

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits

(Residential + Commercial)

March 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	CITY	March 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	March 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004
\$ 748,658.00	\$ 2,029,021.00	\$ 1,218,314.00	Alamo	\$ 80,500.00	\$ 140,002.00	\$ 1,529,356.00	\$ 829,158.00	\$ 2,169,023.00	\$ 2,747,670.00
\$ 11,663,686.00	\$ 35,285,441.00	\$ 30,735,251.00	Brownsville	\$ 14,678,016.00	\$ 35,962,702.00	\$ 28,380,688.00	\$ 26,341,702.00	\$ 71,248,143.00	\$ 59,115,939.00
\$ 387,000.00	\$ 1,990,425.00	\$ 2,592,213.00	Donna	\$ -	\$ 584,300.00	\$ 402,900.00	\$ 387,000.00	\$ 2,574,725.00	\$ 2,995,113.00
\$ 7,477,015.00	\$ 26,306,700.00	\$ 33,298,775.00	Edinburg	\$ 4,989,755.00	\$ 9,724,756.00	\$ 10,945,128.00	\$ 12,466,770.00	\$ 36,031,456.00	\$ 44,243,903.00
\$ 88,000.00	\$ 213,000.00	\$ 588,000.00	Elsa	\$ -	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 565,000.00	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 259,000.00	\$ 1,153,000.00
\$ 4,561,550.00	\$ 12,096,325.00	\$ 14,689,893.00	Harlingen	\$ 2,647,382.00	\$ 4,757,062.00	\$ 7,479,000.00	\$ 7,208,932.00	\$ 16,853,387.00	\$ 22,168,893.00
\$ 935,790.00	\$ 3,734,465.00	\$ 2,026,725.00	Hidalgo	\$ 439,000.00	\$ 7,719,000.00	\$ 1,635,000.00	\$ 1,374,790.00	\$ 11,453,465.00	\$ 3,661,725.00
\$ 130,947.00	\$ 312,890.00	\$ 137,085.00	La Feria	\$ 138,475.00	\$ 1,254,795.00	\$ -	\$ 269,422.00	\$ 1,567,685.00	\$ 137,085.00
\$ 115,836.00	\$ 460,528.00	\$ 772,808.00	La Joya	\$ 798,800.00	\$ 1,324,800.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 914,636.00	\$ 1,785,328.00	\$ 797,808.00
\$ 485,800.00	\$ 939,690.00	\$ 862,665.00	Los Fresnos	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 110,500.00	\$ 1,112,000.00	\$ 584,800.00	\$ 1,050,190.00	\$ 1,974,665.00
\$ 19,573,790.00	\$ 48,466,001.00	\$ 25,375,201.00	McAllen	\$ 6,161,320.00	\$ 65,191,223.00	\$ 25,029,794.00	\$ 25,735,110.00	\$ 113,657,224.00	\$ 50,404,995.00
\$ 212,995.00	\$ 848,840.00	\$ 833,788.00	Mercedes	\$ 6,788.00	\$ 343,688.00	\$ 1,080,395.00	\$ 219,783.00	\$ 1,192,528.00	\$ 1,914,183.00
\$ 9,853,113.00	\$ 28,427,249.00	\$ 36,102,051.00	Mission	\$ 1,405,700.00	\$ 6,205,444.00	\$ 8,527,671.00	\$ 11,258,813.00	\$ 34,632,693.00	\$ 44,629,722.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Olmito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 249,700.00	\$ 2,135,780.00	\$ 1,049,343.00	Palmhurst	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	\$ 349,700.00	\$ 2,245,780.00	\$ 1,049,343.00
\$ 76,000.00	\$ 290,728.00	\$ 149,125.00	Palm Valley	\$ -	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 343,165.00	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 450,728.00	\$ 492,290.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Palmyview	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 4,909,997.00	\$ 11,517,013.00	\$ 16,759,634.00	Pharr	\$ 457,550.00	\$ 1,062,550.00	\$ 9,661,032.00	\$ 5,367,547.00	\$ 12,579,563.00	\$ 26,420,666.00
\$ 173,464.00	\$ 363,814.00	\$ 970,160.00	Port Isabel	\$ 10,660.00	\$ 1,341,310.00	\$ 423,489.00	\$ 184,124.00	\$ 1,705,124.00	\$ 1,393,649.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Progreso	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 822,424.00	\$ 1,310,219.00	\$ 1,181,230.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 822,424.00	\$ 1,310,219.00	\$ 1,401,230.00
\$ 17,275.00	\$ 49,478.00	\$ 383,345.00	Raymondville	\$ -	\$ 655,000.00	\$ 28,880.00	\$ 17,275.00	\$ 704,478.00	\$ 412,225.00
\$ 757,170.00	\$ 2,024,076.00	\$ 719,291.00	Rio Grande City	\$ 5,121,850.00	\$ 5,314,850.00	\$ 2,686,000.00	\$ 5,879,020.00	\$ 7,338,926.00	\$ 3,405,291.00
\$ 361,440.00	\$ 440,476.00	\$ 418,708.00	Rio Hondo	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 120,528.00	\$ 661,440.00	\$ 740,476.00	\$ 539,236.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 356,000.00	\$ 786,812.00	\$ 1,870,536.00	San Benito	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 2,789,191.00	\$ 356,000.00	\$ 1,986,812.00	\$ 4,659,727.00
\$ 1,901,966.00	\$ 4,789,436.00	\$ 6,625,738.00	San Juan	\$ -	\$ 969,640.00	\$ 244,000.00	\$ 1,901,966.00	\$ 5,759,076.00	\$ 6,869,738.00
\$ 3,761,471.00	\$ 20,481,285.00	\$ 7,296,568.00	South Padre	\$ 77,100.00	\$ 110,600.00	\$ 4,952,703.00	\$ 3,838,571.00	\$ 20,591,885.00	\$ 12,249,271.00
\$ 1,596,845.00	\$ 5,825,676.00	\$ 3,966,755.00	Weslaco	\$ 1,583,738.00	\$ 4,732,853.00	\$ 1,589,230.00	\$ 3,180,583.00	\$ 10,558,529.00	\$ 5,555,985.00
\$ 71,217,932.00	\$ 211,125,368.00	\$ 190,623,202.00	TOTALS	\$ 39,095,634.00	\$ 149,321,075.00	\$ 109,770,150.00	\$ 110,313,566.00	\$ 360,446,443.00	\$ 300,393,352.00

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

March 2005	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others Trucks	593,064	473,413	97,433	55,558	94,254	64,397	155,339	1,533,458
Pedestrians	17,093	1,734	2,199	2,862	1,538	3,455	36,991	65,872
	200,374	119,328	163,267	269	14,090	104	0	497,432
Total	810,531	594,475	262,899	58,689	109,882	67,956	192,330	2,096,762

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
March 2005	7,056	44,431	34,869	86,356
YTD 2005	19,300	115,001	91,626	225,927
March 2004	6,234	44,126	27,787	78,147
YTD 2004	16,826	111,332	76,625	204,783

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

	March 2005	March 2004
Alamo	\$ 271,622,909.00	\$ 236,649,857.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,247,482,492.00	\$ 2,184,416,964.00
Donna	\$ 73,457,729.00	\$ 52,116,524.00
Edinburg	\$ 666,312,667.00	\$ 600,197,088.00
Elsa	\$ 153,517,130.00	\$ 156,818,379.00
Harlingen	\$ 829,384,376.00	\$ 838,566,355.00
Hidalgo	\$ 240,208,856.00	\$ 217,514,926.00
La Feria	\$ 39,201,582.00	\$ 35,387,370.00
La Joya	\$ 111,777,560.00	\$ 98,011,237.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 26,928,569.00	\$ 21,437,918.00
McAllen	\$ 3,612,607,708.00	\$ 3,499,531,939.00
Mercedes	\$ 110,442,779.00	\$ 100,244,879.00
Mission	\$ 734,680,355.00	\$ 669,536,247.00
Olmito	\$ 33,223,412.00	\$ 33,458,944.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 20,928,725.00	\$ 18,337,251.00
Palmview	\$ 23,144,000.00	\$ -
Pharr	\$ 461,030,274.00	\$ 453,319,076.00
Port Isabel	\$ 81,244,475.00	\$ 70,837,128.00
Progreso	\$ 6,773,202.00	\$ 5,008,992.00
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 76,872,522.00	\$ 71,158,286.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 240,517,597.00	\$ 211,648,448.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 5,259,000.00	\$ 5,049,000.00
Roma	\$ 133,100,375.00	\$ 125,252,347.00
San Benito	\$ 194,219,018.00	\$ 169,654,884.00
San Juan	\$ 45,503,655.00	\$ 42,267,411.00
South Padre	\$ 113,595,539.00	\$ 116,186,568.00
Weslaco	\$ 330,638,206.00	\$ 286,913,735.00
Totals	\$ 10,883,674,712.00	\$ 10,319,521,753.00

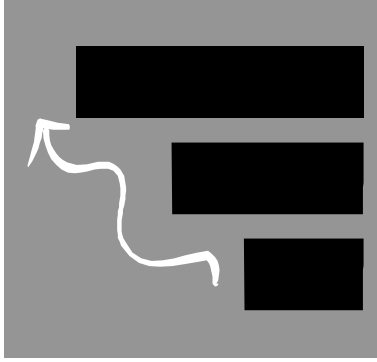
Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

March	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2005 Manufacturing	7,700	8,300
2004 Manufacturing	7,900	9,100
2005 Total	117,500	190,200
Employment		
2004 Total	115,700	182,800
Employment		

Utility Connections

March	Electric	Gas	Telephone
2005	382,309	73,488	427,866
2004	371,586	73,183	427,746

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