

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits (Residential + Commercial)

	January 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	CITY	January 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	January 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004
\$	553,185.00	\$ 553,185.00	\$ 413,042.00	Alamo	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 559,185.00	\$ 559,185.00	\$ 413,892.00
\$	9,614,136.00	\$ 9,614,136.00	\$ 10,199,141.00	Brownsville	\$ 15,281,496.00	\$ 15,281,496.00	\$ 4,091,236.00	\$ 24,895,632.00	\$ 24,895,632.00	\$ 14,290,377.00
\$	1,026,000.00	\$ 1,026,000.00	\$ 1,062,300.00	Donna	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 1,026,000.00	\$ 1,026,000.00	\$ 1,076,700.00
\$	7,065,877.00	\$ 7,065,877.00	\$ 5,104,247.00	Edinburg	\$ 637,415.00	\$ 637,415.00	\$ 417,850.00	\$ 7,703,292.00	\$ 7,703,292.00	\$ 5,522,097.00
\$	13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 124,000.00	Elsa	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 209,000.00
\$	3,682,830.00	\$ 3,682,830.00	\$ 4,989,969.00	Harlingen	\$ 894,640.00	\$ 894,640.00	\$ 4,536,200.00	\$ 4,577,470.00	\$ 4,577,470.00	\$ 9,526,169.00
\$	1,333,775.00	\$ 1,333,775.00	\$ 475,055.00	Hidalgo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 1,333,775.00	\$ 1,333,775.00	\$ 1,125,055.00
\$	181,943.00	\$ 181,943.00	\$ 57,200.00	La Feria	\$ 485,060.00	\$ 485,060.00	\$ -	\$ 667,003.00	\$ 667,003.00	\$ 57,200.00
\$	106,164.00	\$ 106,164.00	\$ 272,000.00	La Joya	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,164.00	\$ 106,164.00	\$ 272,000.00
\$	274,250.00	\$ 274,250.00	\$ 19,200.00	Los Fresnos	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 283,250.00	\$ 283,250.00	\$ 19,200.00
\$	8,191,718.00	\$ 8,191,718.00	\$ 8,047,247.00	McAllen	\$ 5,397,364.00	\$ 5,397,364.00	\$ 12,326,600.00	\$ 13,589,082.00	\$ 13,589,082.00	\$ 20,373,847.00
\$	106,850.00	\$ 106,850.00	\$ 473,012.00	Mercedes	\$ 327,400.00	\$ 327,400.00	\$ 730,000.00	\$ 434,250.00	\$ 434,250.00	\$ 1,203,012.00
\$	9,150,106.00	\$ 9,150,106.00	\$ 10,805,122.00	Mission	\$ 2,221,183.00	\$ 2,221,183.00	\$ 4,125,477.00	\$ 11,371,289.00	\$ 11,371,289.00	\$ 14,930,599.00
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	Olmito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$	328,700.00	\$ 328,700.00	\$ 986,343.00	Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 328,700.00	\$ 328,700.00	\$ 986,343.00
\$	200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 28,425.00	Palm Valley	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 28,425.00
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	Palmyview	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$	3,192,084.00	\$ 3,192,084.00	\$ 3,173,109.00	Pharr	\$ 360,000.00	\$ 360,000.00	\$ 719,719.00	\$ 3,552,084.00	\$ 3,552,084.00	\$ 3,892,828.00
\$	10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 220,806.00	Port Isabel	\$ 1,313,450.00	\$ 1,313,450.00	\$ 17,150.00	\$ 1,323,450.00	\$ 1,323,450.00	\$ 237,956.00
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	Progreso	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$	451,445.00	\$ 451,445.00	\$ 187,198.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 451,445.00	\$ 451,445.00	\$ 187,198.00
\$	15,503.00	\$ 15,503.00	\$ 104,825.00	Raymondville	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 20,503.00	\$ 20,503.00	\$ 106,825.00
\$	654,321.00	\$ 654,321.00	\$ 157,000.00	Rio Grande City	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 2,363,000.00	\$ 718,321.00	\$ 718,321.00	\$ 2,520,000.00
\$	77,036.00	\$ 77,036.00	\$ 87,228.00	Rio Hondo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,148.00	\$ 77,036.00	\$ 77,036.00	\$ 118,376.00
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$	240,660.00	\$ 240,660.00	\$ 583,408.00	San Benito	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,891,991.00	\$ 1,440,660.00	\$ 1,440,660.00	\$ 2,475,399.00
\$	1,346,107.00	\$ 1,346,107.00	\$ 2,678,457.00	San Juan	\$ 583,397.00	\$ 583,397.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 1,929,504.00	\$ 1,929,504.00	\$ 2,743,457.00
\$	3,330,470.00	\$ 3,330,470.00	\$ 874,499.00	South Padre	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 88,635.00	\$ 3,353,470.00	\$ 3,353,470.00	\$ 963,134.00
\$	1,456,599.00	\$ 1,456,599.00	\$ 1,113,838.00	Weslaco	\$ 2,722,849.00	\$ 2,722,849.00	\$ 175,811.00	\$ 4,179,448.00	\$ 4,179,448.00	\$ 1,289,649.00
\$	52,602,759.00	\$ 52,602,759.00	\$ 52,236,671.00	TOTALS	\$ 31,577,254.00	\$ 31,577,254.00	\$ 32,332,067.00	\$ 84,180,013.00	\$ 84,180,013.00	\$ 84,568,738.00

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

January 2005	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/ Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others	561,661	436,867	92,231	48,786	84,733	54,606	145,901	1,424,785
Trucks	16,304	1,714	2,081	2,543	1,317	2,671	29,802	56,432
Pedestrians	167,918	107,290	152,845	102	12,768	87	0	441,010
Total	745,883	545,871	247,157	51,431	98,818	57,364	175,703	1,922,227

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
January 2005	6,088	34,838	28,131	69,057
YTD 2005	6,088	34,838	28,131	69,057
January 2004	4,985	31,256	24,521	60,762
YTD 2004	4,985	31,256	24,521	60,762

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

	January 2005	January 2004
Alamo	\$ 267,271,196.00	\$ 227,852,553.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,199,381,080.00	\$ 2,068,503,838.00
Donna	\$ 77,636,049.00	\$ 56,770,557.00
Edinburg	\$ 645,445,780.00	\$ 600,961,341.00
Elsa	\$ 154,996,581.00	\$ 152,002,316.00
Harlingen	\$ 824,995,036.00	\$ 846,114,715.00
Hidalgo	\$ 235,170,115.00	\$ 215,073,720.00
La Feria	\$ 39,047,908.00	\$ 34,564,947.00
La Joya	\$ 197,570,487.00	\$ 103,442,643.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 25,316,662.00	\$ 21,731,296.00
McAllen	\$ 3,642,871,767.00	\$ 3,477,269,825.00
Mercedes	\$ 106,115,241.00	\$ 98,607,675.00
Mission	\$ 719,931,736.00	\$ 651,871,559.00
Olmito	\$ 31,976,423.00	\$ 31,473,503.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 20,823,050.00	\$ 16,545,928.00
Palmyview	\$ 17,974,000.00	\$ -
Pharr	\$ 413,627,041.00	\$ 436,775,525.00
Port Isabel	\$ 76,636,622.00	\$ 75,778,896.00
Progreso	\$ 5,976,420.00	\$ 4,893,720.00
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 75,509,034.00	\$ 74,140,375.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 241,782,780.00	\$ 212,459,560.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 5,259,000.00	\$ 6,522,000.00
Roma	\$ 129,050,416.00	\$ 123,935,152.00
San Benito	\$ 195,601,028.00	\$ 171,038,948.00
San Juan	\$ 43,474,151.00	\$ 40,788,051.00
South Padre	\$ 109,421,243.00	\$ 125,783,629.00
Weslaco	\$ 307,233,100.00	\$ 290,157,319.00
Totals	\$ 10,810,093,946.00	\$ 10,165,059,591.00

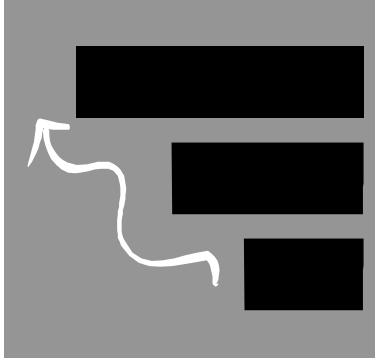
Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2005 Manufacturing	8,000	9,300
2004 Manufacturing	9,000	9,300
2005 Total	116,700	187,800
Employment		
2004 Total	115,200	181,400
Employment		

Utility Connections

January	Electric	Gas	Telephone
2005	380,482	73,757	427,846
2004	370,716	74,380	427,726

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