

**Rio Grande Valley Partnership/Chamber of Commerce
Valley Business Barometer - March 2002**

CITY	BANK DEPOSITS		BUILDING PERMITS		BUILDING PERMITS	
	Mar-02	Mar-01	Mar-02	YTD	Mar-01	YTD
ALAMO	\$ 182,041,062	\$ 151,392,304	\$ 694,303	\$ 1,510,207	\$ 818,840	\$ 7,296,354
BROWNSVILLE	\$ 1,504,928,123	\$ 1,490,231,670	\$ 19,655,199	\$ 54,440,845	\$ 19,549,978	\$ 52,121,330
DONNA	\$ 13,789,000	\$ 13,789,000	\$ 393,156	\$ 983,796	\$ 378,393	\$ 1,595,801
EDINBURG	\$ 815,781,147	\$ 678,023,865	\$ 9,405,113	\$ 20,421,120	\$ 6,419,626	\$ 19,322,280
ELSA	\$ 89,888,276	\$ 77,481,407	\$ 174,000	\$ 323,865	\$ 325,500	\$ 1,690,500
HARLINGEN	\$ 807,585,798	\$ 779,832,369	\$ 4,119,725	\$ 12,661,376	\$ 3,635,339	\$ 15,781,991
HIDALGO	\$ 170,413,473	\$ 164,579,905	\$ 3,091,635	\$ 7,418,869	\$ 1,335,413	\$ 2,894,792
LA FERIA	\$ 35,846,021	\$ 27,319,715	\$ 99,140	\$ 5,424,260	\$ 647,636	\$ 2,433,456
LA JOYA	-----	-----	\$ 55,000	\$ 511,294	NA	\$ 1,310,401
LOS FRESNOS	\$ 25,441,000	\$ 25,441,000	\$ 96,236	\$ 659,538	\$ 48,100	\$ 435,270
MCCALLEN	\$ 2,695,379,506	\$ 2,509,418,313	\$ 14,902,625	\$ 54,071,866	\$ 9,226,669	\$ 64,133,690
MERCEDDES	\$ 50,092,449	\$ 51,950,260	\$ 166,450	\$ 808,025	\$ 5,705,880	\$ 8,988,928
MISSION	\$ 487,450,323	\$ 466,535,576	\$ 8,367,354	\$ 27,264,374	\$ 9,738,762	\$ 27,799,290
PALMHURST	-----	-----	\$ 910,600	\$ 1,541,030	\$ 489,500	\$ 1,033,875
PALM VALLEY	\$ 15,188,618	\$ 12,946,753	\$ 20,000	\$ 391,000	..0	..0
PHARR	\$ 477,789,995	\$ 374,251,374	\$ 5,236,981	\$ 25,644,601	\$ 2,202,586	\$ 8,301,746
PORT ISABEL	\$ 21,339,339	\$ 21,339,339	\$ 59,250	\$ 308,414	\$ 491,047	\$ 1,942,896
RANCHO VIEJO	-----	-----	\$ 37,485	\$ 555,130	\$ 329,162	\$ 1,494,313
RAYMONDVILLE	\$ 78,689,615	\$ 79,787,111	\$ 39,610	\$ 389,745	\$ 120,020	\$ 428,620
RIO GRANDE CITY	\$ 112,032,601	\$ 80,581,432	\$ 219,000	\$ 1,049,000	\$ 286,000	\$ 559,000
RIO HONDO	\$ 6,849,000	\$ 6,849,000	\$ 89,000	\$ 460,324	\$ 34,000	\$ 5,918,546
ROMA	\$ 64,530,632	\$ 61,663,647	-----	-----	-----	-----
SAN BENITO	\$ 160,802,458	\$ 150,206,228	\$ 6,133,700	\$ 9,911,125	\$ 1,546,400	\$ 6,876,450
SAN JUAN	\$ 52,047,378	\$ 49,867,946	\$ 1,063,869	\$ 3,649,464	\$ 800,336	\$ 2,146,316
*SOUTH PADRE IS.	\$ 94,144,386	\$ 85,843,278	\$ 1,705,761	\$ 22,036,737	\$ 2,269,562	\$ 6,802,620
WESLACO	\$ 293,543,727	\$ 226,220,892	\$ 3,562,974	\$ 17,323,471	\$ 1,400,742	\$ 6,520,166
TOTALS	\$ 8,255,593,927	\$ 7,585,552,384	\$ 80,298,166	\$ 269,759,476	\$ 67,799,491	\$ 247,828,631

*Bank deposits for IBC, South Padre are included with IBC, Brownsville

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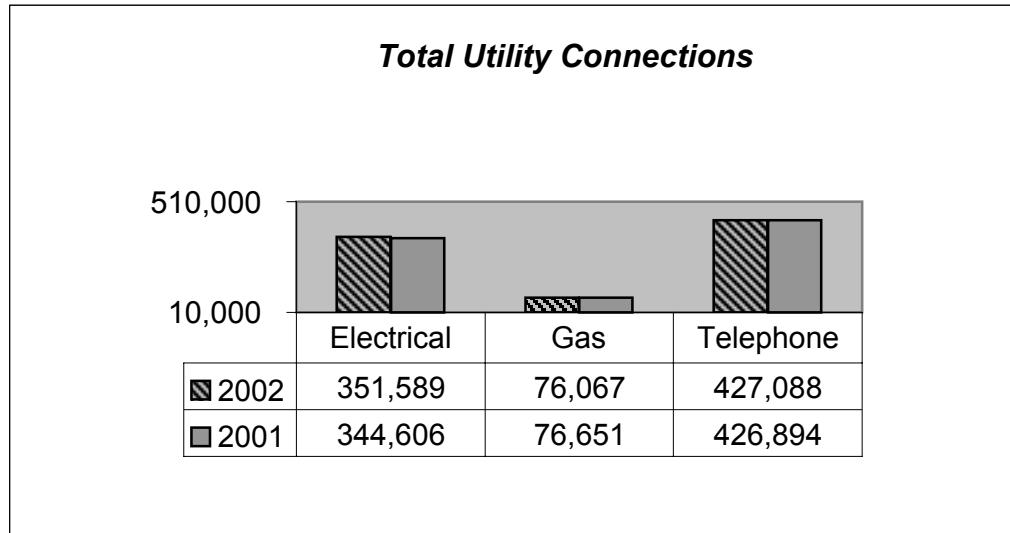
<u>CITY</u>	<u>TOTAL RESIDENTIAL</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>		<u>TOTAL COMMERCIAL</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>		<u>TOTAL MONTH</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	
ALAMO	\$ 692,703	\$ 1,442,907	\$ 1,600	\$ 67,300	\$ 694,303	\$ 1,510,207						
BROWNSVILLE	\$ 10,395,154	\$ 31,963,125	\$ 9,260,045	\$ 22,477,720	\$ 19,655,199	\$ 54,440,845						
DONNA	\$ 393,156	\$ 496,076	..0	\$ 487,720	\$ 393,156	\$ 983,796						
EDINBURG	\$ 4,202,263	\$ 12,676,073	\$ 5,202,850	\$ 7,745,047	\$ 9,405,113	\$ 20,421,120						
ELSA	\$ 174,000	\$ 288,865	..0	\$ 35,000	\$ 174,000	\$ 323,865						
HARLINGEN	\$ 3,227,162	\$ 9,017,473	\$ 892,563	\$ 3,643,903	\$ 4,119,725	\$ 12,661,376						
HIDALGO	\$ 591,635	\$ 1,671,509	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 5,747,360	\$ 3,091,635	\$ 7,418,869						
LA FERIA	\$ 99,140	\$ 274,260	..0	\$ 5,150,000	\$ 99,140	\$ 5,424,260						
LA JOYA	\$ 55,000	\$ 511,294	..0	..0	\$ 55,000	\$ 511,294						
LOS FRESNOS	\$ 96,236	\$ 659,538	..0	..0	\$ 96,236	\$ 659,538						
MCALLEN	\$ 5,194,515	\$ 18,410,587	\$ 9,708,110	\$ 35,661,279	\$ 14,902,625	\$ 54,071,866						
MERCEDES	\$ 137,450	\$ 509,225	\$ 29,000	\$ 298,800	\$ 166,450	\$ 808,025						
MISSION	\$ 8,237,354	\$ 23,552,618	\$ 130,000	\$ 3,711,756	\$ 8,367,354	\$ 27,264,374						
PALMHURST	\$ 657,500	\$ 1,287,930	\$ 253,100	\$ 253,100	\$ 910,600	\$ 1,541,030						
PALM VALLEY	\$ 20,000	\$ 391,000	..0	..0	\$ 20,000	\$ 391,000						
PHARR	\$ 3,529,159	\$ 16,991,344	\$ 1,707,822	\$ 8,653,257	\$ 5,236,981	\$ 25,644,601						
PORT ISABEL	\$ 59,250	\$ 227,750	..0	\$ 80,664	\$ 59,250	\$ 308,414						
RANCHO VIEJO	\$ 37,485	\$ 555,130	..0	..0	\$ 37,485	\$ 555,130						
RAYMONDVILLE	\$ 38,610	\$ 165,995	\$ 1,000	\$ 223,750	\$ 39,610	\$ 389,745						
RIO GRANDE CITY	\$ 48,000	\$ 376,000	\$ 171,000	\$ 673,000	\$ 219,000	\$ 1,049,000						
RIO HONDO	\$ 89,000	\$ 460,324	..0	..0	\$ 89,000	\$ 460,324						
ROMA	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----						
SAN BENITO	\$ 582,600	\$ 1,772,675	\$ 5,551,100	\$ 8,138,450	\$ 6,133,700	\$ 9,911,125						
SAN JUAN	\$ 891,011	\$ 2,147,536	\$ 172,858	\$ 1,501,928	\$ 1,063,869	\$ 3,649,464						
SOUTH PADRE IS.	\$ 1,353,761	\$ 20,804,037	\$ 352,000	\$ 1,232,700	\$ 1,705,761	\$ 22,036,737						
WESLACO	\$ 2,653,504	\$ 5,243,087	\$ 909,470	\$ 12,078,384	\$ 3,562,974	\$ 17,323,471						
TOTAL	\$ 43,455,648	\$ 151,896,358	\$ 36,842,518	\$ 117,861,118	\$ 80,298,166	\$ 269,759,476						

March 2002 Passenger & Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

	Brown.	McAllen/ Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
2002	2,659,034	1,382,377	594,316	68,031	125,218	253,609	389,551	5,472,136
2001	2,530,514	1,341,069	489,288	65,092	122,833	185,618	391,244	5,125,658

YTD Bridge Crossings

2002	7,461,820	3,842,224	1,605,702	180,357	342,487	678,336	1,064,900	15,175,826
2001	7,076,204	3,756,268	1,506,781	177,024	337,934	500,928	1,072,500	14,427,639



NON AGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

COUNTY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT		MANUFACTURING	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Cameron	111,600	110,800	10,900	12,500
Hidalgo	166,000	162,400	11,200	12,700

Not available for Starr and Willacy Counties

Airline Boardings			
	2002	2002 YTD	2001 YTD
Browns.	7,655	19,071	19,934
Harlingen	35,795	92,420	118,840
McAllen	26,534	71,065	87,944
TOTAL	69,984	182,556	226,718

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