

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits

(Residential + Commercial)

February 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	CITY	February 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	February 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004
\$ 727,178.00	\$ 1,280,363.00	\$ 839,916.00	Alamo	\$ 53,502.00	\$ 59,502.00	\$ 1,232,748.00	\$ 780,680.00	\$ 1,339,865.00	\$ 2,072,664.00
\$ 14,007,619.00	\$ 23,621,755.00	\$ 20,144,151.00	Brownsville	\$ 6,003,190.00	\$ 21,284,686.00	\$ 11,507,714.00	\$ 20,010,809.00	\$ 44,906,441.00	\$ 31,651,865.00
\$ 577,425.00	\$ 1,603,425.00	\$ 1,614,440.00	Donna	\$ 584,300.00	\$ 584,300.00	\$ 381,400.00	\$ 1,161,725.00	\$ 2,187,725.00	\$ 1,995,840.00
\$ 11,763,808.00	\$ 18,829,685.00	\$ 13,859,750.00	Edinburg	\$ 4,097,586.00	\$ 4,735,001.00	\$ 7,242,680.00	\$ 15,861,394.00	\$ 23,564,686.00	\$ 21,102,430.00
\$ 112,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 124,000.00	Elsa	\$ -	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 112,000.00	\$ 171,000.00	\$ 209,000.00
\$ 3,851,945.00	\$ 7,534,775.00	\$ 9,784,314.00	Harlingen	\$ 1,215,040.00	\$ 2,109,680.00	\$ 5,967,995.00	\$ 5,066,985.00	\$ 9,644,455.00	\$ 15,752,309.00
\$ 1,464,900.00	\$ 2,798,675.00	\$ 1,492,020.00	Hidalgo	\$ 7,280,000.00	\$ 7,280,000.00	\$ 1,050,000.00	\$ 8,744,900.00	\$ 10,078,675.00	\$ 2,542,020.00
\$ -	\$ 181,943.00	\$ 57,200.00	La Feria	\$ 631,260.00	\$ 1,116,320.00	\$ -	\$ 631,260.00	\$ 1,298,263.00	\$ 57,200.00
\$ 238,528.00	\$ 344,692.00	\$ 354,000.00	La Joya	\$ 526,000.00	\$ 526,000.00	\$ -	\$ 764,528.00	\$ 870,692.00	\$ 354,000.00
\$ 179,640.00	\$ 453,890.00	\$ 252,740.00	Los Fresnos	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 1,112,000.00	\$ 182,140.00	\$ 465,390.00	\$ 1,364,740.00
\$ 20,700,493.00	\$ 28,892,211.00	\$ 15,906,125.00	McAllen	\$ 53,632,539.00	\$ 59,029,903.00	\$ 17,272,828.00	\$ 74,333,032.00	\$ 87,922,114.00	\$ 33,178,953.00
\$ 528,995.00	\$ 635,845.00	\$ 638,788.00	Mercedes	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 336,900.00	\$ 1,031,395.00	\$ 538,495.00	\$ 972,745.00	\$ 1,670,183.00
\$ 9,424,030.00	\$ 18,574,136.00	\$ 19,798,375.00	Mission	\$ 2,578,561.00	\$ 4,799,744.00	\$ 5,943,548.00	\$ 12,002,591.00	\$ 23,373,880.00	\$ 25,741,923.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Olmito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,557,380.00	\$ 1,886,080.00	\$ 1,049,343.00	Palmhurst	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,567,380.00	\$ 1,896,080.00	\$ 1,049,343.00
\$ 14,728.00	\$ 214,728.00	\$ 148,425.00	Palm Valley	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 343,165.00	\$ 174,728.00	\$ 374,728.00	\$ 491,590.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Palmyview	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 3,414,932.00	\$ 6,607,016.00	\$ 7,322,501.00	Pharr	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 605,000.00	\$ 1,148,589.00	\$ 3,659,932.00	\$ 7,212,016.00	\$ 8,471,090.00
\$ 180,350.00	\$ 190,350.00	\$ 504,700.00	Port Isabel	\$ 17,200.00	\$ 1,330,650.00	\$ 65,180.00	\$ 197,550.00	\$ 1,521,000.00	\$ 569,880.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Progreso	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 36,350.00	\$ 487,795.00	\$ 927,880.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,350.00	\$ 487,795.00	\$ 927,880.00
\$ 16,700.00	\$ 32,203.00	\$ 161,465.00	Raymondville	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 655,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 666,700.00	\$ 687,203.00	\$ 163,465.00
\$ 612,585.00	\$ 1,266,906.00	\$ 389,515.00	Rio Grande City	\$ 129,000.00	\$ 193,000.00	\$ 2,686,000.00	\$ 741,585.00	\$ 1,459,906.00	\$ 3,075,515.00
\$ 2,000.00	\$ 79,036.00	\$ 417,708.00	Rio Hondo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,528.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 79,036.00	\$ 538,236.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 190,152.00	\$ 430,812.00	\$ 937,888.00	San Benito	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 2,691,991.00	\$ 190,152.00	\$ 1,630,812.00	\$ 3,629,879.00
\$ 1,541,363.00	\$ 2,887,470.00	\$ 4,520,024.00	San Juan	\$ 386,243.00	\$ 969,640.00	\$ 205,000.00	\$ 1,927,606.00	\$ 3,857,110.00	\$ 4,725,024.00
\$ 13,389,344.00	\$ 16,719,814.00	\$ 2,733,220.00	South Padre	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 33,500.00	\$ 129,215.00	\$ 13,399,844.00	\$ 16,753,314.00	\$ 2,862,435.00
\$ 2,772,232.00	\$ 4,228,831.00	\$ 2,567,410.00	Weslaco	\$ 426,266.00	\$ 3,149,115.00	\$ 677,341.00	\$ 3,198,498.00	\$ 7,377,946.00	\$ 3,244,751.00
\$ 87,304,677.00	\$ 139,907,436.00	\$ 106,545,898.00	TOTALS	\$ 78,648,187.00	\$ 110,225,441.00	\$ 60,896,317.00	\$ 165,952,864.00	\$ 250,132,877.00	\$ 167,442,215.00

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

February 2005	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others	521,614	412,846	85,885	48,324	80,929	52,737	145,252	1,347,587
Trucks	16,154	1,590	1,964	2,694	1,294	2,908	32,072	58,676
Pedestrians	158,268	97,410	159,485	157	11,057	71	0	426,448
Total	696,036	511,846	247,334	51,175	93,280	55,716	177,324	1,832,711

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
February 2005	6,156	35,732	28,626	70,514
YTD 2005	12,244	70,570	56,757	139,571
February 2004	5,607	25,950	28,626	65,874
YTD 2004	10,592	67,206	48,838	126,636

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

	February 2005	February 2004
Alamo	\$ 272,917,249.00	\$ 237,329,613.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,254,662,960.00	\$ 2,101,691,418.00
Donna	\$ 73,829,901.00	\$ 50,960,519.00
Edinburg	\$ 671,867,519.00	\$ 599,255,668.00
Elsa	\$ 157,532,285.00	\$ 155,209,884.00
Harlingen	\$ 833,843,665.00	\$ 844,530,005.00
Hidalgo	\$ 236,876,127.00	\$ 215,958,563.00
La Feria	\$ 39,986,172.00	\$ 35,878,499.00
La Joya	\$ 190,678,272.00	\$ 97,001,039.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 26,377,704.00	\$ 21,702,788.00
McAllen	\$ 3,669,790,529.00	\$ 3,575,024,206.00
Mercedes	\$ 110,357,956.00	\$ 101,926,953.00
Mission	\$ 729,763,801.00	\$ 667,349,635.00
Olmito	\$ 32,705,386.00	\$ 32,081,518.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 21,030,217.00	\$ 17,139,118.00
Palmview	\$ 21,003,000.00	\$ -
Pharr	\$ 407,475,932.00	\$ 438,570,088.00
Port Isabel	\$ 78,577,248.00	\$ 70,287,978.00
Progreso	\$ 6,401,057.00	\$ 4,902,526.00
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 77,038,737.00	\$ 73,151,090.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 241,079,588.00	\$ 214,219,404.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 5,259,000.00	\$ 8,049,000.00
Roma	\$ 132,787,070.00	\$ 124,505,162.00
San Benito	\$ 192,750,341.00	\$ 166,516,793.00
San Juan	\$ 45,110,569.00	\$ 42,183,571.00
South Padre	\$ 113,220,811.00	\$ 113,430,881.00
Weslaco	\$ 325,336,194.00	\$ 286,385,164.00
Totals	\$ 10,968,259,290.00	\$ 10,295,241,083.00

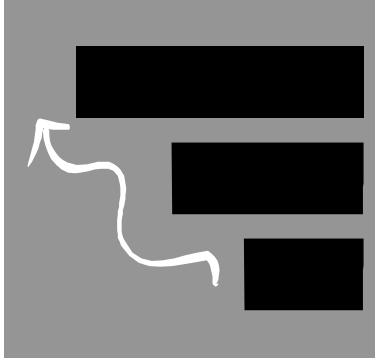
Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

February	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2005 Manufacturing	7,700	8,200
2004 Manufacturing	7,900	9,100
2005 Total	117,000	189,100
Employment		
2004 Total	115,200	181,600
Employment		

Utility Connections

February	Electric	Gas	Telephone
2005	381,361	74,369	427,856
2004	343,023	75,125	427,616

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