

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits

(Residential + Commercial)

| | July 2004 | YTD 2004 | YTD 2003 | CITY | July 2004 | YTD 2004 | YTD 2003 | July 2004 | YTD 2004 | YTD 2003 |
|----|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| \$ | 419,751.00 | 3,472,266.00 | 2,074,295.00 | Alamo | 148,990.00 | 2,854,896.00 | 9,977,228.00 | 568,741.00 | 6,327,162.00 | 12,051,523.00 |
| \$ | 11,800,001.00 | 79,911,645.00 | 93,803,227.00 | Brownsville | 14,516,896.00 | 85,269,678.00 | 71,243,625.00 | 26,316,897.00 | 165,181,323.00 | 165,046,852.00 |
| \$ | 796,850.00 | 7,022,401.00 | 1,871,640.00 | Donna | 11,000.00 | 821,760.00 | 7,227,000.00 | 807,850.00 | 7,844,161.00 | 9,098,640.00 |
| \$ | 6,743,220.00 | 72,039,199.00 | 38,521,329.00 | Edinburg | 1,654,900.00 | 20,602,655.00 | 48,276,902.00 | 8,398,120.00 | 92,641,854.00 | 86,798,231.00 |
| \$ | 102,000.00 | 1,261,000.00 | 1,638,000.00 | Elsa | 97,000.00 | 662,000.00 | 428,000.00 | 199,000.00 | 1,923,000.00 | 2,066,000.00 |
| \$ | 4,037,965.00 | 39,718,938.00 | 25,357,649.00 | Harlingen | 13,997,509.00 | 38,362,795.00 | 13,347,758.00 | 18,035,474.00 | 78,081,733.00 | 38,705,407.00 |
| \$ | 1,322,775.00 | 8,697,155.00 | 7,200,468.00 | Hidalgo | 204,125.00 | 17,157,235.00 | 3,531,760.00 | 1,526,900.00 | 25,854,390.00 | 10,732,228.00 |
| \$ | 153,127.00 | 702,901.00 | 803,622.00 | La Feria | - | - | 1,721,284.00 | 153,127.00 | 702,901.00 | 2,524,906.00 |
| \$ | 150,126.00 | 2,117,142.00 | 1,685,422.00 | La Joya | - | 98,780.00 | 150,000.00 | 150,126.00 | 2,215,922.00 | 1,835,422.00 |
| \$ | 208,484.00 | 1,953,479.00 | 1,965,779.00 | Los Fresnos | - | 1,112,000.00 | 582,700.00 | 208,484.00 | 3,065,479.00 | 2,548,479.00 |
| \$ | - | 36,755,236.00 | 67,797,355.00 | McAllen | - | 35,867,453.00 | 74,993,994.00 | - | 72,622,689.00 | 142,791,349.00 |
| \$ | 312,178.00 | 2,090,495.00 | 1,936,833.00 | Mercedes | 201,955.00 | 8,725,300.00 | 2,135,525.00 | 514,133.00 | 10,815,795.00 | 4,072,358.00 |
| \$ | 8,137,904.00 | 71,198,301.00 | 72,798,749.00 | Mission | 2,878,150.00 | 18,065,209.00 | 12,909,719.00 | 11,016,054.00 | 89,263,510.00 | 85,708,468.00 |
| \$ | - | - | - | Olmito | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| \$ | 1,191,448.00 | 2,966,410.00 | 1,889,443.00 | Palmhurst | 15,213,223.00 | 15,278,223.00 | 1,074,500.00 | 16,404,671.00 | 18,244,633.00 | 2,963,943.00 |
| \$ | 10,719.00 | 184,044.00 | 415,676.00 | Palm Valley | - | 343,165.00 | 42,500.00 | 10,719.00 | 527,209.00 | 458,176.00 |
| \$ | - | - | - | Palmview | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| \$ | 1,691,326.00 | 29,306,957.00 | 25,649,083.00 | Pharr | 1,635,252.00 | 15,662,218.00 | 10,724,337.00 | 3,326,578.00 | 44,969,175.00 | 36,373,420.00 |
| \$ | 245,200.00 | 2,659,298.00 | 2,173,819.00 | Port Isabel | 5,312,505.00 | 5,985,443.00 | 867,320.00 | 5,557,705.00 | 8,644,741.00 | 3,041,139.00 |
| \$ | - | - | - | Progreso | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| \$ | 50,075.00 | 2,864,161.00 | 1,626,988.00 | Rancho Viejo | - | 220,000.00 | - | 50,075.00 | 3,084,161.00 | 1,626,988.00 |
| \$ | 52,450.00 | 530,645.00 | 510,159.00 | Raymondville | 4,000,000.00 | 4,763,380.00 | 75,000.00 | 4,052,450.00 | 5,294,025.00 | 585,159.00 |
| \$ | 581,648.00 | 3,512,559.00 | 1,901,243.00 | Rio Grande City | 400,000.00 | 7,488,752.00 | 914,226.00 | 981,648.00 | 11,001,311.00 | 2,815,469.00 |
| \$ | 2,000.00 | 1,064,928.00 | 873,393.00 | Rio Hondo | - | 120,528.00 | 594,400.00 | 2,000.00 | 1,185,456.00 | 1,467,793.00 |
| \$ | - | - | - | Roma | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| \$ | 608,366.00 | 5,015,090.00 | 3,448,304.00 | San Benito | 300,000.00 | 3,771,295.00 | 995,600.00 | 908,366.00 | 8,786,385.00 | 4,443,904.00 |
| \$ | 1,584,015.00 | 12,687,176.00 | 6,803,260.00 | San Juan | - | 1,291,237.00 | 957,979.00 | 1,584,015.00 | 13,978,413.00 | 7,761,239.00 |
| \$ | 1,320,500.00 | 13,182,762.00 | 6,254,395.00 | South Padre | 67,343.00 | 5,288,096.00 | 7,068,877.00 | 1,387,843.00 | 18,470,858.00 | 13,323,272.00 |
| \$ | 2,051,807.00 | 11,391,290.00 | 10,167,823.00 | Weslaco | 262,640.00 | 8,686,130.00 | 17,154,789.00 | 2,314,447.00 | 20,077,420.00 | 27,322,612.00 |
| \$ | 43,573,935.00 | 412,305,478.00 | 379,167,954.00 | TOTALS | 60,901,488.00 | 298,498,228.00 | 286,995,023.00 | 104,475,423.00 | 710,803,706.00 | 666,162,977.00 |

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

| July 2004 | Brownsville (3 bridges) | McAllen/Hidalgo | Progreso | RGC | Roma | Los Indios | Pharr | Total |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Autos & Others Trucks | 583,748 | 481,446 | 91,723 | 50,926 | 88,036 | 65,359 | 154,463 | 1,515,701 |
| Pedestrians | 16,603 | 2,049 | 1,714 | 2,247 | 1,536 | 3,262 | 29,644 | 57,055 |
| | 215,202 | 114,764 | 98,478 | 175 | 10,783 | 63 | 0 | 439,465 |
| Total | 815,553 | 598,259 | 191,915 | 53,348 | 100,355 | 68,684 | 184,107 | 2,012,221 |

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

| | Brownsville | Harlingen | McAllen | Total |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| July 2004 | 6,420 | 41,238 | 30,355 | 78,013 |
| YTD 2004 | 39,918 | 270,126 | 187,858 | 497,902 |
| July 2003 | 5,955 | 36,604 | 26,568 | 69,127 |
| YTD 2003 | 36,754 | 246,176 | 165,582 | 448,512 |

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

| | July 2004 | July 2003 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alamo | \$ 240,028,136.00 | \$ 217,247,106.00 |
| Brownsville | \$ 2,171,564,269.00 | \$ 1,968,833,127.00 |
| Donna | \$ 51,908,736.00 | \$ 32,878,927.00 |
| Edinburg | \$ 575,385,615.00 | \$ 525,351,063.00 |
| Elsa | \$ 150,346,138.00 | \$ 144,626,902.00 |
| Harlingen | \$ 828,107,054.00 | \$ 826,356,059.00 |
| Hidalgo | \$ 224,723,354.00 | \$ 188,855,242.00 |
| La Feria | \$ 34,499,729.00 | \$ 33,031,824.00 |
| La Joya | \$ 93,403,434.00 | \$ 10,140,178.00 |
| Los Fresnos | \$ 21,869,318.00 | \$ 22,856,225.00 |
| McAllen | \$ 3,510,944,969.00 | \$ 3,614,598,129.00 |
| Mercedes | \$ 95,315,218.00 | \$ 85,766,984.00 |
| Mission | \$ 681,034,727.00 | \$ 669,999,935.00 |
| Olmito | \$ 43,086,382.00 | \$ 11,819,765.00 |
| Palmhurst | \$ - | \$ - |
| Palm Valley | \$ 20,598,059.00 | \$ 16,085,791.00 |
| Palmview | \$ 1,965,000.00 | \$ - |
| Pharr | \$ 446,961,693.00 | \$ 382,053,890.00 |
| Port Isabel | \$ 68,086,736.00 | \$ 70,101,149.00 |
| Progreso | \$ 5,251,651.00 | \$ 4,635,992.00 |
| Rancho Viejo | \$ - | \$ - |
| Raymondville | \$ 68,611,549.00 | \$ 83,769,477.00 |
| Rio Grande City | \$ 212,397,501.00 | \$ 196,522,709.00 |
| Rio Hondo | \$ 4,816,000.00 | \$ 6,676,000.00 |
| Roma | \$ 126,219,213.00 | \$ 127,881,629.00 |
| San Benito | \$ 162,932,225.00 | \$ 138,526,398.00 |
| San Juan | \$ 41,320,596.00 | \$ 40,789,438.00 |
| South Padre | \$ 127,095,384.00 | \$ 130,877,161.00 |
| Weslaco | \$ 291,256,535.00 | \$ 300,929,928.00 |
| Totals | \$ 10,299,729,221.00 | \$ 9,851,211,028.00 |

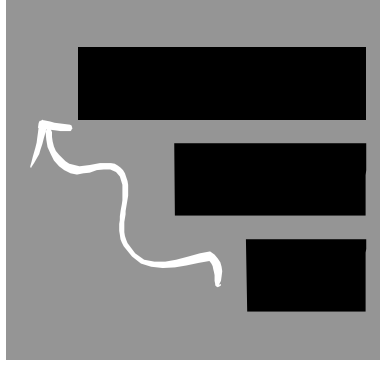
Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

| July | Cameron Co. | Hidalgo Co. |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2004 Manufacturing | 8,500 | 9,400 |
| 2003 Manufacturing | 9,400 | 9,000 |
| 2004 Total Employment | 115,600 | 180,900 |
| 2003 Total Employment | 114,700 | 174,600 |

Utility Connections

| July | Electric | Gas | Telephone |
|------|----------|--------|-----------|
| 2004 | 373,701 | 72,210 | 427,786 |
| 2003 | 363,534 | 71,986 | 427,666 |

The Foremost Gauge
of Rio Grande Valley
Economic Indicators



BUSINESS BAROMETER

July 2004

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