

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits (Residential + Commercial)

| | January-06 | YTD 2006 | YTD 2005 | CITY | January-06 | YTD 2006 | YTD 2005 | January-06 | YTD 2006 | YTD 2005 |
|----|---------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| \$ | 1,084,188.00 | \$ 1,084,188.00 | \$ 553,185.00 | Alamo | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 1,094,188.00 | \$ 1,094,188.00 | \$ 559,185.00 |
| \$ | 11,772,515.00 | \$ 11,772,515.00 | \$ 9,614,136.00 | Brownsville | \$ 5,128,000.00 | \$ 5,128,000.00 | \$ 15,281,496.00 | \$ 16,900,515.00 | \$ 16,900,515.00 | \$ 24,895,632.00 |
| NA | | | | Donna | NA | | | | | |
| NA | | | | Edinburg | NA | | | | | |
| \$ | - | \$ - | \$ 7,065,877.00 | Elsa | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 637,415.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 7,703,292.00 |
| NA | | | | Harlingen | NA | | | | | |
| NA | | | | Hidalgo | NA | | | | | |
| \$ | 225,774.00 | \$ 225,774.00 | \$ 181,943.00 | La Feria | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 485,060.00 | \$ 225,774.00 | \$ 225,774.00 | \$ 667,003.00 |
| \$ | 459,546.00 | \$ 459,546.00 | \$ 106,164.00 | La Joya | NA | | | \$ 459,546.00 | \$ 459,546.00 | \$ 106,164.00 |
| \$ | - | \$ - | \$ 274,250.00 | Los Fresnos | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 283,250.00 |
| \$ | 10,104,682.00 | \$ 10,104,682.00 | \$ 8,191,718.00 | McAllen | \$ 5,948,837.00 | \$ 5,948,837.00 | \$ 5,397,364.00 | \$ 16,053,519.00 | \$ 16,053,519.00 | \$ 13,589,082.00 |
| \$ | 229,200.00 | \$ 229,200.00 | \$ 106,850.00 | Mercedes | \$ 15,600.00 | \$ 15,600.00 | \$ 327,400.00 | \$ 244,800.00 | \$ 244,800.00 | \$ 434,250.00 |
| \$ | 7,251,079.00 | \$ 7,251,079.00 | \$ 9,150,106.00 | Mission | \$ 3,324,901.00 | \$ 3,324,901.00 | \$ 2,221,183.00 | \$ 10,575,980.00 | \$ 10,575,980.00 | \$ 11,371,289.00 |
| \$ | - | \$ - | \$ - | Olmito | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| \$ | 1,258,000.00 | \$ 1,258,000.00 | \$ 328,700.00 | Palmhurst | \$ 1,859,901.00 | \$ 1,859,901.00 | \$ - | \$ 3,117,901.00 | \$ 3,117,901.00 | \$ 328,700.00 |
| \$ | 12,100.00 | \$ 12,100.00 | \$ 200,000.00 | Palm Valley | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 12,100.00 | \$ 12,100.00 | \$ 200,000.00 |
| \$ | - | \$ - | \$ - | Palmview | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| \$ | 3,811,012.00 | \$ 3,811,012.00 | \$ 3,192,084.00 | Pharr | \$ 825,000.00 | \$ 825,000.00 | \$ 360,000.00 | \$ 4,636,012.00 | \$ 4,636,012.00 | \$ 3,552,084.00 |
| \$ | 91,000.00 | \$ 91,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | Port Isabel | \$ 73,500.00 | \$ 73,500.00 | \$ 1,313,450.00 | \$ 164,500.00 | \$ 164,500.00 | \$ 1,323,450.00 |
| \$ | - | \$ - | \$ - | Progreso | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| \$ | - | \$ - | \$ 451,445.00 | Rancho Viejo | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 451,445.00 |
| \$ | 71,650.00 | \$ 71,650.00 | \$ 15,503.00 | Raymondville | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 81,650.00 | \$ 81,650.00 | \$ 20,503.00 |
| \$ | 834,650.00 | \$ 834,650.00 | \$ 654,321.00 | Rio Grande City | \$ 1,269,000.00 | \$ 1,269,000.00 | \$ 64,000.00 | \$ 2,103,650.00 | \$ 2,103,650.00 | \$ 718,321.00 |
| \$ | 168,444.00 | \$ 168,444.00 | \$ 77,036.00 | Rio Hondo | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 168,444.00 | \$ 168,444.00 | \$ 77,036.00 |
| \$ | - | \$ - | \$ - | Roma | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| \$ | 627,760.00 | \$ 627,760.00 | \$ 240,660.00 | San Benito | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,200,000.00 | \$ 627,760.00 | \$ 627,760.00 | \$ 1,440,660.00 |
| \$ | 4,334,297.00 | \$ 4,334,297.00 | \$ 1,346,107.00 | San Juan | \$ 269,245.00 | \$ 269,245.00 | \$ 583,397.00 | \$ 4,603,542.00 | \$ 4,603,542.00 | \$ 1,929,504.00 |
| \$ | 3,809,264.00 | \$ 3,809,264.00 | \$ 3,330,470.00 | South Padre | \$ 70,000.00 | \$ 70,000.00 | \$ 23,000.00 | \$ 3,879,264.00 | \$ 3,879,264.00 | \$ 3,353,470.00 |
| NA | | | | Weslaco | NA | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,179,448.00 |
| \$ | 46,145,161.00 | \$ 46,145,161.00 | \$ 52,602,759.00 | TOTALS | \$ 18,803,984.00 | \$ 18,803,984.00 | \$ 31,577,254.00 | \$ 64,949,145.00 | \$ 64,949,145.00 | \$ 84,180,013.00 |

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

| January 2006 | Brownsville (3 bridges) | McAllen/ Hidalgo | Progreso | RGC | Roma | Los Indios | Pharr | Total |
|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Autos & Others | 525,680 | 513,987 | 87,320 | 46,688 | 79,391 | 55,203 | 146,176 | 1,454,445 |
| Trucks | 18,281 | 2,764 | 2,626 | 2,699 | 1,365 | 2,963 | 32,083 | 62,781 |
| Pedestrians | 183,328 | 161,546 | 159,083 | 106 | 18,412 | 104 | 0 | 522,579 |
| Total | 727,289 | 678,297 | 249,029 | 49,493 | 99,168 | 58,270 | 178,259 | 2,039,805 |

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

| | Brownsville | Harlingen | McAllen | Total |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| January 2006 | 7,270 | 34,762 | 30,236 | 72,268 |
| YTD 2006 | 7,270 | 34,762 | 30,236 | 72,268 |
| January 2005 | 6,088 | 34,838 | 28,131 | 69,057 |
| YTD 2005 | 6,088 | 34,838 | 28,131 | 69,057 |

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

| | January 2006 | January 2005 |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Alamo | \$ 271,117,192.00 | \$ 267,271,196.00 |
| Brownsville | \$ 1,688,689,538.00 | \$ 2,199,381,080.00 |
| Donna | \$ 73,597,209.00 | \$ 77,636,049.00 |
| Edinburg | \$ 601,663,631.00 | \$ 645,445,780.00 |
| Elsa | \$ 155,406,063.00 | \$ 154,996,581.00 |
| Harlingen | \$ 791,870,419.00 | \$ 824,995,036.00 |
| Hidalgo | \$ 246,006,328.00 | \$ 235,170,115.00 |
| La Feria | \$ 52,070,120.00 | \$ 39,047,908.00 |
| La Joya | \$ 8,238,456.00 | \$ 197,570,487.00 |
| Los Fresnos | \$ 27,838,014.00 | \$ 25,316,662.00 |
| McAllen | \$ 2,863,637,997.00 | \$ 3,642,871,767.00 |
| Mercedes | \$ 101,957,498.00 | \$ 106,115,241.00 |
| Mission | \$ 740,788,238.00 | \$ 719,931,736.00 |
| Olmito | \$ 33,020,160.00 | \$ 31,976,423.00 |
| Palmhurst | \$ - | \$ - |
| Palm Valley | \$ 25,298,105.00 | \$ 20,823,050.00 |
| Palmview | \$ 116,259,493.00 | \$ 17,974,000.00 |
| Pharr | \$ 452,109,855.00 | \$ 413,627,041.00 |
| Port Isabel | \$ 83,116,684.00 | \$ 76,636,622.00 |
| Progreso | \$ 9,149,343.00 | \$ 5,976,420.00 |
| Rancho Viejo | \$ - | \$ - |
| Raymondville | \$ 77,496,382.00 | \$ 75,509,034.00 |
| Rio Grande City | \$ 167,129,921.00 | \$ 241,782,780.00 |
| Rio Hondo | \$ 4,437,000.00 | \$ 5,259,000.00 |
| Roma | \$ 102,675,418.00 | \$ 129,050,416.00 |
| San Benito | \$ 192,389,510.00 | \$ 195,601,028.00 |
| San Juan | \$ 49,535,259.00 | \$ 43,474,151.00 |
| South Padre | \$ 106,539,595.00 | \$ 109,421,243.00 |
| Weslaco | \$ 239,267,429.00 | \$ 307,233,100.00 |
| Totals | \$ 9,281,304,857.00 | \$ 10,810,093,946.00 |

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)

| January | Cameron Co. | Hidalgo Co. |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2006 Manufacturing | 7,200 | 8,400 |
| 2005 Manufacturing | 7,000 | 8,500 |
| 2006 Total Employment | 118,200 | 200,800 |
| 2005 Total Employment | 114,700 | 189,900 |

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