

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits

Residential Building Permits		Commercial Building Permits		Total Permits					
August-05	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	CITY	August-05	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	Aug-05	YTD 2005	YTD 2004
\$ 749,334.00	\$ 5,813,512.00	\$ 5,620,170.00	Alamo	\$ 198,500.00	\$ 1,477,292.00	\$ 2,920,896.00	\$ 4,398,188.00	\$ 7,319,084.00	\$ 8,410,666.00
\$ 13,299,200.00	\$ 102,759,889.00	\$ 92,507,603.00	Brownsville	\$ 10,003,148.00	\$ 83,467,947.00	\$ 93,138,206.00	\$ 176,606,153.00	\$ 269,744,359.00	\$ 85,645,809.00
\$ 566,000.00	\$ 11,091,225.00	\$ 12,254,401.00	Donna	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 9,757,800.00	\$ 834,360.00	\$ 10,592,160.00	\$ 11,426,520.00	\$ 13,088,761.00
NA	\$ 63,709,289.00	\$ 80,185,255.00	Edinburg	NA	\$ 34,896,126.00	\$ 46,895,522.00	NA	\$ 46,895,522.00	\$ 27,080,777.00
NA	\$ 269,400.00	\$ 1,403,000.00	Elsa	NA	\$ 282,136.00	\$ 738,000.00	NA	\$ 738,000.00	\$ 2,141,000.00
\$ 3,578,530.00	\$ 29,803,096.00	\$ 42,546,270.00	Harlingen	\$ 2,849,489.00	\$ 19,049,059.00	\$ 51,326,335.00	\$ 70,375,394.00	\$ 121,701,729.00	\$ 93,872,605.00
\$ 830,870.00	\$ 6,202,080.00	\$ 10,606,825.00	Hidalgo	\$ 179,580.00	\$ 13,421,110.00	\$ 17,157,235.00	\$ 30,578,345.00	\$ 47,735,580.00	\$ 27,764,060.00
\$ 163,661.00	\$ 1,049,157.00	\$ 944,544.00	La Feria	\$ 217,000.00	\$ 1,824,771.00	\$ -	\$ 1,824,771.00	\$ 1,824,771.00	\$ 944,544.00
\$ 468,116.00	\$ 2,176,384.00	\$ 2,456,394.00	La Joya	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 1,474,807.00	\$ 163,580.00	\$ 1,638,387.00	\$ 1,801,967.00	\$ 2,619,974.00
\$ 96,100.00	\$ 3,011,818.00	\$ 2,145,479.00	Los Fresnos	\$ -	\$ 356,500.00	\$ 1,112,000.00	\$ 1,468,500.00	\$ 2,580,500.00	\$ 3,257,479.00
\$ 13,583,503.00	\$ 15,126,728.00	\$ 68,962,892.00	McAllen	\$ 4,474,708.00	\$ 102,809,819.00	\$ 75,426,531.00	\$ 178,236,350.00	\$ 253,662,881.00	\$ 44,389,423.00
\$ 195,800.00	\$ 13,655,971.00	\$ 2,458,185.00	Mercedes	\$ 67,100.00	\$ 5,719,794.00	\$ 8,786,700.00	\$ 14,506,494.00	\$ 23,293,194.00	\$ 11,244,885.00
\$ 9,432,625.00	\$ 79,937,144.00	\$ 81,225,910.00	Mission	\$ 7,547,880.00	\$ 22,796,445.00	\$ 25,014,569.00	\$ 47,811,014.00	\$ 72,825,583.00	\$ 06,240,479.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Olmito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 372,000.00	\$ 4,891,888.00	\$ 2,975,909.00	Palmhurst	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,110,000.00	\$ 15,278,223.00	\$ 16,388,223.00	\$ 31,666,446.00	\$ 18,254,132.00
\$ 16,000.00	\$ 424,028.00	\$ 186,744.00	Palm Valley	\$ -	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 343,165.00	\$ 588,165.00	\$ 931,330.00	\$ 529,909.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Palmview	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 2,929,231.00	\$ 28,201,697.00	\$ 32,496,150.00	Pharr	\$ 569,358.00	\$ 7,897,677.00	\$ 18,898,218.00	\$ 26,795,895.00	\$ 45,694,113.00	\$ 51,394,368.00
\$ 4,300.00	\$ 933,627.00	\$ 2,742,998.00	Port Isabel	\$ 184,495.00	\$ 2,180,460.00	\$ 7,155,443.00	\$ 9,335,903.00	\$ 16,491,346.00	\$ 9,898,441.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Progreso	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 2,870,984.00	\$ 3,051,876.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 3,271,876.00
\$ 16,679.00	\$ 278,919.00	\$ 552,205.00	Raymondville	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,714,915.00	\$ 5,323,380.00	\$ 7,038,295.00	\$ 12,361,675.00	\$ 5,875,585.00
\$ 947,400.00	\$ 8,024,026.00	\$ 3,710,559.00	Rio Grande City	\$ -	\$ 11,454,850.00	\$ 7,518,752.00	\$ 18,973,602.00	\$ 26,492,354.00	\$ 11,229,311.00
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 447,476.00	\$ 1,064,928.00	Rio Hondo	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 260,392.00	\$ 560,392.00	\$ 820,784.00	\$ 1,325,320.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 468,055.00	\$ 3,641,395.00	\$ 5,505,394.00	San Benito	\$ -	\$ 2,866,784.00	\$ 4,220,454.00	\$ 7,087,238.00	\$ 11,307,692.00	\$ 9,725,848.00
\$ 3,846,655.00	\$ 17,814,484.00	\$ 15,109,442.00	San Juan	\$ -	\$ 3,283,942.00	\$ 2,431,237.00	\$ 5,715,179.00	\$ 8,146,416.00	\$ 17,540,679.00
\$ 4,905,901.00	\$ 35,354,525.00	\$ 17,159,317.00	South Padre	\$ 265,500.00	\$ 1,069,785.00	\$ 5,393,096.00	\$ 6,462,881.00	\$ 11,855,977.00	\$ 22,552,413.00
\$ 2,008,822.00	\$ 22,238,760.00	\$ 13,460,360.00	Weslaco	\$ 1,991,665.00	\$ 17,437,279.00	\$ 10,433,480.00	\$ 27,870,759.00	\$ 38,304,239.00	\$ 23,893,840.00
\$ 58,479,782.00	\$ 559,727,502.00	\$ 501,332,810.00	TOTALS	\$ 29,716,423.00	\$ 346,894,298.00	\$ 400,989,774.00	\$ 747,884,072.00	\$ 1,148,873,846.00	\$ 902,322,584.00

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

August 2005	Brownsville (3 bridges)		McAllen/Hidalgo		Progreso		RGC		Roma		Los Indios		Pharr		Total	
	Brownsville	McAllen/Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total								
Autos & Others	556,938	438,271	76,249	46,437	80,060	57,692	131,992	1,387,639								
Trucks	18,471	1,527	1,835	2,526	1,328	3,947	32,796	62,430								
Pedestrians	174,665	113,761	62,852	84	12,764	97	0	364,223								
Total	750,074	553,559	140,936	49,047	94,152	61,736	164,788	1,814,292								

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

	Brownsville		Harlingen		McAllen		Total	
	August 2005	YTD 2005	August 2004	YTD 2004	August 2005	YTD 2005	August 2004	YTD 2004
August 2005	6,517	38,452	30,218	75,187	38,452	30,218	30,218	75,187
YTD 2005	51,309	305,018	246,783	603,110	305,018	246,783	246,783	603,110
August 2004	5,656	36,782	25,145	67,583	36,782	25,145	25,145	67,583
YTD 2004	45,574	306,908	213,003	565,485	306,908	213,003	213,003	565,485

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

	August 2005	August 2004
Alamo	\$ 272,274,803.00	\$ 248,025,647.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,127,285,225.00	\$ 2,180,343,200.00
Donna	\$ 62,396,109.00	\$ 45,351,562.00
Edinburg	\$ 583,900,368.00	\$ 553,453,789.00
Elsa	\$ 150,350,586.00	\$ 146,627,412.00
Harlingen	\$ 764,311,994.84	\$ 791,334,255.00
Hidalgo	\$ 238,623,491.42	\$ 222,725,948.00
La Feria	\$ 49,454,420.00	\$ 35,854,725.00
La Joya	\$ 171,796,087.00	\$ 78,837,487.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 27,838,014.00	\$ 22,094,847.00
McAllen	\$ 3,598,835,330.62	\$ 3,473,342,277.00
Mercedes	\$ 98,960,404.00	\$ 91,466,819.00
Mission	\$ 722,995,192.00	\$ 670,737,902.00
Olmito	\$ 27,225,665.00	\$ 36,618,102.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 19,762,596.00	\$ 20,812,905.00
Palmview	\$ 27,262,897.00	\$ 4,213,000.00
Pharr	\$ 481,957,920.00	\$ 417,852,483.00
Port Isabel	\$ 87,889,431.00	\$ 68,512,086.00
Progreso	\$ 7,400,302.00	\$ 5,981,103.00
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 69,373,296.00	\$ 68,448,946.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 204,609,529.15	\$ 212,135,394.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 4,437,000.00	\$ 4,816,000.00
Roma	\$ 118,576,005.99	\$ 126,177,905.00
San Benito	\$ 212,174,413.00	\$ 165,710,257.00
San Juan	\$ 46,885,995.00	\$ 42,145,116.00
South Padre	\$ 126,052,018.00	\$ 123,335,601.00
Weslaco	\$ 324,905,703.78	\$ 291,449,321.00
Totals	\$ 10,627,534,796.80	\$ 10,148,404,089.00

In rare instances, some financial institutions may make public only the last monthly deposit reported to the FDIC. Also, some financial institutions may attribute total monthly deposits for each branch to the main bank.

Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

	August	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2005 Manufacturing	7,900	7,900	8,300
2004 Manufacturing	7,900	7,900	8,400
2005 Total Employment	118,000	118,000	186,000
2004 Total Employment	115,200	115,200	177,900

The Foremost Gauge
of Rio Grande Valley
Economic Indicators




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