

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Total Permits (Residential + Commercial)

Commercial Building Permits

Residential Building Permits

December-08	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	CITY	December-08	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	December -08	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
N/A	\$ 1,824,343.00	\$ 14,312,308.00	Alamo	N/A	\$ 200,592.00	\$ 6,822,396.00	\$ -	\$ 2,024,935.00	\$ 21,134,704.00
\$ 2,768,921.00	\$ 57,608,190.00	\$ 203,534,658.00	Brownsville	\$ 1,238,000.00	\$ 112,519,737.00	\$ 185,074,188.00	\$ 4,006,921.00	\$ 170,127,927.00	\$ 388,608,846.00
N/A	\$ 5,088,680.00	\$ 7,749,411.00	Donna	N/A	\$ 3,650,000.00	\$ 1,751,325.00	\$ -	\$ 8,738,680.00	\$ 9,500,736.00
\$ 2,195,100.00	\$ 38,962,069.00	\$ 81,224,986.00	Edinburg	\$ 2,177,220.00	\$ 53,351,652.00	\$ 57,380,173.00	\$ 4,372,320.00	\$ 92,313,721.00	\$ 138,605,159.00
\$ 67,001.00	\$ 536,501.00	\$ 515,500.00	Elsa	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 11,083,000.00	\$ 2,884,750.00	\$ 217,001.00	\$ 11,619,501.00	\$ 3,400,250.00
\$ 667,350.00	\$ 14,878,447.00	\$ 58,182,646.00	Harlingen	\$ 1,382,768.00	\$ 38,349,164.00	\$ 83,914,873.00	\$ 2,050,118.00	\$ 53,227,611.00	\$ 142,097,519.00
N/A	\$ -	\$ 3,414,321.00	Hidalgo	N/A	\$ -	\$ 21,774,735.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,189,056.00
\$ -	\$ 1,573,921.00	\$ 1,014,624.00	La Feria	\$ -	\$ 78,977,400.00	\$ 7,323,980.00	\$ -	\$ 80,551,321.00	\$ 8,338,604.00
\$ -	\$ 373,800.00	\$ 9,962,576.00	La Joya	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,104,000.00	\$ -	\$ 373,800.00	\$ 11,066,576.00
\$ 129,779.91	\$ 3,552,284.76	\$ 6,956,809.00	Los Fresnos	\$ -	\$ 198,000.99	\$ 4,998,778.12	\$ 129,779.91	\$ 3,750,285.75	\$ 11,955,587.12
\$ 2,389,404.00	\$ 43,756,130.00	\$ 212,536,078.00	McAllen	\$ 2,937,300.00	\$ 114,784,082.00	\$ 257,922,640.00	\$ 5,326,704.00	\$ 158,540,212.00	\$ 470,458,718.00
\$ 78,762.00	\$ 3,209,365.93	\$ 16,078,056.26	Mercedes	\$ 2,320,951.00	\$ 12,589,160.00	\$ 39,765,184.26	\$ 2,399,713.00	\$ 15,798,525.93	\$ 55,843,240.52
\$ 2,337,746.00	\$ 57,336,030.34	\$ 185,015,240.42	Mission	\$ 484,853.00	\$ 13,143,852.00	\$ 64,269,614.40	\$ 2,822,599.00	\$ 70,479,882.34	\$ 249,284,854.82
N/A	\$ -	\$ -	Olimito	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 455,000.00	\$ 9,573,500.00	Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,634,986.00	\$ -	\$ 455,000.00	\$ 30,208,486.00
\$ -	\$ 164,197.00	\$ 706,375.00	Palm Valley	\$ -	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 458,400.00	\$ -	\$ 185,197.00	\$ 1,164,775.00
N/A	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,085,750.00	Palmito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 665,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,750,750.00
\$ 955,432.00	\$ 14,478,716.00	\$ 57,885,148.94	Pharr	\$ 2,301,700.00	\$ 54,176,718.00	\$ 82,908,925.50	\$ 3,257,132.00	\$ 68,655,434.00	\$ 140,794,074.44
\$ 53,938.00	\$ 2,387,432.44	\$ 4,967,969.00	Port Isabel	\$ 12,900.00	\$ 5,069,307.50	\$ 6,012,467.00	\$ 66,838.00	\$ 7,456,739.94	\$ 10,980,436.00
N/A	\$ 173,000.00	\$ 681,224.00	Progreso	N/A	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 112,600.00	\$ -	\$ 193,000.00	\$ 793,824.00
\$ 17,300.00	\$ 5,382,465.68	\$ 7,552,813.50	Rancho Viejo	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 170,650.00	\$ 464,360.00	\$ 167,300.00	\$ 5,553,115.68	\$ 8,017,173.50
\$ 2,100.00	\$ 654,800.00	\$ 1,121,107.82	Raymondville	\$ 1,517.88	\$ 189,117.88	\$ 50,414,315.00	\$ 3,617.88	\$ 843,917.88	\$ 51,535,422.82
\$ 886,260.00	\$ 2,267,710.00	\$ 12,730,914.00	Rio Grande City	\$ 75,850.00	\$ 880,775.00	\$ 25,955,850.00	\$ 962,110.00	\$ 3,148,485.00	\$ 38,686,764.00
N/A	\$ 84,348.00	\$ 1,591,344.00	Rio Hondo	N/A	\$ -	\$ 2,179,000.00	\$ -	\$ 84,348.00	\$ 3,770,344.00
\$ 62,000.00	\$ 651,000.00	\$ 4,326.00	Roma	\$ -	\$ 332,000.00	\$ 17,537.50	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 983,000.00	\$ 21,863.50
\$ 232,500.00	\$ 3,410,210.00	\$ 15,683,023.00	San Benito	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 9,255,000.00	\$ 20,194,000.00	\$ 4,232,500.00	\$ 12,665,210.00	\$ 35,877,023.00
N/A	\$ 9,362,705.39	\$ 36,878,677.31	San Juan	N/A	\$ 1,853,284.00	\$ 6,041,317.66	\$ -	\$ 11,215,989.39	\$ 42,919,994.97
\$ 1,749,138.72	\$ 73,636,993.49	\$ 54,586,347.60	South Padre	\$ 317,109.00	\$ 6,960,287.75	\$ 32,414,670.85	\$ 2,066,247.72	\$ 80,597,281.24	\$ 87,001,018.45
\$ 511,000.00	\$ 17,747,530.00	\$ 58,776,379.00	Weslaco	\$ 732,500.00	\$ 16,538,930.00	\$ 33,053,342.00	\$ 1,243,500.00	\$ 34,286,460.00	\$ 91,829,721.00
\$15,103,732.63	\$ 359,655,870.03	\$ 1,064,322,112.85	TOTALS	\$ 18,282,668.88	\$ 534,313,710.12	\$ 1,016,513,408.29	\$ 33,386,401.51	\$ 893,969,580.15	\$ 2,080,835,521.14

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

December 2008	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/ Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others	580,247	451,423	76,635	49,813	81,534	70,295	13,198	1,323,145
Pedestrians	258,196	158,921	109,783	28	23,835	24	0	550,787
Trucks	12,418	463	2,039	1,957	1,552	1,757	348	20,534
Total	850,861	610,807	188,457	51,798	106,921	72,076	13,546	1,894,466

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
December 2008	6,517	32,387	32,431	71,335
YTD 2008	85,521	418,387	385,586	889,494
December 2007	7,749	35,521	38,060	81,330
YTD 2007	93,852	444,691	426,418	964,961

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

In US Dollars	December 2008	December 2007
Alamo	\$ 99,356,394.01	\$ 131,463,000.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,324,248,169.71	\$ 2,394,504,456.55
Donna	\$ 114,735,838.39	\$ 118,400,209.00
Edcouch	\$ 8,271,056.92	\$ 7,989,225.41
Edinburg	\$ 1,051,674,873.58	\$ 788,666,936.91
Elka	\$ 60,784,589.31	\$ 63,874,961.12
Harlingen	\$ 962,790,669.31	\$ 885,075,786.13
Hidalgo	\$ 288,853,584.16	\$ 263,364,019.02
La Feria	\$ 52,441,186.38	\$ 44,759,264.73
La Joya	\$ 17,188,564.57	\$ 8,239,456.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 54,436,076.27	\$ 51,653,675.00
McAllen	\$ 3,535,225,868.86	\$ 3,229,004,725.19
Mercedes	\$ 160,933,511.25	\$ 122,927,405.47
Mission	\$ 778,210,270.59	\$ 777,585,396.03
Olmito	\$ 35,091,939.21	\$ 34,892,000.00
Palmhurst	-	-
Palm Valley	\$ 22,235,826.55	\$ 22,968,980.69
Palmview	\$ 150,714,000.00	\$ 249,434,000.00
Pharr	\$ 642,359,717.44	\$ 780,530,455.00
Port Isabel	\$ 124,427,134.25	\$ 113,545,206.00
Progreso	\$ 9,933,706.58	\$ 9,489,828.09
Rancho Viejo	-	-
Raymondville	\$ 160,307,719.18	\$ 138,938,534.08
Rio Grande City	\$ 256,357,795.09	\$ 218,739,165.54
Rio Hondo	\$ 10,421,000.00	\$ 10,421,000.00
Roma	\$ 142,679,294.94	\$ 132,187,169.37
San Benito	\$ 132,891,114.96	\$ 186,170,170.00
San Juan	\$ 63,564,354.80	\$ 63,199,553.92
South Padre	\$ 128,094,425.32	\$ 113,441,446.19
Weslaco	\$ 333,043,020.70	\$ 302,860,716.39
Totals	\$ 11,721,271,702.33	\$11,264,326,741.83

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)

December	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2008 Manufacturing	7,100	7,900
2007 Manufacturing	7,300	8,000
2008 Total	126,900	222,600
Employment		
2007 Total	124,700	214,400
Employment		

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Economic Indicators



BUSINESS BAROMETER

December 2008


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