

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits (Residential + Commercial)

October-05	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	CITY	October-05	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	October-05	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	October-05	YTD 2005	YTD 2004
\$ 877,731.00	\$ 7,288,636.00	\$ 6,196,864.00	Alamo	\$ 527,000.00	\$ 3,210,606.00	\$ 3,618,635.00	\$ 1,404,731.00	\$ 10,499,242.00	\$ 10,561,429.00	\$ 1,404,731.00	\$ 10,499,242.00	\$ 10,561,429.00
\$ 9,107,299.00	\$ 121,289,534.00	\$ 104,635,129.00	Brownsville	\$ 1,183,106.00	\$ 101,735,837.00	\$ 109,490,486.00	\$ 10,290,405.00	\$ 223,025,371.00	\$ 223,068,313.00	\$ 10,290,405.00	\$ 223,025,371.00	\$ 223,068,313.00
\$ 68,800.00	\$ 11,205,125.00	\$ 12,434,151.00	Donna	\$ -	\$ 9,757,800.00	\$ 1,489,960.00	\$ 68,800.00	\$ 20,962,925.00	\$ 14,449,711.00	\$ 68,800.00	\$ 20,962,925.00	\$ 14,449,711.00
N/A	\$ 63,709,289.00	\$ 86,406,638.00	Edinburg	N/A	\$ 34,896,126.00	\$ 50,460,662.00	\$ -	\$ 98,605,415.00	\$ 148,032,718.00	\$ -	\$ 98,605,415.00	\$ 148,032,718.00
\$ 5,000.00	\$ 372,400.00	\$ 1,569,000.00	Elsa	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 484,636.00	\$ 858,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 857,036.00	\$ 2,437,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 857,036.00	\$ 2,437,000.00
N/A	\$ 32,916,351.00	\$ 46,657,882.00	Harlingen	N/A	\$ 24,292,304.00	\$ 57,655,235.00	\$ -	\$ 57,208,655.00	\$ 104,313,117.00	\$ -	\$ 57,208,655.00	\$ 104,313,117.00
\$ 709,185.00	\$ 7,336,530.00	\$ 12,201,095.00	Hidalgo	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 20,207,570.00	\$ 18,617,525.00	\$ 6,709,185.00	\$ 27,544,100.00	\$ 33,048,490.00	\$ 6,709,185.00	\$ 27,544,100.00	\$ 33,048,490.00
\$ 95,383.00	\$ 1,246,769.00	\$ 1,347,615.00	La Feria	\$ -	\$ 1,984,771.00	\$ -	\$ 95,383.00	\$ 3,231,540.00	\$ 1,463,860.00	\$ 95,383.00	\$ 3,231,540.00	\$ 1,463,860.00
\$ 353,464.00	\$ 2,701,004.00	\$ 3,164,694.00	La Joya	\$ -	\$ 2,374,807.00	\$ 383,220.00	\$ 353,464.00	\$ 5,075,811.00	\$ 3,575,914.00	\$ 353,464.00	\$ 5,075,811.00	\$ 3,575,914.00
\$ 59,980.00	\$ 3,156,498.00	\$ 5,513,958.00	Los Fresnos	\$ 393,000.00	\$ 2,649,500.00	\$ 1,142,839.00	\$ 452,980.00	\$ 5,805,998.00	\$ 6,936,213.00	\$ 452,980.00	\$ 5,805,998.00	\$ 6,936,213.00
N/A	\$ 129,951,061.00	\$ 87,914,093.00	McAllen	N/A	\$ 104,456,307.00	\$ 101,500,706.00	\$ -	\$ 234,407,368.00	\$ 201,378,137.00	\$ -	\$ 234,407,368.00	\$ 201,378,137.00
\$ 467,200.00	\$ 14,518,356.00	\$ 2,868,090.00	Mercedes	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 21,791,838.00	\$ 9,097,445.00	\$ 16,467,200.00	\$ 36,310,194.00	\$ 12,493,156.00	\$ 16,467,200.00	\$ 36,310,194.00	\$ 12,493,156.00
\$ 7,084,189.00	\$ 96,402,978.00	\$ 91,079,015.00	Mission	\$ 2,151,450.00	\$ 25,292,405.00	\$ 34,028,273.00	\$ 9,235,639.00	\$ 121,695,383.00	\$ 131,783,375.00	\$ 9,235,639.00	\$ 121,695,383.00	\$ 131,783,375.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Olmito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 5,091,888.00	\$ 3,355,976.00	Palmhurst	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 1,440,000.00	\$ 15,278,223.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 6,531,888.00	\$ 19,213,699.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 6,531,888.00	\$ 19,213,699.00
\$ 15,000.00	\$ 439,028.00	\$ 621,744.00	Palm Valley	N/A	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 343,165.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 684,028.00	\$ 970,909.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 684,028.00	\$ 970,909.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Palmview	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 2,295,347.00	\$ 33,145,593.00	\$ 33,838,538.00	Pharr	\$ 14,337.00	\$ 8,492,614.00	\$ 23,230,178.00	\$ 2,609,684.00	\$ 41,638,207.00	\$ 59,957,477.00	\$ 2,609,684.00	\$ 41,638,207.00	\$ 59,957,477.00
\$ 92,500.00	\$ 1,044,777.00	\$ 2,759,498.00	Port Isabel	\$ 1,008,410.00	\$ 3,190,420.00	\$ 7,394,039.00	\$ 1,100,910.00	\$ 4,235,197.00	\$ 10,255,762.00	\$ 1,100,910.00	\$ 4,235,197.00	\$ 10,255,762.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Progreso	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 2,870,984.00	\$ 3,082,075.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,870,984.00	\$ 3,304,320.00	\$ -	\$ 2,870,984.00	\$ 3,304,320.00
\$ 74,563.00	\$ 419,357.00	\$ 565,551.00	Raymondville	\$ -	\$ 2,439,915.00	\$ 5,623,380.00	\$ 74,563.00	\$ 2,859,272.00	\$ 6,259,681.00	\$ 74,563.00	\$ 2,859,272.00	\$ 6,259,681.00
\$ 469,380.00	\$ 9,421,706.00	\$ 4,360,779.00	Rio Grande City	\$ 176,000.00	\$ 20,074,550.00	\$ 18,139,531.00	\$ 645,380.00	\$ 29,496,256.00	\$ 23,567,754.00	\$ 645,380.00	\$ 29,496,256.00	\$ 23,567,754.00
\$ 224,952.00	\$ 672,428.00	\$ 1,384,836.00	Rio Hondo	\$ 77,480.00	\$ 377,480.00	\$ 433,320.00	\$ 302,432.00	\$ 1,049,908.00	\$ 2,093,276.00	\$ 302,432.00	\$ 1,049,908.00	\$ 2,093,276.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 464,704.00	\$ 4,106,099.00	\$ 6,111,030.00	San Benito	\$ -	\$ 2,866,784.00	\$ 5,323,627.00	\$ 464,704.00	\$ 6,972,883.00	\$ 12,029,912.00	\$ 464,704.00	\$ 6,972,883.00	\$ 12,029,912.00
\$ 3,006,546.00	\$ 23,248,850.00	\$ 16,682,155.00	San Juan	\$ -	\$ 4,007,274.00	\$ 2,431,237.00	\$ 3,006,546.00	\$ 27,256,124.00	\$ 20,593,637.00	\$ 3,006,546.00	\$ 27,256,124.00	\$ 20,593,637.00
\$ 1,950,885.00	\$ 40,128,907.00	\$ 19,831,387.00	South Padre	\$ 3,449,089.00	\$ 7,274,874.00	\$ 5,614,105.00	\$ 5,399,974.00	\$ 47,403,781.00	\$ 28,092,770.00	\$ 5,399,974.00	\$ 47,403,781.00	\$ 28,092,770.00
\$ 2,073,900.00	\$ 25,465,720.00	\$ 14,950,201.00	Weslaco	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 18,637,279.00	\$ 18,802,279.00	\$ 22,828,830.00	\$ 2,238,900.00	\$ 44,267,999.00	\$ 22,828,830.00	\$ 2,238,900.00	\$ 44,267,999.00
\$ 29,496,008.00	\$ 638,149,868.00	\$ 569,531,994.00	TOTALS	\$ 31,777,372.00	\$ 422,180,697.00	\$ 422,345,697.00	\$ 495,202,621.00	\$ 61,273,380.00	\$ 11,060,495,565.00	\$ 495,202,621.00	\$ 61,273,380.00	\$ 11,060,495,565.00

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

October 2005	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/ Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others	381,875	443,758	78,166	46,572	80,375	53,046	115,258	1,199,050
Trucks	17,981	1,743	2,426	2,565	1,402	3,601	31,987	61,705
Pedestrians	178,914	119,995	69,748	92	16,746	96	0	385,591
Total	578,770	565,496	150,340	49,229	98,523	56,743	147,245	1,646,346

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
October 2005	6,835	35,160	29,209	71,204
YTD 2005	63,238	370,801	304,745	738,784
October 2004	5,886	34,397	25,404	65,687
YTD 2004	56,620	374,808	261,854	693,282

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

	October 2005	October 2004
Alamo	\$ 271,117,192.00	\$ 251,103,428.00
Brownsville	\$ 1,698,391,180.00	\$ 2,179,727,706.00
Donna	\$ 73,597,209.00	\$ 71,626,615.00
Edinburg	\$ 603,072,562.00	\$ 598,318,229.00
Elsa	\$ 155,406,063.00	\$ 154,284,302.00
Harlingen	\$ 745,122,347.00	\$ 808,418,949.00
Hidalgo	\$ 238,416,039.00	\$ 244,085,980.00
La Feria	\$ 50,334,656.00	\$ 37,382,325.00
La Joya	\$ 82,048,512.00	\$ 95,866,366.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 27,838,014.00	\$ 24,757,862.00
McAllen	\$ 2,894,364,745.00	\$ 3,558,756,298.00
Mercedes	\$ 98,819,416.00	\$ 103,331,962.00
Mission	\$ 707,993,302.00	\$ 690,039,956.00
Olmito	\$ 33,020,160.00	\$ 38,590,367.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 20,012,704.00	\$ 20,538,200.00
Palmview	\$ 117,285,942.00	\$ 11,421,000.00
Pharr	\$ 458,750,879.00	\$ 452,010,697.00
Port Isabel	\$ 83,116,684.00	\$ 71,000,146.00
Progreso	\$ 9,143,811.00	\$ 5,627,546.00
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 70,874,963.00	\$ 73,418,629.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 154,535,022.00	\$ 216,766,695.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 4,437,000.00	\$ 4,816,000.00
Roma	\$ 104,982,428.00	\$ 126,558,484.00
San Benito	\$ 192,389,510.00	\$ 212,219,790.00
San Juan	\$ 48,023,952.00	\$ 43,326,770.00
South Padre	\$ 106,539,595.00	\$ 118,663,707.00
Weslaco	\$ 239,961,160.00	\$ 295,371,722.00
Totals	\$ 9,289,595,047.00	\$10,508,029,731.00

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)

	October	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2005 Manufacturing	7,700	8,400	8,400
2004 Manufacturing	7,900	8,300	8,300
2005 Total	120,200	194,700	194,700
Employment			
2004 Total	116,600	186,100	186,100
Employment			

The Foremost Gauge
of Rio Grande Valley
Economic Indicators




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