

# CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

## Residential Building Permits

## Commercial Building Permits

## Total Permits

(Residential + Commercial)

	February 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003	CITY	February 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003	February 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003
\$	426,874.00	\$ 839,916.00	\$ 501,880.00	Alamo	\$ 1,231,898.00	\$ 1,232,748.00	\$ 2,047,140.00	\$ 1,658,772.00	\$ 2,072,664.00	\$ 2,549,020.00
\$	9,945,010.00	\$ 20,144,151.00	\$ 21,229,352.00	Brownsville	\$ 7,416,478.00	\$ 11,507,714.00	\$ 32,559,748.00	\$ 17,361,488.00	\$ 31,651,865.00	\$ 53,789,100.00
\$	552,140.00	\$ 1,614,440.00	\$ 221,892.00	Donna	\$ 367,000.00	\$ 381,400.00	\$ 390,700.00	\$ 919,140.00	\$ 1,995,840.00	\$ 612,592.00
\$	8,755,503.00	\$ 13,859,750.00	\$ 7,717,704.00	Edinburg	\$ 6,824,830.00	\$ 7,242,680.00	\$ 2,745,688.00	\$ 15,580,333.00	\$ 21,102,430.00	\$ 10,463,392.00
\$	-	\$ 124,000.00	\$ 647,000.00	Elsa	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 382,000.00	\$ -	\$ 209,000.00	\$ 1,029,000.00
\$	4,794,345.00	\$ 9,784,314.00	\$ 6,327,546.00	Harlingen	\$ 1,431,795.00	\$ 5,967,995.00	\$ 1,097,189.00	\$ 6,226,140.00	\$ 15,752,309.00	\$ 7,424,735.00
\$	1,016,965.00	\$ 1,492,020.00	\$ 1,151,410.00	Hidalgo	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 1,050,000.00	\$ 1,022,500.00	\$ 1,416,965.00	\$ 2,542,020.00	\$ 2,173,910.00
\$	-	\$ 57,200.00	\$ 186,685.00	La Feria	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 381,759.00	\$ -	\$ 57,200.00	\$ 568,444.00
\$	82,000.00	\$ 354,000.00	\$ 668,742.00	La Joya	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 354,000.00	\$ 818,742.00
\$	233,540.00	\$ 252,740.00	\$ 300,871.00	Los Fresnos	\$ 1,112,000.00	\$ 1,112,000.00	\$ 53,800.00	\$ 1,345,540.00	\$ 1,364,740.00	\$ 354,671.00
\$	7,858,878.00	\$ 15,906,125.00	\$ 14,886,384.00	McAllen	\$ 4,946,228.00	\$ 17,272,828.00	\$ 20,813,357.00	\$ 12,805,106.00	\$ 33,178,953.00	\$ 35,699,741.00
\$	165,776.00	\$ 638,788.00	\$ 574,042.00	Mercedes	\$ 301,395.00	\$ 1,031,395.00	\$ 515,000.00	\$ 467,171.00	\$ 1,670,183.00	\$ 1,089,042.00
\$	8,993,253.00	\$ 19,798,375.00	\$ 15,065,946.00	Mission	\$ 1,818,071.00	\$ 5,943,548.00	\$ 792,254.00	\$ 10,811,324.00	\$ 25,741,923.00	\$ 15,858,200.00
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	Olmito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$	63,000.00	\$ 1,049,343.00	\$ 435,143.00	Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 1,049,343.00	\$ 437,643.00
\$	120,000.00	\$ 148,425.00	\$ 235,097.00	Palm Valley	\$ 343,165.00	\$ 343,165.00	\$ -	\$ 463,165.00	\$ 491,590.00	\$ 235,097.00
\$	4,149,392.00	\$ 7,322,501.00	\$ 5,262,307.00	Pharr	\$ 428,870.00	\$ 1,148,589.00	\$ 1,000,976.00	\$ 4,578,262.00	\$ 8,471,090.00	\$ 6,263,283.00
\$	283,894.00	\$ 504,700.00	\$ 274,347.00	Port Isabel	\$ 48,030.00	\$ 65,180.00	\$ 530,507.00	\$ 331,924.00	\$ 569,880.00	\$ 804,854.00
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	Progreso	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$	740,682.00	\$ 927,880.00	\$ 362,162.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 740,682.00	\$ 927,880.00	\$ 362,162.00
\$	56,640.00	\$ 161,465.00	\$ 162,592.00	Raymondville	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 56,640.00	\$ 163,465.00	\$ 237,592.00
\$	232,515.00	\$ 389,515.00	\$ 474,000.00	Rio Grande City	\$ 323,000.00	\$ 2,686,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 555,515.00	\$ 3,075,515.00	\$ 484,000.00
\$	330,480.00	\$ 417,708.00	\$ 4,000.00	Rio Hondo	\$ 89,380.00	\$ 120,528.00	\$ -	\$ 419,860.00	\$ 538,236.00	\$ 4,000.00
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$	354,480.00	\$ 937,888.00	\$ 1,118,100.00	San Benito	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 2,691,991.00	\$ 187,000.00	\$ 1,154,480.00	\$ 3,629,879.00	\$ 1,305,100.00
\$	1,841,567.00	\$ 4,520,024.00	\$ 889,690.00	San Juan	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 205,000.00	\$ 277,000.00	\$ 1,981,567.00	\$ 4,725,024.00	\$ 1,166,690.00
\$	1,858,721.00	\$ 2,733,220.00	\$ 2,050,195.00	South Padre	\$ 40,580.00	\$ 129,215.00	\$ 796,948.00	\$ 1,899,301.00	\$ 2,862,435.00	\$ 2,847,143.00
\$	1,453,572.00	\$ 2,567,410.00	\$ 3,191,432.00	Weslaco	\$ 501,530.00	\$ 677,341.00	\$ 3,361,075.00	\$ 1,955,102.00	\$ 3,244,751.00	\$ 6,552,507.00
\$	54,309,227.00	\$ 106,545,898.00	\$ 83,938,519.00	TOTALS	\$ 28,564,250.00	\$ 60,896,317.00	\$ 69,192,141.00	\$ 82,873,477.00	\$ 167,442,215.00	\$ 153,130,660.00

# TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

## Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

## Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/ Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others	538,193	431,053	97,793	49,457	87,570	55,650	145,261	1,404,977
Trucks	15,708	1,662	1,422	1,950	1,360	2,596	29,627	54,325
Pedestrians	190,154	116,052	178,409	194	12,341	82	0	497,232
<b>Total</b>	<b>744,055</b>	<b>548,767</b>	<b>277,624</b>	<b>51,601</b>	<b>101,271</b>	<b>58,328</b>	<b>174,888</b>	<b>1,956,534</b>

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
February 2004	5,607	35,950	24,317	65,874
YTD 2004	10,592	67,206	48,838	126,636
February 2003	4,451	33,944	21,381	59,776
YTD 2003	9,049	66,112	43,899	119,060

# FINANCIAL INDICATORS

## Bank Deposits

	February 2004	February 2003
Alamo	\$ 237,329,613.00	\$ 206,211,461.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,101,691,418.00	\$ 1,871,553,327.00
Donna	\$ 50,960,519.00	\$ 36,395,863.00
Edinburg	\$ 599,255,668.00	\$ 528,592,471.00
Elsa	\$ 155,209,884.00	\$ 145,416,986.00
Harlingen	\$ 844,530,005.00	\$ 821,309,091.00
Hidalgo	\$ 215,958,563.00	\$ 187,718,676.00
La Feria	\$ 35,878,499.00	\$ 32,454,687.00
La Joya	\$ 97,001,039.00	\$ 9,548,019.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 21,702,788.00	\$ 19,332,000.00
McAllen	\$ 3,575,024,206.00	\$ 3,407,140,931.00
Mercedes	\$ 101,926,953.00	\$ 100,303,498.00
Mission	\$ 667,347,635.00	\$ 671,757,777.00
Olmito	\$ 32,081,518.00	\$ 21,924,295.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 17,139,118.00	\$ 17,057,176.00
Pharr	\$ 438,570,088.00	\$ 380,602,843.00
Port Isabel	\$ 70,287,978.00	\$ 69,434,080.00
Progreso	\$ 4,902,526.00	\$ 3,569,761.00
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 73,151,090.00	\$ 84,310,613.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 214,219,404.00	\$ 200,910,265.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 8,049,000.00	\$ 6,676,000.00
Roma	\$ 124,505,162.00	\$ 127,159,761.00
San Benito	\$ 166,516,793.00	\$ 159,342,069.00
San Juan	\$ 42,183,571.00	\$ 40,604,366.00
South Padre	\$ 113,430,881.00	\$ 122,418,095.00
Weslaco	\$ 286,385,164.00	\$ 298,542,170.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 10,295,239,083.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,570,286,281.00</b>

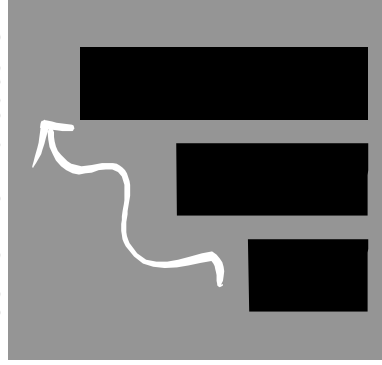
## Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

February	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2004 Manufacturing	8,600	9,300
2003 Manufacturing	9,500	9,300
2004 Total Employment	113,800	179,600
2003 Total Employment	114,800	172,200

## Utility Connections

February	Electric	Gas	Telephone
2004	371,624	74,302	427,736
2003	361,023	75,125	427,616

The Foremost Gauge  
of Rio Grande Valley  
Economic Indicators



# BUSINESS BAROMETER

# BUSINESS BAROMETER

FEBRUARY 2004

**Rio Grande Valley  
Partnership**  
Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 1499, Weslaco, TX 78599  
www.valleychamber.com

BULK RATE  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
WESLACO, TX  
PERMIT No. 61

A Monthly Publication of the  
**Rio Grande Valley Partnership**

**A Sixty-Year Legacy of  
Building Business in South Texas**

Track economic growth through current and archived Business Barometers, available online at [www.valleychamber.com](http://www.valleychamber.com)