 08	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	18,068	7.1	16.4	66,687	68,484	7.1	2.7
Del Rio	5,631	2.2	0.2	23,117	21,692	2.2	-6.2
Eagle Pass	8,153	3.2	10.9	31,276	32,775	3.4	4.8
El Paso	29,942	11.7	10.6	105,930	114,482	11.9	8.1
Harlingen	2,293	0.9	-4.3	10,160	8,897	0.9	-12.4
Laredo	140,206	54.8	12.7	536,179	531,941	55.1	-0.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	381	0.1	13.7	1,307	1,368	0.1	4.7
Pharr	43,040	16.8	16.7	149,043	159,054	16.5	6.7
Progreso	3,553	1.4	11.2	11,377	12,960	1.3	13.9
Rio Grande	3,463	1.4	29.8	10,703	9,933	1.0	-7.2
Roma	890	0.3	9.7	3,527	3,287	0.3	-6.8
Total	255,620	100.0	13.0	949,306	964,873	100.0	1.6

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
Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008: Up 13.0%
(In Thousands)



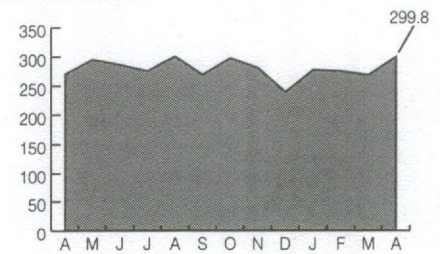
Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Apr 08	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	17,020	5.7	18.1	60,876	64,340	5.7	5.7
Del Rio	5,437	1.8	2.1	20,993	18,944	1.7	-9.8
Eagle Pass	8,610	2.9	12.6	31,957	35,723	3.2	11.8
El Paso	68,063	22.7	7.8	254,902	255,026	22.7	0.0
Falcon Heights	4	0.0	300.0	9	17	0.0	88.9
Harlingen	2,820	0.9	-7.8	12,484	11,800	1.1	-5.5
Laredo	142,447	47.5	12.8	507,047	534,078	47.6	5.3
Pharr	45,303	15.1	10.1	163,438	167,958	15.0	2.8
Presidio	629	0.2	-9.1	2,715	2,235	0.2	-17.7
Progreso	4,843	1.6	21.0	14,364	17,071	1.5	18.8
Rio Grande	3,951	1.3	10.0	13,190	11,569	1.0	-12.3
Roma	703	0.2	-0.7	2,687	2,596	0.2	-3.4
Total	299,830	100.0	11.1	1,084,662	1,121,357	100.0	3.4

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
Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008: Up 11.1%
(In Thousands)



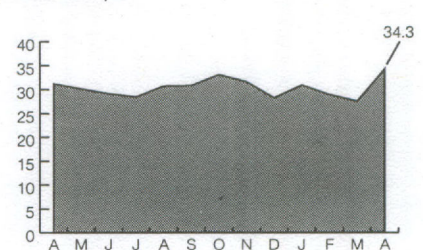
Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Apr 08	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	6,902	20.1	67.1	16,537	18,718	15.4	13.2
Eagle Pass	8,135	23.7	29.2	24,779	29,264	24.1	18.1
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	19,259	56.2	-7.4	79,087	73,499	60.5	-7.1
Total	34,296	100.0	9.8	120,403	121,481	100.0	0.9

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008: Up 9.8%
(In Thousands)

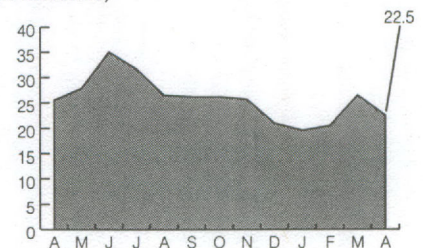


Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Apr 08	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	561	2.5	15.7	2,338	1,699	1.9	-27.3
Eagle Pass	4,039	18.0	19.1	14,142	14,333	16.1	1.4
El Paso	7,361	32.8	-19.2	32,743	28,192	31.6	-13.9
Laredo	10,512	46.8	-15.7	47,164	44,876	50.4	-4.9
Total	22,473	100.0	-11.7	96,387	89,100	100.0	-7.6

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008: Down 11.7%
(In Thousands)

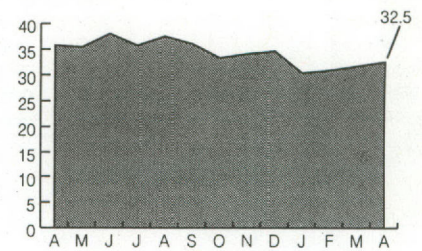


Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Apr 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,958,196	6.0	-0.2		6,899,573	7,970,539	-6.4	15.5
Del Rio	124,717	0.4	-23.6		598,698	534,279	0.4	-10.8
Eagle Pass	4,430,574	13.6	945.3		2,466,362	9,265,245	7.4	275.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	4,005,412	12.3	-7.9		16,006,592	16,774,109	13.4	4.8
Laredo	21,525,804	66.2	-24.8		108,500,826	90,016,361	71.7	-17.0
Progreso	97,887	0.3	66.4		149,673	285,810	0.2	91.0
Rio Grande	145,906	0.4	619.1		73,946	278,607	0.2	276.8
Roma	205,845	0.6	144.7		257,992	356,942	0.3	38.4
Total	32,494,342	100.0	-8.9		134,953,662	125,481,891	100.0	-7.0

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

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
 Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008: Down 8.9%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

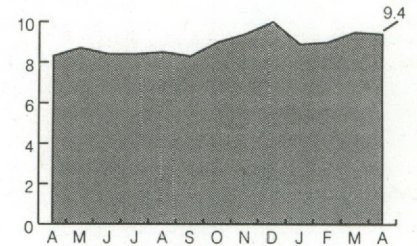


Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)

City	Apr 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,135,844	12.1	-4.1		4,815,878	4,498,534	12.2	-6.6
Del Rio	309,030	3.3	-4.9		1,141,977	1,238,472	3.4	8.4
Eagle Pass	591,508	6.3	-3.8		2,389,192	2,389,451	6.5	0.0
El Paso	1,420,976	15.1	22.1		4,561,277	5,512,803	15.0	20.9
Harlingen	186,714	2.0	6.0		699,665	679,909	1.9	-2.8
Laredo	3,817,572	40.7	24.0		12,234,634	14,891,212	40.5	21.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	988,459	10.5	12.0		3,442,944	3,967,141	10.8	15.2
Pharr	736,545	7.8	5.9		2,692,075	2,758,325	7.5	2.5
Roma	199,442	2.1	-8.5		852,465	800,067	2.2	-6.1
Total	9,386,089	100.0	12.6		32,830,107	36,735,913	100.0	11.9

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
 Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008: Up 12.6%
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

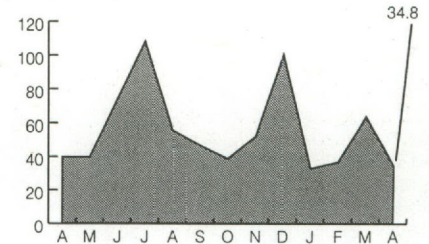


Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Apr 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	467	1.3	99.6		1,791	1,762	1.0	-1.6
El Paso	7,145	20.6	-13.1		30,442	31,886	18.9	4.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	6,366	18.3	-22.5		37,994	35,676	21.2	-6.1
Brownsville	4,135	11.9	-15.5		21,467	20,252	12.0	-5.7
Laredo	14,755	42.4	-8.9		69,732	70,461	41.8	1.0
Eagle Pass	1,893	5.4	-7.2		9,863	8,587	5.1	-12.9
Total	34,761	100.0	-12.7		171,289	168,624	100.0	-1.6

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
 Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008: Down 12.7%
 (In Thousands)

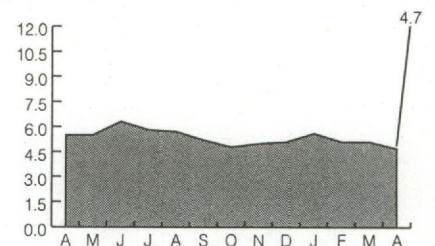


Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		07 vs. 08		Gain/Loss
	Apr 08	Apr 08		Apr 08	YTD 07	YTD 08	Emp %Chg	
Brownsville	58,627	3,402	5.5	58,436	58,182	-0.4	-254	
Del Rio	15,587	776	4.7	15,228	15,602	2.5	373	
El Paso	241,505	11,947	4.7	234,494	239,276	2.0	4,782	
Harlingen	23,827	1,185	4.7	23,750	23,646	-0.4	-103	
Laredo	81,569	3,732	4.4	79,997	80,550	0.7	553	
McAllen	56,675	2,322	3.9	55,324	55,939	1.1	615	
Pharr	22,411	1,089	4.6	21,877	22,120	1.1	243	
Total	500,201	24,453	4.7	489,104	495,314	1.3	6,210	
Texas Unemployment Rate			3.9					
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.

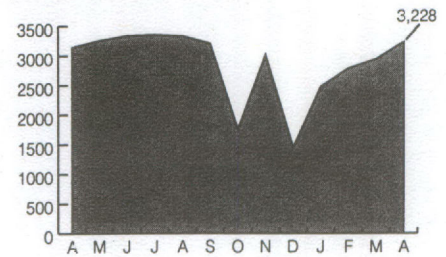
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
 Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008: Down 13.6%
 (In Percent)



Building Permits

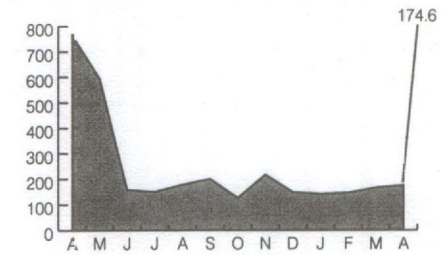
Number City	07 vs. 08			YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
	Apr 08	%Share	%Chg				
Brownsville	261	8.1	-1.9	1,035	823	7.2	-20.5
Del Rio	261	8.1	-2.2	905	632	5.5	-30.2
Eagle Pass	68	2.1	38.8	160	177	1.5	10.6
El Paso	1,809	56.0	37.4	4,445	6,855	60.0	54.2
Harlingen	201	6.2	-15.2	891	966	8.5	8.4
Laredo	333	10.3	-47.6	2,571	914	8.0	-64.4
McAllen	295	9.1	-19.0	1,284	1,057	9.3	-17.7
Total	3,228	100.0	3.0	11,291	11,424	100.0	1.2

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008
(Number of Permits): Up 3.0%



Dollar Value City	07 vs. 08			YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	%Chg
	Apr 08	%Share	%Chg				
Brownsville	19,939,866	11.4	14.7	64,536,428	80,284,719	12.8	24.4
Del Rio	2,627,918	1.5	225.2	5,087,278	5,575,526	0.9	9.6
Eagle Pass	815,174	0.5	-69.1	11,019,013	8,738,871	1.4	-20.7
El Paso	80,317,829	46.0	-88.2	922,730,320	331,930,899	52.9	-64.0
Harlingen	10,350,675	5.9	72.6	18,503,825	23,567,769	3.8	27.4
Laredo	50,982,996	29.2	46.7	143,776,393	97,333,617	15.5	-32.3
McAllen	9,525,757	5.5	-50.6	110,911,755	80,293,457	12.8	-27.6
Total	174,560,215	100.0	-77.1	1,276,565,011	627,724,858	100.0	-50.8

(Value of Permits in Millions of U.S.): Down 77.1%



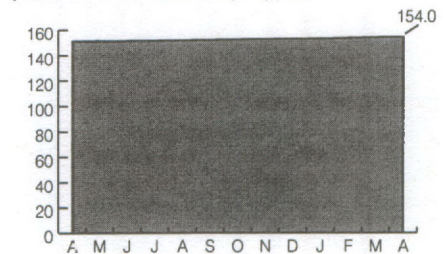
Source: Permit Departments in cited cities

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

Power Connections (in Service)

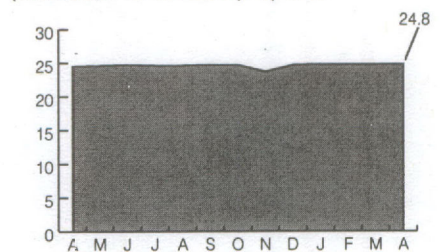
Residential City	07 vs. 08			Average YTD 07	Average YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
	Apr 08	%Share	%Chg				
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	15,300	9.9	1.7	15,013	15,267	9.9	1.7
Eagle Pass	11,383	7.4	1.8	11,167	11,325	7.4	1.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	24,580	16.0	1.3	24,166	24,509	16.0	1.4
Laredo	63,562	41.3	2.5	61,476	63,275	41.2	2.9
McAllen	39,196	25.4	1.7	38,446	39,182	25.5	1.9
Total	154,021	100.0	2.0	150,267	153,558	100.0	2.2

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 2.0%



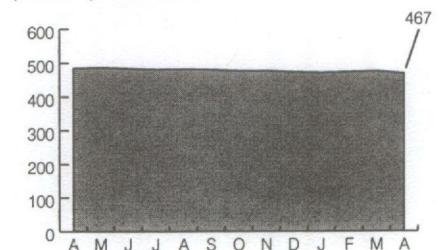
Commercial City	07 vs. 08			Average YTD 07	Average YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
	Apr 08	%Share	%Chg				
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,434	9.8	2.8	2,372	2,424	9.8	2.2
Eagle Pass	1,672	6.7	-0.4	1,680	1,662	6.7	-1.1
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,158	16.7	1.6	4,102	4,146	16.7	1.1
Laredo	9,523	38.3	1.2	9,375	9,522	38.4	1.6
McAllen	7,058	28.4	1.7	6,920	7,052	28.4	1.9
Total	24,845	100.0	1.4	24,450	24,805	100.0	1.5

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 1.4%



Industrial City	07 vs. 08			Average YTD 07	Average YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
	Apr 08	%Share	%Chg				
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	44	9.4	2.3	42	44	9.4	4.7
Eagle Pass	27	5.8	-6.9	29	28	5.9	-4.3
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	98	21.0	-2.0	101	98	20.7	-3.2
Laredo	181	38.8	-6.7	197	184	39.0	-6.7
McAllen	117	25.1	-0.8	119	118	25.0	-1.3
Total	467	100.0	-3.5	488	471	100.0	-3.5

(Industrial): Down 3.5%



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

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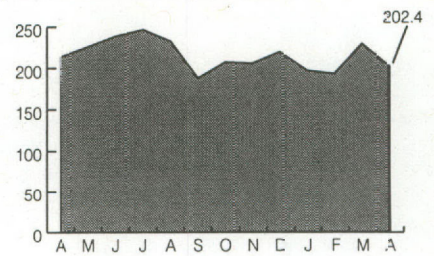
Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

Arrivals City	Apr 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Brownsville	7,579	3.7	-4.9		32,019	30,090	3.7	-6.0
El Paso	122,016	60.3	-1.8		509,852	479,252	58.2	-6.0
Harlingen	35,661	17.6	-2.9		145,796	148,993	18.1	2.2
Laredo	8,276	4.1	-4.7		33,971	33,905	4.1	-0.2
McAllen	28,868	14.3	-20.5		138,942	131,845	16.0	-5.1
Total	202,400	100.0	-5.4		860,580	824,085	100.0	-4.2

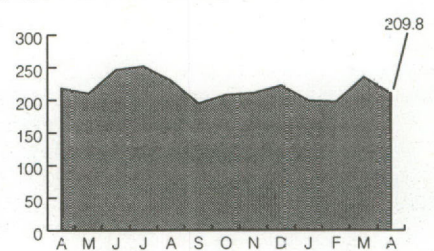
Departures City	Apr 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Brownsville	8,081	3.9	-3.7		32,771	31,489	3.7	-3.9
El Paso	123,539	58.9	-2.3		513,473	484,733	57.6	-5.6
Harlingen	38,609	18.4	-3.1		151,972	154,782	18.4	1.8
Laredo	8,676	4.1	-8.1		34,693	34,564	4.1	-0.4
McAllen	30,951	14.7	-10.1		136,659	135,403	16.1	-0.9
Total	209,856	100.0	-4.0		869,568	840,971	100.0	-3.3

Source: Airports in cited cities

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008
(Arrivals - In Thousands): Down 5.4%



(Departures - In Thousands): Down 4.0%



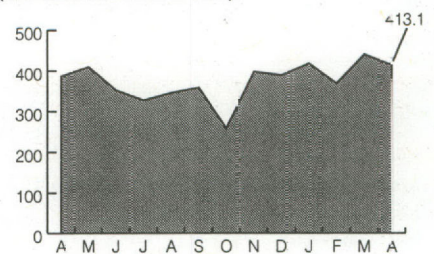
Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type	Apr 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Break Bulk	153,126	37.1	-0.9		663,983	617,449	37.7	-7.0
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	47,658	11.5	-2.7		135,651	251,860	15.4	85.7
Machinery	1,740	0.4	-55.2		14,568	12,326	0.8	-15.4
Ores-Minerales	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Other	242	0.1	N/A		0	1,110	0.1	N/A
Petroleum	210,327	50.9	17.5		593,315	755,343	46.1	27.3
Steel - Other Materials	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Total	413,094	100.0	6.9		1,407,516	1,638,088	100.0	16.4

Source: Port of Brownsville

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008: Up 6.9%
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



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

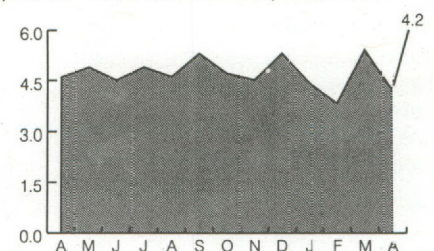
Inbound Cargo Type	Apr 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Break Bulk	6,335	0.2	-76.9		93,895	143,196	0.8	52.5
Chemical	7,483	0.2	-38.0		49,039	51,272	0.3	4.6
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	519,327	12.5	2.8		1,954,436	1,995,925	11.2	2.1
Grain Bulk	3,041	0.1	0.0		0	6,156	0.0	N/A
Liquid	0	0.0	0.0		103,083	109,036	0.6	5.8
Petroleum	3,632,039	87.1	-11.3		16,148,766	15,482,299	87.0	-4.1
Total	4,168,226	100.0	-10.1		18,349,220	17,787,883	100.0	-3.1

Outbound Cargo Type	Apr 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		YTD 07	YTD 08	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Break Bulk	7,057	0.3	-70.8		38,200	43,455	0.4	13.8
Chemical	154,076	6.2	-14.5		606,209	578,070	5.4	-4.6
Containers	0	0.0	0.0		0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	221,606	9.0	-89.6		2,786,014	832,402	7.8	-70.1
Grain Bulk	419,348	17.0	215.7		702,177	1,996,097	18.7	184.3
Liquid	0	0.0	0.0		56,040	30,595	0.3	-45.4
Petroleum	1,668,131	67.5	-13.1		8,119,217	7,220,393	67.5	-11.1
Total	2,470,218	100.0	-43.7		12,307,857	10,701,012	100.0	-13.1

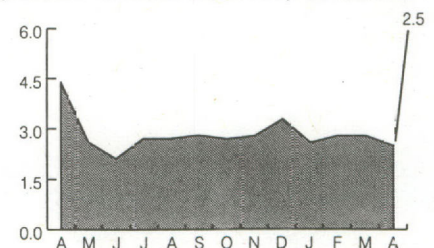
Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
Apr. 2007 vs. Apr. 2008
(Inbound - In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 10.1%



(Outbound - In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 43.7%



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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.)	2,209,170,114
	2	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	1,750,635,332
	3	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	1,118,070,832
Otay Mesa Station, CA	1	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	2,844,058,536
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	623,767,687
	3	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	527,406,653
Hidalgo, TX	1	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	831,026,290
	2	05	Vegetables and Fruit	493,306,027
	3	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	778,445,848
Nogales, AZ	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	1,197,206,041
	2	05	Vegetables and Fruit	1,142,601,087
	3	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	647,737,515
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.)	394,578,186
	2	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	139,480,851
	3	67	Iron and Steel	122,577,010
Calexico-East, CA	1	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	874,057,473
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	228,917,110
	3	05	Vegetables and Fruit	199,416,846
Eagle Pass, TX	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	1,076,459,883
	2	84	Articles of Apparel and Clothing Accessories	267,799,969
	3	67	Iron and Steel	166,427,089
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.)	119,512,157
	2	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	74,988,863
	3	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	69,742,612

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