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Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity for the month of June demonstrated an increase of eleven indicators while eleven indicators decreased. In addition, the year to date (YTD) figures, nine indicators were up and thirteen decreased. Selected 2002 YTD comparisons to 2001 reported by border cities include the following:

- Southbound pedestrian crossings into Mexico were down 9.0 percent. Laredo decreased 2.3 percent, Rio Grande fell 60.3 percent, McAllen registered a decrease of 7.0 percent and El Paso decreased 20.6 percent.
- Northbound pedestrian crossings into Texas were up 4.5 percent. Laredo fell 0.3 percent. El Paso went up 15.7 percent. McAllen marked a decrease of 4.7 percent.
- Southbound vehicle crossings were down 1.5 percent. Brownsville fell 3.0 percent, and Eagle Pass increased 5.1 percent. El Paso went down 18.5 percent and Pharr increased 0.1 percent. Laredo went down 1.2 percent. McAllen increased 3.7 percent.
- Northbound vehicle crossings were down 1.3 percent. Eagle Pass rose 4.7 percent. Roma increased 2.9 percent, El Paso went down 13.1 percent, Brownsville gained 8.3 percent and Pharr increased 1.7 percent.
- Southbound truck crossings into Mexico gained 3.5 percent. Eagle Pass went down 14.2 percent. Pharr increased 5.3 percent, and Laredo increased 6.0 percent. Del Rio was up 11.6 percent. Progreso gained 3.5 and Rio Grande decreased 2.7 percent.
- Northbound truck crossings into Texas went up 4.0 percent, Pharr rose 6.1 percent and Eagle Pass posted a 14.1 percent decrease. Brownsville increased 1.9 percent, Laredo climbed 3.1 percent, Del Rio increased 27.4 percent. Rio Grande had a loss of 7.9 percent. Progreso went up 45.0 percent.
- Southbound shipments by rail were up 3.9 percent.
- Northbound shipments by rail were down 3.6 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs went down 8.2 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators were up 3.7 percent.
- Total building permits issued were up 39.0 percent. Laredo fell 1.6 percent, Eagle Pass rose 20.1 percent, while McAllen gained 35.8 percent, and Brownsville registered an increase of 39.9 percent. El Paso showed a 70.6 percent increase.
- Total building permit values increased 19.8 percent. Laredo gained 32.3 percent, and Brownsville rose 5.9 percent. McAllen gained 19.3 percent. El Paso was up 30.1 percent, and Eagle Pass increased 7.2 percent.
- Total employment was down 0.8 percent, with 3,614 jobs lost. The average unemployment rate for the border in June 2002 was 9.6 percent.

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Border Research Reports

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Border Research Reports Vol. I

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- Benthic Macroinvertebrates as Monitors of Rio Grande Water Quality, by Dr. Tom Vaughan and Dr. Jose A. Flores.
- A Sociolinguistic Profile of Heritage Spanish Speakers in the Public Schools of Laredo, Tx., by Dr. Kati Pletsch de Garcia.
- Trade and the Environment: Perceptions from a Region on the Border , by Dr. David W. Yoskowitz.
- Language Code-Switching: A Psychological Analysis of Why Bilinguals Mix Spanish and English en la Frontera, by Dr. Roberto R. Heredia.
- Guerrero Archives*, by Dr. Stanley Green.

Border Research Reports Vol. II

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- Impoverished Consumers: The Lived Experience of Colonia Residents, by Dr. Jyotsna Mukherji.
- Rio Grande and Manadas Creek Water and Sediment Chronic Toxicity Studies, by Dr. Sushma Krishnamurthy
- The State of Child Care in Laredo, by Dr. Linda Medearis.
- Utilization of Physician Health Care Services in Mexico by Border Residents in Laredo, Texas, by Dr. Michael Landeck and Dr. Cecilia Garza.
- Characteristics of Successful Principals in a Border Town, Dr. Carolyn McCreight and Dr. Claudio Salinas.
- Utilization of Physician Health Care Service in Mexico by Border Residents in Laredo, TX, by Dr. Michael Landeck and Dr. Cecilia Garza.
- "Mi Futuro" : Sexual Abstinence Program (1999-2000) for Laredo Independent School District Middle Schools, by Dr. Sweety Law.

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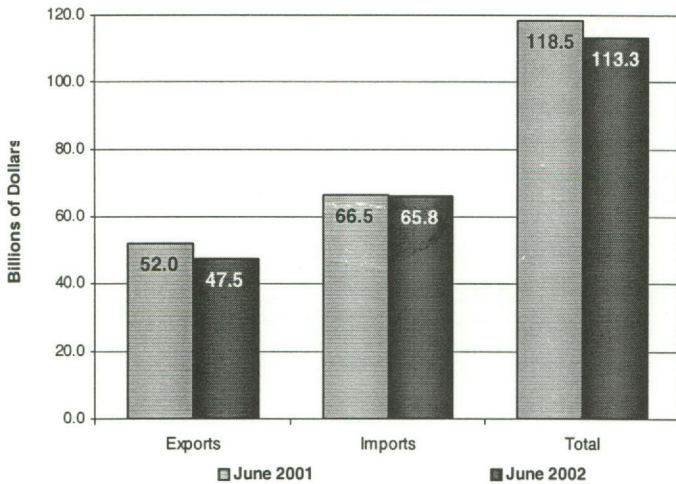
Mid-Year Figures Show a Drop in U.S.-Mexico Trade

At the midyear point, trade figures showed U.S.-Mexico trade to be below that of last year's for the same period. Although figures for April and May 2002 had exhibited some promise of trade gearing up, June numbers registered a drop. Total U.S.-Mexico trade is still below that of last year's. Total trade dollar value year-to-date was 4.4 percent below last year's volume (See Charts 1A & 1B).

Year-to-date, U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico have been down compared to the same period in 2001. Midyear totals marked U.S. exports down 8.7 percent and U.S. imports down 1.1 percent against 2001. (See Charts 2 & 3).

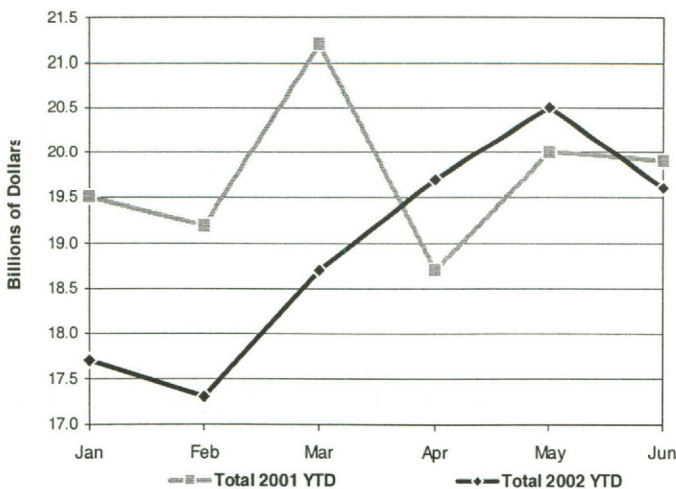
After a slow start in the earlier part of the first quarter, it appeared that U.S.-Mexico trade was looking to post some positive changes, but the June figures in the latter part of the second quarter squelched any possible gains. It is still too early to tell to determine a trend for the remainder of the year. —B. G. Garcia

Chart 1A U.S.-Mexico Trade
June 2001 YTD vs. June 2002 YTD



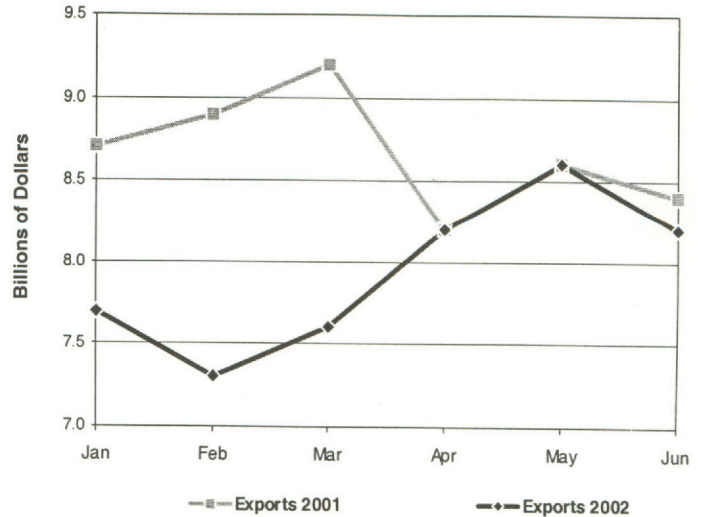
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Chart 1B U.S.-Mexico Trade
June 2001 YTD vs. June 2002 YTD



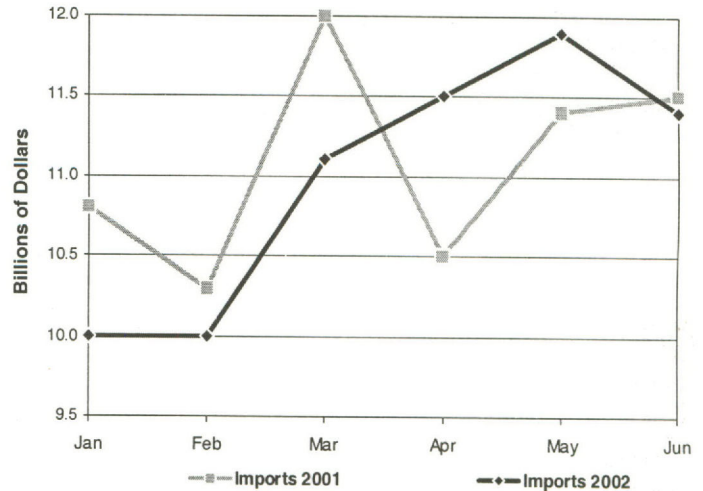
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Chart 2 U.S. Exports to Mexico
June 2001 YTD vs. June 2002 YTD



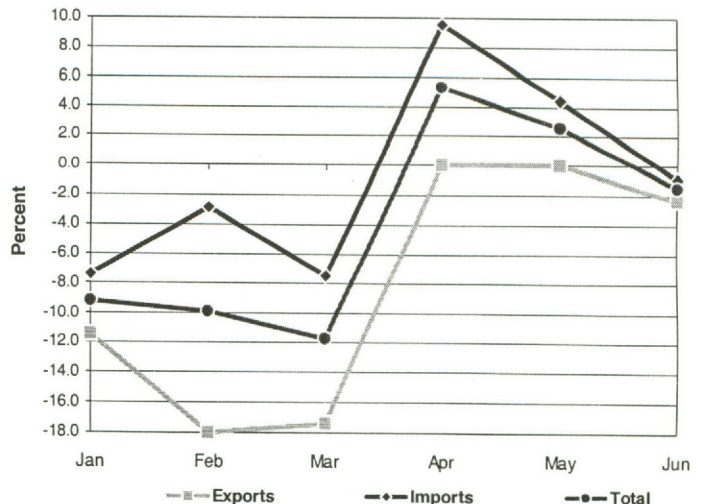
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Chart 3 U.S. Imports from Mexico
June 2001 YTD vs. June 2002 YTD



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University

Chart 4 U.S.-Mexico Trade Percent Changes
June 2001 YTD vs. June 2002 YTD



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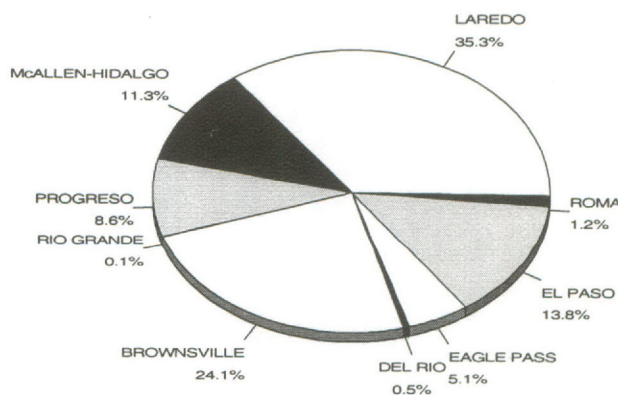
Pedestrian Bridge Crossings into Mexico

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUN 02	JUN 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	222,223	230,693	223,287	227,088	1,427,539	1,367,182	-4.2
DEL RIO	5,470	4,363	4,594	3,862	25,950	29,554	13.9
EAGLE PASS	49,951	50,879	47,207	48,981	305,267	297,113	-2.7
EL PASO	464,485	145,238	127,286	441,923	2,667,433	2,117,514	-20.6
HARLINGEN	54	62	60	68	475	359	-24.4
LAREDO	341,958	354,939	326,818	341,120	2,094,969	2,047,150	-2.3
McALLEN-HIDALGO	105,735	112,414	104,784	113,865	701,116	651,826	-7.0
PROGRESO	85,241	73,265	79,174	73,466	750,614	742,820	-1.0
RIO GRANDE	649	364	504	711	7,275	2,890	-60.3
ROMA	12,983	13,222	11,157	11,764	79,425	76,755	-3.4
TOTAL	1,288,749	985,439	924,871	1,262,848	8,060,063	7,333,163	-9.0

Source: Data provided by U.S. bridge operators in cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Southbound pedestrian crossings into Mexico for June were down 6.1 percent. Rio Grande gained 38.5 percent, Brownsville lost 3.2 percent, Eagle Pass was down 7.2 percent, El Paso declined 12.4 percent, and Laredo decreased 7.9 percent. Progreso increased 8.1 percent, and McAllen-Hidalgo went down 6.8 percent. Del Rio rose 5.3 percent. YTD southbound pedestrian crossings into Mexico fell 9.0 percent. El Paso's southbound pedestrian crossings, which made up 28.9 percent of all crossings, decreased 20.6 percent YTD. Laredo, accounting for 27.9 percent of total crossings, lost 2.3 percent YTD. Brownsville, with an 18.6 percent share, decreased 4.2 percent YTD. Progreso, with 10.1 percent share, decreased 1.0 percent. Del Rio, with 0.4 percent, increased 13.9 percent YTD.

% Share Pedestrians for June 2002



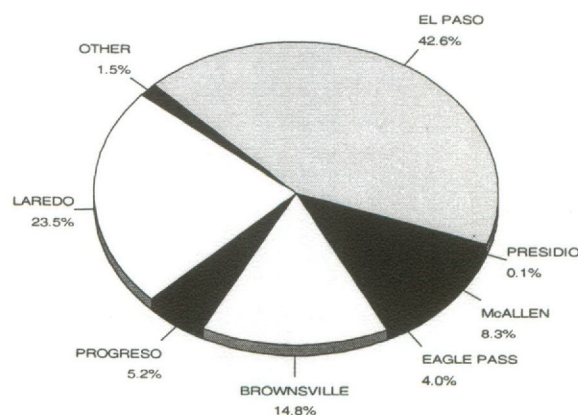
Pedestrian Bridge Crossings into Texas

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	238,614	246,888	241,937	249,393	1,515,042	1,472,182	-2.8
DEL RIO	5,841	11,429	6,906	8,117	47,672	45,241	-5.1
EAGLE PASS	58,664	69,958	64,601	73,245	395,883	383,712	-3.1
EL PASO	656,393	713,876	697,052	591,779	3,457,089	3,999,543	15.7
LAREDO	348,111	430,537	383,584	399,478	2,304,142	2,297,475	-0.3
McALLEN-HIDALGO	131,487	158,845	135,940	152,507	879,925	838,478	-4.7
PRESIDIO	1,864	2,376	2,049	2,711	16,203	12,611	-22.2
PROGRESO	166,282	183,739	84,781	89,876	743,535	739,766	-0.5
RIO GRANDE	1,522	1,931	1,774	1,473	8,529	9,257	8.5
ROMA	14,803	18,066	16,148	17,811	101,236	95,880	-5.3
TOTAL	1,623,581	1,837,645	1,634,772	1,586,390	9,469,256	9,894,145	4.5

Source: Data provided by Mexico's Oficina de Caminos y Puentes and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Northbound pedestrian crossings into Texas were down 11.0 percent in June. Progreso decreased 53.9 percent, Brownsville was down 2.0 percent, El Paso fell 2.4 percent, and Laredo fell 10.9 percent. YTD northbound pedestrian crossings into Texas were up 4.5 percent. El Paso, accounting for 40.4 percent of northbound crossings, was up 15.7 percent YTD. Laredo, with 23.2 percent of all northbound crossings, was down 0.3 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 14.9 percent of all northbound pedestrian crossings, decreased 2.8 percent over the previous year.

% Share Pedestrians for June 2002



Vehicle Bridge-Crossings into Mexico

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	623,274	646,221	628,089	636,968	3,800,620	3,687,449	-3.0
DEL RIO	169,498	181,151	175,710	164,618	964,166	1,025,556	6.4
EAGLE PASS	284,295	301,627	286,849	276,071	1,623,564	1,705,716	5.1
EL PASO	389,447	402,640	371,571	476,540	2,799,903	2,280,612	-18.5
HARLINGEN	55,552	59,514	58,799	49,087	288,332	341,172	18.3
LAREDO	722,036	752,046	734,672	791,015	4,308,155	4,256,936	-1.2
McALLEN-HIDALGO	522,457	547,528	532,278	508,950	3,011,335	3,123,860	3.7
PHARR	180,640	186,296	174,459	178,391	1,057,926	1,059,071	0.1
PROGRESO	101,485	101,424	100,551	94,890	599,244	622,609	3.9
RIO GRANDE	57,904	62,998	58,892	53,095	302,809	356,956	17.9
ROMA	100,958	106,803	98,485	96,682	594,634	608,560	2.3
TOTAL	3,207,546	3,348,248	3,220,355	3,326,307	19,350,688	19,068,497	-1.5

Source: Data provided by U.S. bridge operators in cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Southbound vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico were down 3.8 percent in June. Eagle Pass was down 4.9 percent, Del Rio decreased 3.0 percent, Rio Grande fell 6.5 percent, McAllen-Hidalgo went down 2.8 percent, and Brownsville declined 2.8 percent. Harlingen lost 1.2 percent, and Laredo was down 2.3 percent. YTD southbound vehicle bridge crossings were down 1.5 percent. Laredo,

with 22.3 percent of all southbound traffic, fell 1.2 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 19.3 percent of all southbound vehicle bridge crossings, had a 3.0 percent decrease YTD. El Paso, accounting for 12.0 percent of all southbound vehicle crossings, fell 18.5 percent YTD. McAllen-Hidalgo, with 16.4 percent of all southbound vehicle crossings, experienced a 3.7 percent increase YTD.

Vehicle Bridge-Crossings into Texas

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	403,149	418,613	393,183	363,031	2,175,785	2,356,406	8.3
DEL RIO	174,623	184,633	181,653	167,566	993,809	1,056,160	6.3
EAGLE PASS	295,096	308,381	295,027	281,935	1,686,393	1,766,434	4.7
EL PASO	646,499	677,284	623,916	761,839	4,439,547	3,856,401	-13.1
HARLINGEN	71,860	74,404	73,027	59,007	352,104	441,806	25.5
LAREDO	630,983	644,967	638,050	681,285	4,021,159	3,733,064	-7.2
McALLEN-HIDALGO	489,328	502,212	493,376	472,012	2,810,167	2,895,222	3.0
PHARR	230,242	232,200	225,068	213,847	1,302,018	1,324,012	1.7
PRESIDIO	61,431	67,454	65,887	62,114	374,964	384,677	2.6
PROGRESO	102,467	103,207	101,372	93,341	590,715	632,540	7.1
RIO GRANDE	60,556	63,997	59,787	52,905	332,275	368,014	10.8
ROMA	103,119	106,393	99,067	95,963	602,525	619,741	2.9
TOTAL	3,269,353	3,383,745	3,249,413	3,304,845	19,681,461	19,434,477	-1.3

Source: Data provided by Mexico's Oficina de Caminos y Puentes and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Northbound vehicle bridge crossings into Texas for June were down 4.0 percent. Eagle Pass decreased 4.3 percent, Progreso declined 1.8 percent, Brownsville lost 6.1 percent, and McAllen-Hidalgo fell 1.8 percent. Presidio was down 2.3 percent, and Laredo decreased 1.1 percent. YTD northbound vehicle bridge

crossings into Texas were down 1.3 percent. El Paso, with 19.8 percent of all crossings, was down 13.1 percent YTD. Laredo, with 19.2 percent of all crossings, fell 7.2 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 12.1 percent of all crossings, increased 8.3 percent YTD.

Truck Crossings into Mexico —Number of Trucks

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE+	20,223	19,375	17,305	18,358	106,567	109,597	2.8
DEL RIO+	6,824	7,129	6,518	6,142	35,174	39,237	11.6
EAGLE PASS+	7,052	6,940	6,635	7,204	47,255	40,527	-14.2
EL PASO+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	N/A	N/A	N/A
HARLINGEN+	3,049	3,943	4,249	4,428	22,842	19,132	-16.2
LAREDO+	126,545	127,163	118,159	117,542	681,240	721,904	6.0
McALLEN-HIDALGO+	2,513	2,312	2,260	2,777	20,220	13,958	-31.0
PHARR+	27,323	25,121	20,218	21,053	134,605	141,793	5.3
PROGRESO+	2,571	2,149	1,718	1,663	12,583	13,022	3.5
RIO GRANDE+	1,995	2,172	1,971	1,393	12,230	11,900	-2.7
ROMA+	1,161	1,158	964	1,199	6,781	6,686	-1.4
TOTAL	199,256	197,462	179,997	181,759	1,079,497	1,117,756	3.5

Source: Data provided by U.S. bridge operators in cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

+ Includes both loaded and empty trucks.

++ Includes loaded trucks only.

+++ El Paso does not separate loaded trucks from other vehicles and therefore is not reported.

Truck crossings into Mexico were down 8.8 percent in June. Harlingen increased 7.8 percent, Del Rio decreased 8.6 percent, and Pharr fell 19.5 percent. Laredo was down 7.1 percent and Brownsville lost 10.7 percent. YTD southbound truck crossings were up 3.5 percent. Laredo, with 64.6 percent of all southbound

crossings, experienced a 6.0 percent increase YTD. Brownsville, with 9.8 percent of all southbound crossings, had a 2.8 percent increase YTD. Pharr, with 12.7 percent, registered a gain of 5.3 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, with 3.6 percent of all truck crossings, fell 14.2 percent YTD.

Truck Crossings into Texas —Number of Trucks

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	21,957	22,313	20,613	21,593	124,092	126,388	1.9
DEL RIO	6,903	7,269	6,371	5,379	29,253	37,275	27.4
EAGLE PASS	8,067	8,018	7,363	8,344	52,145	44,801	-14.1
EL PASO	59,938	57,684	65,039	56,886	337,192	357,773	6.1
FABENS	0	0	0	17	77	0	-100.0
FALCON	10	0	0	28	176	95	-46.0
LAREDO	129,450	123,755	114,230	116,930	693,024	714,542	3.1
McALLEN-HIDALGO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PHARR	36,459	35,376	31,640	29,409	188,993	200,615	6.1
PRESIDIO	571	480	410	471	3,876	3,768	-2.8
PROGRESO	2,386	2,044	1,944	1,404	8,304	12,037	45.0
RIO GRANDE	2,320	2,309	1,969	1,768	14,295	13,165	-7.9
ROMA	1,016	1,015	810	1,030	5,756	5,569	-3.2
TOTAL	269,077	260,263	250,389	243,259	1,457,183	1,516,028	4.0

Source: Data provided by the South Texas CMC in Laredo and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Editor's Note: Figures represent loaded and empty trucks.

June northbound truck crossings into Texas were down 3.8 percent. Eagle Pass was down 8.2 percent, Brownsville declined 7.6 percent, Progreso fell 4.9 percent, Pharr went down 10.6 percent, and Laredo fell 7.7 percent. Roma declined 20.2 percent. YTD northbound truck crossings were up 4.0 percent. Laredo, accounting for

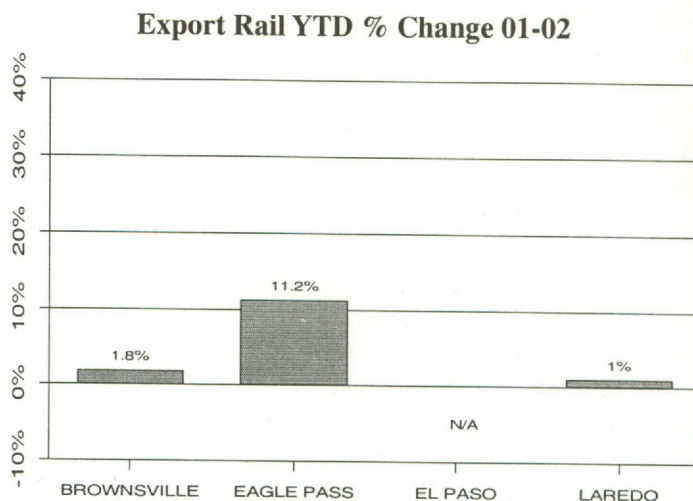
47.1 percent of all northbound truck crossings, had a 3.1 percent increase YTD. Pharr, with 13.2 percent of all crossings, experienced a 6.1 percent increase YTD. Brownsville, with 8.3 percent of all northbound truck crossings, experienced a 1.9 percent gain YTD.

Export Shipments by Rail into Mexico —Number of Rail Cars

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	3,982	2,232	2,600	2,867	20,878	21,261	1.8
EAGLE PASS	8,336	7,156	8,583	6,481	41,320	45,955	11.2
EL PASO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
LAREDO	16,508	15,863	15,435	13,915	90,912	91,822	1.0
TOTAL	28,826	25,251	26,618	23,263	153,110	159,038	3.9

Source: Data provided by railroad companies serving cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Southbound rail shipments into Mexico rose 5.4 percent in June. Brownsville gained 16.5 percent, and Laredo decreased 2.7 percent. Eagle Pass increased 19.9 percent. YTD southbound rail shipments into Mexico from Texas were up 3.9 percent. Laredo which accounted for 57.7 percent of all southbound rail shipments, was up 1.0 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, accounting for 28.9 percent of all southbound rail shipments, increased 11.2 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 13.4 percent of all southbound rail shipments, showed an increase of 1.8 percent YTD.

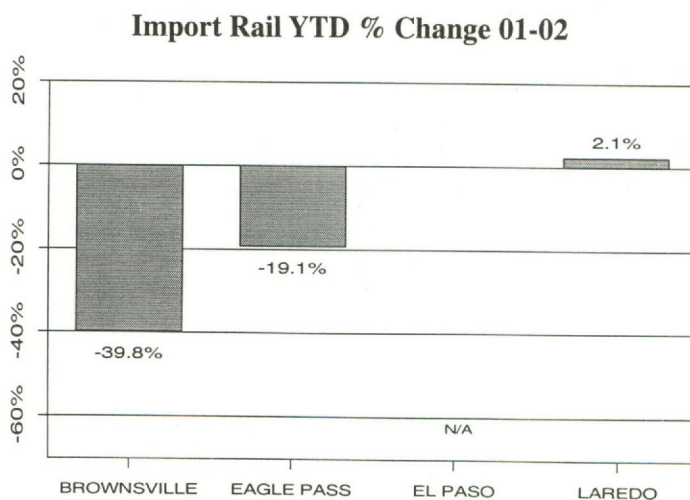


Import Shipments by Rail into Texas —Number of Rail Cars

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	668	772	642	1,432	6,030	3,628	-39.8
EAGLE PASS	2,452	2,356	2,521	2,865	16,793	13,587	-19.1
EL PASO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
LAREDO	15,095	15,664	15,078	15,504	83,624	85,364	2.1
TOTAL	18,215	18,792	18,241	19,801	106,447	102,579	-3.6

Source: Data provided by railroad companies serving cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Northbound rail shipments into Texas decreased 2.9 percent in June. Laredo decreased 3.7 percent, Brownsville lost 16.8 percent, and Eagle Pass gained 7.0 percent. YTD total northbound shipments into Texas from Mexico were down 3.6 percent. Laredo, which accounted for 83.2 percent of all northbound rail shipments, was up 2.1 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, accounting for 13.2 percent of all northbound rail shipments, fell 19.1 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 3.5 percent of all northbound rail shipments, decreased 39.8 percent YTD.



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

CITY	DUTY	MPF	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL	YTD	YTD	YTD % CHG
	JUNE 02	JUNE 02	REVENUE JUNE 02	REVENUE JUNE 02	REVENUE JUNE 01	REVENUE JUNE 01	REVENUE JUNE 02	
BROWNSVILLE	888,610	126,606	(976,444)	38,772	2,693,963	21,237,000	8,595,285	-59.5
DEL RIO	84,443	35,374	14,249	134,065	180,181	1,011,689	952,580	-5.8
EAGLE PASS	83,919	12,963	3,561,286	3,658,167	2,887,261	17,814,218	19,282,186	8.2
LAREDO	6,620,893	625,542	10,663,764	17,910,199	20,515,361	113,347,373	108,833,952	-4.0
McALLEN-HIDALGO	2,331,765	258,379	(168,031)	2,422,113	2,107,827	16,193,581	18,124,973	11.9
PROGRESO	632	3,030	15,971	19,633	20,792	106,549	118,793	11.5
RIO GRANDE	53,095	4,665	811	58,571	76,158	439,248	363,733	-17.2
ROMA	11,328	265	10,439	22,033	25,694	174,364	142,254	-18.4
TOTAL	10,074,685	1,066,824	13,122,044	24,263,554	28,507,237	170,324,023	156,413,757	-8.2

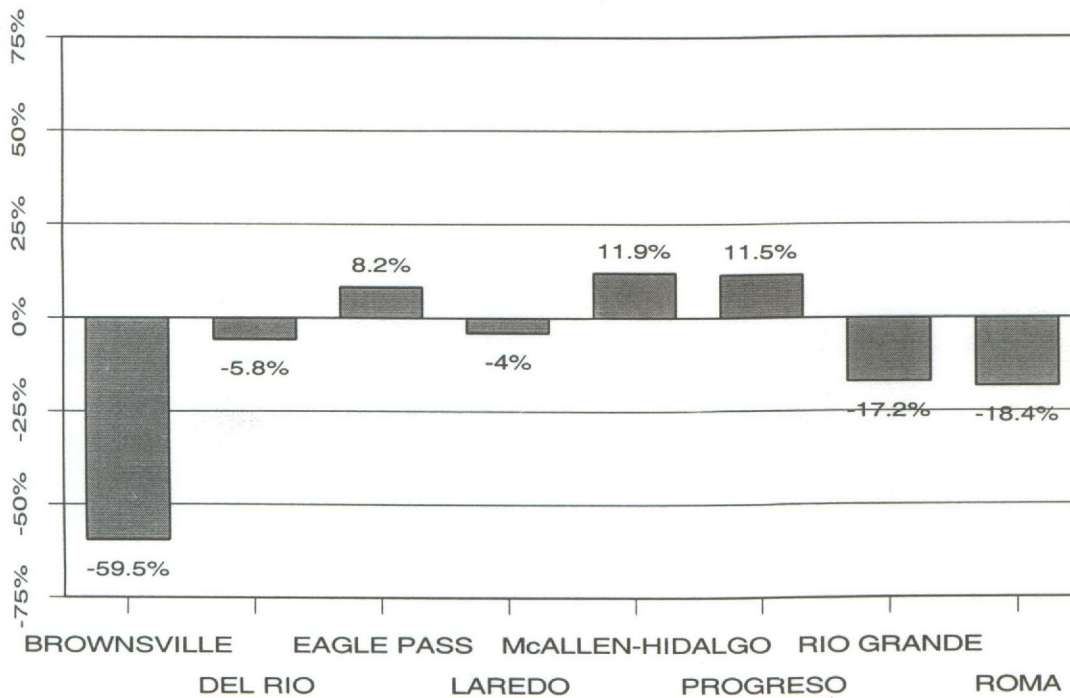
Source: Data provided by the South Texas CMC in Laredo and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

MPF = Merchandise Processing Fee

In June, total U.S. Customs revenues for the former District of Laredo had a loss of 22.4 percent. McAllen-Hidalgo was down 21.0 percent, Rio Grande decreased 13.8 percent, Progreso increased 3.1 percent, Roma fell 16.4 percent, Laredo went down 25.0 percent, Eagle Pass increased 25.2 percent, Brownsville lost 96.6 percent, and Del Rio was down 5.5 percent. YTD revenues for the border were down 8.2 percent compared to June 2001. Laredo,

accounting for 69.6 percent share of the former district's revenue was down 4.0 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 5.5 percent share of total revenues, was down 59.5 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, accounting for 12.3 percent of all revenues, was up 8.2 percent YTD. McAllen-Hidalgo, with 11.6 percent of total revenues, increased 11.9 percent YTD.

% Change Total Revenues YTD 01-02



Revenues (in U.S. Dollars) Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	1,030,853	1,053,121	1,005,908	932,768	5,441,369	6,017,587	10.6
DEL RIO	412,872	442,704	422,348	395,991	2,296,787	2,483,936	8.1
EAGLE PASS	543,588	590,116	556,070	629,261	3,554,445	3,436,088	-3.3
EL PASO	887,578	771,945	738,766	977,524	5,836,846	4,899,733	-16.1
HARLINGEN	131,416	147,242	144,426	119,325	700,793	795,133	13.5
LAREDO	2,743,116	2,811,950	2,653,846	2,446,980	14,336,031	15,827,671	10.4
McALLEN-HIDALGO	841,515	879,719	854,946	828,651	4,951,311	5,035,784	1.7
PHARR	474,375	491,795	453,668	443,618	2,631,631	2,732,718	3.8
TOTAL	7,065,314	7,188,591	6,829,979	6,774,118	39,749,212	41,228,649	3.7

Source: Data provided by U.S. bridge operators in cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

Brownsville's Revenues are for Cameron County Bridge only.

U.S. bridge operators' revenues lost 5.0 percent in the month of June. Pharr went down 7.8 percent, Brownsville declined 4.5 percent, Laredo lost 5.6 percent. Del Rio fell 4.6 percent, Harlingen went down 1.9 percent, McAllen-Hidalgo decreased 2.8 percent, Eagle Pass dropped 5.8 percent, and El Paso went down 4.3 percent. YTD U.S. bridge operator's revenues were up 3.7 percent. Laredo, accounting for 38.4 percent of total U.S. bridge operator's revenues

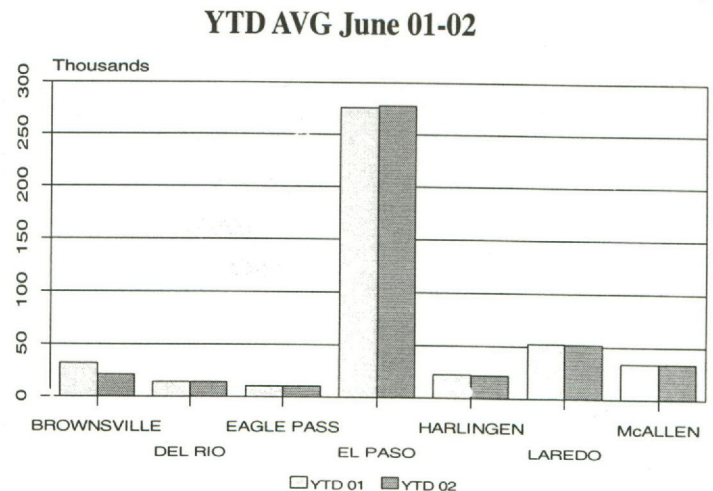
collected, had a 10.4 percent increase YTD. El Paso, accounting for 11.9 percent of total U.S. bridge revenues, went down 16.1 percent YTD. Brownsville, accounting for 14.6 percent, was up 10.6 percent YTD. McAllen-Hidalgo, with 12.2 percent of the total bridge revenues, increased 1.7 percent YTD. Eagle Pass, with 8.3 percent of the total bridge revenues, fell 3.3 percent YTD.

Power Connections – Texas Border Residential Connections

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	32,357	N/A	N/A	31,445	31,804	21,367	N/A
DEL RIO	14,104	14,085	14,164	14,116	14,141	14,008	-0.9
EAGLE PASS	9,925	9,834	9,920	9,826	9,984	9,917	-0.7
EL PASO	278,656	278,666	279,175	273,738	276,200	278,207	0.7
HARLINGEN	22,113	21,516	21,942	21,674	22,195	21,742	-2.0
LAREDO	52,363	52,037	52,467	51,985	52,349	51,956	-0.8
McALLEN	34,042	33,163	33,927	32,912	34,165	33,991	-0.5
TOTAL	443,560	409,301	411,595	435,696	440,838	431,188	-2.2

Source: Data provided by CP&L, Brownsville Public Utilities Board, and El Paso Electric Co. and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

June total residential power connections for cited Texas border cities increased 0.6 percent. YTD residential power connections were down 2.2 percent. Laredo was down 0.8 percent, McAllen decreased 0.5 percent, Del Rio lost 0.9 percent, Harlingen fell 2.0 percent, and Eagle Pass was down 0.7 percent.



Power Connections – Texas Border (Cont'd)

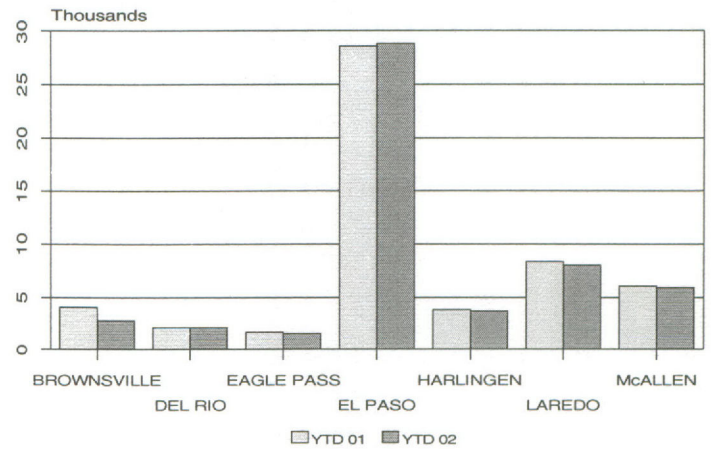
Commercial Connections

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	4,325	N/A	N/A	3,985	4,118	2,813	N/A
DEL RIO	2,142	2,146	2,183	2,162	2,124	2,120	-0.2
EAGLE PASS	1,464	1,463	1,521	1,545	1,585	1,504	-5.1
EL PASO	28,888	28,954	28,989	28,353	28,573	28,806	0.8
HARLINGEN	3,635	3,601	3,749	3,849	3,849	3,682	-4.3
LAREDO	7,976	7,941	8,127	8,335	8,368	8,004	-4.3
McALLEN	5,859	5,833	6,026	6,094	6,076	5,947	-2.1
TOTAL	54,289	49,938	50,595	54,323	54,693	52,877	-3.3

Source: Data provided by CP&L, Brownsville Public Utilities Board, and El Paso Electric Co. and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

June total commercial power connections for cited Texas border cities increased 1.3 percent. YTD averages of commercial power connections decreased 3.3 percent. Harlingen was down 4.3 percent, Eagle Pass fell 5.1 percent, Laredo declined 4.3 percent, McAllen was down 2.1 percent, Del Rio decreased 0.2 percent, and El Paso gained 0.8 percent.

YTD AVG June 01-02



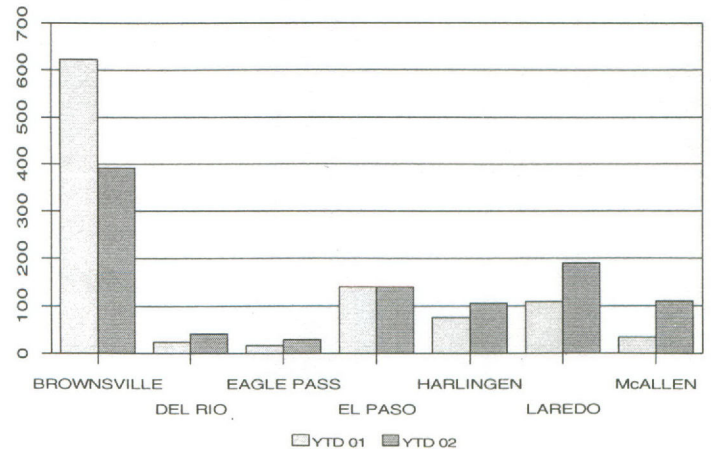
Industrial Connections

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	621	N/A	N/A	543	623	391	N/A
DEL RIO	46	44	47	25	24	42	73.6
EAGLE PASS	33	33	34	15	17	30	78.4
EL PASO	138	140	140	139	140	139	-0.5
HARLINGEN	110	109	115	80	76	105	38.4
LAREDO	210	207	213	114	108	189	75.3
McALLEN	125	117	129	44	34	110	223.5
TOTAL	1,283	650	678	960	1,022	1,007	-1.5

Source: Data provided by CP&L, Brownsville Public Utilities Board, and El Paso Electric Co. and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

June total industrial power connections for cited Texas border cities were up 4.3 percent. YTD averages of industrial power connections decreased 1.5 percent. El Paso decreased 0.5 percent, Harlingen rose 38.4 percent, and Laredo was up 75.3 percent.

YTD AVG June 01-02



Building Permits — Texas Border

Number of Permits

NUMBER	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG.
BROWNSVILLE	410	408	395	357	1,662	2,325	39.9
DEL RIO	90	313	245	34	394	794	101.5
EAGLE PASS	57	39	51	51	234	281	20.1
EL PASO	759	850	1,643	628	2,997	5,112	70.6
HARLINGEN	88	93	78	75	266	497	86.8
LAREDO	263	275	1,467	774	3,125	3,076	-1.6
MCALLEN	167	166	174	139	741	1,006	35.8
TOTAL	1,834	2,144	4,053	2,058	9,419	13,091	39.0

Source: Data provided by cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic & Enterprise Development

June building permits issued by reporting Texas border cities were up 89.0 percent. Eagle Pass increased 30.8 percent, El Paso went up 93.3 percent, and Laredo gained 433.5 percent. McAllen increased 4.8 percent, and Brownsville declined 3.2 percent. YTD, the number of permits issued climbed 39.0 percent. El Paso, account-

ing for 39.0 percent of all building permits issued, had an increase of 70.6 percent YTD. Laredo, with 23.5 percent of building permits issued, was down 1.6 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 17.8 percent of building permits issued, increased 39.9 percent YTD.

U.S. Dollar Value of Permits

VALUE	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG.
BROWNSVILLE	18,678,276	16,922,889	32,401,735	18,171,121	115,664,144	122,443,745	5.9
DEL RIO	1,654,827	1,671,740	1,859,737	1,215,848	10,497,607	34,485,783	228.5
EAGLE PASS	1,356,885	788,573	2,450,011	1,894,018	15,498,613	16,614,449	7.2
EL PASO	44,602,096	32,791,129	98,529,256	47,716,053	245,194,259	319,016,715	30.1
HARLINGEN	4,408,716	9,949,159	15,684,834	9,696,178	74,267,202	42,704,149	-42.5
LAREDO	21,254,334	46,951,029	53,722,542	17,440,006	140,781,108	186,189,813	32.3
MCALLEN	44,661,700	16,527,486	11,305,396	11,392,876	106,062,060	126,566,448	19.3
TOTAL	136,616,834	125,602,006	215,953,511	107,526,100	707,964,993	848,021,103	19.8

Source: Data provided by cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic & Enterprise Development

June building permit values for reporting Texas border cities were up 71.9 percent. Harlingen increased 57.6 percent, McAllen decreased 31.6 percent, and El Paso was up 200.5 percent. Brownsville rose 91.5 percent. Laredo gained 14.4 percent. Eagle Pass jumped 210.7 percent. YTD reporting border cities experienced a 19.8 percent increase in building permit values. El Paso, with 37.6

percent of total building permit values, increased 30.1 percent YTD. Laredo, with 22.0 percent of total building permit values, gained 32.3 percent YTD. Brownsville, with 14.4 percent of total building permit values, rose 5.9 percent. Eagle Pass with 2.0 percent of total building permits, increased 7.2 percent.

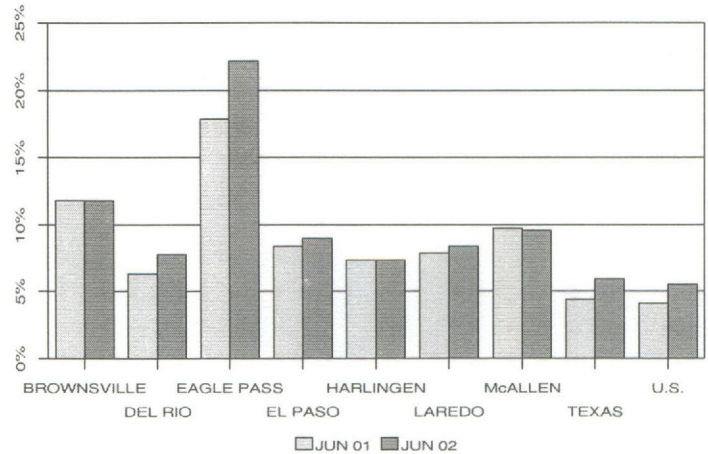
Employment/Unemployment Rates —Texas Border

CITY	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL EMPLOYED	TOTAL UNEMPLOYED	TOTAL UNEMPLOYED	PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	PERCENT UNEMPLOYED
	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	JUNE 02	JUNE 01
BROWNSVILLE	45,675	45,934	6,090	6,146	11.8	11.8
DEL RIO	14,808	14,451	1,250	976	7.8	6.3
EAGLE PASS	8,556	9,574	2,447	2,084	22.2	17.9
EL PASO	234,103	238,568	23,279	21,932	9.0	8.4
HARLINGEN	26,240	26,388	2,071	2,090	7.3	7.3
LAREDO	67,252	67,057	6,182	5,765	8.4	7.9
McALLEN	49,415	47,691	5,268	5,183	9.6	9.8
TOTAL	446,049	449,663	46,587	44,176	9.6	9.0
THE TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE					5.90	4.40
THE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE					5.50	4.10

Source: Data (preliminary figures subject to revision) provided by the Texas Employment Commission and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic & Enterprise Development

In June, total employment in reporting Texas border cities increased 0.2 percent (775 jobs gained). Eagle Pass employment rose 1.0 percent (80 jobs gained), Del Rio increased 2.7 percent (389 jobs gained), McAllen went down 0.7 percent (369 jobs lost), and Laredo went up 0.1 percent (43 jobs gained). Brownsville rose 1.0 percent (442 jobs gained). YTD total employment in Texas border cities was down 0.8 percent (3,614 jobs lost) from a year ago. The average unemployment rate for the border was 9.6 percent compared to 5.9 percent for Texas, and 5.5 percent for the U.S. in the month of June.

% Unemployed June 01-02



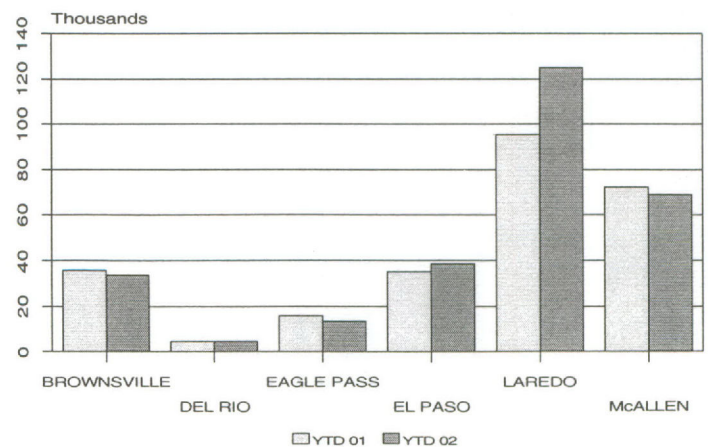
Visas to Tourists from Texas to Mexico

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 00	YTD 01	%CHG
BROWNSVILLE	4,157	5,428	8,840	8,392	35,944	33,866	-5.8
DEL RIO	554	685	1,331	1,289	4,516	4,651	3.0
EAGLE PASS	2,097	1,682	1,861	3,961	15,687	13,568	-13.5
EL PASO	4,948	5,838	10,190	9,193	35,459	38,654	9.0
LAREDO	14,558	18,884	35,820	35,267	95,415	124,855	30.9
McALLEN	8,188	10,198	15,037	15,267	72,195	68,934	-4.5
TOTAL	34,502	42,715	73,079	73,369	259,216	284,528	9.8

Source: Data provided by Mexico's Instituto Nacional de Migracion and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

In June, visas increased 71.1 percent. Laredo rose 89.7 percent, Eagle Pass gained 10.6, Brownsville increased 62.9 percent, and Del Rio was up 94.3 percent. El Paso rose 74.5 percent. YTD total visas were up 9.8 percent. Brownsville, with 11.9 percent share, fell 5.8 percent. Eagle Pass, with 4.8 percent share, declined 13.5 percent. Del Rio, with 1.6 percent share, increased 3.0 percent. Laredo, with 43.9 percent share, went up 30.9 percent. McAllen, with 24.2 percent share, declined 4.5 percent YTD; and El Paso with 13.6 percent share, gained 9.0 percent YTD.

Tourist Visas YTD June 01-02



Air Passenger Service Activities — Selected Border Cities

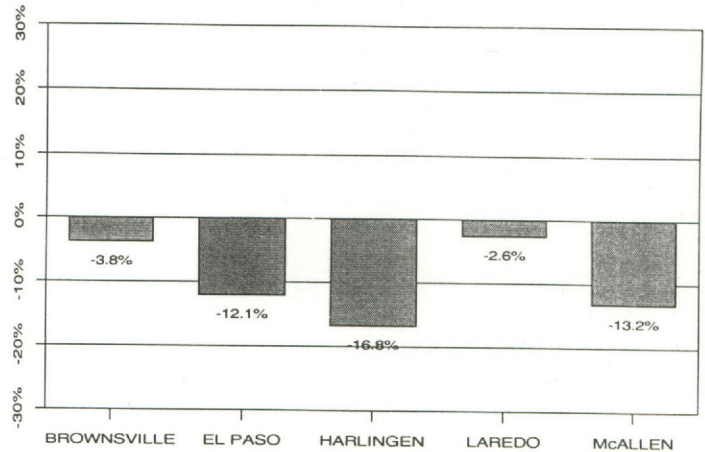
Passenger Arrivals

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	6,023	5,822	6,009	6,234	40,136	38,593	-3.8
EL PASO	111,488	127,447	132,737	150,745	786,619	691,338	-12.1
HARLINGEN	32,251	34,939	35,965	42,298	233,994	194,620	-16.8
LAREDO	6,280	6,054	6,140	6,310	35,421	34,513	-2.6
McALLEN	22,324	21,743	23,921	24,953	160,492	139,354	-13.2
TOTAL	178,366	196,005	204,772	230,540	1,256,662	1,098,427	-12.6

Source: Data provided by cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic & Enterprise Development

June air passengers arriving in Texas border cities were up 4.5 percent from May. McAllen increased 10.0 percent, Laredo gained 1.4 percent, and El Paso went up 4.2 percent. Harlingen rose 2.9 percent. YTD air passenger arrivals were down 12.6 percent. El Paso, with 62.9 percent of all arriving passengers, showed a decrease of 12.1 percent YTD. Harlingen, accounting for 17.7 percent of all arrivals, slipped 16.8 percent YTD. McAllen, with 12.7 percent of all arrivals, was down 13.2 percent YTD. Laredo, with 3.1 percent of all arrivals, decreased 2.6 percent YTD.

Passenger Arrivals % Change YTD 01-02



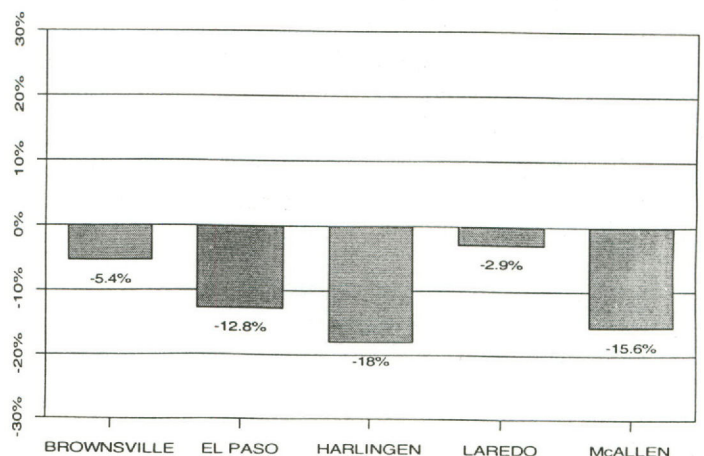
Passenger Departures

CITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BROWNSVILLE	6,867	6,152	6,169	6,294	41,474	39,227	-5.4
EL PASO	114,468	134,049	134,610	155,254	813,752	709,555	-12.8
HARLINGEN	33,793	35,055	36,795	43,059	241,505	198,063	-18.0
LAREDO	6,009	6,345	6,450	6,522	36,471	35,430	-2.9
McALLEN	23,836	22,518	24,583	25,981	168,263	142,002	-15.6
TOTAL	184,973	204,119	208,607	237,110	1,301,465	1,124,277	-13.6

Source: Data provided by cited cities and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic & Enterprise Development

June air passenger departures for reporting Texas border cities were up 2.2 percent. McAllen gained 9.2 percent, Harlingen went up 5.0 percent, Laredo increased 1.7 percent, and El Paso climbed 0.4 percent. YTD air passenger departures were down 13.6 percent. El Paso, with 63.1 percent of all departing passengers, was down 12.8 percent YTD. Harlingen, with 17.6 percent of all departing passengers, exhibited a decrease of 18.0 percent YTD. McAllen, with 12.6 percent of all departing passengers, decreased 15.6 percent, YTD. Laredo, with 3.2 percent of all departing passengers, fell 2.9 percent YTD.

Passenger Departures % Change YTD 01-02



Port Of Corpus Christi

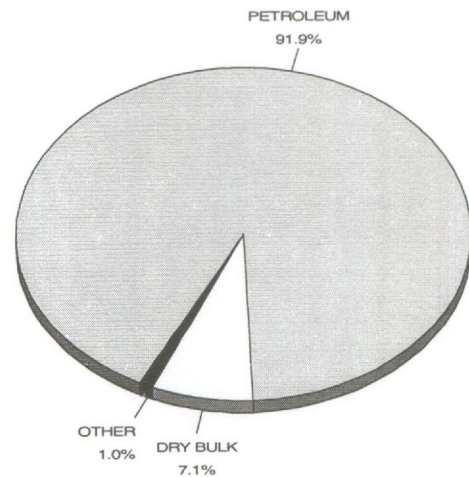
Inbound Cargo (in Tons)

COMMODITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BREAK BULK	12,203	3,242	18,358	2,086	144,694	40,653	-71.9
DRY BULK	247,807	339,090	280,417	377,035	1,899,613	2,051,248	8.0
BULK GRAIN	0	5,483	6,259	0	0	13,086	N/A
LIQUID	0	0	0	17,667	131,068	22,086	-83
PETROLEUM	4,246,981	3,820,698	3,606,124	4,034,140	24,213,481	22,848,225	-5.6
CHEMICAL	12,654	9,971	13,395	9,381	51,476	66,997	30.2
TOTAL	4,519,646	4,178,484	3,924,553	4,440,309	26,440,332	25,042,295	-5.3

Source: Data provided by the Port of Corpus Christi and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development.

The Port of Corpus Christi had a 6.1 percent decrease in inbound cargo in June. Petroleum, which made up 91.9 percent of all inbound traffic, was down 5.6 percent compared to May. Dry bulk, which accounted for 7.1 percent of inbound cargo, declined 17.3 percent. Total inbound cargo tonnage was down 5.3 percent YTD.

% Share June 2002 Inbound Cargo



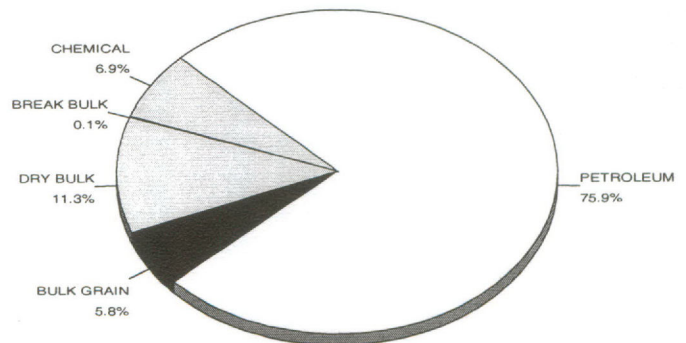
Outbound Cargo (in Tons)

COMMODITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BREAK BULK	1,444	2,325	3,018	125	25,964	17,951	-30.9
DRY BULK	266,005	228,395	285,230	265,400	1,441,922	1,527,527	5.9
BULK GRAIN	141,777	120,357	147,807	179,861	971,338	887,326	-8.6
LIQUID	0	0	0	0	34,108	0	-100.0
PETROLEUM	1,877,856	1,788,973	1,922,804	1,957,053	12,259,164	11,372,949	-7.2
CHEMICAL	218,455	70,954	176,085	169,627	977,646	749,504	-23.3
TOTAL	2,505,537	2,211,002	2,534,944	2,572,065	15,710,142	14,555,257	-7.4

Source: Data provided by the Port of Corpus Christi and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development.

In June, the Port of Corpus Christi had a 14.7 percent increase in outbound cargo tonnage. Petroleum, which was 75.9 percent of total outbound cargo, gained 7.5 percent. Bulk grain, which accounted for 5.8 percent of cargo, rose 22.8 percent. Dry bulk, which accounted for 11.3 percent of the total outbound cargo for June, increased 24.9 percent. YTD total outbound cargo tonnage was down 7.4 percent.

% Share June 2002 Outbound Cargo



Port Of Brownsville

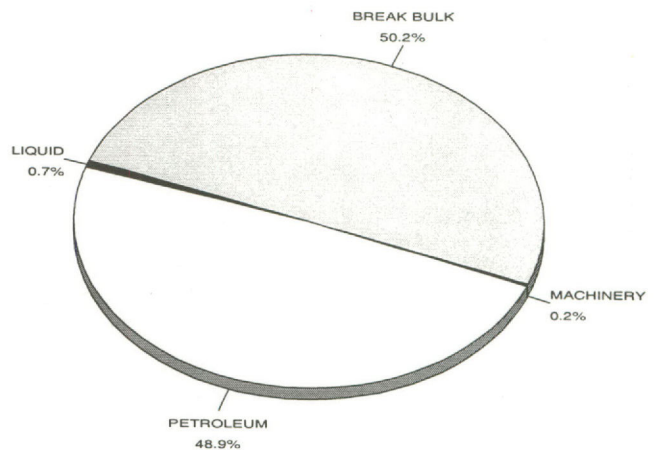
Total Port Activity (in Metric Tons)

COMMODITY	APR 02	MAY 02	JUNE 02	JUNE 01	YTD 01	YTD 02	% CHG
BREAK BULK	163,491	240,653	189,633	119,409	1,186,518	1,219,456	2.8
LIQUID	4,315	3,514	1,928	537	21,154	26,359	24.6
PETROLEUM	219,136	234,174	158,180	208,771	646,084	1,068,105	65.3
GRAIN	0	0	0	0	4,418	16,918	282.9
CONTAINERS	0	0	0	0	117	2,035	1639.3
MACHINERY	0	790	619	425	5,801	2,036	-64.9
TOTAL	386,942	479,131	350,360	329,142	1,864,092	2,334,909	25.3

Source: Data provided by the Port of Brownsville and compiled by Texas A&M International University, Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

The Port of Brownsville had a decrease of 26.9 percent total tonnage in June. Break Bulk, which accounted for 54.1 percent of total tonnage declined 21.2 percent from May. Liquid, with 0.6 percent share of June's total tonnage, fell 45.1 percent. Petroleum, which made up 45.1 percent of the total cargo for June lost 32.5 percent. YTD figures showed a 25.3 percent increase in total cargo tonnage. Break Bulk tonnage, with 52.2 percent of total tonnage, rose 2.8 percent. Petroleum, with 45.7 percent of total tonnage, increased 65.3 percent. Liquid, with 1.1 percent of total tonnage, increased 24.6 percent.

% Share June 2002 Total Cargo



NAFTA Technical Reports

The center's research activities have resulted in a dozen technical reports on border economic issues ranging from infrastructure needs and environmental issues to the impact of NAFTA on Texas-Mexico trade relations and future business opportunities.

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