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## U.S.-Mexico Trade: 2004 Finishes on an All-Time High

In 2000, trade between the U.S. and Mexico had registered the highest value, \$247.6 billion in total trade value, since trade liberalization began. This trade growth peaked in 2000, and went flat from 2001 to 2003. Early indicators pointed to the possibility that 2004 might outshine 2000.

As early as the first quarter of 2004, indicators showed double-digit increases in U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico. These trends held steady throughout the year. 2004 exports dollar value finished 13.6 percent above those of last year, and imports ended with a 12.8 percent increase over 2003. Thusly, total trade ended with a 13.2 percent increase (\$266.6 billion in total trade value) over 2003 (See Table 1).

The U.S. trade deficit with Mexico also grew —\$45.0 billion in 2004 compared to \$40.6 billion in 2003. Tables 2 through 6

delineate the activity at the border and the 27 ports of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border in terms of the dollar value of U.S. exports to Mexico, and U.S. imports from Mexico passing through them respectively.

How did 2004 compare with the last peak year, 2000? In reviewing the trade figures, U.S. exports to Mexico in 2000 registered \$111.7 billion compared to \$110.8 billion in 2004—a slight decrease of 0.8 percent, nonetheless an increase over the previous three lackluster years. On the other hand, U.S. imports from Mexico maintained increases even though small during the flat years. In comparison with 2000 (\$135.8 billion), imports were up 14.6 percent (\$155.6 billion) in 2004. Total trade value in 2004, therefore, resulted in a 7.7 percent increase (\$266.6 billion) over that of 2000 (\$247.6 billion). —*B. Garcia*

**Table 1**  
U.S.-Mexico Trade  
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2003 Total	2004 Total	'03 vs. '04 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	97.5	110.8	13.6
U.S. Imports from Mexico	138.1	155.8	12.8
<b>Total Trade</b>	<b>235.6</b>	<b>266.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>

**Table 2**  
U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports  
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2003 Total	2004 Total	'03 vs. '04 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	82.5	93.7	13.6
U.S. Imports from Mexico	112.1	124.8	11.3
<b>Total Trade</b>	<b>194.6</b>	<b>218.5</b>	<b>12.3</b>

**Table 3**  
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade Processed by Texas Border Ports  
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2003 Total	2004 Total	'03 vs. '04 Percent Change
Texas Border Ports	151.8	169.8	11.9
Other U.S.-Mexico Border Ports	42.5	48.1	13.2
<b>Total Trade</b>	<b>194.3</b>	<b>217.9</b>	<b>12.1</b>

Note: Figures may not match due to rounding.

**Table 4**  
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade  
Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports  
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2003 Total	2004 Total	'03 vs. '04 Percent Change
Brownsville	10,147,032,184	10,761,096,851	6.1
Del Rio	2,772,204,552	2,797,360,229	0.9
Eagle Pass	5,739,301,318	6,875,116,445	19.8
Laredo	78,812,223,896	89,682,667,340	13.8
Hidalgo	14,431,821,595	15,877,243,660	10.0
Rio Grande	169,707,642	220,992,652	30.2
Progreso	120,397,868	142,610,696	18.4
Roma	94,311,744	79,755,879	-15.4
Edinburg Airport	7,919	0	-100.0
El Paso	39,334,413,611	42,898,696,624	9.1
Presidio	242,717,975	409,543,159	68.7
Fabens	951,891	32,432,624	3,307.2
Columbus	57,508,796	68,419,202	19.0
Santa Teresa	1,089,144,676	1,157,163,120	6.2
Santa Teresa Airport	217,287	25,157	-88.4
Andrade	1,225,021	2,784,675	127.3
Calexico	7,993,351	9,553,562	19.5
San Ysidro	28,619,560	37,854,529	32.3
Tecate	898,000,601	1,004,500,597	11.9
Otay Mesa Station	19,718,468,953	22,289,588,298	13.0
Calexico-East	8,889,992,631	9,942,820,844	11.8
Douglas	610,121,295	764,215,941	25.3
Lukeville	3,135,329	9,295,138	196.5
Naco	55,203,937	85,700,340	55.2
Nogales	10,356,140,408	12,076,686,991	16.6
Sasabe	0	20,652,038	-
San Luis	888,681,309	948,721,545	6.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>194,469,545,349</b>	<b>218,195,498,136</b>	<b>12.2</b>

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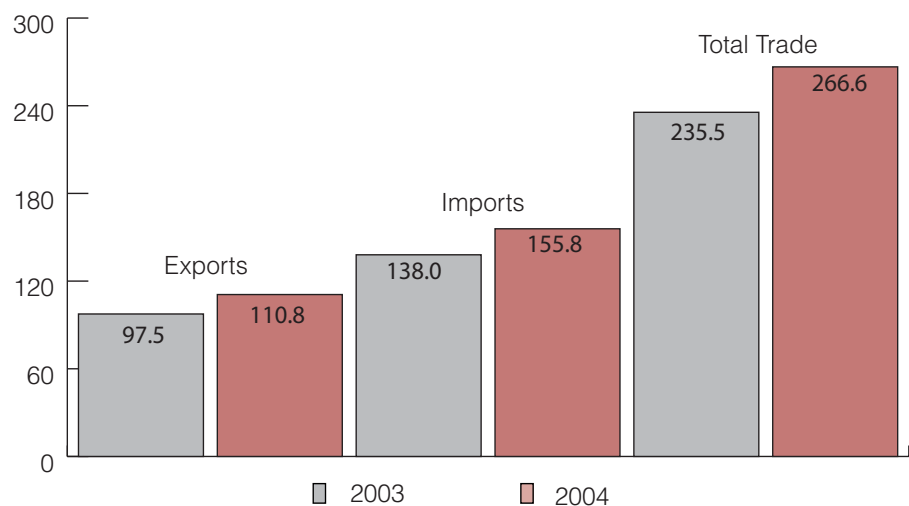
### Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity for December 2004 year-to-date (EOY) demonstrated seventeen indicators increased and five decreased. 2004 EOY comparisons to 2003 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were up 4.5 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 0.9 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 1.4 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 0.6 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 6.6 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 5.4 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 1.7 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 15.0 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 9.0 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 7.6 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were up 8.1 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.9 percent, with 9,121 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in December 2004 was 7.8 percent.
- Total building permits issued fell 13.2 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 1.0 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.5 percent, commercial were up 2.3 percent and industrial were down 4.6 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were up 14.9 percent, and departures were up 14.9 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville increased 2.5 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 1.3 percent, and outbound cargo went up 2.2 percent.

### U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

December 2004 Year-to-Date  
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division, Data Dissemination Branch

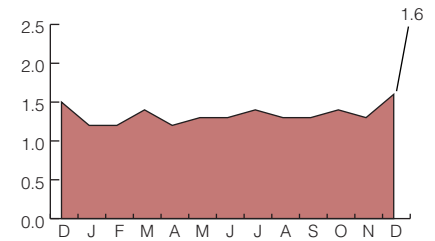
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**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Dec 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	221,971	13.6	1.5		2,438,581	2,392,260	15.0	-1.9
Del Rio	5,873	0.4	-42.4		62,830	70,438	0.4	12.1
Eagle Pass	67,520	4.1	4.8		595,798	612,390	3.8	2.8
El Paso	611,185	37.4	25.4		5,411,956	5,930,117	37.2	9.6
Harlingen	55	0.0	-59.3		830	1,006	0.0	21.2
Laredo	444,134	27.2	1.4		4,037,398	4,152,408	26.0	2.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	139,608	8.5	-2.7		1,347,550	1,354,404	8.5	0.5
Progreso	127,682	7.8	-4.3		1,227,698	1,299,493	8.1	5.8
Rio Grande	87	0.0	-32.0		2,571	2,332	0.0	-9.3
Roma	14,767	0.9	-8.6		151,481	146,132	0.9	-3.5
Total	1,632,882	100.0	8.0		15,276,693	15,960,980	100.0	4.5

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

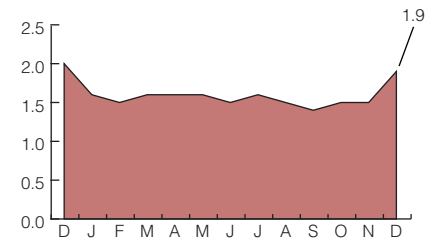
**Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004: Up **8.0%**  
(In Millions)

**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Dec 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	265,885	14.1	-4.2		2,765,884	2,715,080	14.5	-1.8
Del Rio	8,696	0.5	-15.6		97,055	108,820	0.6	12.1
Eagle Pass	75,407	4.0	-8.4		745,237	722,275	3.8	-3.1
El Paso	723,901	38.3	-7.3		7,715,504	7,500,916	39.9	-2.8
Laredo	497,955	26.3	2.1		4,466,739	4,642,340	24.7	3.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	170,511	9.0	-9.3		1,711,862	1,662,079	8.8	-2.9
Presidio	2,615	0.1	1.3		25,557	25,974	0.1	1.6
Progreso	126,366	6.7	-5.5		1,232,401	1,206,378	6.4	-2.1
Rio Grande	1,018	0.1	-25.4		14,870	12,305	0.1	-17.2
Roma	19,768	1.0	-8.1		192,409	192,345	1.0	0.0
Total	1,892,122	100.0	-4.7		18,967,518	18,788,512	100.0	-0.9

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

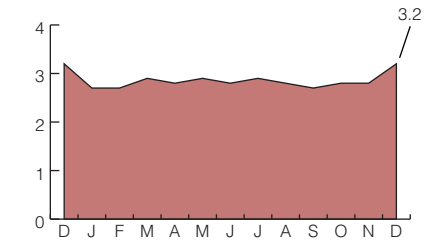
**Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004: Down **4.7%**  
(In Millions)

**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Dec 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	626,087	19.6	0.7		6,886,203	6,743,918	19.9	-2.1
Del Rio	163,693	5.1	-7.1		1,905,331	1,844,521	5.4	-3.2
Eagle Pass	319,398	10.0	1.4		3,252,405	3,221,196	9.5	-1.0
El Paso	414,888	13.0	1.2		4,512,110	4,439,944	13.1	-1.6
Harlingen	66,290	2.1	-1.2		682,535	696,777	2.1	2.1
Laredo	655,377	20.5	-3.6		7,025,241	6,967,107	20.5	-0.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	526,148	16.4	1.6		5,554,400	5,523,913	16.3	-0.5
Pharr	171,815	5.4	2.3		1,752,133	1,783,437	5.3	1.8
Progreso	93,880	2.9	-4.1		1,121,967	1,057,407	3.1	-5.8
Rio Grande	57,562	1.8	-1.9		615,345	604,227	1.8	-1.8
Roma	103,574	3.2	-5.0		1,126,081	1,069,714	3.2	-5.0
Total	3,198,712	100.0	-0.7		34,433,751	33,952,161	100.0	-1.4

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

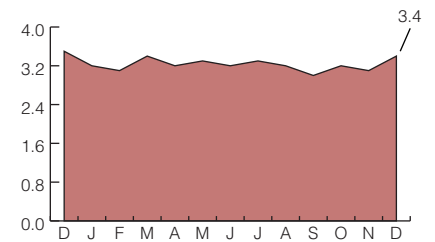
**Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004: Down **0.7%**  
(In Millions)

**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Dec 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	610,032	18.0	0.9		6,872,032	6,753,606	17.5	-1.7
Del Rio	160,524	4.7	-2.7		1,900,527	1,857,976	4.8	-2.2
Eagle Pass	315,503	9.3	0.5		3,371,249	3,341,981	8.7	-0.9
El Paso	622,707	18.3	-6.1		7,565,603	7,621,214	19.7	0.7
Harlingen	68,821	2.0	-9.1		790,184	787,040	2.0	-0.4
Laredo	599,728	17.7	-3.3		7,104,801	6,968,532	18.0	-1.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	486,762	14.3	6.1		5,006,764	5,206,757	13.5	4.0
Pharr	211,592	6.2	-7.3		2,585,072	2,425,927	6.3	-6.2
Presidio	65,932	1.9	-2.5		709,805	739,362	1.9	4.2
Progreso	95,680	2.8	-1.8		1,124,594	1,149,620	3.0	2.2
Rio Grande	61,427	1.8	-4.7		697,733	685,113	1.8	-1.8
Roma	97,812	2.9	-5.6		1,127,973	1,079,517	2.8	-4.3
Total	3,396,520	100.0	-1.9		38,856,337	38,616,645	100.0	-0.6

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004: Down **1.9%**  
(In Millions)

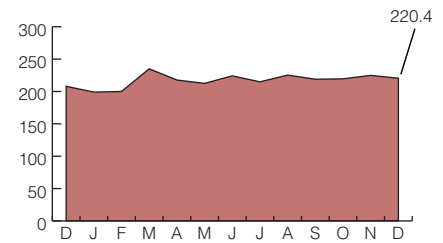


**Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Dec 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	15,799	7.2	0.8		199,498	201,447	7.7	1.0
Del Rio	3,292	1.5	-30.5		72,046	63,183	2.4	-12.3
Eagle Pass	7,221	3.3	-4.9		87,026	98,211	3.8	12.9
El Paso	22,281	10.1	2.9		281,589	292,288	11.2	3.8
Harlingen	2,853	1.3	12.7		37,235	37,026	1.4	-0.6
Laredo	133,052	60.4	8.9		1,386,217	1,464,908	56.1	5.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	1,820	0.8	122.8		22,921	22,367	0.9	-2.4
Pharr	28,784	13.1	1.2		309,069	369,939	14.2	19.7
Progreso	1,981	0.9	31.1		22,041	23,884	0.9	8.4
Rio Grande	2,476	1.1	24.2		23,733	28,336	1.1	19.4
Roma	802	0.4	1.4		9,704	10,622	0.4	9.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>220,361</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>		<b>2,451,079</b>	<b>2,612,211</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.6</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

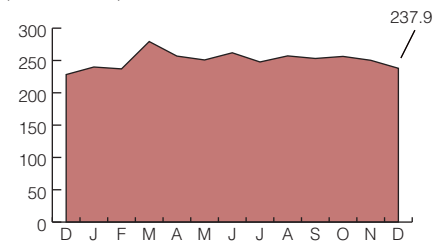
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Trucks into Mexico All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004: Up 6.0%  
(In Thousands)**Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Dec 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	14,624	6.1	0.3		189,319	186,947	6.2	-1.3
Del Rio	4,003	1.7	0.3		65,609	64,061	2.1	-2.4
Eagle Pass	7,540	3.2	0.0		88,272	100,100	3.3	13.4
El Paso	55,478	23.3	6.8		659,614	723,669	23.9	9.7
Harlingen	2,697	1.1	2.5		40,070	39,342	1.3	-1.8
Laredo	112,520	47.3	4.1		1,354,229	1,379,760	45.6	1.9
Pharr	34,326	14.4	2.0		406,064	454,351	15.0	11.9
Presidio	691	0.3	-2.7		5,720	7,433	0.2	29.9
Progreso	1,907	0.8	36.1		19,571	23,064	0.8	17.8
Rio Grande	3,445	1.4	12.5		35,523	40,815	1.3	14.9
Roma	660	0.3	9.8		7,419	8,407	0.3	13.3
Falcon Heights	4	0.0	-33.3		214	103	0.0	-51.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>237,895</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>		<b>2,871,624</b>	<b>3,028,052</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>

Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo &amp; U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso

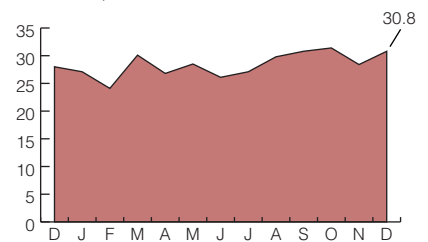
Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks.

Trucks into Texas All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004: Up 4.3%  
(In Thousands)**Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Dec 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	3,172	10.3	-16.7		41,059	34,917	10.2	-15.0
Eagle Pass	5,776	18.8	-16.4		75,006	67,889	19.9	-9.5
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	21,812	70.9	26.2		219,362	238,266	69.9	8.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,760</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9.9</b>		<b>335,427</b>	<b>341,072</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>

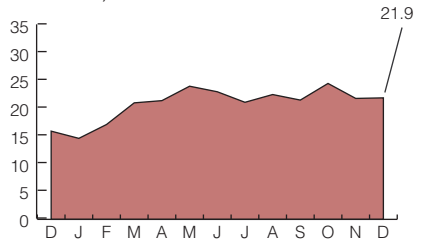
Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004: Up 9.9%  
(In Thousands)**Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Dec 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	855	3.9	42.7		10,055	6,266	2.5	-37.7
Eagle Pass	1,571	7.2	32.8		15,475	19,451	7.6	25.7
El Paso	6,684	30.5	212.5		21,045	58,565	23.0	178.3
Laredo	12,824	58.5	7.2		174,837	170,248	66.9	-2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,934</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>38.1</b>		<b>221,412</b>	<b>254,530</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities &amp; U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso

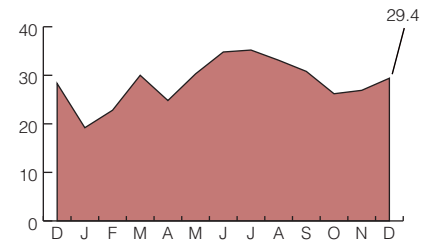
Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004: Up 38.1%  
(In Thousands)

**Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)**

City	Dec 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	2,430,091	8.3	48.5		16,673,285	27,141,695	7.9	62.8
Del Rio	123,036	0.4	43.5		2,860,385	1,323,520	0.4	-53.7
Eagle Pass	1,150,419	3.9	-1.7		37,433,425	11,133,910	3.2	-70.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	4,035,294	13.7	22.4		41,265,946	46,371,061	13.5	12.4
Laredo	21,570,109	73.4	-2.1		215,894,640	256,350,495	74.7	18.7
Progreso	37,699	0.1	104.6		194,681	350,610	0.1	80.1
Rio Grande	15,981	0.1	-38.6		427,146	307,821	0.1	-27.9
Roma	38,994	0.1	249.1		155,015	423,125	0.1	173.0
Total	29,401,624	100.0	4.0		314,904,522	343,402,235	100.0	9.0

Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo

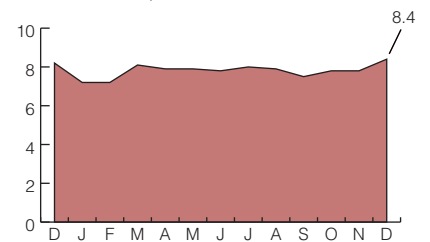
Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004: Up **4.0%**  
(In Millions of U.S.\$)**Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)**

City	Dec 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,279,098	15.1	0.4		13,109,443	14,160,980	15.1	8.0
Del Rio	345,265	4.1	-2.8		3,854,361	4,091,353	4.4	6.1
Eagle Pass	692,966	8.2	1.5		7,023,278	7,010,186	7.5	-0.2
El Paso	1,199,183	14.2	31.6		10,268,543	13,434,252	14.4	30.8
Harlingen	180,368	2.1	2.7		1,840,536	1,971,283	2.1	7.1
Laredo	2,949,357	34.9	-1.8		32,144,205	33,179,766	35.5	3.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	972,399	11.5	2.1		10,289,335	10,213,265	10.9	-0.7
Pharr	602,003	7.1	7.1		5,913,106	7,094,069	7.6	20.0
Roma	226,523	2.7	-4.1		2,427,323	2,345,633	2.5	-3.4
Total	8,447,160	100.0	3.6		86,870,129	93,500,787	100.0	7.6

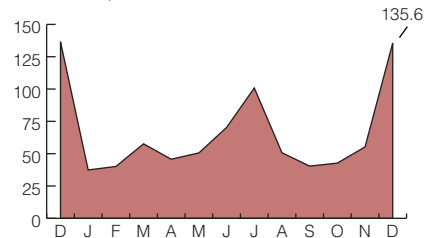
Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Note: El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas (Toll-free). Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Bridge Revenues All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004: Up **3.6%**  
(In Millions of U.S.\$)**Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico**

City	Dec 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	2,464	1.8	-16.6		11,065	11,061	1.5	0.0
El Paso	29,447	21.7	8.1		108,407	136,681	18.8	26.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	21,737	16.0	2.4		138,929	150,086	20.6	8.0
Brownsville	16,213	12.0	7.9		83,134	86,824	11.9	4.4
Laredo	59,924	44.2	-6.3		296,597	306,675	42.2	3.4
Eagle Pass	5,836	4.3	-5.9		34,688	35,751	4.9	3.1
Total	135,621	100.0	-0.7		672,820	727,078	100.0	8.1

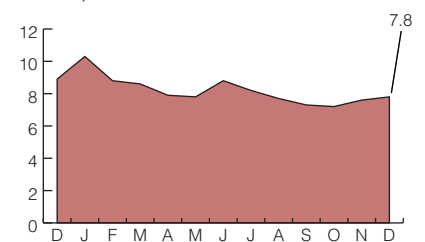
Source: Instituto Nacional de Migración, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004: Up **0.7%**  
(In Thousands)**Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)**

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		03 vs. 04	Gain/Loss
	Dec 04	Dec 04		EOY 03	EOY 04		
Brownsville	48,521	5,863	10.8	48,524	48,123	-0.8	-401
Del Rio	15,739	1,314	7.7	15,961	15,450	-3.2	-511
Eagle Pass	10,122	2,234	18.1	8,257	9,857	19.4	1,600
El Paso	249,368	20,008	7.4	247,467	247,700	0.1	233
Harlingen	27,875	1,994	6.7	27,877	27,636	-0.9	-241
Laredo	79,230	4,787	5.7	72,132	76,756	6.4	4,624
McAllen	56,008	5,018	8.2	51,052	54,013	5.8	2,961
Pharr	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rio Grande	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	486,863	41,218	7.8	492,102	501,222	1.9	9,121
Texas Unemployment Rate			5.4				
U.S. Unemployment Rate			5.4				

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

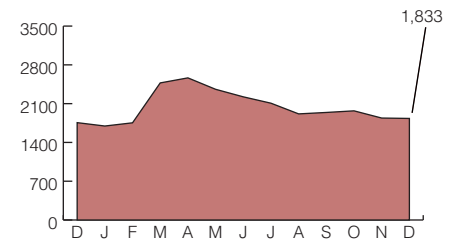
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Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004: Down **12.4%**  
(In Percent)

**Building Permits**

Number	03 vs. 04			EOY			
City	Dec 04	%Share	%Chg	EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	249	13.6	-40.7	7,167	3,830	15.5	-46.6
Del Rio	25	1.4	-50.0	834	957	3.9	14.7
Eagle Pass	35	1.9	2.9	534	558	2.3	4.5
El Paso	892	48.7	9.7	13,049	11,402	46.2	-12.6
Harlingen	173	9.4	154.4	946	1,302	5.3	37.6
Laredo	285	15.5	21.8	3,768	3,957	16.0	5.0
McAllen	174	9.5	26.1	2,126	2,672	10.8	25.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,833</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>28,424</b>	<b>24,678</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-13.2</b>

Building Permits All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004  
(Number of Permits): Up 4.3%

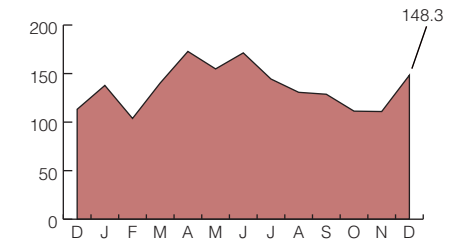


Dollar Value	03 vs. 04			EOY			
City	Dec 04	%Share	%Chg	EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	16,854,466	11.4	-31.0	279,150,054	252,388,529	15.3	-9.6
Del Rio	3,674,153	2.5	191.1	19,089,990	31,455,126	1.9	64.8
Eagle Pass	16,080,201	10.8	1386.2	30,117,143	56,045,605	3.4	86.1
El Paso	47,251,042	31.9	13.4	512,284,040	573,965,094	34.7	12.0
Harlingen	7,157,576	4.8	-49.5	73,412,603	117,421,211	7.1	59.9
Laredo	40,239,695	27.1	104.6	255,715,049	390,806,480	23.6	52.8
McAllen	17,071,975	11.5	56.5	468,326,602	232,907,424	14.1	-50.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>148,329,108</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>1,638,095,482</b>	<b>1,654,989,469</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>

Source: Permit Departments in cited cities

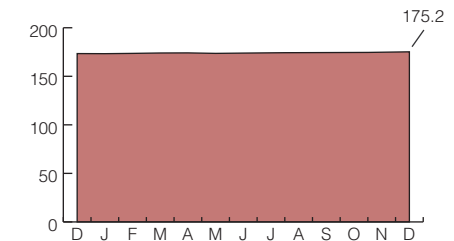
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(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Up 31.0%

**Power Connections (in Service)**

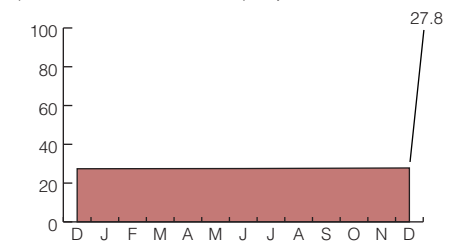
Residential	03 vs. 04			Average			
City	Dec 04	%Share	%Chg	EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	34,226	19.5	1.8	33,349	34,177	19.6	2.5
Del Rio	14,570	8.3	0.1	14,416	14,587	8.4	1.2
Eagle Pass	10,577	6.0	1.4	10,250	10,478	6.0	2.2
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	22,819	13.0	-0.9	22,406	22,751	13.1	1.5
Laredo	56,717	32.4	1.2	54,667	56,317	32.3	3.0
McAllen	36,296	20.7	1.6	34,759	35,853	20.6	3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>175,205</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>169,847</b>	<b>174,163</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>

Power Connections All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004  
(Residential – In Thousands): Up 1.0%



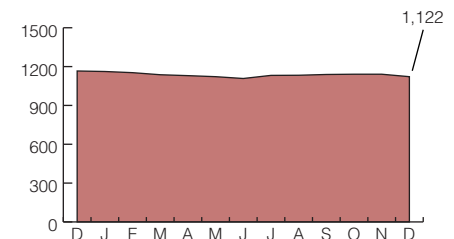
Commercial	03 vs. 04			Average			
City	Dec 04	%Share	%Chg	EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	4,582	16.5	0.4	4,421	4,576	16.6	3.5
Del Rio	2,290	8.2	0.0	2,280	2,289	8.3	0.4
Eagle Pass	1,660	6.0	4.3	1,582	1,619	5.9	2.3
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	3,954	14.2	1.4	3,882	3,925	14.2	1.1
Laredo	8,746	31.5	0.7	8,562	8,717	31.6	1.8
McAllen	6,532	23.5	3.3	6,226	6,434	23.3	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,764</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>26,953</b>	<b>27,561</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>

(Commercial – In Thousands): Up 1.5%



Industrial	03 vs. 04			Average			
City	Dec 04	%Share	%Chg	EOY 03	EOY 04	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	618	55.1	-5.4	677	629	55.4	-7.1
Del Rio	43	3.8	-2.3	44	43	3.8	-2.1
Eagle Pass	31	2.8	3.3	30	30	2.6	-0.6
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	102	9.1	-2.9	106	102	9.0	-3.7
Laredo	206	18.4	-2.4	211	209	18.4	-1.4
McAllen	122	10.9	-0.8	122	123	10.8	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-4.6</b>

(Industrial): Down 3.8%



Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company

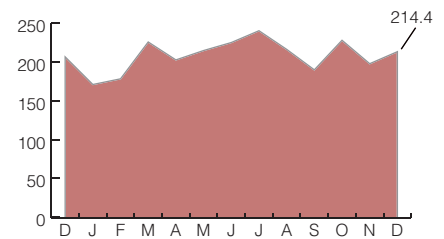
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**Air Passenger Service Activity** (Number of Passengers)

City	Dec 04		03 vs. 04		EOY 03		EOY 04		EOY	
	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	5,795	2.7	1.1		61,955		93,809		3.7	51.4
El Paso	134,126	62.6	-0.9		1,388,952		1,600,120		63.6	15.2
Harlingen	35,561	16.6	9.6		386,595		426,363		16.9	10.3
Laredo	8,979	4.2	29.0		72,381		81,924		3.3	13.2
McAllen	29,935	14.0	10.4		279,804		314,295		12.5	12.3
Total	214,396	100.0	3.2		2,189,687		2,516,511		100.0	14.9

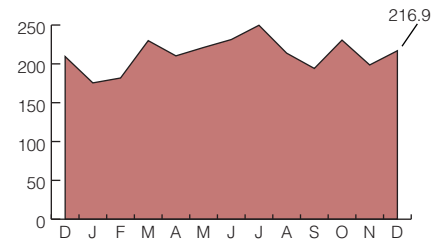
Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004  
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Up **3.2%**



City	Dec 04		03 vs. 04		EOY 03		EOY 04		EOY	
	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	5,756	2.7	4.3		62,271		94,345		3.7	51.5
El Paso	135,869	62.6	-0.4		1,408,315		1,618,669		63.4	14.9
Harlingen	36,101	16.6	11.9		394,452		441,543		17.3	11.9
Laredo	9,025	4.2	25.9		73,610		81,342		3.2	10.5
McAllen	30,190	13.9	7.6		284,567		317,806		12.4	11.7
Total	216,941	100.0	3.6		2,223,215		2,553,705		100.0	14.9

Source: Airports in cited cities

(Departures – In Thousands): Up **3.6%**

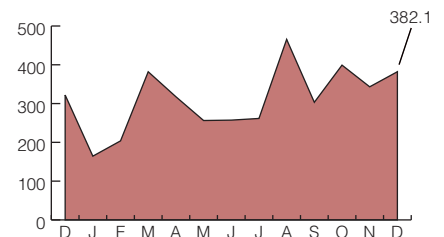
**Port of Brownsville** (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type	Dec 04		03 vs. 04		EOY 03		EOY 04		EOY	
	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	210,626	55.1	-10.6		2,361,542		1,932,535		51.7	-18.2
Containers	N/A	0.0	N/A		6		N/A		0.0	-100.0
Grain Bulk	N/A	0.0	-100.0		74,078		41,383		1.1	-44.1
Liquid	8,800	2.3	1729.5		42,561		27,587		0.7	-35.2
Machinery	15,861	4.2	N/A		3,797		237,361		6.4	6151.3
Petroleum	146,792	38.4	74.2		1,163,718		1,497,336		40.1	28.7
Total	382,079	100.0	18.7		3,645,702		3,736,202		100.0	2.5

Source: Port of Brownsville

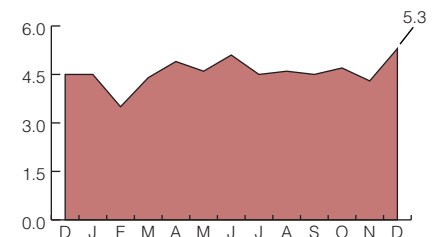
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Port of Brownsville Total Cargo  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004: Up **18.7%**  
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)

**Port of Corpus Christi** (Cargo in U.S. Tons)

Cargo Type	Dec 04		03 vs. 04		EOY 03		EOY 04		EOY	
	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	8,963	0.2	-79.8		143,127		288,335		0.5	101.5
Chemical	11,544	0.2	109.8		116,449		108,988		0.2	-6.4
Containers	N/A	0.0	0.0		N/A		N/A		0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	543,205	10.3	160.7		4,136,671		4,191,357		7.6	1.3
Grain Bulk	1,589	0.0	13.5		28,639		12,407		0.0	-56.7
Liquid	10,003	0.2	-56.8		196,295		282,623		0.5	44.0
Petroleum	4,702,857	89.1	12.3		49,546,903		50,008,336		91.1	0.9
Total	5,278,160	100.0	18.0		54,168,085		54,892,045		100.0	1.3

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo  
Dec. 2003 vs. Dec. 2004  
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up **18.0%**

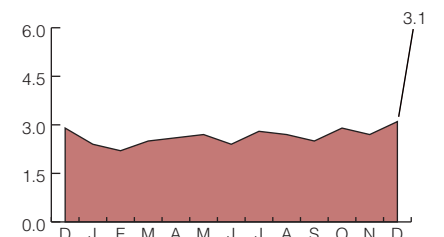


Cargo Type	Dec 04		03 vs. 04		EOY 03		EOY 04		EOY	
	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	26,598	0.8	362.3		218,119		353,848		1.1	62.2
Chemical	172,245	5.5	18.2		1,887,637		2,033,748		6.4	7.7
Containers	N/A	0.0	0.0		N/A		N/A		0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	465,551	14.8	71.8		2,697,242		3,098,046		9.8	14.9
Grain Bulk	60,189	1.9	-75.2		1,637,940		1,823,683		5.8	11.3
Liquid	N/A	0.0	-100.0		46,840		125,284		0.4	167.5
Petroleum	2,420,663	77.0	9.8		24,475,262		24,206,315		76.5	-1.1
Total	3,145,246	100.0	9.3		30,963,038		31,640,924		100.0	2.2

Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up **9.3%**



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**Table 5**  
**U.S. Exports to Mexico Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports**  
**(In U.S. Dollars)**

Port of Entry	2003 Total	2004 Total	'03 vs. '04 Percent Change
Brownsville	5,263,555,106	5,613,191,629	6.6
Del Rio	1,276,392,188	1,267,071,891	-0.7
Eagle Pass	2,942,166,035	3,338,477,143	13.5
Laredo	32,431,961,924	38,596,062,694	19.0
Hidalgo	6,288,509,506	6,653,436,732	5.8
Rio Grande	63,987,769	91,804,386	43.5
Progreso	112,535,512	133,861,941	19.0
Roma	82,584,714	68,540,342	-17.0
Edinburg Airport	7,919	0	-100.0
El Paso	16,750,968,340	18,370,484,447	9.7
Presidio	85,725,133	222,536,071	159.6
Fabens	951,891	32,432,624	3,307.2
Columbus	9,127,606	32,245,623	253.3
Santa Teresa	346,510,251	415,780,568	20.0
Santa Teresa Airport	217,287	25,157	-88.4
Andrade	1,225,021	2,784,675	127.3
Calexico	7,993,351	9,553,562	19.5
San Ysidro	28,575,115	37,817,668	32.3
Tecate	410,823,106	465,746,650	13.4
Otay Mesa Station	8,302,352,552	9,023,308,226	8.7
Calexico-East	3,769,908,914	4,317,403,679	14.5
Douglas	255,853,401	264,935,796	3.5
Lukeville	3,066,852	9,215,297	200.5
Naco	39,294,984	58,394,893	48.6
Nogales	3,538,272,203	4,253,038,611	20.2
Sasabe	0	20,652,038	-
San Luis	269,120,715	287,003,924	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,281,687,395</b>	<b>93,585,806,267</b>	<b>13.7</b>

**Table 6**  
**U.S. Imports from Mexico Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports**  
**(In U.S. Dollars)**

Port of Entry	2003 Total	2004 Total	'03 vs. '04 Percent Change
Brownsville	4,883,477,078	5,147,905,222	5.4
Del Rio	1,495,812,364	1,530,288,338	2.3
Eagle Pass	2,797,135,283	3,536,639,302	26.4
Laredo	46,380,261,972	51,086,604,646	10.1
Hidalgo	8,143,312,089	9,223,806,928	13.3
Rio Grande	105,719,873	129,188,266	22.2
Progreso	7,862,356	8,748,755	11.3
Roma	11,727,030	11,215,537	-4.4
Edinburg Airport	0	0	-
El Paso	22,583,445,271	24,528,212,177	8.6
Presidio	156,992,842	187,007,088	19.1
Fabens	0	0	-
Columbus	48,381,190	36,173,579	-25.2
Santa Teresa	742,634,425	741,382,552	-0.2
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	0	0	-
Calexico	0	0	-
San Ysidro	44,445	36,861	-17.1
Tecate	487,177,495	538,753,947	10.6
Otay Mesa Station	11,416,116,401	13,266,280,072	16.2
Calexico-East	5,120,083,717	5,625,417,165	9.9
Douglas	354,267,894	499,280,145	40.9
Lukeville	68,477	79,841	16.6
Naco	15,908,953	27,305,447	71.6
Nogales	6,817,868,205	7,823,648,380	14.8
Sasabe	0	0	-
San Luis	619,560,594	661,717,621	6.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,187,857,954</b>	<b>124,609,691,869</b>	<b>11.1</b>

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University (Tables 1-6)

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