

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits (Residential + Commercial)

December 2003	YTD 2003	YTD 2002	CITY	December 2003	YTD 2003	YTD 2002	December 2003	YTD 2003	YTD 2002
\$ 2,76,754.00	\$ 3,312,294.00	\$ 7,412,395.00	Alamo	\$ 176,500.00	\$ 10,932,775.00	\$ 4,364,988.00	\$ 453,254.00	\$ 14,245,069.00	\$ 11,777,383.00
\$ 10,255,054.00	\$ 153,618,732.00	\$ 145,892,405.00	Brownsville	\$ 14,567,710.00	\$ 131,814,112.00	\$ 67,905,195.00	\$ 24,822,764.00	\$ 285,432,844.00	\$ 213,797,600.00
\$ 788,366.00	\$ 5,115,884.00	\$ 1,972,344.00	Donna	\$ 162,192.00	\$ 10,182,266.00	\$ 6,680,220.00	\$ 950,558.00	\$ 15,298,150.00	\$ 8,652,564.00
\$ 5,645,030.00	\$ 65,135,476.00	\$ 46,268,413.00	Edinburg	\$ 4,626,500.00	\$ 63,733,769.00	\$ 65,363,370.00	\$ 10,271,330.00	\$ 128,869,245.00	\$ 111,631,783.00
\$ 192,020.00	\$ 2,326,020.00	\$ 1,069,865.00	Elsa	\$ -	\$ 573,000.00	\$ 2,629,000.00	\$ 192,020.00	\$ 2,899,020.00	\$ 3,698,865.00
\$ 4,656,990.00	\$ 40,992,038.00	\$ 51,689,209.00	Harlingen	\$ 9,522,543.00	\$ 34,822,520.00	\$ 31,519,830.00	\$ 14,179,533.00	\$ 75,814,558.00	\$ 83,209,039.00
\$ 1,117,345.00	\$ 13,189,759.00	\$ 10,191,620.00	Hidalgo	\$ 1,096,000.00	\$ 5,243,260.00	\$ 24,173,425.00	\$ 2,213,345.00	\$ 18,433,019.00	\$ 34,365,045.00
\$ -	\$ 1,004,487.00	\$ 803,766.00	La Feria	\$ -	\$ 1,921,284.00	\$ 6,079,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,925,771.00	\$ 6,883,266.00
\$ 350,000.00	\$ 2,453,922.00	\$ 1,925,576.00	La Joya	\$ -	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 3,200,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 2,688,922.00	\$ 5,125,576.00
\$ 50,000.00	\$ 3,049,329.00	\$ 2,245,176.00	Los Fresnos	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 914,600.00	\$ 1,163,750.00	\$ 98,500.00	\$ 3,963,929.00	\$ 3,408,926.00
\$ 7,794,927.00	\$ 110,821,623.00	\$ 78,032,823.00	McAllen	\$ 3,115,423.00	\$ 155,288,448.00	\$ 116,703,191.00	\$ 10,910,350.00	\$ 266,110,071.00	\$ 194,736,014.00
\$ 301,210.00	\$ 3,387,398.00	\$ 1,982,486.00	Mercedes	\$ 56,200.00	\$ 2,897,661.00	\$ 10,083,459.00	\$ 357,410.00	\$ 6,285,059.00	\$ 12,065,945.00
\$ 6,543,401.00	\$ 110,305,473.00	\$ 103,701,738.00	Mission	\$ 4,132,420.00	\$ 37,778,449.00	\$ 21,985,580.00	\$ 10,675,821.00	\$ 148,083,922.00	\$ 125,687,318.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Olmito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 97,000.00	\$ 4,571,105.00	\$ 4,598,419.00	Palmhurst	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 1,108,400.00	\$ 6,333,100.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 5,679,505.00	\$ 10,931,519.00
\$ 42,080.00	\$ 566,106.00	\$ 708,850.00	Palm Valley	\$ 350,945.00	\$ 393,445.00	\$ -	\$ 393,025.00	\$ 959,551.00	\$ 708,850.00
\$ 2,565,029.00	\$ 37,602,764.00	\$ 52,188,589.00	Pharr	\$ 897,000.00	\$ 16,802,336.00	\$ 20,662,720.00	\$ 3,462,029.00	\$ 54,405,100.00	\$ 72,851,309.00
\$ 22,420.00	\$ 2,429,319.00	\$ 2,846,111.00	Port Isabel	\$ 31,100.00	\$ 1,923,685.00	\$ 1,404,602.00	\$ 53,520.00	\$ 4,353,004.00	\$ 4,250,713.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Progreso	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 42,050.00	\$ 2,607,584.00	\$ 2,718,602.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,050.00	\$ 2,607,584.00	\$ 2,718,602.00
\$ 34,900.00	\$ 724,959.00	\$ 559,368.00	Raymondville	\$ 6,256.00	\$ 1,369,256.00	\$ 266,750.00	\$ 41,156.00	\$ 2,094,215.00	\$ 826,118.00
\$ 745,625.00	\$ 4,212,332.00	\$ 3,597,000.00	Rio Grande City	\$ 2,120.00	\$ 11,917,369.00	\$ 5,131,000.00	\$ 747,745.00	\$ 16,129,901.00	\$ 8,728,000.00
\$ 146,536.00	\$ 1,059,929.00	\$ 2,405,036.00	Rio Hondo	\$ -	\$ 2,354,400.00	\$ 1,770,000.00	\$ 146,536.00	\$ 3,414,329.00	\$ 4,175,036.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 146,524.00	\$ 4,947,424.00	\$ 5,087,748.00	San Benito	\$ -	\$ 1,510,600.00	\$ 10,678,550.00	\$ 146,524.00	\$ 6,458,024.00	\$ 15,766,298.00
\$ 1,279,188.00	\$ 13,462,600.00	\$ 8,886,550.00	San Juan	\$ 566,000.00	\$ 7,624,541.00	\$ 8,263,215.00	\$ 1,845,188.00	\$ 21,087,141.00	\$ 17,149,765.00
\$ 2,724,413.00	\$ 14,303,401.00	\$ 37,876,453.00	South Padre	\$ 74,404.00	\$ 8,038,904.00	\$ 6,561,198.00	\$ 2,798,817.00	\$ 22,342,305.00	\$ 44,437,651.00
\$ 2,094,204.00	\$ 18,944,617.00	\$ 20,166,792.00	Weslaco	\$ 5,876,708.00	\$ 29,499,484.00	\$ 36,874,350.00	\$ 7,970,912.00	\$ 48,444,101.00	\$ 57,041,142.00
\$ 47,911,066.00	\$ 620,144,775.00	\$ 594,827,334.00	TOTALS	\$ 45,336,521.00	\$ 538,879,564.00	\$ 459,796,993.00	\$ 93,247,587.00	\$ 1,159,024,339.00	\$ 1,054,624,327.00

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Passenger and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

	Brownsville	McAllen/ Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
December 2003	2,982,920	1,335,213	472,343	60,820	125,995	317,821	401,253	5,696,365
YTD 2003	32,172,299	14,075,374	5,279,131	641,649	1,275,166	3,045,057	4,090,107	60,578,783
December 2002	2,879,993	1,388,150	487,478	48,066	132,927	279,160	560,640	5,776,414
YTD 2002	31,476,295	18,157,730	5,240,707	698,167	1,374,943	2,801,187	4,633,157	64,382,186

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
December 2003	5,521	32,271	28,047	65,839
YTD 2003	61,973	391,103	284,567	737,643
December 2002	5,243	31,893	24,761	61,897
YTD 2002	70,074	391,325	278,697	740,096

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

	December 2003	December 2002
Alamo	\$ 222,789,990.00	\$ 200,266,231.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,058,967,351.00	\$ 1,856,459,948.00
Donna	\$ 50,893,988.00	\$ 36,005,533.00
Edinburg	\$ 544,311,877.00	\$ 449,875,366.00
Elsa	\$ 152,637,030.00	\$ 132,940,344.00
Harlingen	\$ 832,986,520.00	\$ 838,916,980.00
Hidalgo	\$ 211,824,026.00	\$ 188,856,282.00
La Feria	\$ 34,964,860.00	\$ 30,608,498.00
La Joya	\$ 93,866,792.00	\$ 10,142,941.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 21,690,010.00	\$ 21,617,000.00
McAllen	\$ 3,439,750,536.00	\$ 3,241,323,711.00
Mercedes	\$ 93,641,215.00	\$ 93,694,286.00
Mission	\$ 642,427,731.00	\$ 612,034,515.00
Olmito	\$ 26,407,727.00	\$ 26,321,020.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 16,389,816.00	\$ 17,404,089.00
Pharr	\$ 418,578,672.00	\$ 351,857,724.00
Port Isabel	\$ 76,133,029.00	\$ 64,936,033.00
Progreso	\$ 4,391,124.00	\$ -
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 72,886,743.00	\$ 84,093,690.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 214,106,599.00	\$ 211,772,847.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 6,522,000.00	\$ 7,790,000.00
Roma	\$ 123,379,448.00	\$ 127,016,240.00
San Benito	\$ 161,837,140.00	\$ 164,143,667.00
San Juan	\$ 40,905,151.00	\$ 44,671,747.00
South Padre	\$ 125,867,677.00	\$ 107,807,205.00
Weslaco	\$ 293,353,213.00	\$ 313,746,353.00
Totals	\$ 9,981,510,265.00	\$ 9,234,302,250.00

Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

December	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2003 Manufacturing	9,800	9,300
2002 Manufacturing	10,300	9,600
2003 Total	117,500	177,500
Employment		
2002 Total	111,800	170,000
Employment		

Utility Connections

December	Electric	Gas	Telephone
2003	369,538	73,527	427,716
2002	359,013	75,297	427,596

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