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U.S.-Mexico Trade: 2008 Figures Finish Above those in 2007—But Not By Much

During the 2008 year, trade between the U.S. and Mexico continued its upward trend and ended up against 2007. There were some decreases in trade in the fourth quarter of 2008, U.S. exports had just one month of growth—September 2008—while U.S. imports registered decreases in the last three months of the 4thQ. Even with this downward dip, U.S.-Mexico trade ended with an increase, 5.8 percent.

Last year's 2007 figure was the highest ever recorded for total trade dollar value (\$347.3 billion) between the trading partners. At the end of 2008, the total trade dollar value registered at \$367.4 billion—surpassing 2007 with an increase of 5.8 percent.

2008 exports dollar value finished with a 11.0 percent increase above last year's, and imports dollar value ended modestly up with a 2.4 percent increase over 2007. (See Table 1).

Unlike the trade values, the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico shrunk—\$64.4 billion in 2008 compared to \$74.3 billion in 2007.

The handling of merchandise in U.S.-Mexico trade is done primarily via border ports of entry (\$283.8 billion or 77.2 percent of the trade dollar value in 2008). 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. The top ten ports of entry processing this merchandise on the U.S.-Mexico border (ranked by total trade dollar value) were: 1) Laredo, TX; 2) El Paso, TX; 3) Otay Mesa Station, CA; 4) Hidalgo, TX; 5) Nogales, AZ; 6) Eagle Pass, TX; 7) Brownsville, TX; 8) Calexico-East, CA; 9) Del Rio, TX; and 10) Santa Teresa, NM. —*B. Garcia*

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

	2007 Total	2008 Total	'07 vs. '08 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	136.5	151.5	11.0
U.S. Imports from Mexico	210.8	215.9	2.4
Total Trade	347.3	367.4	5.8

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

	2007 Total	2008 Total	'07 vs. '08 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	114.0	124.5	9.2
U.S. Imports from Mexico	163.6	159.3	-2.6
Total Trade	277.6	283.8	2.2

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

	2007 Total	2008 Total	'07 vs. '08 Percent Change
Texas Border Ports	211.3	216.4	2.4
Other U.S.-Mexico Border Ports	66.3	67.3	1.5
Total Trade	277.6	283.7	2.2

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	2007 Total	2008 Total	'07 vs. '08 Percent Change
Brownsville	13,272,149,399	12,697,276,534	-4.3
Del Rio	3,220,495,187	2,821,222,542	-12.4
Eagle Pass	12,026,417,532	12,829,924,018	6.7
Laredo	110,547,364,517	116,055,113,393	5.0
Hidalgo	21,869,352,292	22,214,482,264	1.6
Rio Grande	348,960,686	441,030,596	26.4
Progreso	288,052,108	394,767,150	37.0
Roma	174,130,200	183,316,125	5.3
Edinburg Airport	0	2,750	-
El Paso	49,149,277,394	48,202,525,711	-1.9
Presidio	442,636,547	548,180,107	23.8
Fabens	5,697,217	26,082,253	357.8
Columbus	62,672,958	58,376,896	-6.9
Santa Teresa	1,389,794,191	1,246,697,524	-10.3
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	1,271,994	1,902,957	49.6
Calexico	38,199,686	59,943,128	56.9
San Ysidro	176,478,989	246,878,195	39.9
Tecate	1,211,732,318	1,127,831,004	-6.9
Otay Mesa Station	30,750,350,447	31,806,394,666	3.4
Calexico-East	11,942,922,890	11,287,709,508	-5.5
Douglas	1,286,416,624	1,211,457,086	-5.8
Lukeville	11,512,975	9,121,413	-20.8
Naco	121,739,110	41,728,630	-65.7
Nogales	18,176,171,864	19,119,132,534	5.2
Sasabe	591,833	1,655,755	179.8
San Luis	1,131,742,669	1,122,905,521	-0.8
Total Trade	277,646,131,627	283,755,658,260	2.2

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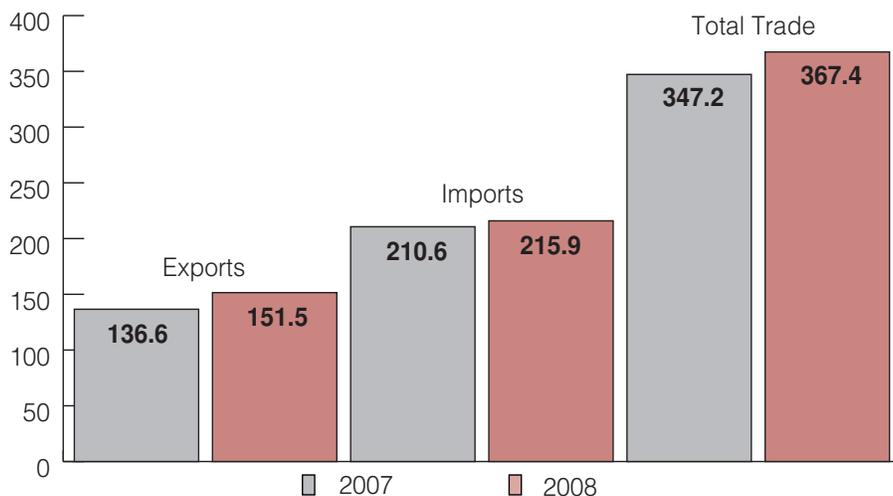
Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity that were reported for December 2008 end-of-year (EOY) demonstrated fifteen indicators increased and six decreased. 2008 EOY comparisons to 2007 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 6.1 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 1.8 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 6.1 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 7.8 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico lost 2.4 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas lost 1.5 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went down 5.4 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went down 18.3 percent.
- Revenues data collected by U.S. Customs was not available at press time.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 5.3 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were up 2.7 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.8 percent, with 9,043 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in December 2008 was 6.5 percent.
- Total building permits issued fell 10.9 percent.
- Total building permit values decreased 40.8 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 1.7 percent, commercial were up 1.8 percent and industrial were down 3.2 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 3.8 percent, and departures were down 2.8 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville increased 23.9 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went down 5.5 percent, and outbound cargo went down 0.3 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

December 2008 End-of-Year
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



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

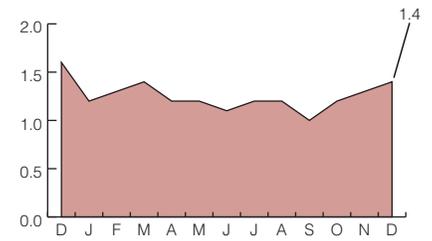
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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	07 vs. 08				EOY		
	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	191,703	13.2	-11.0	2,146,797	1,839,580	12.4	-14.3
Del Rio	5,247	0.4	-12.1	45,606	55,776	0.4	22.3
Eagle Pass	65,788	4.5	-12.7	679,640	685,899	4.6	0.9
El Paso	460,373	31.8	-7.8	5,601,836	5,115,476	34.5	-8.7
Harlingen	24	0.0	-25.0	652	292	0.0	-55.2
Laredo	431,888	29.8	-8.3	4,109,881	4,315,033	29.1	5.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	158,921	11.0	-10.3	1,673,285	1,512,587	10.2	-9.6
Progreso	109,783	7.6	-20.6	1,289,909	1,045,593	7.1	-18.9
Rio Grande	28	0.0	154.5	406	283	0.0	-30.3
Roma	23,835	1.6	-12.5	218,523	238,233	1.6	9.0
Total	1,447,590	100.0	-10.1	15,766,535	14,808,752	100.0	-6.1

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008: Down 10.1%
(In Millions)



Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	07 vs. 08				EOY		
	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	250,902	13.7	-7.0	2,669,185	2,493,451	13.4	-6.6
Del Rio	8,493	0.5	-4.6	74,301	86,920	0.5	17.0
Eagle Pass	72,143	3.9	-14.1	773,137	744,871	4.0	-3.7
El Paso	642,253	35.0	N/A	6,881,015	6,970,476	37.4	1.3
Laredo	500,782	27.3	-9.9	4,950,042	5,040,418	27.0	1.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	217,051	11.8	-10.5	2,056,070	1,957,924	10.5	-4.8
Presidio	4,291	0.2	N/A	25,517	30,313	0.2	18.8
Progreso	110,536	6.0	-22.4	1,298,533	1,055,957	5.7	-18.7
Rio Grande	1,893	0.1	12.4	15,976	17,570	0.1	10.0
Roma	25,585	1.4	-13.3	253,319	257,499	1.4	1.7
Total	1,833,929	100.0	37.4	18,997,095	18,655,399	100.0	-1.8

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008: Up 37.4%
(In Millions)



Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	07 vs. 08				EOY		
	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	440,139	17.1	-16.9	6,129,659	5,260,477	18.5	-14.2
Del Rio	136,000	5.3	-3.7	1,542,002	1,499,637	5.3	-2.7
Eagle Pass	266,463	10.3	-3.6	2,803,951	2,787,779	9.8	-0.6
El Paso	330,450	12.8	-17.2	4,235,122	3,989,802	14.1	-5.8
Harlingen	64,683	2.5	-2.5	692,993	609,180	2.1	-12.1
Laredo	539,909	20.9	-7.6	5,723,302	5,391,313	19.0	-5.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	451,423	17.5	-6.6	4,965,997	4,981,602	17.6	0.3
Pharr	142,722	5.5	-13.2	1,681,316	1,607,339	5.7	-4.4
Progreso	77,369	3.0	-5.3	949,203	853,587	3.0	-10.1
Rio Grande	49,813	1.9	-2.1	546,112	520,273	1.8	-4.7
Roma	81,681	3.2	-5.8	925,780	858,536	3.0	-7.3
Total	2,580,652	100.0	-9.9	30,195,437	28,359,525	100.0	-6.1

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008: Down 9.9%
(In Millions)

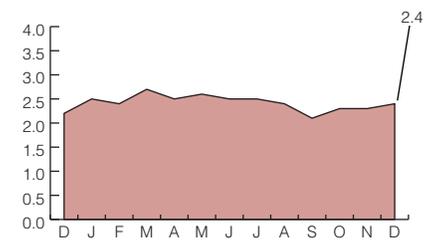


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	07 vs. 08				EOY		
	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	418,667	17.2	-16.5	6,087,729	5,512,292	18.9	-9.5
Del Rio	134,434	5.5	-6.0	1,713,108	1,596,448	5.5	-6.8
Eagle Pass	265,270	10.9	-4.0	2,929,976	2,792,329	9.6	-4.7
El Paso	402,102	16.5	N/A	5,837,570	5,344,828	18.3	-8.4
Laredo	376,377	15.5	-15.2	5,087,057	4,389,628	15.0	-13.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	382,948	15.7	-10.3	4,550,705	4,507,049	15.4	-1.0
Harlingen	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pharr	181,000	7.4	-6.1	2,265,913	2,073,661	7.1	-8.5
Presidio	58,012	2.4	N/A	644,133	633,293	2.2	-1.7
Progreso	83,154	3.4	-5.0	1,012,218	905,644	3.1	-10.5
Rio Grande	53,253	2.2	-4.8	609,031	579,142	2.0	-4.9
Roma	76,570	3.1	-5.6	915,428	850,742	2.9	-7.1
Total	2,431,787	100.0	10.1	31,652,868	29,185,056	100.0	-7.8

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008: Up 10.1%
(In Millions)



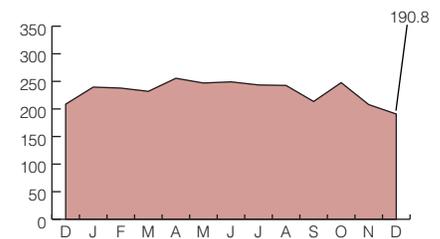
Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Dec 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	10,531	5.5	-27.4		208,466	178,525	6.4	-14.4
Del Rio	3,865	2.0	-11.9		63,302	62,599	2.2	-1.1
Eagle Pass	6,409	3.4	-7.5		97,244	96,122	3.4	-1.2
El Paso	22,013	11.5	-7.6		335,810	335,006	11.9	-0.2
Harlingen	1,757	0.9	1.7		30,868	25,338	0.9	-17.9
Laredo	110,134	57.7	-7.0		1,613,737	1,576,703	56.2	-2.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	463	0.2	-8.7		4,499	5,443	0.2	21.0
Pharr	30,935	16.2	-4.5		447,165	454,146	16.2	1.6
Progreso	2,039	1.1	-28.9		35,629	35,525	1.3	-0.3
Rio Grande	1,957	1.0	-15.0		28,073	28,050	1.0	-0.1
Roma	667	0.3	-11.3		10,746	9,613	0.3	-10.5
Total	190,770	100.0	-8.6		2,875,539	2,807,070	100.0	-2.4

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks. El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas.

Trucks into Mexico All Cited Cities
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008: Down 8.6%
(In Thousands)



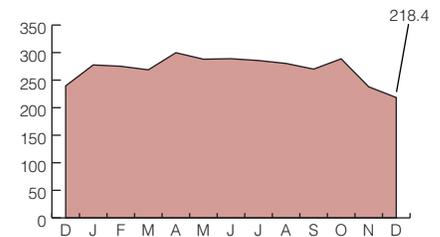
Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Dec 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	11,646	5.3	-13.9		199,623	186,248	5.7	-6.7
Del Rio	3,663	1.7	-10.7		63,460	57,182	1.7	-9.9
Eagle Pass	6,651	3.0	-9.5		100,227	101,999	3.1	1.8
El Paso	47,186	21.6	-11.1		782,369	758,856	23.1	-3.0
Falcon Heights	0	0.0	0.0		16	38	0.0	137.5
Harlingen	2,287	1.0	-4.9		39,220	36,068	1.1	-8.0
Laredo	109,925	50.3	-6.5		1,567,462	1,574,414	48.0	0.4
Pharr	31,760	14.5	-9.7		486,756	476,000	14.5	-2.2
Presidio	511	0.2	37.4		7,137	6,197	0.2	-13.2
Progreso	2,917	1.3	-9.8		40,796	44,440	1.4	8.9
Rio Grande	1,829	0.8	-15.0		34,263	30,461	0.9	-11.1
Roma	N/A	0.0	-100.0		8,050	7,030	0.2	-12.7
Total	218,375	100.0	-8.8		3,329,379	3,278,933	100.0	-1.5

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

Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks.

Trucks into Texas All Cited Cities
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008: Down 8.8%
(In Thousands)



Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Dec 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	2,525	12.0	-17.6		44,923	44,774	13.1	-0.3
Eagle Pass	6,018	28.6	-2.0		78,252	91,356	26.6	16.7
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	12,502	59.4	-34.1		239,193	206,716	60.3	-13.6
Total	21,045	100.0	-25.3		362,368	342,846	100.0	-5.4

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008: Down 25.3%
(In Thousands)

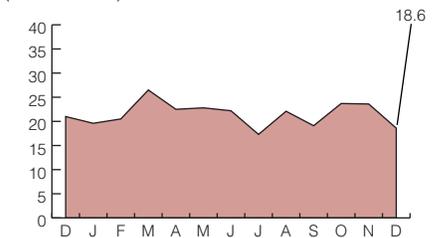


Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Dec 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	459	2.5	-17.4		8,022	6,316	2.4	-21.3
Eagle Pass	4,858	26.1	47.1		44,695	49,813	19.3	11.5
El Paso	5,872	31.6	-4.1		111,886	81,684	31.6	-27.0
Laredo	7,416	39.9	-32.9		151,901	120,653	46.7	-20.6
Total	18,605	100.0	-11.6		316,504	258,466	100.0	-18.3

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008: Down 11.6%
(In Thousands)



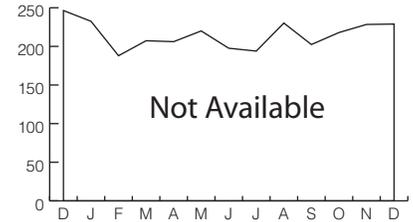
Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Dec 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		EOY 07	EOY 08	EOY	
			%Chg	%Chg			%Share	%Chg

Data was not available at press time.
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Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo
Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008: **N/A**
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

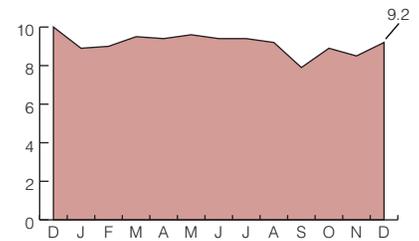


Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)

City	Dec 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		EOY 07	EOY 08	EOY	
			%Chg	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	1,006,279	11.0	-16.4		14,735,907	12,128,138	11.1	-17.7
Del Rio	335,426	3.7	-6.6		3,161,335	3,746,620	3.4	18.5
Eagle Pass	703,969	7.7	-1.9		7,342,794	7,321,280	6.7	-0.3
El Paso	1,244,766	13.6	-17.5		14,820,524	16,425,914	15.1	10.8
Harlingen	184,645	2.0	-1.8		2,178,306	1,897,589	1.7	-12.9
Laredo	3,748,611	40.9	-6.0		39,849,142	44,659,063	41.0	12.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	989,248	10.8	-7.5		10,681,434	12,017,769	11.0	12.5
Pharr	685,536	7.5	-3.8		8,047,311	8,177,459	7.5	1.6
Roma	266,435	2.9	10.5		2,562,846	2,500,257	2.3	-2.4
Total	9,164,915	100.0	-8.2		103,379,599	108,874,089	100.0	5.3

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. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008: **Down 8.2%**
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

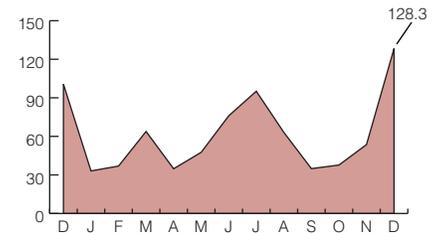


Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Dec 08	%Share	07 vs. 08		EOY 07	EOY 08	EOY	
			%Chg	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Del Rio	1,985	1.5	-12.5		8,525	8,671	1.2	1.7
El Paso	21,775	17.0	-14.1		131,001	126,614	18.0	-3.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	18,330	14.3	5.4		122,837	126,544	18.0	3.0
Brownsville	15,124	11.8	10.3		102,256	83,661	11.9	-18.2
Laredo	64,825	50.5	77.8		287,160	325,619	46.2	13.4
Eagle Pass	6,219	4.8	15.5		34,782	33,653	4.8	-3.2
Total	128,258	100.0	27.5		686,561	704,762	100.0	2.7

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008: **Up 27.5%**
(In Thousands)

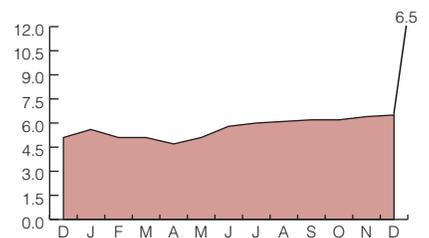


Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		07 vs. 08		Gain/Loss
	Dec 08	Dec 08		Dec 08	EOY 07	EOY 08	Emp %Chg	
Brownsville	58,267	5,392	8.5	58,065	58,275	0.4	210	
Del Rio	15,638	1,055	6.3	15,261	15,643	2.5	382	
El Paso	241,644	16,676	6.5	235,572	240,562	2.1	4,990	
Harlingen	23,681	1,623	6.4	23,588	23,684	0.4	96	
Laredo	81,905	4,964	5.7	79,844	81,226	1.7	1,381	
McAllen	57,259	3,489	5.7	55,017	56,438	2.6	1,422	
Pharr	22,642	1,846	7.5	21,755	22,318	2.6	562	
Total	501,036	35,045	6.5	489,102	498,145	1.8	9,043	
Texas Unemployment Rate							5.7	
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Source: Texas Workforce Commission
Note: Figures are preliminary and subject to revision. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

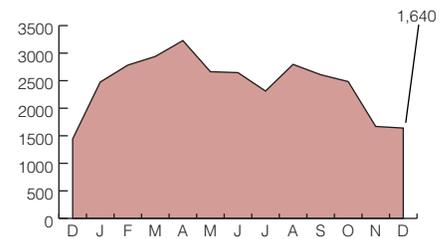
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008: **Down 30.9%**
(In Percent)



Building Permits

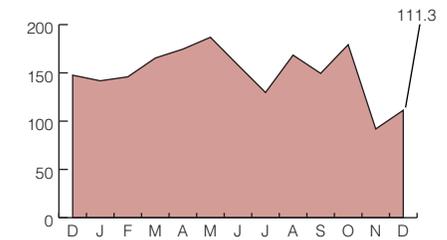
Number City	07 vs. 08			EOY			
	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	175	10.7	-16.3	2,880	2,483	8.2	-13.8
Del Rio	34	2.1	-65.3	2,611	986	3.3	-62.2
Eagle Pass	15	0.9	-58.3	450	415	1.4	-7.8
El Paso	792	48.3	204.6	14,679	18,116	59.9	23.4
Harlingen	193	11.8	24.5	2,706	2,550	8.4	-5.8
Laredo	253	15.4	-33.4	6,394	2,758	9.1	-56.9
McAllen	178	10.9	-41.6	4,234	2,936	9.7	-30.7
Total	1,640	100.0	13.7	33,954	30,244	100.0	-10.9

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008
(Number of Permits): Up 13.7%



Dollar Value City	07 vs. 08			EOY			
	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	11,448,803	10.3	-57.3	571,218,290	270,565,275	15.0	-52.6
Del Rio	1,816,451	1.6	-85.9	46,082,984	14,450,638	0.8	-68.6
Eagle Pass	999,363	0.9	-4.4	26,335,351	25,721,849	1.4	-2.3
El Paso	75,650,895	68.0	150.5	1,416,933,598	957,541,395	53.1	-32.4
Harlingen	2,050,118	1.8	-43.0	79,149,921	63,064,809	3.5	-20.3
Laredo	13,781,765	12.4	-34.9	477,887,435	255,931,105	14.2	-46.4
McAllen	5,528,212	5.0	-89.4	426,146,503	215,372,811	11.9	-49.5
Total	111,275,606	100.0	-24.6	3,043,754,081	1,802,647,882	100.0	-40.8

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Down 24.6%

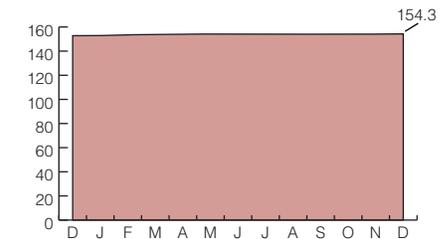


Source: Permit Departments in cited cities
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Power Connections (in Service)

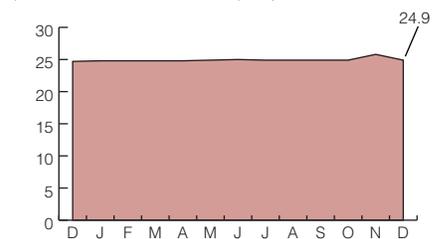
Residential City	07 vs. 08			Average		EOY	
	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	15,410	10.0	1.1	15,127	15,329	10.0	1.3
Eagle Pass	11,345	7.4	0.9	11,178	11,334	7.4	1.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	24,571	15.9	0.6	24,291	24,553	16.0	1.1
Laredo	63,567	41.2	1.1	62,167	63,526	41.3	2.2
McAllen	39,381	25.5	1.0	38,605	39,188	25.5	1.5
Total	154,274	100.0	1.0	151,367	153,930	100.0	1.7

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008
(Residential – In Thousands): Up 1.0%



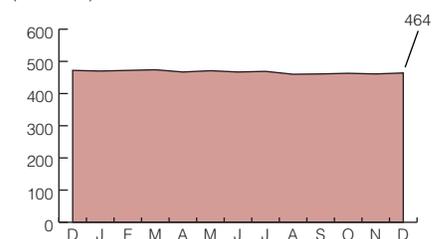
Commercial City	07 vs. 08			Average		EOY	
	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,419	9.7	0.1	2,302	2,427	9.7	5.4
Eagle Pass	1,657	6.6	0.2	1,677	1,747	7.0	4.2
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,152	16.7	0.6	4,114	4,151	16.6	0.9
Laredo	9,554	38.3	0.4	9,448	9,544	38.3	1.0
McAllen	7,138	28.6	1.6	6,965	7,081	28.4	1.7
Total	24,920	100.0	0.7	24,505	24,950	100.0	1.8

(Commercial – In Thousands): Up 0.7%



Industrial City	07 vs. 08			Average		EOY	
	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	43	9.3	-2.3	43	44	9.4	1.2
Eagle Pass	24	5.2	-11.1	29	26	5.5	-10.5
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	93	20.0	-5.1	100	96	20.5	-3.9
Laredo	186	40.1	0.5	192	184	39.5	-3.8
McAllen	118	25.4	0.0	119	117	25.1	-1.5
Total	464	100.0	-1.7	482	467	100.0	-3.2

(Industrial): Down 1.7%

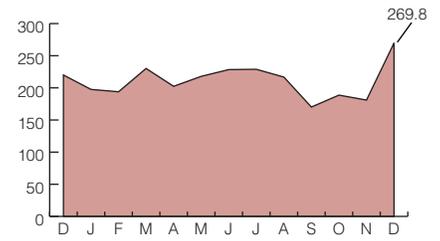


Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company
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Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

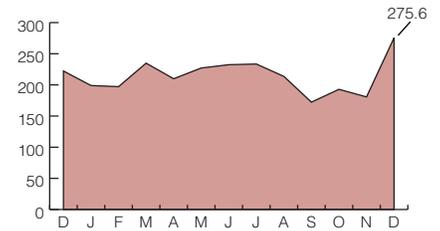
Arrivals		07 vs. 08		EOY			
City	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	6,609	2.4	-12.3	91,444	81,362	3.2	-11.0
El Paso	189,856	70.4	46.5	1,567,829	1,555,807	61.6	-0.8
Harlingen	32,370	12.0	-10.0	433,649	408,148	16.2	-5.9
Laredo	8,896	3.3	-10.5	110,766	104,328	4.1	-5.8
McAllen	32,098	11.9	-13.4	421,851	376,232	14.9	-10.8
Total	269,829	100.0	22.6	2,625,539	2,525,877	100.0	-3.8

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Up 22.6%



Departures		07 vs. 08		EOY			
City	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	6,517	2.4	-15.9	93,852	85,531	3.3	-8.9
El Paso	195,497	70.9	49.1	1,586,460	1,576,237	61.4	-0.6
Harlingen	32,387	11.8	-8.8	444,691	418,387	16.3	-5.9
Laredo	8,730	3.2	-16.5	113,314	103,946	4.0	-8.3
McAllen	32,431	11.8	-13.4	405,155	384,956	15.0	-5.0
Total	275,562	100.0	24.0	2,643,472	2,569,057	100.0	-2.8

(Departures – In Thousands): Up 24.0%

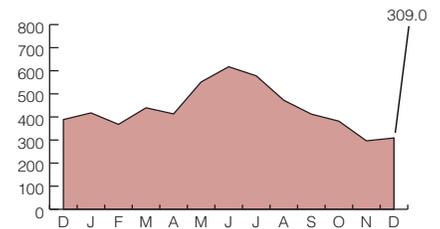


Source: Airports in cited cities

Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type		07 vs. 08		EOY			
	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	65,495	21.2	-60.4	2,023,645	2,128,368	40.5	5.2
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Liquid	90,549	29.3	3933.3	280,083	831,233	15.8	196.8
Machinery	1,530	0.5	N/A	44,893	34,323	0.7	-23.5
Ores-Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other	902	0.3	-47.0	4,060	5,350	0.1	31.8
Petroleum	150,482	48.7	-31.3	1,890,463	2,257,618	42.9	19.4
Steel-Other Materials	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Total	308,959	100.0	-20.5	4,243,145	5,256,891	100.0	23.9

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008: Down 20.5%
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



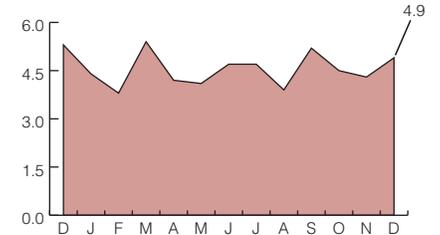
Source: Port of Brownsville

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

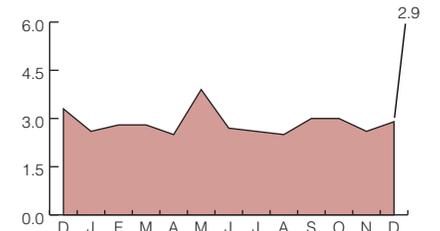
Inbound		07 vs. 08		EOY			
Cargo Type	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	32,617	0.7	41.7	304,102	382,250	0.7	25.7
Chemical	14,451	0.3	117.3	136,254	137,089	0.3	0.6
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	436,471	9.0	-13.4	5,617,361	5,518,954	10.2	-1.8
Grain Bulk	10,582	0.2	221.0	9,510	31,229	0.1	228.4
Liquid	11,558	0.2	0.0	352,719	241,444	0.4	-31.5
Petroleum	4,351,912	89.6	-8.9	50,736,298	47,679,874	88.3	-6.0
Total	4,857,591	100.0	-8.6	57,156,244	53,990,839	100.0	-5.5

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
Dec. 2007 vs. Dec. 2008
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 8.6%



Outbound		07 vs. 08		EOY			
Cargo Type	Dec 08	%Share	%Chg	EOY 07	EOY 08	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	8,736	0.3	-4.7	141,101	174,187	0.5	23.4
Chemical	42,408	1.5	-70.3	1,712,620	1,498,218	4.4	-12.5
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	160,816	5.6	-35.2	4,539,792	2,427,936	7.2	-46.5
Grain Bulk	334,823	11.7	-52.0	3,269,168	5,424,761	16.0	65.9
Liquid	0	0.0	0.0	160,319	60,638	0.2	-62.2
Petroleum	2,312,280	80.9	6.5	24,157,341	24,308,878	71.7	0.6
Total	2,859,063	100.0	-12.5	33,980,341	33,894,618	100.0	-0.3

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 12.5%



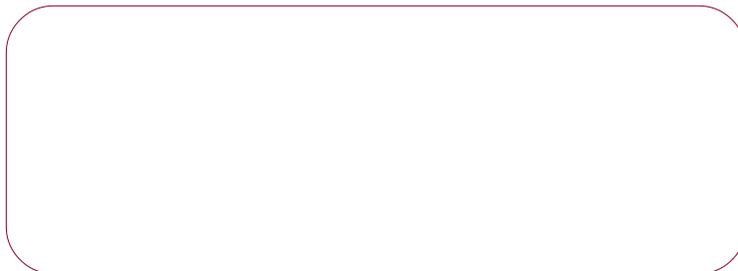
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Table 5
U.S. Exports to Mexico Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
 (In U.S. Dollars)

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

Port of Entry	2007 Total	2008 Total	'07 vs. '08 Percent Change
Brownsville	7,739,595,002	7,970,359,364	3.0
Del Rio	1,588,162,337	1,353,047,614	-14.8
Eagle Pass	4,156,472,287	5,037,379,660	21.2
Laredo	47,530,985,751	54,164,018,461	14.0
Hidalgo	8,984,054,925	9,918,311,063	10.4
Rio Grande	187,309,210	287,310,021	53.4
Progreso	230,899,104	326,232,215	41.3
Roma	162,609,661	175,122,964	7.7
Edinburg Airport	0	2,750	-
El Paso	20,028,720,676	20,168,806,689	0.7
Presidio	308,088,872	444,108,918	44.1
Fabens	5,697,217	26,082,253	357.8
Columbus	14,055,234	17,597,433	25.2
Santa Teresa	478,769,573	405,055,875	-15.4
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	1,271,994	1,902,957	49.6
Calexico	38,199,686	59,943,128	56.9
San Ysidro	176,452,635	246,878,195	39.9
Tecate	612,478,715	558,578,690	-8.8
Otay Mesa Station	9,989,217,074	10,576,784,436	5.9
Calexico-East	4,856,553,413	4,888,432,504	0.7
Douglas	401,283,367	443,762,578	10.6
Lukeville	11,027,613	8,508,982	-22.8
Naco	53,478,545	31,401,776	-41.3
Nogales	6,031,779,623	6,911,804,273	14.6
Sasabe	591,833	1,655,755	179.8
San Luis	426,792,447	476,024,882	11.5
Total Exports	114,014,546,794	124,499,113,436	9.2

Port of Entry	2007 Total	2008 Total	'07 vs. '08 Percent Change
Brownsville	5,532,554,397	4,726,917,170	-14.6
Del Rio	1,632,332,850	1,468,174,928	-10.1
Eagle Pass	7,869,945,245	7,792,544,358	-1.0
Laredo	63,016,378,766	61,891,094,932	-1.8
Hidalgo	12,885,297,367	12,296,171,201	-4.6
Rio Grande	161,651,476	153,720,575	-4.9
Progreso	57,153,004	68,534,935	19.9
Roma	11,520,539	8,193,161	-28.9
Edinburg Airport	0	0	-
El Paso	29,120,556,718	28,033,719,022	-3.7
Presidio	134,547,675	104,071,189	-22.7
Fabens	0	0	-
Columbus	48,617,724	40,779,463	-16.1
Santa Teresa	911,024,618	841,641,649	-7.6
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	0	0	-
Calexico	0	0	-
San Ysidro	26,354	0	-100.0
Tecate	599,253,603	569,252,314	-5.0
Otay Mesa Station	20,761,133,373	21,229,610,230	2.3
Calexico-East	7,086,369,477	6,399,277,004	-9.7
Douglas	885,133,257	767,694,508	-13.3
Lukeville	485,362	612,431	26.2
Naco	68,260,565	10,326,854	-84.9
Nogales	12,144,392,241	12,207,328,261	0.5
Sasabe	0	0	-
San Luis	704,950,222	646,880,639	-8.2
Total Imports	163,631,584,833	159,256,544,824	-2.7

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