

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits (Residential + Commercial)

January-09	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	CITY	January-09	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	January-09	YTD 2009	YTD 2008
\$ 82,570.00	\$ 82,570.00	\$ 249,800.00	Alamo	\$ 400,300.00	\$ 400,300.00	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 482,870.00	\$ 482,870.00	\$ 270,300.00
\$ 2,038,795.00	\$ 2,038,795.00	\$ 3,491,971.00	Brownsville	\$ 14,915,000.00	\$ 14,915,000.00	\$ 2,667,001.00	\$ 16,953,795.00	\$ 16,953,795.00	\$ 6,158,972.00
\$ 2,475.00	\$ 2,475.00	N/A	Donna	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 2,475.00	\$ 2,475.00	\$ -
\$ 2,430,440.00	\$ 2,430,440.00	\$ 3,540,212.00	Edinburg	\$ 621,245.00	\$ 621,245.00	\$ 1,614,492.00	\$ 3,051,685.00	\$ 3,051,685.00	\$ 5,154,704.00
\$ -	\$ -	N/A	Elsa	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 705,334.00	\$ 705,334.00	N/A	Harlingen	\$ 1,544,892.00	\$ 1,544,892.00	N/A	\$ 2,250,226.00	\$ 2,250,226.00	\$ -
N/A	\$ -	N/A	Hidalgo	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 209,135.00	\$ 209,135.00	N/A	La Feria	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 209,135.00	\$ 209,135.00	\$ -
\$ 147,000.00	\$ 147,000.00	N/A	La Joya	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 147,000.00	\$ 147,000.00	\$ -
\$ 111,500.00	\$ 111,500.00	\$ 165,300.00	Los Fresnos	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 111,500.00	\$ 111,500.00	\$ 165,300.00
\$ 4,092,414.00	\$ 4,092,414.00	\$ 8,077,061.00	McAllen	\$ 12,319,619.00	\$ 12,319,619.00	\$ 54,930,822.00	\$ 16,412,033.00	\$ 16,412,033.00	\$ 63,007,883.00
\$ 387,368.00	\$ 387,368.00	\$ 43,052.00	Mercedes	\$ 10,032,575.00	\$ 10,032,575.00	\$ 2,013,345.00	\$ 10,419,943.00	\$ 10,419,943.00	\$ 2,056,397.00
\$ 1,765,487.00	\$ 1,765,487.00	\$ 4,499,064.62	Mission	\$ 434,200.00	\$ 434,200.00	\$ 2,226,200.00	\$ 2,199,687.00	\$ 2,199,687.00	\$ 6,725,264.62
N/A	\$ -	N/A	Olmito	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 995,000.00	\$ 995,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 995,000.00	\$ 995,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
\$ -	\$ -	N/A	Palm Valley	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
N/A	\$ -	N/A	Palmview		\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,454,020.00	\$ 1,454,020.00	\$ 1,435,311.00	Pharr	\$ 405,181.00	\$ 405,181.00	\$ 8,566,316.00	\$ 1,859,201.00	\$ 1,859,201.00	\$ 10,001,627.00
\$ 91,190.00	\$ 91,190.00	\$ 8,923.00	Port Isabel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,575,800.00	\$ 91,190.00	\$ 91,190.00	\$ 2,584,723.00
N/A	\$ -		Progreso	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 83,000.00	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 317,550.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 83,800.00	\$ 83,800.00	\$ 317,550.00
\$ 108,000.00	\$ 108,000.00	N/A	Raymondville	\$ 14,471,000.00	\$ 14,471,000.00	N/A	\$ 14,579,000.00	\$ 14,579,000.00	\$ -
\$ 158,010.00	\$ 158,010.00	N/A	Rio Grande City	\$ 19,590.00	\$ 19,590.00	N/A	\$ 177,600.00	\$ 177,600.00	\$ -
\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	N/A	Rio Hondo	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -
\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	N/A	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
\$ 143,000.00	\$ 143,000.00	\$ 400,734.00	San Benito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,155,000.00	\$ 143,000.00	\$ 143,000.00	\$ 2,555,734.00
\$ 719,906.00	\$ 719,906.00	\$ 1,194,247.00	San Juan	\$ 91,700.00	\$ 91,700.00	\$ -	\$ 811,606.00	\$ 811,606.00	\$ 1,194,247.00
\$ 3,945,470.05	\$ 3,945,470.05	\$ 32,495,529.35	South Padre	\$ 161,194.41	\$ 169,194.41	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 4,106,664.46	\$ 4,106,664.46	\$ 32,533,029.35
\$ 1,313,320.00	\$ 1,313,320.00	\$ 2,248,900.00	Weslaco	\$ 4,567,500.00	\$ 4,567,500.00	\$ 1,356,000.00	\$ 5,880,820.00	\$ 5,880,820.00	\$ 3,604,900.00
\$21,383,444.05	\$ 21,383,444.05	\$ 58,548,551.97	TOTALS	\$ 59,984,796.41	\$ 59,984,796.41	\$ 78,162,976.00	\$ 81,368,230.46	\$ 81,368,230.46	\$ 136,580,630.97

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

January 2009	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/ Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others	534,397	381,874	73,628	44,439	68,863	51,640	117,639	1,489,446
Pedestrians	211,924	121,851	137,704	29	3,736	31	0	473,202
Trucks	13,418	297	2,802	2058	1,164	1,619	33,216	54,574
Total	759,739	504,022	214,134	46,526	73,763	53,290	150,855	2,017,222

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
January 2009	5,902	30,841	26,979	63,722
YTD 2009	5,902	30,841	26,979	63,722
January 2008	6,401	35,453	33,711	75,565
YTD 2008	6,401	35,453	33,711	75,565

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

	January 2009	January 2008
Alamo	\$ 101,917,000.00	\$ 131,463,000.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,339,267,312.12	\$ 2,394,504,456.55
Donna	\$ 70,965,000.00	\$ 118,400,209.00
Edcouch	\$ 6,827,030.14	\$ 7,989,225.41
Edinburg	\$ 801,072,384.55	\$ 788,666,936.91
Elsa	\$ 64,687,747.58	\$ 63,874,961.12
Harlingen	\$ 961,189,954.22	\$ 885,075,786.13
Hidalgo	\$ 274,663,994.04	\$ 263,364,019.02
La Feria	\$ 44,070,374.72	\$ 44,759,264.73
La Joya	\$ 8,238,456.00	\$ 8,239,456.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 49,418,621.00	\$ 51,653,675.00
McAllen	\$ 3,419,293,398.78	\$ 3,229,004,725.19
Mercedes	\$ 134,366,582.85	\$ 122,927,405.47
Mission	\$ 758,746,704.54	\$ 777,585,396.03
Olmito	\$ 34,892,000.00	\$ 34,892,000.00
Palmhurst	N/A	N/A
Palm Valley	\$ 22,235,826.55	\$ 22,968,980.69
Palmview	\$ 179,552,000.00	\$ 249,434,000.00
Pharr	\$ 669,182,455.00	\$ 780,530,455.00
Port Isabel	\$ 113,967,801.00	\$ 113,545,206.00
Progreso	\$ 9,933,706.58	\$ 9,489,828.09
Rancho Viejo	N/A	N/A
Raymondville	\$ 161,291,719.18	\$ 138,938,534.08
Rio Grande City	\$ 261,439,681.52	\$ 218,739,165.54
Rio Hondo	\$ 10,421,000.00	\$ 10,421,000.00
Roma	\$ 152,075,204.07	\$ 132,187,169.37
San Benito	\$ 190,696,522.00	\$ 186,170,170.00
San Juan	\$ 63,564,354.80	\$ 63,199,553.92
South Padre	\$ 134,013,769.38	\$ 113,441,446.19
Weslaco	\$ 311,174,417.00	\$ 302,860,716.39
Totals	\$ 11,349,165,017.62	\$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)

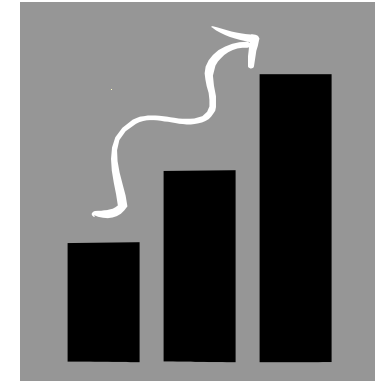
January	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2009 Manufacturing	124,100	220,300
2008 Manufacturing	126,400	218,900
2009 Total	6,800	6,800
Employment		
2008 Total	7,600	8,000
Employment		

Track economic growth through current and archived Business Barometers, available online at www.valleychamber.com

Rio Grande Valley
 Partnership
 Chamber of Commerce
 P. O. Box 1499
 Weslaco, TX 78599



The Foremost Gauge
of Rio Grande Valley
Economic Indicators



BUSINESS BAROMETER

January 2009

A Monthly Publication of the
Rio Grande Valley Partnership

**A Sixty-Year Legacy of
Building Business in South Texas**