

# CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

## Residential Building Permits

## Commercial Building Permits

## Total Permits

(Residential + Commercial)

| August 2004      | YTD 2004          | YTD 2003          | CITY            | August 2004      | YTD 2004          | YTD 2003          | August 2004       | YTD 2004          | YTD 2003          |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| \$ 2,147,904.00  | \$ 5,620,170.00   | \$ 2,381,710.00   | Alamo           | \$ 66,000.00     | \$ 2,920,896.00   | \$ 9,987,228.00   | \$ 2,213,904.00   | \$ 8,541,066.00   | \$ 12,368,938.00  |
| \$ 12,595,958.00 | \$ 92,507,603.00  | \$ 107,288,067.00 | Brownsville     | \$ 7,868,528.00  | \$ 93,138,206.00  | \$ 93,871,644.00  | \$ 20,464,486.00  | \$ 185,645,809.00 | \$ 201,159,711.00 |
| \$ 5,232,000.00  | \$ 12,254,401.00  | \$ 2,435,452.00   | Donna           | \$ 12,600.00     | \$ 834,360.00     | \$ 8,454,324.00   | \$ 5,244,600.00   | \$ 13,088,761.00  | \$ 10,889,776.00  |
| \$ 8,146,056.00  | \$ 80,185,255.00  | \$ 43,017,498.00  | Edinburg        | \$ 26,292,867.00 | \$ 46,895,522.00  | \$ 50,143,927.00  | \$ 34,438,923.00  | \$ 127,080,777.00 | \$ 93,161,425.00  |
| \$ 142,000.00    | \$ 1,403,000.00   | \$ 1,829,000.00   | Elsa            | \$ 76,000.00     | \$ 738,000.00     | \$ 428,000.00     | \$ 218,000.00     | \$ 2,141,000.00   | \$ 2,257,000.00   |
| \$ 2,827,332.00  | \$ 42,546,270.00  | \$ 27,521,743.00  | Harlingen       | \$ 12,963,540.00 | \$ 51,326,335.00  | \$ 15,867,639.00  | \$ 15,790,872.00  | \$ 93,872,605.00  | \$ 43,389,382.00  |
| \$ 1,909,670.00  | \$ 10,606,825.00  | \$ 8,397,973.00   | Hidalgo         | \$ -             | \$ 17,157,235.00  | \$ 4,121,760.00   | \$ 1,909,670.00   | \$ 27,764,060.00  | \$ 12,519,733.00  |
| \$ 241,643.00    | \$ 944,544.00     | \$ 803,622.00     | La Feria        | \$ -             | \$ -              | \$ 1,721,284.00   | \$ 241,643.00     | \$ 944,544.00     | \$ 2,524,906.00   |
| \$ 339,252.00    | \$ 2,456,394.00   | \$ 1,871,422.00   | La Joya         | \$ 64,800.00     | \$ 163,580.00     | \$ 150,000.00     | \$ 404,052.00     | \$ 2,619,974.00   | \$ 2,021,422.00   |
| \$ 192,000.00    | \$ 2,145,479.00   | \$ 2,154,929.00   | Los Fresnos     | \$ -             | \$ 1,112,000.00   | \$ 866,100.00     | \$ 192,000.00     | \$ 3,257,479.00   | \$ 3,021,029.00   |
| \$ -             | \$ 68,962,892.00  | \$ 78,901,828.00  | McAllen         | \$ -             | \$ 75,426,531.00  | \$ 85,214,850.00  | \$ -              | \$ 144,389,423.00 | \$ 164,116,678.00 |
| \$ 367,690.00    | \$ 2,458,185.00   | \$ 2,154,133.00   | Mercedes        | \$ 61,400.00     | \$ 8,786,700.00   | \$ 2,144,525.00   | \$ 429,090.00     | \$ 11,244,885.00  | \$ 4,298,658.00   |
| \$ 10,027,609.00 | \$ 81,225,910.00  | \$ 82,051,987.00  | Mission         | \$ 6,949,360.00  | \$ 25,014,569.00  | \$ 13,125,719.00  | \$ 16,976,969.00  | \$ 106,240,479.00 | \$ 95,177,706.00  |
| \$ -             | \$ -              | \$ -              | Olmito          | \$ -             | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              |
| \$ 9,499.00      | \$ 2,975,909.00   | \$ 2,154,743.00   | Palmhurst       | \$ -             | \$ 15,278,223.00  | \$ 1,079,500.00   | \$ 9,499.00       | \$ 18,254,132.00  | \$ 3,234,243.00   |
| \$ 2,700.00      | \$ 186,744.00     | \$ 445,676.00     | Palm Valley     | \$ -             | \$ 343,165.00     | \$ 42,500.00      | \$ 2,700.00       | \$ 529,909.00     | \$ 488,176.00     |
| \$ -             | \$ -              | \$ -              | Palmyview       | \$ -             | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              |
| \$ 3,189,193.00  | \$ 32,496,150.00  | \$ 27,595,905.00  | Pharr           | \$ 3,236,000.00  | \$ 18,898,218.00  | \$ 11,210,339.00  | \$ 6,425,193.00   | \$ 51,394,368.00  | \$ 38,806,244.00  |
| \$ 83,700.00     | \$ 2,742,998.00   | \$ 2,281,603.00   | Port Isabel     | \$ 1,170,000.00  | \$ 7,155,443.00   | \$ 874,620.00     | \$ 1,253,700.00   | \$ 9,898,441.00   | \$ 3,156,223.00   |
| \$ -             | \$ -              | \$ -              | Progreso        | \$ -             | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              |
| \$ 187,715.00    | \$ 3,051,876.00   | \$ 1,773,786.00   | Rancho Viejo    | \$ -             | \$ 220,000.00     | \$ -              | \$ 187,715.00     | \$ 3,271,876.00   | \$ 1,773,786.00   |
| \$ 21,560.00     | \$ 552,205.00     | \$ 591,609.00     | Raymondville    | \$ 560,000.00    | \$ 5,323,380.00   | \$ 78,000.00      | \$ 581,560.00     | \$ 5,875,585.00   | \$ 669,609.00     |
| \$ 198,000.00    | \$ 3,710,559.00   | \$ 2,293,633.00   | Rio Grande City | \$ 30,000.00     | \$ 7,518,752.00   | \$ 4,329,664.00   | \$ 228,000.00     | \$ 11,229,311.00  | \$ 6,623,297.00   |
| \$ -             | \$ 1,064,928.00   | \$ 912,393.00     | Rio Hondo       | \$ 139,864.00    | \$ 260,392.00     | \$ 594,400.00     | \$ 139,864.00     | \$ 1,325,320.00   | \$ 1,506,793.00   |
| \$ -             | \$ -              | \$ -              | Roma            | \$ -             | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              |
| \$ 490,304.00    | \$ 5,505,394.00   | \$ 3,852,528.00   | San Benito      | \$ 449,159.00    | \$ 4,220,454.00   | \$ 1,510,600.00   | \$ 939,463.00     | \$ 9,725,848.00   | \$ 5,363,128.00   |
| \$ 2,422,266.00  | \$ 15,109,442.00  | \$ 8,037,471.00   | San Juan        | \$ 1,140,000.00  | \$ 2,431,237.00   | \$ 1,367,629.00   | \$ 3,562,266.00   | \$ 17,540,679.00  | \$ 9,405,100.00   |
| \$ 3,976,555.00  | \$ 17,159,317.00  | \$ 8,190,304.00   | South Padre     | \$ 105,000.00    | \$ 5,393,096.00   | \$ 7,705,650.00   | \$ 4,081,555.00   | \$ 22,552,413.00  | \$ 15,895,954.00  |
| \$ 2,069,070.00  | \$ 13,460,360.00  | \$ 12,446,194.00  | Weslaco         | \$ 1,747,350.00  | \$ 10,433,480.00  | \$ 19,546,091.00  | \$ 3,816,420.00   | \$ 23,893,840.00  | \$ 31,992,285.00  |
| \$ 56,819,676.00 | \$ 501,332,810.00 | \$ 431,385,209.00 | TOTALS          | \$ 62,932,468.00 | \$ 400,989,774.00 | \$ 334,435,993.00 | \$ 119,752,144.00 | \$ 902,322,584.00 | \$ 765,821,202.00 |

# TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

## Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

| August 2004           | Brownsville (3 bridges) | McAllen/Hidalgo | Progreso       | RGC           | Roma          | Los Indios    | Pharr          | Total            |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Autos & Others Trucks | 558,126                 | 459,658         | 83,364         | 46,943        | 84,102        | 58,219        | 149,746        | 1,440,158        |
| Pedestrians           | 17,184                  | 2,093           | 2,316          | 2,762         | 1,249         | 3,656         | 30,785         | 60,045           |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>198,884</b>          | <b>110,329</b>  | <b>68,686</b>  | <b>151</b>    | <b>11,336</b> | <b>113</b>    | <b>0</b>       | <b>389,499</b>   |
|                       | <b>774,194</b>          | <b>572,080</b>  | <b>154,366</b> | <b>49,856</b> | <b>96,687</b> | <b>61,988</b> | <b>180,531</b> | <b>1,889,702</b> |

## Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

|             | Brownsville | Harlingen | McAllen | Total   |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| August 2004 | 5,656       | 36,782    | 25,145  | 67,583  |
| YTD 2004    | 45,574      | 306,908   | 213,003 | 565,485 |
| August 2003 | 5,081       | 32,596    | 22,898  | 60,575  |
| YTD 2003    | 41,835      | 276,772   | 188,480 | 507,087 |

# FINANCIAL INDICATORS

## Bank Deposits

|                 | August 2004                 | August 2003                |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alamo           | \$ 248,025,647.00           | \$ 223,526,350.00          |
| Brownsville     | \$ 2,180,343,200.00         | \$ 1,965,193,472.00        |
| Donna           | \$ 45,351,562.00            | \$ 41,488,908.00           |
| Edinburg        | \$ 553,453,789.00           | \$ 528,448,606.00          |
| Elsa            | \$ 146,627,412.00           | \$ 142,999,843.00          |
| Harlingen       | \$ 801,334,255.00           | \$ 825,971,807.00          |
| Hidalgo         | \$ 222,725,948.00           | \$ 197,748,346.00          |
| La Feria        | \$ 35,854,725.00            | \$ 33,662,556.00           |
| La Joya         | \$ 78,837,487.00            | \$ 9,842,632.00            |
| Los Fresnos     | \$ 22,094,847.00            | \$ 23,166,647.00           |
| McAllen         | \$ 3,473,342,277.00         | \$ 3,551,684,033.00        |
| Mercedes        | \$ 91,466,819.00            | \$ 90,695,976.00           |
| Mission         | \$ 670,737,902.00           | \$ 690,096,330.00          |
| Olmito          | \$ 36,618,102.00            | \$ 12,021,209.00           |
| Palmhurst       | \$ -                        | \$ -                       |
| Palm Valley     | \$ 20,812,905.00            | \$ 16,003,124.00           |
| Palmview        | \$ 4,213,000.00             | \$ -                       |
| Pharr           | \$ 417,852,483.00           | \$ 368,026,883.00          |
| Port Isabel     | \$ 68,512,086.00            | \$ 71,757,816.00           |
| Progreso        | \$ 5,981,103.00             | \$ 4,972,575.00            |
| Rancho Viejo    | \$ -                        | \$ -                       |
| Raymondville    | \$ 68,448,946.00            | \$ 75,405,104.00           |
| Rio Grande City | \$ 212,135,394.00           | \$ 192,928,792.00          |
| Rio Hondo       | \$ 4,816,000.00             | \$ 6,676,000.00            |
| Roma            | \$ 126,177,905.00           | \$ 127,510,500.00          |
| San Benito      | \$ 165,710,257.00           | \$ 136,548,817.00          |
| San Juan        | \$ 42,145,116.00            | \$ 41,217,430.00           |
| South Padre     | \$ 123,335,601.00           | \$ 129,415,861.00          |
| Weslaco         | \$ 291,449,321.00           | \$ 298,776,847.00          |
| <b>Totals</b>   | <b>\$ 10,158,404,089.00</b> | <b>\$ 9,805,786,464.00</b> |

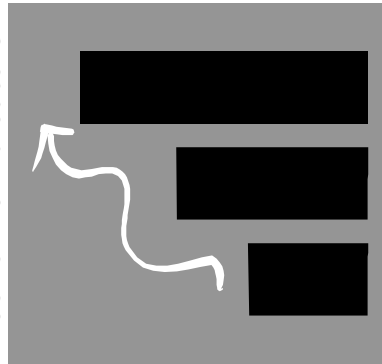
## Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

| August                   | Cameron Co. | Hidalgo Co. |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2004 Manufacturing       | 8,200       | 9,400       |
| 2003 Manufacturing       | 9,400       | 9,100       |
| 2004 Total<br>Employment | 114,000     | 175,200     |
| 2003 Total<br>Employment | 114,100     | 169,800     |

## Utility Connections

| August | Electric | Gas    | Telephone |
|--------|----------|--------|-----------|
| 2004   | 374,388  | 72,944 | 427,796   |
| 2003   | 364,286  | 71,747 | 427,676   |

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of Rio Grande Valley  
Economic Indicators



# BUSINESS BAROMETER

August 2004

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