

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits (Residential + Commercial)

March-09	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	CITY	March-09	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	March-09	YTD 2009	YTD 2008
\$ 290,163.00	\$ 595,318.00	\$ 564,275.00	Alamo	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 540,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 352,163.00	\$ 1,135,318.00	\$ 587,275.00
\$ 1,731,205.00	\$ 7,000,488.00	\$ 9,935,242.00	Brownsville	\$ 1,622,000.00	\$ 22,094,000.00	\$ 29,226,001.00	\$ 3,353,205.00	\$ 29,094,488.00	\$ 39,161,243.00
\$ 269,665.00	\$ 496,840.00	\$ -	Donna	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 269,665.00	\$ 496,840.00	\$ -
\$ 2,982,520.00	\$ 9,387,325.00	\$ 9,227,091.00	Edinburg	\$ 3,871,802.00	\$ 5,849,047.00	\$ 6,402,777.00	\$ 6,854,322.00	\$ 15,236,372.00	\$ 15,629,868.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 162,000.00	Elsa	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 162,000.00
\$ 1,792,499.00	\$ 3,379,070.00	\$ 3,670,200.00	Harlingen	\$ 1,018,856.00	\$ 5,470,568.00	\$ 4,979,178.00	\$ 2,811,355.00	\$ 8,849,638.00	\$ 8,649,378.00
N/A	\$ -	\$ -	Hidalgo	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ 209,135.00	\$ 380,315.00	La Feria	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 209,135.00	\$ 380,315.00
\$ -	\$ 206,228.00	\$ -	La Joya	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 206,228.00	\$ -
\$ 11,533.00	\$ 194,946.52	\$ 1,057,937.00	Los Fresnos	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 168,000.99	\$ 261,533.00	\$ 444,946.52	\$ 1,225,937.99
\$ 4,852,921.00	\$ 11,873,960.00	\$ 12,846,654.00	McAllen	\$ 4,742,204.00	\$ 20,194,716.00	\$ 78,718,341.00	\$ 9,595,125.00	\$ 32,068,676.00	\$ 91,564,995.00
\$ 441,044.69	\$ 1,193,672.69	\$ 853,849.00	Mercedes	\$ 98,832.00	\$ 10,141,507.00	\$ 7,163,364.00	\$ 539,876.69	\$ 11,335,179.69	\$ 8,017,213.00
\$ 3,296,550.00	\$ 10,540,750.00	\$ 18,570,715.62	Mission	\$ 2,160,532.00	\$ 2,914,752.00	\$ 3,665,500.00	\$ 5,457,082.00	\$ 13,455,502.00	\$ 22,236,215.62
N/A	\$ -	\$ -	Olmito	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 334,730.00	\$ 1,329,730.00	\$ 250,000.00	Palmhurst	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 336,230.00	\$ 1,331,230.00	\$ 250,000.00
\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,000.00	Palm Valley	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,000.00
N/A	\$ -	\$ -	Palmview	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,434,666.00	\$ 4,101,103.00	\$ 4,043,280.00	Pharr	\$ 4,161,828.00	\$ 5,430,194.00	\$ 11,931,912.00	\$ 5,596,494.00	\$ 9,531,297.00	\$ 15,975,192.00
\$ 141,100.23	\$ 388,080.23	\$ 583,973.00	Port Isabel	\$ 44,815.00	\$ 45,715.00	\$ 3,109,042.00	\$ 185,915.23	\$ 433,795.23	\$ 3,693,015.00
N/A	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	Progreso	N/A	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,000.00
\$ 241,980.00	\$ 452,095.00	\$ 893,291.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ 88,800.00	\$ 16,850.00	\$ 241,980.00	\$ 540,895.00	\$ 910,141.00
\$ 39,250.00	\$ 155,585.00	\$ 25,050.00	Raymondville	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 14,671,000.00	\$ -	\$ 239,250.00	\$ 14,826,585.00	\$ 25,050.00
\$ 167,000.00	\$ 355,320.00	\$ -	Rio Grande City	\$ 2,757,767.50	\$ 2,857,358.50	\$ -	\$ 2,924,767.50	\$ 3,212,678.50	\$ -
N/A	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	Rio Hondo	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -
\$ 186,000.00	\$ 286,000.00	\$ 79,000.00	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 186,000.00	\$ 286,000.00	\$ 79,000.00
\$ 334,980.00	\$ 781,881.00	\$ 1,129,710.00	San Benito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,155,000.00	\$ 334,980.00	\$ 781,881.00	\$ 3,284,710.00
\$ 1,193,491.00	\$ 2,667,391.00	\$ 2,062,843.00	San Juan	\$ -	\$ 91,700.00	\$ 183,965.00	\$ 1,193,491.00	\$ 2,759,091.00	\$ 2,246,808.00
\$ 4,085,603.00	\$ 8,490,207.07	\$ 42,618,964.91	South Padre	\$ 131,618.00	\$ 379,812.41	\$ 74,788.00	\$ 4,217,221.00	\$ 8,870,019.48	\$ 42,693,752.91
\$ 984,000.00	\$ 3,779,020.00	\$ 5,628,400.00	Weslaco	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 5,787,500.00	\$ 2,436,300.00	\$ 1,069,000.00	\$ 9,566,520.00	\$ 8,064,700.00
\$24,813,300.92	\$ 68,167,545.51	\$ 114,668,790.53	TOTALS	\$ 21,208,754.50	\$ 96,808,169.91	\$ 150,274,018.99	\$ 46,022,055.42	\$ 164,975,715.42	\$ 264,942,809.52

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

March 2009	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/ Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others	541,500	363,598	76,331	46,514	72,123	59,530	3,702	1,163,298
Pedestrians	209,250	134,533	148,777	20	21,372	18	0	513,970
Trucks	13,899	357	3,754	3,171	1,293	1,834	1,605	25,913
Total	764,649	498,488	228,862	49,705	94,788	61,382	5,307	1,703,181

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
March 2009	7,092	38,999	28,965	75,056
YTD 2009	18,697	102,231	80,869	201,797
March 2008	9,246	43,187	37,605	90,038
YTD 2008	23,408	116,173	105,082	244,663

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

	March 2009	March 2008
Alamo	\$ 103,402,394.01	\$ 131,463,000.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,320,899,089.71	\$ 2,394,504,456.55
Donna	\$ 115,069,838.39	\$ 118,400,209.00
Edcouch	\$ 6,119,000.71	\$ 7,989,225.41
Edinburg	\$ 1,046,378,033.69	\$ 788,666,936.91
Elsa	\$ 67,506,399.65	\$ 63,874,961.12
Harlingen	\$ 952,951,920.31	\$ 885,075,786.13
Hidalgo	\$ 284,061,584.16	\$ 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	\$ 54,219,555.27	\$ 51,653,675.00
McAllen	\$ 3,585,488,957.86	\$ 3,229,004,725.19
Mercedes	\$ 160,153,511.25	\$ 122,927,405.47
Mission	\$ 785,720,270.59	\$ 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	\$ 176,666,000.00	\$ 249,434,000.00
Pharr	\$ 552,609,717.44	\$ 780,530,455.00
Port Isabel	\$ 124,205,358.25	\$ 113,545,206.00
Progreso	\$ 9,933,706.58	\$ 9,489,828.09
Rancho Viejo		
Raymondville	\$ 161,302,719.18	\$ 138,938,534.08
Rio Grande City	\$ 265,838,045.36	\$ 218,739,165.54
Rio Hondo	\$ 10,421,000.00	\$ 10,421,000.00
Roma	\$ 155,338,186.86	\$ 132,187,169.37
San Benito	\$ 136,516,733.96	\$ 186,170,170.00
San Juan	\$ 63,564,354.80	\$ 63,199,553.92
South Padre	\$ 129,935,849.32	\$ 113,441,446.19
Weslaco	\$ 333,853,247.79	\$ 302,860,716.39
Totals	\$ 11,729,112,991.85	\$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.

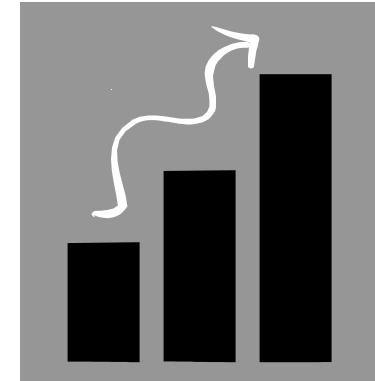
Wage & Salary Employment (Non-agricultural)

March	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2009 Manufacturing	6,600	6,600
2008 Manufacturing	7,500	7,900
2009 Total	124,700	220,000
Employment		
2008 Total	127,300	220,300
Employment		

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