

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits (Residential + Commercial)

March-06	YTD 2006	YTD 2005	CITY	March-06	YTD 2006	YTD 2005	March-06	YTD 2006	YTD 2005
\$ 1,072,820.00	\$ 3,143,361.00	\$ 2,029,021.00	Alamo	\$ 1,298,866.00	\$ 1,666,866.00	\$ 140,002.00	\$ 2,371,686.00	\$ 4,810,227.00	\$ 2,169,023.00
\$ 10,629,132.00	\$ 35,193,889.00	\$ 35,285,441.00	Brownsville	\$ 6,385,000.00	\$ 21,447,000.00	\$ 35,962,702.00	\$ 17,014,132.00	\$ 56,640,889.00	\$ 71,248,143.00
NA	\$ -	\$ 1,990,425.00	Donna	NA	\$ -	\$ 584,300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,574,725.00
\$ 7,059,002.00	\$ 7,059,002.00	\$ 26,306,700.00	Edinburg	\$ 11,681,400.00	\$ 11,681,400.00	\$ 9,724,756.00	\$ 18,740,402.00	\$ 18,740,402.00	\$ 36,031,456.00
NA	\$ -	\$ 213,000.00	Elsa	NA	\$ -	\$ 46,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259,000.00
\$ 3,446,640.00	\$ 3,446,640.00	\$ 12,096,325.00	Harlingen	\$ 6,504,050.00	\$ 6,504,050.00	\$ 4,757,062.00	\$ 9,950,690.00	\$ 9,950,690.00	\$ 16,853,387.00
NA	\$ -	\$ 3,734,465.00	Hidalgo	NA	\$ -	\$ 7,719,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,453,465.00
\$ -	\$ 225,774.00	\$ 312,890.00	La Feria	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,254,795.00	\$ -	\$ 225,774.00	\$ 1,567,685.00
NA	\$ 5,049,092.00	\$ 460,528.00	La Joya	NA	\$ -	\$ 1,324,800.00	\$ -	\$ 5,049,092.00	\$ 1,785,328.00
\$ 3,771.00	\$ 18,765.00	\$ 939,690.00	Los Fresnos	\$ 232,650.00	\$ 403,864.00	\$ 110,500.00	\$ 236,421.00	\$ 422,629.00	\$ 1,050,190.00
\$ 12,788,991.00	\$ 34,008,819.00	\$ 48,466,001.00	McAllen	\$ 15,672,182.00	\$ 26,559,392.00	\$ 65,191,223.00	\$ 28,461,173.00	\$ 60,568,211.00	\$ 113,657,224.00
\$ 603,627.00	\$ 1,150,287.00	\$ 848,840.00	Mercedes	\$ -	\$ 2,503,100.00	\$ 343,688.00	\$ 603,627.00	\$ 3,653,387.00	\$ 1,192,528.00
\$ 7,142,058.00	\$ 22,756,269.40	\$ 28,427,249.00	Mission	\$ 1,790,152.90	\$ 6,199,028.90	\$ 6,205,444.00	\$ 8,932,210.90	\$ 28,955,298.30	\$ 34,632,693.00
NA	\$ -	\$ -	Olmito	NA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 554,000.00	\$ 1,812,000.00	\$ 2,135,780.00	Palmhurst	\$ 585,000.00	\$ 2,555,186.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 1,139,000.00	\$ 4,367,186.00	\$ 2,245,780.00
\$ 3,550.00	\$ 42,625.00	\$ 290,728.00	Palm Valley	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 52,625.00	\$ 450,728.00
NA	\$ -	\$ -	Palmview	NA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 3,986,296.00	\$ 10,854,973.00	\$ 11,517,013.00	Pharr	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 3,400,500.00	\$ 1,062,550.00	\$ 4,049,296.00	\$ 14,255,473.00	\$ 12,579,563.00
\$ 59,320.00	\$ 157,820.00	\$ 363,814.00	Port Isabel	\$ 20,600.00	\$ 99,275.00	\$ 1,341,310.00	\$ 79,920.00	\$ 257,095.00	\$ 1,705,124.00
NA	\$ -	\$ -	Progreso	NA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NA	\$ -	\$ 1,310,219.00	Rancho Viejo	NA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,310,219.00
\$ 64,650.00	\$ 202,862.00	\$ 49,478.00	Raymondville	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 655,000.00	\$ 64,650.00	\$ 212,862.00	\$ 704,478.00
\$ 1,211,200.00	\$ 3,505,562.00	\$ 2,024,076.00	Rio Grande City	\$ 148,800.00	\$ 1,617,450.00	\$ 5,314,850.00	\$ 1,360,000.00	\$ 5,123,012.00	\$ 7,338,926.00
\$ 48,000.00	\$ 466,444.00	\$ 440,476.00	Rio Hondo	\$ -	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ 816,444.00	\$ 740,476.00
NA	\$ -	\$ -	Roma	NA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,070,744.00	\$ 2,057,304.00	\$ 786,812.00	San Benito	\$ 1,874,000.00	\$ 1,874,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 2,944,744.00	\$ 3,931,304.00	\$ 1,986,812.00
NA	\$ 8,483,814.00	\$ 4,789,436.00	San Juan	NA	\$ 269,245.00	\$ 969,640.00	\$ -	\$ 8,753,059.00	\$ 5,759,076.00
\$ 6,444,298.00	\$ 12,256,052.00	\$ 20,481,285.00	South Padre	\$ 92,100.00	\$ 272,500.00	\$ 110,600.00	\$ 6,536,398.00	\$ 12,528,552.00	\$ 20,591,885.00
\$ 2,236,330.00	\$ 2,236,330.00	\$ 5,825,676.00	Weslaco	\$ 530,000.00	\$ 530,000.00	\$ 4,732,853.00	\$ 2,766,330.00	\$ 2,766,330.00	\$ 10,558,529.00
\$ 58,376,429.00	\$ 154,127,684.40	\$ 211,125,368.00	TOTALS	\$ 46,877,800.90	\$ 87,952,856.90	\$ 149,321,075.00	\$ 105,254,229.90	\$ 242,080,541.30	\$ 360,446,443.00

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

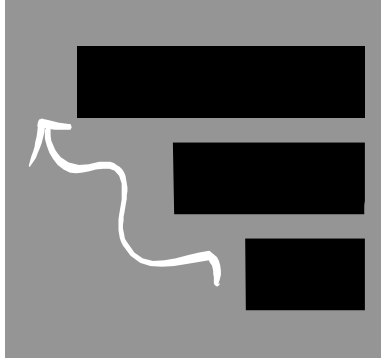
Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

March 2006	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/ Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others	551,424	451,159	97,289	53,401	89,086	63,363	161,063	1,047,069
Trucks	45,193	1,180	2,781	3,219	1,726	3,386	40,585	78,814
Pedestrians	207,568	140,937	184,207	145	18,460	131	0	348,882
Total	804,185	593,276	284,277	56,765	109,272	66,880	201,648	1,474,765

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
March 2006	8,701	42,976	38,906	90,583
YTD 2006	23,044	114,052	100,826	237,922
March 2005	7,056	44,431	34,869	86,356
YTD 2005	19,300	115,001	91,626	225,927

The Foremost Gauge
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Economic Indicators




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FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

	March 2006	March 2005
Alamo	\$ 271,117,192.00	\$ 271,622,909.00
Brownsville	\$ 1,737,322,208.00	\$ 2,247,482,492.00
Donna	\$ 96,345,209.00	\$ 73,457,729.00
Edcouch	\$ 6,527,078.53	-
Edinburg	\$ 623,911,990.31	\$ 666,312,667.00
Elka	\$ 67,708,770.33	\$ 153,517,130.00
Harlingen	\$ 812,719,646.00	\$ 829,384,376.00
Hidalgo	\$ 241,465,060.00	\$ 240,208,856.00
La Feria	\$ 52,350,071.00	\$ 39,201,582.00
La Joya	\$ 85,065,456.00	\$ 111,777,560.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 31,964,848.00	\$ 26,928,569.00
McAllen	\$ 2,976,028,876.00	\$ 3,612,607,708.00
Mercedes	\$ 106,540,745.81	\$ 110,442,779.00
Mission	\$ 783,518,599.00	\$ 734,680,355.00
Olmito	\$ 33,020,160.00	\$ 33,223,412.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 25,404,212.00	\$ 20,928,725.00
Palmview	\$ 139,188,000.00	\$ 23,144,000.00
Pharr	\$ 481,464,455.00	\$ 461,030,274.00
Port Isabel	\$ 89,622,311.00	\$ 81,244,475.00
Progreso	\$ 9,563,226.00	\$ 6,773,202.00
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 120,748,547.00	\$ 76,872,522.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 218,808,764.55	\$ 240,517,597.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 5,166,000.00	\$ 5,259,000.00
Roma	\$ 126,739,020.27	\$ 133,100,375.00
San Benito	\$ 189,034,832.00	\$ 194,219,018.00
San Juan	\$ 51,832,101.00	\$ 45,503,655.00
South Padre	\$ 95,039,109.00	\$ 113,595,539.00
Weslaco	\$ 275,278,678.13	\$ 330,638,206.00
Totals	\$ 9,753,495,165.93	\$10,883,674,712.00

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)

March	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2006 Manufacturing	7,200	8,400
2005 Manufacturing	7,100	8,500
2006 Total Employment	120,200	203,800
2005 Total Employment	116,300	193,500