

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits

(Residential + Commercial)

September 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003	CITY	September 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003	September 2004	YTD 2004	YTD 2003
\$ 576,694.00	\$ 6,196,864.00	\$ 2,608,947.00	Alamo	\$ 697,739.00	\$ 3,618,635.00	\$ 10,675,950.00	\$ 1,274,433.00	\$ 9,815,499.00	\$ 13,284,897.00
\$ 12,127,526.00	\$ 104,635,129.00	\$ 118,156,878.00	Brownsville	\$ 6,918,374.00	\$ 100,056,580.00	\$ 107,099,429.00	\$ 19,045,900.00	\$ 204,691,709.00	\$ 225,256,307.00
\$ 179,750.00	\$ 12,434,151.00	\$ 3,312,952.00	Donna	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 859,360.00	\$ 8,598,324.00	\$ 204,750.00	\$ 13,293,511.00	\$ 11,911,276.00
\$ 6,221,383.00	\$ 86,406,638.00	\$ 50,075,026.00	Edinburg	\$ 1,601,580.00	\$ 48,497,102.00	\$ 55,621,022.00	\$ 7,822,963.00	\$ 134,903,740.00	\$ 105,696,048.00
\$ 166,000.00	\$ 1,569,000.00	\$ 1,847,000.00	Elsa	\$ -	\$ 738,000.00	\$ 428,000.00	\$ 166,000.00	\$ 2,307,000.00	\$ 2,275,000.00
\$ 4,111,612.00	\$ 46,657,882.00	\$ 30,961,853.00	Harlingen	\$ 6,328,900.00	\$ 57,655,235.00	\$ 19,308,117.00	\$ 10,440,512.00	\$ 104,313,117.00	\$ 50,269,970.00
\$ 1,594,270.00	\$ 12,201,095.00	\$ 9,351,983.00	Hidalgo	\$ 780,000.00	\$ 17,937,235.00	\$ 4,147,260.00	\$ 2,374,270.00	\$ 30,138,330.00	\$ 13,499,243.00
\$ 403,071.00	\$ 1,347,615.00	\$ 951,780.00	La Feria	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,921,284.00	\$ 403,071.00	\$ 1,347,615.00	\$ 2,873,064.00
\$ 708,300.00	\$ 3,164,694.00	\$ 2,033,922.00	La Joya	\$ 219,640.00	\$ 383,220.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 927,940.00	\$ 3,547,914.00	\$ 2,268,922.00
\$ 3,368,479.00	\$ 5,513,958.00	\$ 2,411,729.00	Los Fresnos	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 1,142,000.00	\$ 866,100.00	\$ 3,398,479.00	\$ 6,655,958.00	\$ 3,277,829.00
\$ 6,909,055.00	\$ 87,914,093.00	\$ 85,820,145.00	McAllen	\$ 7,212,929.00	\$ 92,133,881.00	\$ 120,256,159.00	\$ 14,121,984.00	\$ 180,047,974.00	\$ 206,076,304.00
\$ 409,905.00	\$ 2,868,090.00	\$ 2,305,678.00	Mercedes	\$ 277,000.00	\$ 9,063,700.00	\$ 2,372,203.00	\$ 686,905.00	\$ 11,931,790.00	\$ 4,677,881.00
\$ 9,853,105.00	\$ 91,079,015.00	\$ 90,004,255.00	Mission	\$ 1,763,602.00	\$ 26,778,171.00	\$ 14,481,469.00	\$ 11,616,707.00	\$ 117,857,186.00	\$ 104,485,724.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Olmito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 380,067.00	\$ 3,355,976.00	\$ 2,409,608.00	Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ 15,278,223.00	\$ 1,079,500.00	\$ 380,067.00	\$ 18,634,195.00	\$ 3,489,108.00
\$ 435,000.00	\$ 621,744.00	\$ 509,576.00	Palm Valley	\$ -	\$ 343,165.00	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 435,000.00	\$ 964,909.00	\$ 552,076.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Palmview	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,342,388.00	\$ 33,838,538.00	\$ 29,770,505.00	Pharr	\$ 1,310,409.00	\$ 20,208,627.00	\$ 12,449,168.00	\$ 2,652,797.00	\$ 54,047,165.00	\$ 42,219,673.00
\$ 16,500.00	\$ 2,759,498.00	\$ 2,303,353.00	Port Isabel	\$ 228,200.00	\$ 7,383,643.00	\$ 1,774,920.00	\$ 244,700.00	\$ 10,143,141.00	\$ 4,078,273.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Progreso	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 30,199.00	\$ 3,082,075.00	\$ 2,179,919.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,199.00	\$ 3,302,075.00	\$ 2,179,919.00
\$ 13,346.00	\$ 565,551.00	\$ 603,774.00	Raymondville	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 5,623,380.00	\$ 231,000.00	\$ 313,346.00	\$ 6,188,931.00	\$ 834,774.00
\$ 650,220.00	\$ 4,360,779.00	\$ 1,905,217.00	Rio Grande City	\$ 7,993,821.00	\$ 15,512,573.00	\$ 945,565.00	\$ 8,644,041.00	\$ 19,873,352.00	\$ 2,850,782.00
\$ 319,908.00	\$ 1,384,836.00	\$ 912,393.00	Rio Hondo	\$ 172,928.00	\$ 433,320.00	\$ 594,400.00	\$ 492,836.00	\$ 1,818,156.00	\$ 1,506,793.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 605,636.00	\$ 6,111,030.00	\$ 3,979,044.00	San Benito	\$ 803,173.00	\$ 5,023,627.00	\$ 1,510,600.00	\$ 1,408,809.00	\$ 11,134,657.00	\$ 5,489,644.00
\$ 1,572,713.00	\$ 16,682,155.00	\$ 9,345,703.00	San Juan	\$ -	\$ 2,431,237.00	\$ 5,999,141.00	\$ 1,572,713.00	\$ 19,113,392.00	\$ 13,344,844.00
\$ 2,672,070.00	\$ 19,831,387.00	\$ 10,394,912.00	South Padre	\$ -	\$ 5,393,096.00	\$ 7,713,350.00	\$ 2,672,070.00	\$ 25,224,483.00	\$ 18,108,262.00
\$ 1,489,841.00	\$ 14,950,201.00	\$ 13,621,078.00	Weslaco	\$ 12,014,400.00	\$ 22,447,880.00	\$ 19,721,442.00	\$ 13,504,241.00	\$ 37,398,081.00	\$ 33,342,520.00
\$ 56,157,038.00	\$ 569,531,994.00	\$ 477,777,230.00	TOTALS	\$ 48,677,695.00	\$ 459,161,890.00	\$ 398,071,903.00	\$ 104,834,733.00	\$ 1,028,693,884.00	\$ 875,849,133.00

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

September 2004	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others	529,957	432,747	76,891	47,003	81,207	53,186	138,905	1,359,896
Trucks	17,373	1,826	2,677	2,544	1,244	3,563	29,825	59,052
Pedestrians	178,138	98,204	64,689	100	10,661	68	0	351,860
Total	725,468	532,777	144,257	49,647	93,112	56,817	168,730	1,770,808

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
September 2004	5,160	33,530	23,447	62,110
YTD 2004	50,734	340,411	236,450	627,595
September 2003	4,650	31,358	20,801	56,809
YTD 2003	46,485	308,130	209,281	563,896

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

	September 2004	September 2003
Alamo	\$ 250,306,665.00	\$ 218,232,626.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,139,265,217.00	\$ 1,960,005,744.00
Donna	\$ 51,504,031.00	\$ 35,695,622.00
Edinburg	\$ 580,172,348.00	\$ 531,617,684.00
Elsa	\$ 148,495,843.00	\$ 147,410,978.00
Harlingen	\$ 805,066,487.00	\$ 827,870,290.00
Hidalgo	\$ 229,005,647.00	\$ 204,496,067.00
La Feria	\$ 37,405,445.00	\$ 34,365,867.00
La Joya	\$ 85,364,548.00	\$ 16,511,940.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 24,038,567.00	\$ 23,300,000.00
McAllen	\$ 3,495,881,842.00	\$ 3,530,580,885.00
Mercedes	\$ 91,912,671.00	\$ 94,194,145.00
Mission	\$ 685,903,188.00	\$ 695,330,807.00
Olmito	\$ 36,734,091.00	\$ 17,988,374.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 20,197,620.00	\$ 16,311,153.00
Palmview	\$ 10,305,000.00	\$ -
Pharr	\$ 447,196,574.00	\$ 389,220,137.00
Port Isabel	\$ 70,319,150.00	\$ 70,062,946.00
Progreso	\$ 5,667,580.00	\$ 5,039,636.00
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 70,338,205.00	\$ 77,540,393.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 213,595,098.00	\$ 198,802,813.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 4,816,000.00	\$ 6,676,000.00
Roma	\$ 126,294,203.00	\$ 124,350,511.00
San Benito	\$ 167,286,599.00	\$ 136,001,410.00
San Juan	\$ 41,777,310.00	\$ 41,168,444.00
South Padre	\$ 119,239,756.00	\$ 128,603,053.00
Weslaco	\$ 298,124,594.00	\$ 300,299,287.00
Totals	\$ 10,256,214,279.00	\$ 9,831,676,812.00

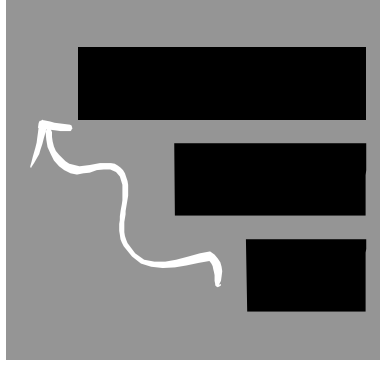
Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

September	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2004 Manufacturing	8,200	9,400
2003 Manufacturing	9,200	9,200
2004 Total Employment	114,900	177,400
2003 Total Employment	113,900	172,500

Utility Connections

September	Electric	Gas	Telephone
2004	375,372	73,001	427,806
2003	365,184	72,099	427,686

The Foremost Gauge
of Rio Grande Valley
Economic Indicators



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September 2004

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