

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits

(Residential + Commercial)

	October 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003	CITY	October 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003	October 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003
\$	745,930.00	6,942,794.00	2,754,422.00	Alamo	\$ -	\$ 3,618,635.00	\$ 10,739,150.00	\$ 745,930.00	\$ 10,561,429.00	\$ 13,493,572.00
\$	8,942,698.00	113,577,827.00	129,509,362.00	Brownsville	\$ 9,433,906.00	\$ 109,490,486.00	\$ 110,979,510.00	\$ 18,376,604.00	\$ 223,068,313.00	\$ 240,488,872.00
\$	525,600.00	12,959,751.00	3,864,932.00	Donna	\$ 630,600.00	\$ 1,489,960.00	\$ 9,434,074.00	\$ 1,156,200.00	\$ 14,449,711.00	\$ 13,299,006.00
\$	11,165,418.00	97,572,056.00	55,767,648.00	Edinburg	\$ 1,963,560.00	\$ 50,460,662.00	\$ 57,137,522.00	\$ 13,128,978.00	\$ 148,032,718.00	\$ 112,905,170.00
\$	10,000.00	1,579,000.00	1,942,000.00	Elsa	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 858,000.00	\$ 573,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 2,437,000.00	\$ 2,515,000.00
\$	-	46,657,882.00	33,812,588.00	Harlingen	\$ -	\$ 57,655,235.00	\$ 24,793,567.00	\$ -	\$ 104,313,117.00	\$ 58,606,155.00
\$	2,229,870.00	14,430,965.00	11,730,508.00	Hidalgo	\$ 680,290.00	\$ 18,617,525.00	\$ 4,147,260.00	\$ 2,910,160.00	\$ 33,048,490.00	\$ 15,877,768.00
\$	116,245.00	1,463,860.00	951,780.00	La Feria	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,921,284.00	\$ 116,245.00	\$ 1,463,860.00	\$ 2,873,064.00
\$	28,000.00	3,192,694.00	2,033,922.00	La Joya	\$ -	\$ 383,220.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 3,575,914.00	\$ 2,268,922.00
\$	279,416.00	5,793,374.00	2,779,104.00	Los Fresnos	\$ 839.00	\$ 1,142,839.00	\$ 866,100.00	\$ 280,255.00	\$ 6,936,213.00	\$ 3,645,204.00
\$	11,963,338.00	99,877,431.00	95,504,008.00	McAllen	\$ 9,366,825.00	\$ 101,500,706.00	\$ 141,303,928.00	\$ 21,330,163.00	\$ 201,378,137.00	\$ 236,807,936.00
\$	527,621.00	3,395,711.00	2,596,528.00	Mercedes	\$ 33,745.00	\$ 9,097,445.00	\$ 2,714,561.00	\$ 561,366.00	\$ 12,493,156.00	\$ 5,311,089.00
\$	6,676,087.00	97,755,102.00	98,886,803.00	Mission	\$ 7,250,102.00	\$ 34,028,273.00	\$ 33,340,169.00	\$ 13,926,189.00	\$ 131,783,375.00	\$ 132,226,972.00
\$	-	-	-	Olmito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$	579,500.00	3,935,476.00	4,259,606.00	Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ 15,278,223.00	\$ 1,080,400.00	\$ 579,500.00	\$ 19,213,695.00	\$ 5,340,006.00
\$	6,000.00	627,744.00	519,026.00	Palm Valley	\$ -	\$ 343,165.00	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 970,909.00	\$ 561,526.00
\$	-	-	-	Palmview	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$	2,888,761.00	36,727,299.00	32,472,663.00	Pharr	\$ 3,021,551.00	\$ 23,230,178.00	\$ 13,787,768.00	\$ 5,910,312.00	\$ 59,957,477.00	\$ 46,260,431.00
\$	102,225.00	2,861,723.00	2,393,653.00	Port Isabel	\$ 10,396.00	\$ 7,394,039.00	\$ 1,878,585.00	\$ 112,621.00	\$ 10,255,762.00	\$ 4,272,238.00
\$	-	-	-	Progreso	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$	2,245.00	3,084,320.00	2,367,959.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,245.00	\$ 3,304,320.00	\$ 2,367,959.00
\$	70,750.00	636,301.00	604,424.00	Raymondville	\$ -	\$ 5,623,380.00	\$ 239,000.00	\$ 70,750.00	\$ 6,259,681.00	\$ 843,424.00
\$	1,067,444.00	5,428,223.00	3,199,367.00	Rio Grande City	\$ 2,626,958.00	\$ 18,139,531.00	\$ 11,367,049.00	\$ 3,694,402.00	\$ 23,567,754.00	\$ 14,566,416.00
\$	275,120.00	1,659,956.00	913,393.00	Rio Hondo	\$ -	\$ 433,320.00	\$ 2,354,400.00	\$ 275,120.00	\$ 2,093,276.00	\$ 3,267,793.00
\$	-	-	-	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$	595,255.00	6,706,285.00	4,495,160.00	San Benito	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 5,323,627.00	\$ 1,510,600.00	\$ 895,255.00	\$ 12,029,912.00	\$ 6,005,760.00
\$	1,480,245.00	18,162,400.00	10,637,115.00	San Juan	\$ -	\$ 2,431,237.00	\$ 6,169,141.00	\$ 1,480,245.00	\$ 20,593,637.00	\$ 16,806,256.00
\$	2,647,278.00	22,478,665.00	10,945,053.00	South Padre	\$ 221,009.00	\$ 5,614,105.00	\$ 7,946,750.00	\$ 2,868,287.00	\$ 28,092,770.00	\$ 18,891,803.00
\$	1,793,740.00	16,743,941.00	15,109,973.00	Weslaco	\$ 380,950.00	\$ 22,828,830.00	\$ 23,203,205.00	\$ 2,174,690.00	\$ 39,572,771.00	\$ 38,313,178.00
\$	54,718,786.00	624,250,780.00	530,050,997.00	TOTALS	\$ 36,040,731.00	\$ 495,202,621.00	\$ 467,764,523.00	\$ 90,759,517.00	\$ 1,119,453,401.00	\$ 997,815,520.00

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

October 2004	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others Trucks	558,650	456,384	82,701	49,320	87,404	56,155	146,773	1,437,387
Pedestrians	17,837	1,964	2,574	2,618	1,475	3,043	30,579	60,090
	191,663	108,512	76,067	50	12,158	72	0	388,522
Total	768,150	566,860	161,342	51,988	101,037	59,270	177,352	1,885,999

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
October 2004	5,886	34,397	25,404	65,687
YTD 2004	56,620	374,808	261,854	693,282
October 2003	4,948	31,303	23,588	59,839
YTD 2003	51,433	339,433	232,869	623,735

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

	October 2004	October 2003
Alamo	\$ 251,103,428.00	\$ 219,064,810.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,179,727,706.00	\$ 2,001,881,630.00
Donna	\$ 71,626,615.00	\$ 41,691,426.00
Edinburg	\$ 598,318,229.00	\$ 531,565,714.00
Elsa	\$ 154,284,302.00	\$ 145,696,974.00
Harlingen	\$ 808,418,949.00	\$ 836,919,271.00
Hidalgo	\$ 244,085,980.00	\$ 207,257,184.00
La Feria	\$ 37,382,325.00	\$ 34,814,257.00
La Joya	\$ 95,866,366.00	\$ 85,162,944.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 24,757,862.00	\$ 23,141,703.00
McAllen	\$ 3,558,756,298.00	\$ 3,543,334,608.00
Mercedes	\$ 103,331,962.00	\$ 93,337,097.00
Mission	\$ 690,039,956.00	\$ 700,665,510.00
Olmito	\$ 38,590,367.00	\$ 21,395,413.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 20,538,200.00	\$ 16,611,259.00
Palmview	\$ 11,421,000.00	\$ 394,594,003.00
Pharr	\$ 452,010,697.00	\$ 77,330,554.00
Port Isabel	\$ 71,000,146.00	\$ 4,533,069.00
Progreso	\$ 5,627,546.00	\$ -
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 73,418,629.00	\$ 76,164,744.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 216,766,695.00	\$ 204,741,111.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 4,816,000.00	\$ 6,676,000.00
Roma	\$ 126,558,484.00	\$ 124,922,123.00
San Benito	\$ 212,219,790.00	\$ 140,875,339.00
San Juan	\$ 43,326,770.00	\$ 41,668,438.00
South Padre	\$ 118,663,707.00	\$ 130,051,181.00
Weslaco	\$ 295,371,722.00	\$ 305,515,219.00
Totals	\$ 10,508,029,731.00	\$ 10,009,611,581.00

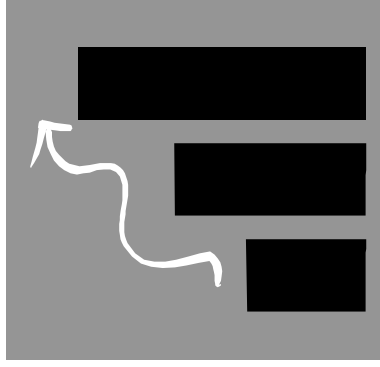
Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

October	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2004 Manufacturing	8,200	9,300
2003 Manufacturing	9,200	9,300
2004 Total Employment	115,600	181,000
2003 Total Employment	114,300	175,200

Utility Connections

October	Electric	Gas	Telephone
2004	376,430	73,045	427,816
2003	366,304	72,905	427,696

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