

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Total Permits (Residential + Commercial)

Commercial Building Permits

| April-08 | YTD 2008 | YTD 2007 | CITY | April-08 | YTD 2008 | YTD 2007 | April-08 | YTD 2008 | YTD 2007 | April-08 | YTD 2008 | YTD 2007 |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| \$ 96,395.00 | \$ 660,670.00 | \$ 12,202,368.00 | Alamo | \$ 6,360.00 | \$ 29,360.00 | \$ 6,778,396.00 | \$ | \$ 29,360.00 | \$ 6,778,396.00 | \$ 102,755.00 | \$ 690,030.00 | \$ 18,980,764.00 |
| \$ 4,936,496.00 | \$ 14,871,738.00 | \$ 155,860,113.00 | Brownsville | \$ 11,693,500.00 | \$ 40,919,501.00 | \$ 81,459,359.00 | \$ | \$ 40,919,501.00 | \$ 81,459,359.00 | \$ 16,629,996.00 | \$ 55,791,239.00 | \$ 237,319,472.00 |
| \$ 655,073.00 | \$ 655,073.00 | \$ 2,903,501.00 | Donna | \$ - | N/A | \$ 1,745,000.00 | \$ | N/A | \$ 1,745,000.00 | \$ 655,073.00 | \$ 655,073.00 | \$ 4,648,501.00 |
| N/A | \$ 9,227,091.00 | \$ 39,512,641.00 | Edinburg | N/A | \$ 6,402,777.00 | \$ 36,779,000.00 | N/A | \$ 6,402,777.00 | \$ 36,779,000.00 | N/A | \$ 15,629,868.00 | \$ 76,291,641.00 |
| N/A | \$ 162,000.00 | \$ 80,000.00 | Elsa | N/A | N/A | \$ 1,600.00 | N/A | N/A | \$ 1,600.00 | N/A | \$ 162,000.00 | \$ 81,600.00 |
| \$ 1,311,480.00 | \$ 4,981,680.00 | \$ 47,458,941.00 | Harlingen | \$ 9,039,195.00 | \$ 14,018,373.00 | \$ 43,437,541.00 | \$ | \$ 14,018,373.00 | \$ 43,437,541.00 | \$ 10,350,675.00 | \$ 19,000,053.00 | \$ 90,896,482.00 |
| N/A | N/A | \$ 1,440,371.00 | Hidalgo | N/A | N/A | \$ 923,195.00 | N/A | N/A | \$ 923,195.00 | N/A | N/A | \$ 2,363,566.00 |
| \$ 432,965.00 | \$ 813,280.00 | \$ 757,855.00 | La Feria | \$ - | N/A | \$ 6,777,980.00 | \$ | N/A | \$ 6,777,980.00 | \$ 432,965.00 | \$ 813,280.00 | \$ 7,535,835.00 |
| \$ 112,000.00 | \$ 112,000.00 | \$ 8,909,000.00 | La Joya | \$ - | N/A | \$ 620,000.00 | \$ | N/A | \$ 620,000.00 | \$ 112,000.00 | \$ 112,000.00 | \$ 9,529,000.00 |
| \$ 227,179.00 | \$ 1,285,116.00 | \$ 4,835,921.00 | Los Fresnos | \$ - | \$ 168,000.99 | \$ 4,450,778.12 | \$ | \$ 168,000.99 | \$ 4,450,778.12 | \$ 227,179.00 | \$ 1,453,116.99 | \$ 9,286,699.12 |
| \$ 5,574,632.00 | \$ 18,421,286.00 | \$ 183,577,315.00 | McAllen | \$ 2,806,110.00 | \$ 81,524,451.00 | \$ 223,559,482.00 | \$ | \$ 81,524,451.00 | \$ 223,559,482.00 | \$ 8,380,742.00 | \$ 99,945,737.00 | \$ 407,136,797.00 |
| \$ 437,987.58 | \$ 1,291,836.58 | \$ 12,005,459.74 | Mercedes | \$ 953,370.00 | \$ 8,116,734.00 | \$ 28,812,589.84 | \$ | \$ 8,116,734.00 | \$ 28,812,589.84 | \$ 1,391,357.58 | \$ 9,408,570.58 | \$ 40,818,049.58 |
| \$ 7,373,989.00 | \$ 25,944,704.62 | \$ 132,346,090.32 | Mission | \$ 952,889.00 | \$ 4,618,389.00 | \$ 49,709,566.40 | \$ | \$ 4,618,389.00 | \$ 49,709,566.40 | \$ 8,326,878.00 | \$ 30,563,093.62 | \$ 182,055,656.72 |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | Olmito | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| N/A | \$ 250,000.00 | \$ 7,404,000.00 | Palmhurst | N/A | N/A | \$ 4,669,986.00 | N/A | N/A | \$ 4,669,986.00 | N/A | \$ 250,000.00 | \$ 12,073,986.00 |
| \$ 53,000.00 | \$ 54,000.00 | \$ 665,425.00 | Palm Valley | \$ - | N/A | \$ 450,400.00 | \$ | N/A | \$ 450,400.00 | \$ 53,000.00 | \$ 54,000.00 | \$ 1,115,825.00 |
| N/A | N/A | \$ 595,750.00 | Palmview | N/A | N/A | \$ 150,000.00 | N/A | N/A | \$ 150,000.00 | N/A | N/A | \$ 745,750.00 |
| \$ 1,722,211.00 | \$ 5,765,491.00 | \$ 39,158,740.94 | Pharr | \$ 1,124,516.00 | \$ 13,056,428.00 | \$ 40,599,652.50 | \$ | \$ 13,056,428.00 | \$ 40,599,652.50 | \$ 2,846,727.00 | \$ 18,821,919.00 | \$ 79,758,393.44 |
| N/A | \$ 583,973.00 | \$ 3,026,775.00 | Port Isabel | N/A | \$ 3,109,042.00 | \$ 605,691.00 | N/A | \$ 3,109,042.00 | \$ 605,691.00 | N/A | \$ 3,693,015.00 | \$ 3,632,466.00 |
| N/A | \$ 85,000.00 | \$ 479,458.00 | Progreso | N/A | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 82,600.00 | N/A | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 82,600.00 | N/A | \$ 105,000.00 | \$ 562,058.00 |
| \$ 589,221.58 | \$ 1,482,512.58 | \$ 5,053,302.50 | Rancho Viejo | \$ - | \$ 16,850.00 | \$ 413,860.00 | \$ | \$ 16,850.00 | \$ 413,860.00 | \$ 589,221.58 | \$ 1,499,362.58 | \$ 5,467,162.50 |
| \$ 45,750.00 | \$ 70,800.00 | \$ 960,478.72 | Raymondville | \$ - | N/A | \$ 50,414,315.00 | \$ | N/A | \$ 50,414,315.00 | \$ 45,750.00 | \$ 70,800.00 | \$ 51,374,793.72 |
| N/A | N/A | \$ 12,730,914.00 | Rio Grande City | N/A | N/A | \$ 25,955,850.00 | N/A | N/A | \$ 25,955,850.00 | N/A | N/A | \$ 38,686,764.00 |
| N/A | N/A | \$ 1,135,700.00 | Rio Hondo | N/A | N/A | \$ 350,000.00 | N/A | N/A | \$ 350,000.00 | N/A | N/A | \$ 1,485,700.00 |
| \$ 135,000.00 | \$ 135,000.00 | \$ 2,685.00 | Roma | \$ - | N/A | \$ 335.00 | \$ | N/A | \$ 335.00 | \$ 135,000.00 | \$ 135,000.00 | \$ 3,020.00 |
| \$ 169,000.00 | \$ 1,298,710.00 | \$ 12,114,841.00 | San Benito | \$ - | \$ 2,155,000.00 | \$ 4,193,000.00 | \$ | \$ 2,155,000.00 | \$ 4,193,000.00 | \$ 169,000.00 | \$ 3,453,710.00 | \$ 16,307,841.00 |
| \$ 1,721,274.00 | \$ 3,784,117.00 | \$ 21,685,198.55 | San Juan | \$ 607,339.00 | \$ 791,304.00 | \$ 1,750,101.66 | \$ | \$ 791,304.00 | \$ 1,750,101.66 | \$ 2,328,613.00 | \$ 4,575,421.00 | \$ 23,435,300.21 |
| \$ 1,848,048.00 | \$ 44,467,012.91 | \$ 50,378,965.00 | South Padre | \$ 482,681.00 | \$ 557,469.00 | \$ 19,287,617.60 | \$ | \$ 557,469.00 | \$ 19,287,617.60 | \$ 2,330,729.00 | \$ 45,024,481.91 | \$ 69,666,582.60 |
| \$ 1,583,500.00 | \$ 7,211,900.00 | \$ 43,257,105.00 | Weslaco | \$ 580,000.00 | \$ 3,016,300.00 | \$ 30,735,392.00 | \$ | \$ 3,016,300.00 | \$ 30,735,392.00 | \$ 2,163,500.00 | \$ 10,228,200.00 | \$ 73,992,497.00 |
| \$29,295,201.16 | \$ 143,614,991.69 | \$ 800,538,914.77 | TOTALS | \$ 28,245,960.00 | \$ 178,519,978.99 | \$ 664,713,288.12 | \$ | \$ 178,519,978.99 | \$ 664,713,288.12 | \$ 57,271,161.16 | \$ 322,134,970.68 | \$ 1,465,252,202.89 |

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

| April 2008 | Brownsville (3 bridges) | McAllen/ Hidalgo | Progreso | RGC | Roma | Los Indios | Pharr | Total |
|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Autos & Others | 668,683 | 406,843 | 70,554 | N/A | 71,153 | 54,698 | 130,774 | 1,445,241 |
| Pedestrians | 208,904 | 118,728 | 71,911 | N/A | 20,005 | 27 | 0 | 419,600 |
| Trucks | 18,068 | 381 | 3,553 | N/A | 1,558 | 2,293 | 43,040 | 72,356 |
| Total | 895,655 | 525,952 | 146,018 | N/A | 92,716 | 57,018 | 173,814 | 1,937,197 |

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

| | Brownsville | Harlingen | McAllen | Total |
|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| April 2008 | 8,081 | 38,609 | 30,951 | 77,641 |
| YTD 2008 | 32,771 | 151,972 | 138,512 | 321,881 |
| April 2007 | 8,394 | 39,843 | 36,295 | 84,532 |
| YTD 2007 | 32,771 | 151,972 | 138,512 | 323,255 |

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

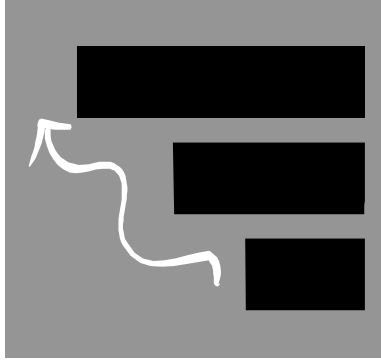
| | April 2008 | April 2007 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alamo | \$ 133,526,057.20 | \$ 271,117,192.00 |
| Brownsville | \$ 2,352,825,712.70 | \$ 1,739,732,772.81 |
| Donna | \$ 152,137,358.66 | \$ 96,345,209.00 |
| Edcouch | \$ 7,989,225.41 | \$ 7,191,963.42 |
| Edinburg | \$ 1,034,895,085.98 | \$ 618,185,914.45 |
| Elka | \$ 66,008,335.10 | \$ 68,235,054.97 |
| Harlingen | \$ 907,840,315.30 | \$ 809,969,437.64 |
| Hidalgo | \$ 282,938,380.71 | \$ 243,353,127.26 |
| La Feria | \$ 43,284,564.26 | \$ 51,364,938.14 |
| La Joya | \$ 12,915,498.23 | \$ 8,238,456.00 |
| Los Fresnos | \$ 52,326,311.01 | \$ 31,936,482.00 |
| McAllen | \$ 3,435,355,638.28 | \$ 2,957,779,612.72 |
| Mercedes | \$ 145,829,228.75 | \$ 111,412,353.82 |
| Mission | \$ 835,190,788.87 | \$ 772,815,040.92 |
| Olmito | \$ 33,236,348.47 | \$ 33,020,160.00 |
| Palmhurst | \$ - | \$ - |
| Palm Valley | \$ 24,071,262.45 | \$ 25,245,615.12 |
| Palmview | \$ 78,748,000.00 | \$ 127,069,000.00 |
| Pharr | \$ 857,349,255.20 | \$ 482,865,455.00 |
| Port Isabel | \$ 134,245,236.24 | \$ 88,886,371.00 |
| Progreso | \$ 10,047,778.95 | \$ 9,419,150.66 |
| Rancho Viejo | \$ - | \$ - |
| Raymondville | \$ 142,869,916.17 | \$ 117,468,092.85 |
| Rio Grande City | \$ 235,171,927.53 | \$ 215,056,122.89 |
| Rio Hondo | \$ 10,421,000.00 | \$ 5,166,000.00 |
| Roma | \$ 138,368,698.77 | \$ 108,765,511.54 |
| San Benito | \$ 142,628,698.14 | \$ 189,651,895.00 |
| San Juan | \$ 69,349,748.22 | \$ 52,051,685.51 |
| South Padre | \$ 119,390,318.00 | \$ 94,515,912.00 |
| Weslaco | \$ 315,097,976.64 | \$ 271,739,088.06 |
| Totals | \$ 11,526,256,926.10 | \$ 9,608,597,614.78 |

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)

| April | Cameron Co. | Hidalgo Co. |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2008 Manufacturing | 7,200 | 7,900 |
| 2007 Manufacturing | 7,500 | 8,100 |
| 2008 Total Employment | 125,300 | 217,400 |
| 2007 Total Employment | 124,600 | 212,100 |

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