

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits

(Residential + Commercial)

March 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003	CITY	March 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003	March 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003
\$ 378,398.00	\$ 1,218,314.00	\$ 1,078,105.00	Alamo	\$ 296,608.00	\$ 1,529,356.00	\$ 2,757,884.00	\$ 675,006.00	\$ 2,747,670.00	\$ 3,835,989.00
\$ 10,591,100.00	\$ 30,735,251.00	\$ 32,160,680.00	Brownsville	\$ 16,872,974.00	\$ 28,380,688.00	\$ 38,108,542.00	\$ 27,464,074.00	\$ 59,115,939.00	\$ 70,269,222.00
\$ 977,773.00	\$ 2,592,213.00	\$ 442,492.00	Donna	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 402,900.00	\$ 1,091,700.00	\$ 999,273.00	\$ 2,995,113.00	\$ 1,534,192.00
\$ 19,439,025.00	\$ 33,298,775.00	\$ 10,966,607.00	Edinburg	\$ 3,702,448.00	\$ 10,945,128.00	\$ 3,375,913.00	\$ 23,141,473.00	\$ 44,243,903.00	\$ 14,342,520.00
\$ 464,000.00	\$ 588,000.00	\$ 962,000.00	Elsa	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 565,000.00	\$ 382,000.00	\$ 944,000.00	\$ 1,153,000.00	\$ 1,344,000.00
\$ 4,905,579.00	\$ 14,689,893.00	\$ 9,360,354.00	Harlingen	\$ 1,511,005.00	\$ 7,479,000.00	\$ 4,886,698.00	\$ 6,416,584.00	\$ 22,168,893.00	\$ 14,247,052.00
\$ 534,705.00	\$ 2,026,725.00	\$ 1,826,500.00	Hidalgo	\$ 585,000.00	\$ 1,635,000.00	\$ 1,672,500.00	\$ 1,119,705.00	\$ 3,661,725.00	\$ 3,499,000.00
\$ 79,885.00	\$ 137,085.00	\$ 521,035.00	La Feria	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 381,759.00	\$ 79,885.00	\$ 137,085.00	\$ 902,794.00
\$ 418,808.00	\$ 772,808.00	\$ 952,840.00	La Joya	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 443,808.00	\$ 797,808.00	\$ 1,102,840.00
\$ 609,925.00	\$ 862,665.00	\$ 770,431.00	Los Fresnos	\$ -	\$ 1,112,000.00	\$ 53,800.00	\$ 609,925.00	\$ 1,974,665.00	\$ 824,231.00
\$ 9,469,076.00	\$ 25,375,201.00	\$ 23,301,303.00	McAllen	\$ 7,756,966.00	\$ 25,029,794.00	\$ 28,624,475.00	\$ 17,226,042.00	\$ 50,404,995.00	\$ 51,925,778.00
\$ 195,000.00	\$ 833,788.00	\$ 789,472.00	Mercedes	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 1,080,395.00	\$ 550,700.00	\$ 244,000.00	\$ 1,914,183.00	\$ 1,340,172.00
\$ 16,303,676.00	\$ 36,102,051.00	\$ 31,573,134.00	Mission	\$ 2,584,123.00	\$ 8,527,671.00	\$ 7,902,979.00	\$ 18,887,799.00	\$ 44,629,722.00	\$ 39,476,113.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Olmito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 1,049,343.00	\$ 946,143.00	Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,049,343.00	\$ 980,643.00
\$ 700.00	\$ 149,125.00	\$ 256,470.00	Palm Valley	\$ -	\$ 343,165.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 492,290.00	\$ 261,470.00
\$ 9,437,133.00	\$ 16,739,634.00	\$ 9,052,013.00	Pharr	\$ 8,512,443.00	\$ 9,661,032.00	\$ 1,072,976.00	\$ 17,949,576.00	\$ 26,420,666.00	\$ 10,124,989.00
\$ 465,460.00	\$ 970,160.00	\$ 469,397.00	Port Isabel	\$ 358,309.00	\$ 423,489.00	\$ 535,970.00	\$ 823,769.00	\$ 1,393,649.00	\$ 1,005,367.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Progreso	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 253,350.00	\$ 1,181,230.00	\$ 533,790.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ 473,350.00	\$ 1,401,230.00	\$ 533,790.00
\$ 221,880.00	\$ 383,345.00	\$ 204,092.00	Raymondville	\$ 26,880.00	\$ 28,880.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 248,760.00	\$ 412,225.00	\$ 279,092.00
\$ 329,776.00	\$ 719,291.00	\$ 822,000.00	Rio Grande City	\$ -	\$ 2,686,000.00	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 329,776.00	\$ 3,405,291.00	\$ 1,092,000.00
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 418,708.00	\$ 237,920.00	Rio Hondo	\$ -	\$ 120,528.00	\$ 144,400.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 539,236.00	\$ 382,320.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 932,648.00	\$ 1,870,536.00	\$ 557,500.00	San Benito	\$ 97,200.00	\$ 2,789,191.00	\$ 182,600.00	\$ 1,029,848.00	\$ 4,659,727.00	\$ 740,100.00
\$ 2,105,714.00	\$ 6,625,738.00	\$ 1,956,398.00	San Juan	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 244,000.00	\$ 292,000.00	\$ 2,144,714.00	\$ 6,869,738.00	\$ 2,248,398.00
\$ 4,563,348.00	\$ 7,296,568.00	\$ 2,419,495.00	South Padre	\$ 4,823,488.00	\$ 4,952,703.00	\$ 803,948.00	\$ 9,386,836.00	\$ 12,249,271.00	\$ 3,223,443.00
\$ 1,399,345.00	\$ 3,966,755.00	\$ 4,039,962.00	Weslaco	\$ 911,889.00	\$ 1,589,230.00	\$ 8,309,929.00	\$ 2,311,234.00	\$ 5,555,985.00	\$ 12,349,891.00
\$ 84,077,304.00	\$ 190,623,202.00	\$ 136,200,133.00	TOTALS	\$ 48,873,833.00	\$ 109,770,150.00	\$ 101,665,273.00	\$ 132,951,137.00	\$ 300,393,352.00	\$ 237,865,406.00

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

March 2004	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others Trucks	580,793	462,152	102,985	52,400	93,287	59,236	147,345	1,498,198
Pedestrians	17,828	1,827	2,243	2,485	1,642	3,051	34,495	63,571
Total	227,239	121,696	193,854	451	13,522	143	0	556,905
	825,860	585,675	299,082	55,336	108,451	62,430	181,840	2,118,674

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
March 2004	6,234	44,126	27,787	78,147
YTD 2004	16,826	111,332	76,625	204,783
March 2003	5,572	38,254	25,424	69,250
YTD 2003	14,621	104,366	69,323	188,310

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

	March 2004	March 2003
Alamo	\$ 236,649,857.00	\$ 210,543,594.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,184,416,964.00	\$ 1,891,880,877.00
Donna	\$ 52,116,524.00	\$ 36,286,328.00
Edinburg	\$ 600,197,088.00	\$ 530,402,125.00
Elsa	\$ 156,818,379.00	\$ 148,659,544.00
Harlingen	\$ 838,566,355.00	\$ 808,677,033.00
Hidalgo	\$ 217,514,926.00	\$ 189,826,930.00
La Feria	\$ 35,387,370.00	\$ 33,530,015.00
La Joya	\$ 98,011,237.00	\$ 9,375,371.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 21,437,918.00	\$ 21,912,000.00
McAllen	\$ 3,499,531,939.00	\$ 3,476,358,551.00
Mercedes	\$ 100,244,879.00	\$ 102,271,131.00
Mission	\$ 669,536,247.00	\$ 683,430,540.00
Olmito	\$ 33,458,944.00	\$ 25,028,995.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 18,337,251.00	\$ 16,352,178.00
Pharr	\$ 453,319,076.00	\$ 391,847,964.00
Port Isabel	\$ 70,837,128.00	\$ 70,107,210.00
Progreso	\$ 5,008,992.00	\$ 3,704,030.00
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 71,158,286.00	\$ 81,569,772.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 211,648,448.00	\$ 204,008,059.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 5,049,000.00	\$ 6,676,000.00
Roma	\$ 125,252,347.00	\$ 124,269,285.00
San Benito	\$ 169,654,884.00	\$ 139,226,000.00
San Juan	\$ 42,267,411.00	\$ 41,163,527.00
South Padre	\$ 116,186,568.00	\$ 122,590,327.00
Weslaco	\$ 286,913,735.00	\$ 298,991,192.00
Totals	\$ 10,319,521,753.00	\$ 9,668,688,578.00

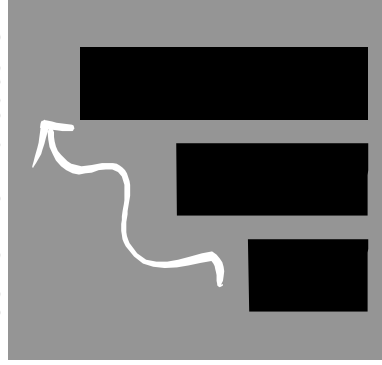
Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

March	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2004 Manufacturing	8,600	9,300
2003 Manufacturing	10,300	9,300
2004 Total Employment	114,400	181,100
2003 Total Employment	116,300	170,200

Utility Connections

March	Electric	Gas	Telephone
2004	371,586	73,183	427,746
2003	361,716	73,890	427,626

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of Rio Grande Valley
Economic Indicators



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March 2004

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