

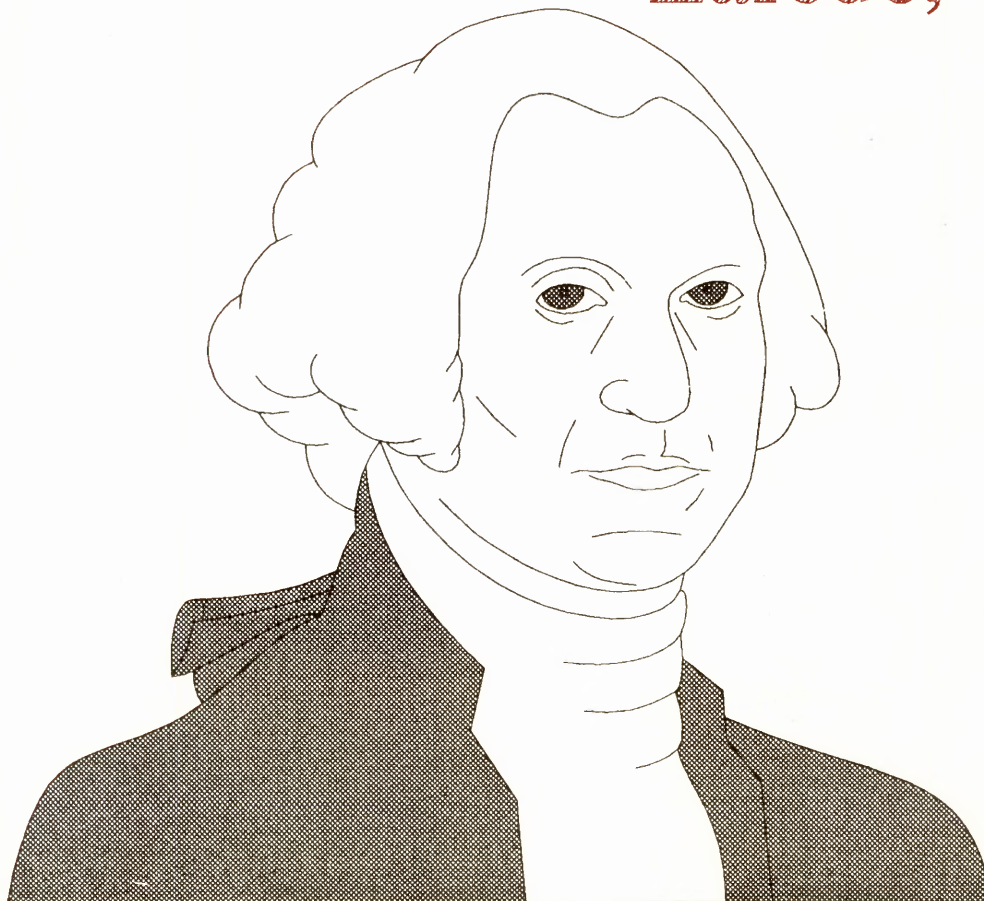


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Unemployment Rates - Texas Border

	TOTAL EMPLOYED NOV 1991	TOTAL EMPLOYED NOV 1990	TOTAL UNEMPLOYED NOV 1991	TOTAL UNEMPLOYED NOV 1990	PERCENT UNEMPLOYED NOV 1991	PERCENT UNEMPLOYED NOV 1990
BROWNSVILLE	38,352	38,714	5,290	5,668	12.1	12.8
DEL RIO	10,458	10,476	1,849	1,949	15.0	15.7
EAGLE PASS	7,351	6,986	2,917	2,873	28.4	29.1
EL PASO	209,769	210,662	24,148	28,544	10.3	11.9
LAREDO	44,068	44,138	4,943	6,271	10.1	12.4
McALLEN	34,562	35,428	6,148	7,396	15.1	17.3
THE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1991 WAS 6.6						
THE TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1991 WAS 6.8						

Sources: TCBEED -- Texas Employment Commission



The national unemployment rate for November 1991 increased slightly in November to 6.6%, from the 6.4% unemployment rate which was reported in October. When comparing last year's unemployment rates for the month of November with this year's November unemployment rate, the U.S. had increased its unemployment by 0.8% from 5.8% registered in November 1990 to the 6.6% in November 1991.

The Texas unemployment rate decreased to 6.8% in November 1991 as compared to 7.2% in October 1991. When comparing November 1991 to November 1990 the State unemployment rate remained steady at 6.8%.

Laredo had the lowest percentage unemployment rate in November with 10.1% in 1991 compared to 12.4% in 1990, showing a 2.3% decrease. This was followed closely by El Paso with the unemployment rate of 10.3% in November 1991, which represented a 1.6% decrease when compared to November 1990 when a 11.9% unemployment rate was reported.

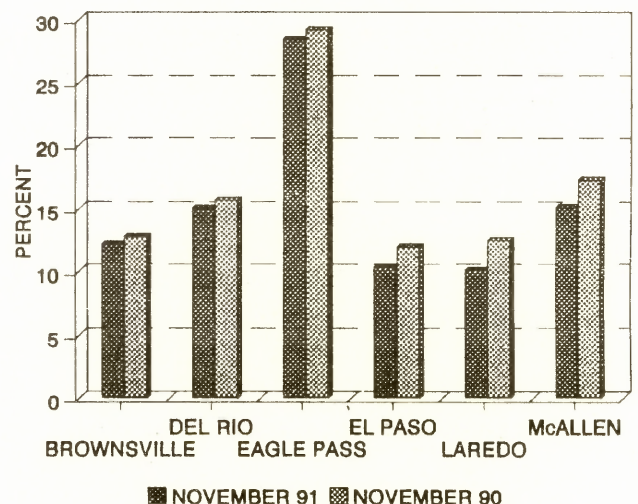
Brownsville followed with an unemployment rate in November 1991 of 12.1%, when compared to 12.8% in November 1990, showed a decrease in unemployment of 0.7%. Del Rio was next with 15.0% unemployed in 1991 and 15.7% in 1990, a decrease of 0.7%. McAllen was very close behind with a 15.1% unemployment rate in November 1991, which was a 2.2% decrease from the 17.3% shown in November 1990. Eagle Pass still remains the city with the highest unemployment rate, of those cities surveyed along the Texas-Mexico border in November. The 1991 rate registered at 28.4%. How-

ever, compared to the 29.1% rate registered in November 1990, Eagle Pass showed a 0.7% decrease from last year.

The total employment figures for the six cities observed along the Texas-Mexico border showed a total employed work force in November 1991 of 344,560. El Paso with the largest work force of 209,769 workers, represented 60.9% of the total work force. The next largest employed work force was registered in Laredo with 44,068 workers or 12.8% of the total. This was followed by Brownsville with 38,352 workers, representing 11.1% of the employed among the six cities observed. McAllen followed with 34,562 workers representing 10.0% of the employed work force. The two smallest employed work force populations were seen in Del Rio and Eagle Pass, where Del Rio reported 10,458 or 3.0% and Eagle Pass reported 7,351 or 2.1% of the employed along the border cities observed.

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% Unemployed Nov. 90/91



Sources: TCBEED, LSU -- Texas Employment Commission

Top 10 Items Exported to Mexico

Port Of Brownsville - 1990

*RBV	DESCRIPTION	SITC	*TDV
1	PTS & ACCESS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ETC.	7649	\$282,097,273
2	ELECTRICAL EQUIPMT, N.E.S. FOR INTERNL COMBUS ENGS	7783	\$90,422,081
3	PTS OF ELEC APPAT FR SWITCH, PROTECT, CONTROL ELEC	7728	\$82,016,677
4	ELECTRICAL CAPACITRS, FIXED, VAR, OR ADJUSTBLE	7786	\$76,821,607
5	PTS & ACCESS OF TRACTOR, MTR VEH, SPEC PURPSE, NES	7843	\$72,243,248
6	ELEC PWR MACH, NEW; PTS OF THE ELEC PWR MACH, NES	7712	\$54,348,079
7	LUBRICATING OILS FROM PETROL & BITUMIN NES ETC	3345	\$46,015,749
8	AIRPLANES & OTH AIRCRAFT, WT EXCEEDING 15000 KG	7924	\$39,300,000
9	SOYBEANS	2222	\$22,962,730
10	STAINLESS STEEL FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS, HOT ROLLED	6753	\$21,164,806
OTHER	ALL OTHER EXPORT ITEMS NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE	N/A	\$1,356,480,362
TOTAL	VALUE OF ALL GOODS EXPORTED IN '90 THRU BROWNSVILLE		\$2,143,872,612

*RBV = Rank By Value *TDV = Total Dollar Value

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

Port of Del Rio - 1990

*RBV	DESCRIPTION	SITC	*TDV
1	INSULATED WIRE, CABLE; OPTICAL FIBER CABLES	7731	\$45,749,749
2	ARTICLES OF PLASTICS, NES	8939	\$23,083,773
3	PARTS OF FOOTWEAR; REMOVABLE IN-SOLES ETC	8519	\$20,459,031
4	ELECTROMECHANICAL DOMESTIC APPLIANCES, S-C MT, PTS	7757	\$17,052,980
5	ELEC FILAMENT OR DISCHARGE LAMPS; ARC LAMPS & PTS	7782	\$15,769,112
6	ELECTRICAL MACHRY & EQUIPMT, N.E.S.	7788	\$15,179,251
7	PTS & ACCESS OF TRACTOR, MTR VEH, SPEC PURPSE, NES	7843	\$12,447,761
8	PARTS OF CENTRIFUGES & FILTER OR PURIFYNG MACHRY	7439	\$12,352,194
9	SHEEP AND GOATS, LIVE	0012	\$11,540,454
10	ELECT APP FOR SWITCHING ELEC CIRCUITS NT EX 1000 V	7725	\$9,996,497
OTHER	ALL OTHER EXORT ITEMS NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE	N/A	\$183,631,035
TOTAL	VALUE OF ALL GOODS EXPORTED IN '90 THRU DEL RIO		\$367,261,837

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Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

Port of El Paso - 1990

*RBV	DESCRIPTION	SITC	*TDV
1	INSULATED WIRE, CABLE; OPTICAL FIBER CABLES	7731	\$404,785,689
2	PTS & ACCESS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ETC.	7649	\$308,058,057
3	PTS OF ELEC APPAT FR SWITCH, PROTECT, CONTROL ELEC	7728	\$160,541,658
4	PARTS, N.E.S. FOR INTRNL COM PIST ENGINES	7139	\$134,814,102
5	SEATS (OTHER THAN DENTAL, BARBER ETC.) AND PARTS	8211	\$125,223,256
6	GASOLINE (MOTOR SPIRIT) AND OTHER LIGHT OILS	3341	\$98,499,156
7	PTS & ACCESS OF TRACTOR, MTR VEH, SPEC PURPSE, NES	7843	\$97,329,990
8	ARTICLES OF PAPER (& PULP & BOARD) OR CELL WAD NES	6429	\$84,463,483
9	NONWOVENS, WHETHER OR NOT IMPREGNATED, ETC. N.E.S.	6572	\$66,525,521
10	ELEC PWR MACH, NES; PTS OF THE ELEC PWR MACH, NES	7712	\$38,847,564
OTHER	ALL OTHER EXPORT ITEMS NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE	N/A	\$2,200,530,281
TOTAL	VALUE OF ALL GOODS EXPORTED IN '90 THRU EL PASO		\$3,719,618,757

*RBV = Rank By Value *TDV = Total Dollar Value

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce