

# CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

## *Residential Building Permits*

## *Commercial Building Permits*

## *Total Permits (Residential + Commercial)*

<b>Residential Building Permits</b>			<b>Commercial Building Permits</b>			<b>Total Permits (Residential + Commercial)</b>			
April 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	CITY	April 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	April 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004
\$ 1,171,897.00	\$ 3,200,918.00	\$ 1,585,483.00	<b>Alamo</b>	\$ 177,600.00	\$ 317,602.00	\$ 1,530,856.00	\$ 1,349,497.00	\$ 3,518,520.00	\$ 3,116,339.00
\$ 13,732,093.00	\$ 49,017,534.00	\$ 42,864,958.00	<b>Brownsville</b>	\$ 4,060,115.00	\$ 40,022,817.00	\$ 55,737,966.00	\$ 17,792,208.00	\$ 89,040,351.00	\$ 98,602,924.00
\$ 7,252,000.00	\$ 9,242,425.00	\$ 3,018,213.00	<b>Donna</b>	\$ 101,500.00	\$ 685,800.00	\$ 402,900.00	\$ 7,353,500.00	\$ 9,928,225.00	\$ 3,421,113.00
\$ 9,138,705.00	\$ 35,445,405.00	\$ 45,017,384.00	<b>Edinburg</b>	\$ 4,177,800.00	\$ 13,902,556.00	\$ 15,472,003.00	\$ 13,316,505.00	\$ 49,347,961.00	\$ 60,489,387.00
\$ 56,400.00	\$ 269,400.00	\$ 650,000.00	<b>Elsa</b>	\$ 234,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 565,000.00	\$ 290,400.00	\$ 549,400.00	\$ 1,215,000.00
\$ 3,788,619.00	\$ 15,884,944.00	\$ 18,121,658.00	<b>Harlingen</b>	\$ 4,448,520.00	\$ 9,205,582.00	\$ 12,079,081.00	\$ 8,237,139.00	\$ 25,090,526.00	\$ 30,200,739.00
\$ 913,505.00	\$ 4,647,970.00	\$ 3,644,440.00	<b>Hidalgo</b>	\$ 1,529,800.00	\$ 9,248,800.00	\$ 1,662,500.00	\$ 2,443,305.00	\$ 13,896,770.00	\$ 5,306,940.00
\$ 70,290.00	\$ 383,180.00	\$ 357,523.00	<b>La Feria</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,254,795.00	\$ -	\$ 70,290.00	\$ 1,637,975.00	\$ 357,523.00
\$ 446,054.00	\$ 906,528.00	\$ 1,378,338.00	<b>La Joya</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,324,800.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 446,054.00	\$ 2,231,328.00	\$ 1,403,338.00
\$ 1,352,380.00	\$ 2,292,070.00	\$ 923,215.00	<b>Los Fresnos</b>	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 228,500.00	\$ 1,112,000.00	\$ 1,470,380.00	\$ 2,520,570.00	\$ 2,035,215.00
\$ NA	\$ 48,466,001.00	\$ 36,755,236.00	<b>McAllen</b>	\$ NA	\$ 65,191,223.00	\$ 35,867,453.00	\$ NA	\$ 113,657,224.00	\$ 72,622,689.00
\$ 503,590.00	\$ 1,352,430.00	\$ 945,594.00	<b>Mercedes</b>	\$ 5,950.00	\$ 349,638.00	\$ 1,195,195.00	\$ 509,540.00	\$ 1,702,068.00	\$ 2,140,789.00
\$ 9,611,319.00	\$ 38,038,568.00	\$ 45,501,261.00	<b>Mission</b>	\$ 1,239,990.00	\$ 7,445,434.00	\$ 9,302,004.00	\$ 10,851,309.00	\$ 45,484,002.00	\$ 54,803,265.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<b>Olmito</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 495,808.00	\$ 2,631,588.00	\$ 1,078,843.00	<b>Palmhurst</b>	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 495,808.00	\$ 2,741,588.00	\$ 1,143,843.00
\$ NA	\$ 290,728.00	\$ 150,525.00	<b>Palm Valley</b>	\$ NA	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 343,165.00	\$ NA	\$ 450,728.00	\$ 493,690.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<b>Palmview</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 4,786,000.00	\$ 16,303,013.00	\$ 20,891,495.00	<b>Pharr</b>	\$ 1,592,064.00	\$ 2,654,614.00	\$ 10,711,232.00	\$ 6,378,064.00	\$ 18,957,627.00	\$ 31,602,727.00
\$ -	\$ 363,814.00	\$ 1,535,985.00	<b>Port Isabel</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,341,310.00	\$ 441,088.00	\$ -	\$ 1,705,124.00	\$ 1,977,073.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<b>Progreso</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 867,711.00	\$ 2,177,930.00	\$ 1,481,490.00	<b>Rancho Viejo</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 867,711.00	\$ 2,177,930.00	\$ 1,701,490.00
\$ 8,529.00	\$ 58,007.00	\$ 405,545.00	<b>Raymondville</b>	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 875,000.00	\$ 28,880.00	\$ 228,529.00	\$ 933,007.00	\$ 434,425.00
\$ 770,000.00	\$ 2,794,076.00	\$ 1,713,346.00	<b>Rio Grande City</b>	\$ -	\$ 5,314,850.00	\$ 3,287,660.00	\$ 770,000.00	\$ 8,108,926.00	\$ 5,001,006.00
\$ 4,000.00	\$ 444,476.00	\$ 872,464.00	<b>Rio Hondo</b>	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 120,528.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 744,476.00	\$ 992,992.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<b>Roma</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 351,488.00	\$ 1,138,300.00	\$ 3,172,184.00	<b>San Benito</b>	\$ 371,000.00	\$ 1,571,000.00	\$ 3,080,295.00	\$ 722,488.00	\$ 2,709,300.00	\$ 6,252,479.00
\$ 1,593,174.00	\$ 6,382,610.00	\$ 8,223,786.00	<b>San Juan</b>	\$ 246,038.00	\$ 1,215,678.00	\$ 1,016,237.00	\$ 1,839,212.00	\$ 7,598,288.00	\$ 9,240,023.00
\$ 2,218,998.00	\$ 22,700,283.00	\$ 8,471,062.00	<b>South Padre</b>	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 117,600.00	\$ 4,952,703.00	\$ 2,225,998.00	\$ 22,817,883.00	\$ 13,423,765.00
\$ 4,844,988.00	\$ 10,670,664.00	\$ 5,712,505.00	<b>Weslaco</b>	\$ 3,122,868.00	\$ 7,855,721.00	\$ 2,618,285.00	\$ 7,967,856.00	\$ 18,526,385.00	\$ 8,330,790.00
\$ <b>63,977,548.00</b>	\$ <b>275,102,862.00</b>	\$ <b>254,472,533.00</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ <b>21,652,245.00</b>	\$ <b>170,973,320.00</b>	\$ <b>161,837,031.00</b>	\$ <b>85,629,793.00</b>	\$ <b>446,076,182.00</b>	\$ <b>416,309,564.00</b>

# TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

## *Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico*

## *Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings*

April 2005	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/ Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others	570,280	461,455	86,909	53,384	87,274	57,038	149,113	1,465,453
Trucks	17,163	1,785	2,185	3,479	1,402	3,419	36,678	66,111
Pedestrians	185,221	112,399	89,537	484	13,539	114	0	401,294
<b>Total</b>	<b>772,664</b>	<b>575,639</b>	<b>178,631</b>	<b>57,347</b>	<b>102,215</b>	<b>60,571</b>	<b>185,791</b>	<b>1,037,858</b>

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
April 2005	6,311	37,147	28,384	71,842
YTD 2005	25,611	152,148	120,010	297,769
April 2004	5,669	40,406	25,717	71,792
YTD 2004	22,495	151,738	102,342	276,575

# FINANCIAL INDICATORS

## Bank Deposits

	April 2005	April 2004
Alamo	\$ 269,376,802.00	\$ 248,052,441.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,202,258,642.00	\$ 2,189,651,911.00
Donna	\$ 68,380,823.00	\$ 52,979,773.00
Edinburg	\$ 665,737,330.00	\$ 595,807,489.00
Elsa	\$ 155,357,173.00	\$ 152,437,216.00
Harlingen	\$ 818,484,027.00	\$ 831,668,369.00
Hidalgo	\$ 245,460,114.00	\$ 216,198,078.00
La Feria	\$ 37,812,487.00	\$ 33,928,474.00
La Joya	\$ 103,140,181.00	\$ 91,432,231.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 26,928,569.00	\$ 21,350,316.00
McAllen	\$ 3,575,359,053.00	\$ 3,516,462,490.00
Mercedes	\$ 108,124,661.00	\$ 95,571,167.00
Mission	\$ 725,600,619.00	\$ 652,540,360.00
Olmito	\$ 30,898,840.00	\$ 36,794,313.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 20,273,026.00	\$ 19,301,197.00
Palmview	\$ 23,852,000.00	\$ -
Pharr	\$ 447,504,123.00	\$ 451,938,707.00
Port Isabel	\$ 79,056,161.00	\$ 69,048,091.00
Progreso	\$ 7,105,469.00	\$ 4,761,918.00
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 74,747,127.00	\$ 69,212,767.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 235,437,789.00	\$ 214,089,925.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 5,259,000.00	\$ 4,816,000.00
Roma	\$ 133,843,152.00	\$ 124,666,684.00
San Benito	\$ 225,732,949.00	\$ 165,490,675.00
San Juan	\$ 45,839,319.00	\$ 42,636,896.00
South Padre	\$ 121,045,901.00	\$ 111,647,288.00
Weslaco	\$ 328,099,930.00	\$ 286,282,565.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 10,780,715,267.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,298,767,341.00</b>

## Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

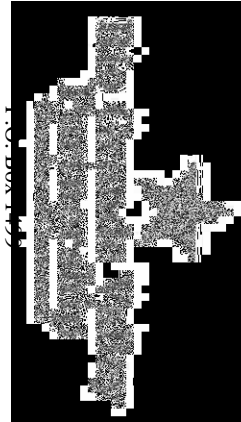
April	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2005 Manufacturing	7,900	8,400
2004 Manufacturing	7,800	9,100
2005 Total	119,600	191,300
Employment		
2004 Total	116,800	184,200
Employment		

## Utility Connections

April	Electric	Gas	Telephone
2005	382,235	72,559	427,876
2004	371,788	72,587	427,756

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