

# CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

## Total Permits (Residential + Commercial)

### Commercial Building Permits

### Residential Building Permits

| September-08    | YTD 2008          | YTD 2007          | CITY            | September-08      | YTD 2008          | YTD 2007          | September-08      | YTD 2008          | YTD 2007            |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| \$ 135,900.00   | \$ 1,483,300.00   | \$ 14,312,308.00  | Alamo           | \$ -              | \$ 29,360.00      | \$ 6,822,396.00   | \$ 135,900.00     | \$ 1,512,660.00   | \$ 21,134,704.00    |
| \$ 3,297,000.00 | \$ 53,464,000.00  | \$ 186,470,878.00 | Brownsville     | \$ 50,167,000.00  | \$ 104,724,737.00 | \$ 129,522,824.00 | \$ 53,464,000.00  | \$ 158,188,737.00 | \$ 315,993,702.00   |
| \$ 650,300.00   | \$ 3,354,531.00   | \$ 7,749,411.00   | Donna           | \$ -              | \$ 150,000.00     | \$ 1,751,325.00   | \$ 650,300.00     | \$ 3,504,531.00   | \$ 9,500,736.00     |
| \$ 3,857,499.00 | \$ 27,141,389.00  | \$ 70,718,822.00  | Edinburg        | \$ 18,587,797.00  | \$ 46,248,814.00  | \$ 48,047,336.00  | \$ 22,445,296.00  | \$ 73,390,203.00  | \$ 118,766,158.00   |
| N/A             | \$ 261,500.00     | \$ 164,500.00     | Elsa            | N/A               | \$ 13,000.00      | \$ 2,852,000.00   | \$ -              | \$ 274,500.00     | \$ 3,016,500.00     |
| \$ 464,575.00   | \$ 11,820,997.00  | \$ 58,182,646.00  | Harlingen       | \$ 2,461,003.00   | \$ 28,586,039.00  | \$ 83,914,873.00  | \$ 2,925,578.00   | \$ 40,407,036.00  | \$ 142,097,519.00   |
| N/A             | \$ -              | \$ 2,802,391.00   | Hidalgo         | N/A               | \$ -              | \$ 21,000,470.00  | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ 23,802,861.00    |
| \$ -            | \$ 1,040,716.00   | \$ 1,014,624.00   | La Feria        | \$ 78,712,000.00  | \$ 78,932,400.00  | \$ 7,323,980.00   | \$ 78,712,000.00  | \$ 79,973,116.00  | \$ 8,338,604.00     |
| N/A             | \$ 313,800.00     | \$ 9,772,868.00   | La Joya         | N/A               | \$ -              | \$ 904,000.00     | \$ -              | \$ 313,800.00     | \$ 10,676,868.00    |
| \$ 351,136.00   | \$ 2,716,566.85   | \$ 5,923,069.00   | Los Fresnos     | \$ -              | \$ 168,000.99     | \$ 4,533,778.12   | \$ 351,136.00     | \$ 2,884,567.84   | \$ 10,456,847.12    |
| \$ 5,749,770.00 | \$ 31,755,800.00  | \$ 212,536,078.00 | McAllen         | \$ 5,337,918.00   | \$ 101,783,816.00 | \$ 257,922,640.00 | \$ 11,087,688.00  | \$ 133,539,616.00 | \$ 470,458,718.00   |
| \$ 128,700.35   | \$ 2,776,765.93   | \$ 14,469,257.36  | Mercedes        | \$ 73,370.00      | \$ 9,327,606.00   | \$ 39,334,864.26  | \$ 202,070.35     | \$ 12,104,371.93  | \$ 53,804,121.62    |
| \$ 6,616,625.00 | \$ 48,364,007.62  | \$ 170,005,755.52 | Mission         | \$ 596,200.00     | \$ 9,680,099.00   | \$ 60,824,864.40  | \$ 7,212,825.00   | \$ 58,044,106.62  | \$ 230,830,619.92   |
| N/A             | \$ -              | \$ -              | Olmito          | N/A               | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -                |
| \$ 85,000.00    | \$ 335,000.00     | \$ 8,129,000.00   | Palmhurst       | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ 20,619,986.00  | \$ 85,000.00      | \$ 335,000.00     | \$ 28,748,986.00    |
| \$ 100.00       | \$ 161,197.00     | \$ 701,875.00     | Palm Valley     | \$ -              | \$ 21,000.00      | \$ 458,400.00     | \$ 100.00         | \$ 182,197.00     | \$ 1,160,275.00     |
| N/A             | \$ -              | \$ 690,750.00     | Palmview        | N/A               | \$ -              | \$ 665,000.00     | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ 1,355,750.00     |
| \$ 1,007,304.00 | \$ 11,417,119.00  | \$ 52,424,747.94  | Pharr           | \$ 12,028,183.00  | \$ 26,973,570.00  | \$ 76,187,553.50  | \$ 13,035,487.00  | \$ 38,390,689.00  | \$ 128,612,301.44   |
| \$ 298,947.00   | \$ 1,613,361.00   | \$ 3,623,165.00   | Port Isabel     | \$ 99,800.00      | \$ 4,867,660.00   | \$ 1,926,797.00   | \$ 398,747.00     | \$ 6,481,021.00   | \$ 5,549,962.00     |
| \$ 31,000.00    | \$ 133,000.00     | \$ 681,224.00     | Progreso        | \$ -              | \$ 20,000.00      | \$ 112,600.00     | \$ 31,000.00      | \$ 153,000.00     | \$ 793,824.00       |
| \$ 787,650.00   | \$ 4,699,440.68   | \$ 6,013,243.50   | Rancho Viejo    | \$ -              | \$ 20,650.00      | \$ 462,360.00     | \$ 787,650.00     | \$ 4,720,090.68   | \$ 6,475,603.50     |
| \$ 399,250.00   | \$ 624,550.00     | \$ 1,107,055.72   | Raymondville    | \$ 187,600.00     | \$ 187,600.00     | \$ 50,414,315.00  | \$ 586,850.00     | \$ 812,150.00     | \$ 51,521,370.72    |
| \$ 1,200.00     | \$ 201,100.00     | \$ 12,730,914.00  | Rio Grande City | \$ -              | \$ 206,000.00     | \$ 25,955,850.00  | \$ 1,200.00       | \$ 407,100.00     | \$ 38,686,764.00    |
| N/A             | \$ 84,348.00      | \$ 1,441,776.00   | Rio Hondo       | N/A               | \$ -              | \$ 1,359,000.00   | \$ -              | \$ 84,348.00      | \$ 2,800,776.00     |
| \$ -            | \$ 500,000.00     | \$ 4,326.00       | Roma            | \$ 332,000.00     | \$ 332,000.00     | \$ 17,537.50      | \$ 332,000.00     | \$ 832,000.00     | \$ 21,863.50        |
| \$ 188,000.00   | \$ 2,843,210.00   | \$ 14,697,401.00  | San Benito      | \$ -              | \$ 3,655,000.00   | \$ 4,248,000.00   | \$ 188,000.00     | \$ 6,498,210.00   | \$ 18,945,401.00    |
| N/A             | \$ 8,409,229.39   | \$ 31,756,553.31  | San Juan        | \$ -              | \$ 1,853,284.00   | \$ 5,999,455.66   | \$ -              | \$ 10,262,513.39  | \$ 37,756,008.97    |
| \$ 7,255,029.00 | \$ 63,272,288.16  | \$ 50,775,785.60  | South Padre     | \$ 4,296,757.75   | \$ 5,695,551.75   | \$ 29,291,800.35  | \$ 11,551,786.75  | \$ 68,967,839.91  | \$ 80,067,585.95    |
| \$ 1,562,000.00 | \$ 15,752,030.00  | \$ 54,148,700.00  | Weslaco         | \$ 5,643,650.00   | \$ 13,791,430.00  | \$ 31,390,342.00  | \$ 7,205,650.00   | \$ 29,543,460.00  | \$ 85,539,042.00    |
| \$32,866,985.35 | \$ 294,539,246.63 | \$ 993,049,124.95 | TOTALS          | \$ 178,523,278.75 | \$ 437,267,617.74 | \$ 913,864,347.79 | \$ 211,390,264.10 | \$ 731,806,864.37 | \$ 1,906,913,472.74 |

# TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

## Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

| September 2008 | Brownsville<br>(3 bridges) | McAllen/<br>Hidalgo | Progreso       | RGC           | Roma          | Los<br>Indios | Pharr          | Total            |
|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Autos & Others | 423,177                    | 387,525             | 61,627         | 40,577        | 66,138        | 50,057        | 123,693        | 1,152,794        |
| Pedestrians    | 153,126                    | 114,499             | 53,495         | 25            | 18,968        | 22            | 0              | 340,135          |
| Trucks         | 16,308                     | 2,550               | 3,015          | 1,980         | 1,306         | 2,287         | 35,980         | 63,426           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>592,611</b>             | <b>504,574</b>      | <b>118,137</b> | <b>42,582</b> | <b>86,412</b> | <b>52,366</b> | <b>159,673</b> | <b>1,556,355</b> |

## Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

|                | Brownsville | Harlingen | McAllen | Total   |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| September 2008 | 5,186       | 24,924    | 23,813  | 53,923  |
| YTD 2008       | 65,447      | 326,166   | 297,161 | 688,774 |
| September 2007 | 6,974       | 32,466    | 29,162  | 68,602  |
| YTD 2007       | 70,687      | 340,133   | 323,171 | 733,991 |

# FINANCIAL INDICATORS

## Bank Deposits

| In US Dollars   | September 2008       | September 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         | \$ 8,551,125.20      | \$ 7,989,225.41     |
| Edinburg        | \$ 1,050,436,592.09  | \$ 788,666,936.91   |
| Elka            | \$ 56,401,011.84     | \$ 63,874,961.12    |
| Harlingen       | \$ 953,296,669.31    | \$ 885,075,786.13   |
| Hidalgo         | \$ 288,747,584.16    | \$ 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         | \$ 3,592,644,868.86  | \$ 3,229,004,725.19 |
| Mercedes        | \$ 160,970,511.25    | \$ 122,927,405.47   |
| Mission         | \$ 779,555,270.59    | \$ 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        | \$ 146,936,000.00    | \$ 249,434,000.00   |
| Pharr           | \$ -                 | \$ -                |
| Port Isabel     | \$ 524,932,717.44    | \$ 780,530,455.00   |
| Progreso        | \$ 124,427,134.25    | \$ 113,545,206.00   |
| Rancho Viejo    | \$ 9,933,706.58      | \$ 9,489,828.09     |
| Raymondville    | \$ -                 | \$ -                |
| Rio Grande City | \$ 160,307,719.18    | \$ 138,938,534.08   |
| Rio Hondo       | \$ 255,253,177.08    | \$ 218,739,165.54   |
| Roma            | \$ 10,421,000.00     | \$ 10,421,000.00    |
| San Benito      | \$ 147,289,749.18    | \$ 132,187,169.37   |
| San Juan        | \$ 132,891,114.96    | \$ 186,170,170.00   |
| South Padre     | \$ 63,564,354.80     | \$ 63,199,553.92    |
| Weslaco         | \$ 128,596,425.32    | \$ 113,441,446.19   |
| Totals          | \$ 332,863,587.63    | \$ 302,860,716.39   |
|                 | \$ 11,647,754,314.81 | \$ 1,264,326,741.83 |

*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)

| September          | Cameron Co. | Hidalgo Co. |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2008 Manufacturing | 7,200       | 7,900       |
| 2007 Manufacturing | 7,400       | 8,000       |
| 2008 Total         | 12,530      | 216,800     |
| Employment         |             |             |
| 2007 Total         | 122,900     | 209,900     |
| Employment         |             |             |

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