

CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS

Residential Building Permits

Commercial Building Permits

Total Permits (Residential + Commercial)

July 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	CITY	July 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004	July 2005	YTD 2005	YTD 2004
\$ 474,903.00	\$ 5,064,178.00	\$ 3,472,266.00	Alamo	\$ 77,500.00	\$ 1,278,792.00	\$ 2,854,896.00	\$ 552,403.00	\$ 6,342,970.00	\$ 6,327,162.00
\$ 11,193,632.00	\$ 89,460,689.00	\$ 79,911,645.00	Brownsville	\$ 12,815,601.00	\$ 73,464,799.00	\$ 85,269,678.00	\$ 24,009,233.00	\$ 162,925,488.00	\$ 165,181,323.00
\$ 220,000.00	\$ 10,525,225.00	\$ 7,022,401.00	Donna	\$ 671,000.00	\$ 9,657,800.00	\$ 821,760.00	\$ 891,000.00	\$ 20,183,025.00	\$ 7,844,161.00
\$ 8,405,215.00	\$ 63,709,289.00	\$ 72,039,199.00	Edinburg	\$ 2,688,050.00	\$ 34,896,126.00	\$ 20,602,655.00	\$ 11,093,265.00	\$ 98,605,415.00	\$ 92,641,854.00
\$ -	\$ 269,400.00	\$ 1,261,000.00	Elsa	\$ -	\$ 282,136.00	\$ 662,000.00	\$ -	\$ 551,536.00	\$ 1,923,000.00
\$ 2,764,488.00	\$ 26,224,566.00	\$ 39,718,938.00	Harlingen	\$ 280,157.00	\$ 16,199,570.00	\$ 38,362,795.00	\$ 3,044,645.00	\$ 42,424,136.00	\$ 78,081,733.00
\$ 319,230.00	\$ 5,371,210.00	\$ 8,697,155.00	Hidalgo	\$ 3,464,000.00	\$ 13,241,530.00	\$ 17,157,235.00	\$ 3,783,230.00	\$ 18,612,740.00	\$ 25,854,390.00
\$ 126,985.00	\$ 885,496.00	\$ 702,901.00	La Feria	\$ -	\$ 1,607,771.00	\$ -	\$ 126,985.00	\$ 2,493,267.00	\$ 702,901.00
\$ 433,468.00	\$ 1,708,268.00	\$ 2,117,142.00	La Joya	\$ 8,007.00	\$ 1,412,807.00	\$ 98,780.00	\$ 441,475.00	\$ 3,121,075.00	\$ 2,215,922.00
\$ 156,550.00	\$ 2,915,718.00	\$ 1,953,479.00	Los Fresnos	\$ -	\$ 356,500.00	\$ 1,112,000.00	\$ 156,550.00	\$ 3,272,218.00	\$ 3,065,479.00
\$ 11,205,216.00	\$ 101,543,225.00	\$ 68,962,892.00	McAllen	\$ 2,253,618.00	\$ 98,335,111.00	\$ 75,426,531.00	\$ 13,458,834.00	\$ 199,878,336.00	\$ 144,389,423.00
\$ 264,416.00	\$ 13,460,171.00	\$ 2,090,495.00	Mercedes	\$ 226,800.00	\$ 5,652,694.00	\$ 8,725,300.00	\$ 491,216.00	\$ 19,112,865.00	\$ 10,815,795.00
\$ 10,007,212.00	\$ 70,504,519.00	\$ 71,198,301.00	Mission	\$ 2,157,358.00	\$ 15,248,565.00	\$ 18,065,209.00	\$ 12,164,570.00	\$ 85,753,084.00	\$ 89,263,510.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Olmito	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 811,300.00	\$ 4,519,888.00	\$ 2,966,410.00	Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 15,278,223.00	\$ 811,300.00	\$ 4,629,888.00	\$ 18,244,633.00
\$ -	\$ 408,028.00	\$ 184,044.00	Palm Valley	\$ -	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 343,165.00	\$ -	\$ 653,028.00	\$ 527,209.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Palmview	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 2,841,571.00	\$ 25,272,466.00	\$ 29,306,957.00	Pharr	\$ 1,511,000.00	\$ 7,328,319.00	\$ 15,662,218.00	\$ 4,352,571.00	\$ 32,600,785.00	\$ 44,969,175.00
\$ 23,500.00	\$ 929,327.00	\$ 2,659,298.00	Port Isabel	\$ -	\$ 1,995,965.00	\$ 5,985,443.00	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 2,925,292.00	\$ 8,644,741.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Progreso	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 187,780.00	\$ 2,870,984.00	\$ 2,864,161.00	Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 187,780.00	\$ 2,870,984.00	\$ 3,084,161.00
\$ 123,096.00	\$ 262,240.00	\$ 530,645.00	Raymondville	\$ 7,015.00	\$ 1,708,915.00	\$ 4,763,380.00	\$ 130,111.00	\$ 1,971,155.00	\$ 5,294,025.00
\$ 1,653,000.00	\$ 7,076,626.00	\$ 3,512,559.00	Rio Grande City	\$ -	\$ 11,454,850.00	\$ 7,488,752.00	\$ 1,653,000.00	\$ 18,531,476.00	\$ 11,001,311.00
\$ -	\$ 446,476.00	\$ 1,064,928.00	Rio Hondo	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 120,528.00	\$ -	\$ 746,476.00	\$ 1,185,456.00
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Roma	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 416,216.00	\$ 3,173,340.00	\$ 5,015,090.00	San Benito	\$ -	\$ 2,866,784.00	\$ 3,771,295.00	\$ 416,216.00	\$ 6,040,124.00	\$ 8,786,385.00
\$ 2,363,653.00	\$ 13,967,829.00	\$ 12,687,176.00	San Juan	\$ 1,924,104.00	\$ 3,283,942.00	\$ 1,291,237.00	\$ 4,287,757.00	\$ 17,251,771.00	\$ 13,978,413.00
\$ 2,739,744.00	\$ 30,448,624.00	\$ 13,182,762.00	South Padre	\$ 661,685.00	\$ 804,285.00	\$ 5,288,096.00	\$ 3,401,429.00	\$ 31,252,909.00	\$ 18,470,858.00
\$ 2,280,481.00	\$ 20,229,938.00	\$ 11,391,290.00	Weslaco	\$ 1,538,599.00	\$ 15,445,614.00	\$ 8,686,130.00	\$ 3,819,080.00	\$ 35,675,552.00	\$ 20,077,420.00
\$ 59,011,656.00	\$ 501,247,720.00	\$ 444,513,134.00	TOTALS	\$ 30,284,494.00	\$ 317,177,875.00	\$ 338,057,306.00	\$ 89,296,150.00	\$ 818,425,595.00	\$ 782,570,440.00

TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS

Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossings to Mexico

Rio Grande Valley Airline Boardings

July 2005	Brownsville (3 bridges)	McAllen/ Hidalgo	Progreso	RGC	Roma	Los Indios	Pharr	Total
Autos & Others	559,554	452,510	82,719	49,886	84,024	63,383	146,541	1,438,617
Trucks	15,918	1,686	1,443	2,376	1,316	3,269	28,705	54,713
Pedestrians	177,686	108,687	82,364	88	11,166	103	0	380,094
Total	753,158	562,883	166,526	52,350	96,506	66,755	175,246	1,873,424

	Brownsville	Harlingen	McAllen	Total
July 2005	6,503	39,422	34,700	80,625
YTD 2005	44,792	266,566	216,565	527,923
July 2004	6,420	41,238	30,355	78,013
YTD 2004	39,918	270,126	187,858	497,902

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Bank Deposits

	July 2005	July 2004
Alamo	\$ 273,332,152.00	\$ 240,028,136.00
Brownsville	\$ 2,184,968,112.00	\$ 2,171,564,269.00
Donna	\$ 67,290,890.00	\$ 51,908,736.00
Edinburg	\$ 656,866,764.00	\$ 575,385,615.00
Elsa	\$ 156,526,616.00	\$ 150,346,138.00
Harlingen	\$ 804,165,058.00	\$ 828,107,054.00
Hidalgo	\$ 241,776,575.00	\$ 224,723,354.00
La Feria	\$ 38,826,023.00	\$ 34,499,729.00
La Joya	\$ 184,493,782.00	\$ 93,403,434.00
Los Fresnos	\$ 28,208,207.00	\$ 21,869,318.00
McAllen	\$ 3,589,398,510.00	\$ 3,510,944,969.00
Mercedes	\$ 106,445,273.00	\$ 95,315,218.00
Mission	\$ 734,560,462.00	\$ 681,034,727.00
Olmito	\$ 28,536,302.00	\$ 43,086,382.00
Palmhurst	\$ -	\$ -
Palm Valley	\$ 18,956,342.00	\$ 20,598,059.00
Palmview	\$ 30,214,344.00	\$ 1,965,000.00
Pharr	\$ 464,987,568.00	\$ 446,961,693.00
Port Isabel	\$ 85,860,875.00	\$ 68,086,736.00
Progreso	\$ 6,994,219.00	\$ 5,251,651.00
Rancho Viejo	\$ -	\$ -
Raymondville	\$ 69,819,782.00	\$ 68,611,549.00
Rio Grande City	\$ 247,371,391.00	\$ 212,397,501.00
Rio Hondo	\$ 4,437,000.00	\$ 4,816,000.00
Roma	\$ 134,870,652.00	\$ 126,219,213.00
San Benito	\$ 217,926,491.00	\$ 162,932,225.00
San Juan	\$ 47,039,619.00	\$ 41,320,596.00
South Padre	\$ 124,370,306.00	\$ 127,095,384.00
Weslaco	\$ 326,706,054.00	\$ 291,256,535.00
Totals	\$ 10,874,949,369.00	\$ 10,299,729,221.00

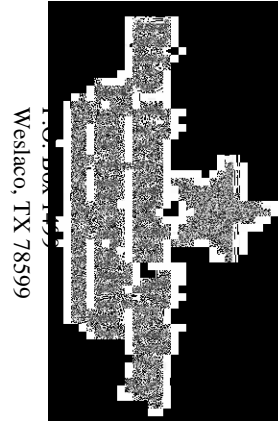
Wage & Salary Employment (non-agricultural)

July	Cameron Co.	Hidalgo Co.
2005 Manufacturing	7,800	8,300
2004 Manufacturing	7,700	8,800
2005 Total	119,900	192,000
Employment		
2004 Total	116,900	184,600
Employment		

Utility Connections

July	Electric	Gas	Telephone
2005	385,054	71,291	427,936
2004	373,701	72,210	427,786

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