

# CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

## Residential Building Permits

## Commercial Building Permits

## Total Permits

(Residential + Commercial)

April 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003	CITY	April 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003	April 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003
\$ 367,169.00	\$ 1,585,483.00	\$ 1,249,946.00	Alamo	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,530,856.00	\$ 2,798,284.00	\$ 368,669.00	\$ 3,116,339.00	\$ 4,048,230.00
\$ 12,129,707.00	\$ 42,864,958.00	\$ 45,550,213.00	Brownsville	\$ 27,357,278.00	\$ 55,737,966.00	\$ 41,500,632.00	\$ 39,486,985.00	\$ 98,602,924.00	\$ 87,050,845.00
\$ 426,000.00	\$ 3,018,213.00	\$ 813,992.00	Donna	\$ -	\$ 402,900.00	\$ 1,108,200.00	\$ 426,000.00	\$ 3,421,113.00	\$ 1,922,192.00
\$ 11,718,609.00	\$ 45,017,384.00	\$ 19,655,990.00	Edinburg	\$ 4,526,875.00	\$ 15,472,003.00	\$ 7,483,140.00	\$ 16,245,484.00	\$ 60,489,387.00	\$ 27,139,130.00
\$ 62,000.00	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 1,014,000.00	Elsa	\$ -	\$ 565,000.00	\$ 382,000.00	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 1,215,000.00	\$ 1,396,000.00
\$ 3,431,765.00	\$ 18,121,658.00	\$ 14,422,820.00	Harlingen	\$ 4,600,081.00	\$ 12,079,081.00	\$ 7,819,009.00	\$ 8,031,846.00	\$ 30,200,739.00	\$ 22,241,829.00
\$ 1,617,715.00	\$ 3,644,440.00	\$ 3,037,720.00	Hidalgo	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 1,662,500.00	\$ 1,942,500.00	\$ 1,645,215.00	\$ 5,306,940.00	\$ 4,980,220.00
\$ 220,438.00	\$ 357,523.00	\$ 592,885.00	La Feria	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 381,759.00	\$ 220,438.00	\$ 357,523.00	\$ 974,644.00
\$ 605,530.00	\$ 1,378,338.00	\$ 1,257,072.00	La Joya	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 605,530.00	\$ 1,403,338.00	\$ 1,407,072.00
\$ 60,550.00	\$ 923,215.00	\$ 1,099,631.00	Los Fresnos	\$ -	\$ 1,112,000.00	\$ 63,800.00	\$ 60,550.00	\$ 2,035,215.00	\$ 1,163,431.00
\$ 11,380,035.00	\$ 36,755,236.00	\$ 40,285,561.00	McAllen	\$ 10,837,659.00	\$ 35,867,453.00	\$ 46,663,397.00	\$ 22,217,694.00	\$ 72,622,689.00	\$ 86,948,958.00
\$ 111,806.00	\$ 945,594.00	\$ 904,284.00	Mercedes	\$ 114,800.00	\$ 1,195,195.00	\$ 689,910.00	\$ 226,606.00	\$ 2,140,789.00	\$ 1,594,194.00
\$ 9,399,210.00	\$ 45,501,261.00	\$ 42,688,826.00	Mission	\$ 774,333.00	\$ 9,302,004.00	\$ 8,919,539.00	\$ 10,173,543.00	\$ 54,803,265.00	\$ 51,608,365.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Olmito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 29,500.00	\$ 1,078,843.00	\$ 1,068,443.00	Palmhurst	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 279,500.00	\$ 94,500.00	\$ 1,143,843.00	\$ 1,347,943.00
\$ 1,400.00	\$ 150,525.00	\$ 269,470.00	Palm Valley	\$ -	\$ 343,165.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 493,690.00	\$ 274,470.00
\$ 4,131,861.00	\$ 20,891,495.00	\$ 13,724,642.00	Pharr	\$ 1,050,200.00	\$ 10,711,232.00	\$ 2,290,523.00	\$ 5,182,061.00	\$ 31,602,727.00	\$ 16,015,165.00
\$ 565,825.00	\$ 1,535,985.00	\$ 1,873,158.00	Port Isabel	\$ 17,599.00	\$ 441,088.00	\$ 558,570.00	\$ 583,424.00	\$ 1,977,073.00	\$ 2,431,728.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Progreso	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 300,260.00	\$ 1,481,490.00	\$ 558,470.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ 300,260.00	\$ 1,701,490.00	\$ 558,470.00
\$ 22,200.00	\$ 405,545.00	\$ 335,407.00	Raymondville	\$ -	\$ 28,880.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 434,425.00	\$ 410,407.00
\$ 994,055.00	\$ 1,713,346.00	\$ 1,224,000.00	Rio Grande City	\$ 601,660.00	\$ 3,287,660.00	\$ 630,000.00	\$ 1,595,715.00	\$ 5,001,006.00	\$ 1,854,000.00
\$ 453,756.00	\$ 872,464.00	\$ 369,248.00	Rio Hondo	\$ -	\$ 120,528.00	\$ 594,400.00	\$ 453,756.00	\$ 992,992.00	\$ 963,648.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,301,648.00	\$ 3,172,184.00	\$ 2,075,600.00	San Benito	\$ 291,104.00	\$ 3,080,295.00	\$ 570,600.00	\$ 1,592,752.00	\$ 6,252,479.00	\$ 2,646,200.00
\$ 1,598,048.00	\$ 8,223,786.00	\$ 3,146,670.00	San Juan	\$ 772,237.00	\$ 1,016,237.00	\$ 292,000.00	\$ 2,370,285.00	\$ 9,240,023.00	\$ 3,438,670.00
\$ 1,174,494.00	\$ 8,471,062.00	\$ 3,281,940.00	South Padre	\$ -	\$ 4,952,703.00	\$ 980,023.00	\$ 1,174,494.00	\$ 13,423,765.00	\$ 4,261,963.00
\$ 1,745,750.00	\$ 5,712,505.00	\$ 5,328,838.00	Weslaco	\$ 1,029,055.00	\$ 2,618,285.00	\$ 11,566,010.00	\$ 2,774,805.00	\$ 8,330,790.00	\$ 16,894,848.00
\$ 63,849,331.00	\$ 254,472,533.00	\$ 205,828,826.00	TOTALS	\$ 52,066,881.00	\$ 161,837,031.00	\$ 137,743,796.00	\$ 115,916,212.00	\$ 416,309,564.00	\$ 343,572,622.00

# TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

## Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

## Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

April 2004	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others Trucks	557,310	461,384	83,415	51,253	90,386	57,818	135,760	1,437,326
Pedestrians	16,140	1,731	2,381	2,328	1,575	2,733	34,916	61,804
<b>Total</b>	<b>203,383</b>	<b>117,480</b>	<b>84,805</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>13,039</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>419,094</b>
	<b>776,833</b>	<b>580,595</b>	<b>170,601</b>	<b>53,871</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>60,648</b>	<b>170,676</b>	<b>1,918,224</b>

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
April 2004	5,669	40,406	25,717	71,792
YTD 2004	22,495	151,738	102,342	276,575
April 2003	5,238	33,582	22,513	61,333
YTD 2003	19,859	137,948	91,836	249,643

# FINANCIAL INDICATORS

## Bank Deposits

	April 2004	April 2003
Alamo	\$ 248,052,441.00	\$ 208,110,803.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,189,651,911.00	\$ 1,917,825,644.00
Donna	\$ 52,979,773.00	\$ 34,981,899.00
Edinburg	\$ 595,807,489.00	\$ 530,149,921.00
Elsa	\$ 152,437,216.00	\$ 148,521,190.00
Harlingen	\$ 831,668,369.00	\$ 804,292,330.00
Hidalgo	\$ 216,198,078.00	\$ 187,198,647.00
La Feria	\$ 33,928,474.00	\$ 32,354,874.00
La Joya	\$ 91,432,231.00	\$ 9,356,327.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 21,350,316.00	\$ 22,037,814.00
McAllen	\$ 3,516,462,490.00	\$ 3,466,209,829.00
Mercedes	\$ 95,571,167.00	\$ 99,653,600.00
Mission	\$ 652,540,360.00	\$ 665,875,567.00
Olmito	\$ 36,794,313.00	\$ 21,173,427.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 19,301,197.00	\$ 16,714,750.00
Pharr	\$ 451,938,707.00	\$ 393,939,395.00
Port Isabel	\$ 69,048,091.00	\$ 69,189,469.00
Progreso	\$ 4,761,918.00	\$ 3,900,147.00
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 69,212,767.00	\$ 79,808,534.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 214,089,925.00	\$ 198,737,661.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 4,816,000.00	\$ 6,676,000.00
Roma	\$ 124,666,684.00	\$ 128,214,248.00
San Benito	\$ 165,490,675.00	\$ 137,979,537.00
San Juan	\$ 42,636,896.00	\$ 40,507,468.00
South Padre	\$ 111,647,288.00	\$ 122,768,383.00
Weslaco	\$ 286,282,565.00	\$ 299,335,450.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 10,298,767,341.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,645,512,914.00</b>

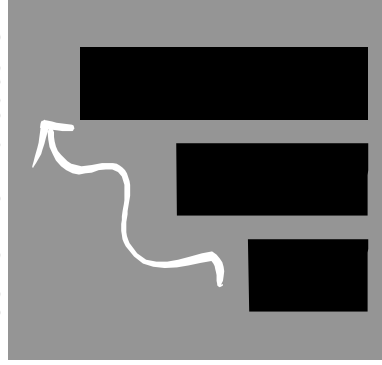
## Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

April	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2004 Manufacturing	8,600	9,300
2003 Manufacturing	10,400	9,400
2004 Total Employment	115,400	181,100
2003 Total Employment	115,100	170,100

## Utility Connections

April	Electric	Gas	Telephone
2004	371,788	72,587	427,756
2003	361,829	73,079	427,636

The Foremost Gauge  
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Economic Indicators



# BUSINESS BAROMETER

April 2004

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