

# Border Business Indicators

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## U.S.-Mexico Trade: 2009 Figures Finish Below those in 2008

2001 was the last year trade between the U.S. and Mexico registered negatives in both of its trade components—U.S. exports to Mexico (-9.1 percent) and U.S. imports from Mexico (-3.3 percent). This resulted in an overall 5.9 percent drop in trade.

In 2009 with the recession well in swing, trade between the partners did not fare well and ended with negatives in both components. Unlike 2001, the drop in 2009 was higher with a drop in total trade dollar value of 16.8 percent—U.S. exports (-14.9 percent) and U.S. imports (18.2 percent).

2008's figure was the highest all-time ever recorded for total trade dollar value (\$367.4 billion) between the trading partners, but at the end of 2009, the total trade dollar value registered \$305.4 billion or \$62.0 billion less. (See Table 1).

Like the trade values, the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico mainly shrunk due to the drop in trade—\$47.5 billion in 2009 compared

to \$64.4 billion in 2008.

The handling of merchandise in U.S.-Mexico trade is done primarily via border ports of entry (\$243.6 billion or 80.0 percent of the trade dollar value in 2009). Tables 2 through 6 delineate the activity at the border and the 28 ports of entry (Harlingen International Airport was added in 2009) 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-Pharr, 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)

	2008 Total	2009 Total	'08 vs. '09 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	151.5	129.0	-14.9
U.S. Imports from Mexico	215.9	176.5	-18.2
<b>Total Trade</b>	<b>367.4</b>	<b>305.5</b>	<b>-16.8</b>

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

	2008 Total	2009 Total	'08 vs. '09 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	124.5	106.6	-14.4
U.S. Imports from Mexico	159.3	137.0	-14.0
<b>Total Trade</b>	<b>283.8</b>	<b>243.6</b>	<b>-14.2</b>

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

	2008 Total	2009 Total	'08 vs. '09 Percent Change
Texas Border Ports	216.4	182.5	-15.7
Other U.S.-Mexico Border Ports	67.3	61.0	-9.4
<b>Total Trade</b>	<b>283.7</b>	<b>243.5</b>	<b>-14.2</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	2008 Total	2009 Total	'08 vs. '09 Percent Change
Brownsville	12,697,276,534	9,794,077,269	-22.9
Del Rio	2,821,222,542	2,284,323,029	-19.0
Eagle Pass	12,829,924,018	12,482,725,808	-2.7
Laredo	116,055,113,393	95,580,607,955	-17.6
Hidalgo-Pharr	22,214,482,264	19,149,991,931	-13.8
Rio Grande	441,030,596	268,365,010	-39.2
Progreso	394,767,150	285,651,527	-27.6
Roma	183,316,125	68,880,686	-62.4
Edinburg Airport	2,750	0	-100.0
Harlingen Int'l Airport	0	25,596	-
El Paso	48,202,525,711	42,355,497,779	-12.1
Presidio	548,180,107	268,379,143	-51.0
Fabens	26,082,253	3,643,716	-86.0
Columbus	58,376,896	85,725,285	46.8
Santa Teresa	1,246,697,524	4,444,439,962	256.5
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	1,902,957	1,390,735	-26.9
Calexico	59,943,128	89,559,674	49.4
San Ysidro	246,878,195	149,406,058	-39.5
Tecate	1,127,831,004	920,895,244	-18.3
Otay Mesa Station	31,806,394,666	28,591,844,104	-10.1
Calexico-East	11,287,709,508	8,401,688,784	-25.6
Douglas	1,211,457,086	1,119,637,978	-7.6
Lukeville	9,121,413	4,904,926	-46.2
Naco	41,728,630	24,211,183	-42.0
Nogales	19,119,132,534	16,229,910,470	-15.1
Sasabe	1,655,755	1,042,355	-37.0
San Luis	1,122,905,521	973,128,308	-13.3
<b>Total Trade</b>	<b>283,755,658,260</b>	<b>243,579,954,515</b>	<b>-14.2</b>

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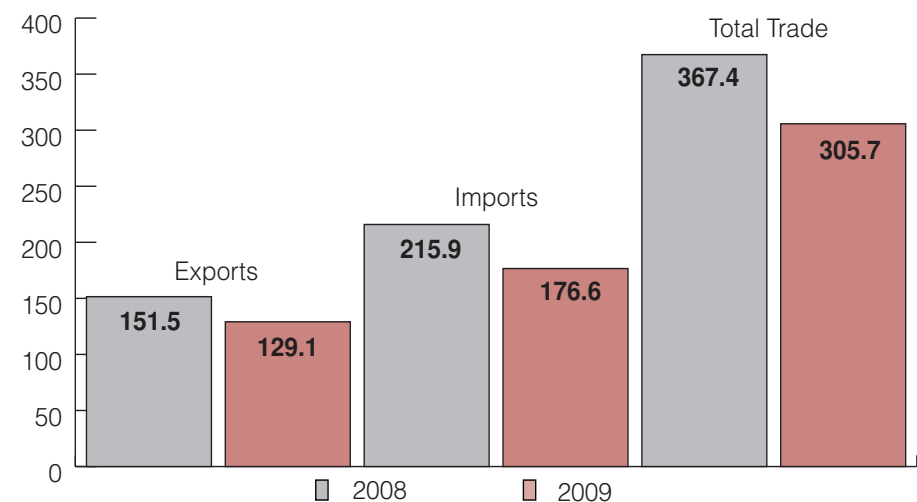
### Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity that were reported for December 2009 end-of-year (EOY) demonstrated five indicators increased and sixteen decreased. 2009 EOY comparisons to 2008 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 2.2 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 28.7 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 13.7 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 19.4 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico lost 12.4 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas lost 13.6 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went down 20.2 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went down 29.8 percent.
- Revenues data collected by U.S. Customs was not available at press time.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a loss of 11.2 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were up 0.5 percent.
- Total employment was up 0.7 percent, with 3,270 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in December 2009 was 8.7 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 6.2 percent.
- Total building permit values decreased 21.5 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 1.2 percent, commercial were up 0.1 percent and industrial were down 3.3 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 9.7 percent, and departures were down 10.2 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 16.6 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went down 11.1 percent, and outbound cargo went down 15.8 percent.

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

December 2009 End-of-Year  
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



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

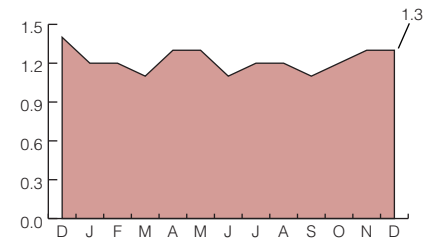
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**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City			08 vs. 09				EOY	
	Dec 09	%Share	%Chg	EOY 08	EOY 09	%Share	%Chg	
Brownsville	180,688	13.5	-5.7	1,839,580	2,026,537	14.0	10.2	
Del Rio	3,632	0.3	-30.8	55,776	49,933	0.3	-10.5	
Eagle Pass	N/A	N/A	N/A	685,899	580,771	4.0	-15.3	
El Paso	490,540	36.7	6.6	5,115,476	5,197,318	35.9	1.6	
Harlingen	25	0.0	4.2	292	290	0.0	-0.7	
Laredo	409,864	30.7	-5.1	4,315,033	4,055,617	28.0	-6.0	
McAllen-Hidalgo	160,542	12.0	1.0	1,512,587	1,458,390	10.1	-3.6	
Progreso	68,996	5.2	-37.2	1,045,593	908,306	6.3	-13.1	
Rio Grande	77	0.0	175.0	283	446	0.0	57.6	
Roma	21,621	1.6	-9.3	238,233	212,289	1.5	-10.9	
Total	1,335,985	100.0	-7.7	14,808,752	14,489,897	100.0	-2.2	

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

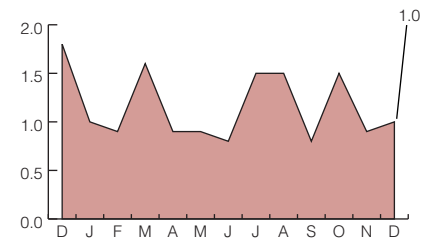
Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009: Down 7.7%  
(In Millions)

**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City			08 vs. 09				EOY	
	Dec 09	%Share	%Chg	EOY 08	EOY 09	%Share	%Chg	
Brownsville	169,378	16.5	-32.5	2,493,451	2,256,000	17.0	-9.5	
Del Rio	6,025	0.6	-29.1	86,920	80,363	0.6	-7.5	
Eagle Pass	72,732	7.1	0.8	744,871	717,366	5.4	-3.7	
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,970,476	2,352,319	17.7	-66.3	
Laredo	471,196	45.8	-5.9	5,040,418	4,671,347	35.1	-7.3	
McAllen-Hidalgo	212,536	20.6	-2.1	1,957,924	2,029,013	15.3	3.6	
Presidio	N/A	N/A	N/A	30,313	8,269	0.1	-72.7	
Progreso	71,013	6.9	-35.8	1,055,957	920,428	6.9	-12.8	
Rio Grande	2,643	0.3	39.6	17,570	22,591	0.2	28.6	
Roma	23,885	2.3	-6.6	257,499	246,072	1.8	-4.4	
Total	1,029,408	100.0	-43.9	18,655,399	13,303,768	100.0	-28.7	

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

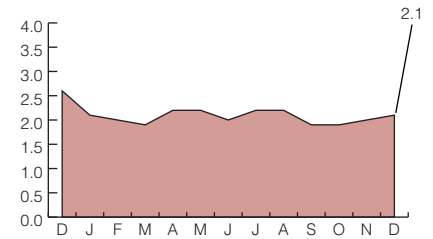
Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009: Down 43.9%  
(In Millions)

**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City			08 vs. 09				EOY	
	Dec 09	%Share	%Chg	EOY 08	EOY 09	%Share	%Chg	
Brownsville	282,180	13.7	-35.9	5,260,477	4,160,896	17.0	-20.9	
Del Rio	118,807	5.8	-12.6	1,499,637	1,387,224	5.7	-7.5	
Eagle Pass	244,561	11.9	-8.2	2,787,779	2,592,429	10.6	-7.0	
El Paso	272,417	13.2	-17.6	3,989,802	3,440,346	14.1	-13.8	
Harlingen	55,225	2.7	-14.6	609,180	609,970	2.5	0.1	
Laredo	509,331	24.7	-5.7	5,391,313	4,986,651	20.4	-7.5	
McAllen-Hidalgo	402,219	19.5	-10.9	4,981,602	4,082,376	16.7	-18.1	
Pharr	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,607,339	1,172,331	4.8	-27.1	
Progreso	61,627	3.0	-20.3	853,587	775,312	3.2	-9.2	
Rio Grande	38,648	1.9	-22.4	520,273	498,623	2.0	-4.2	
Roma	77,645	3.8	-4.9	858,536	763,118	3.1	-11.1	
Total	2,062,660	100.0	-20.1	28,359,525	24,469,276	100.0	-13.7	

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

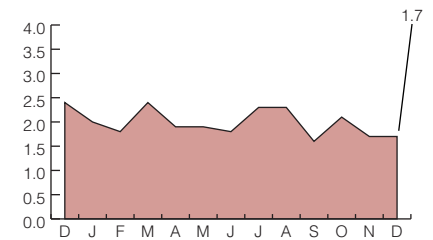
Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009: Down 20.1%  
(In Millions)

**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City			08 vs. 09				EOY	
	Dec 09	%Share	%Chg	EOY 08	EOY 09	%Share	%Chg	
Brownsville	260,924	15.0	-37.7	5,512,292	4,263,154	18.1	-22.7	
Del Rio	119,047	6.9	-11.4	1,596,448	1,417,518	6.0	-11.2	
Eagle Pass	242,476	14.0	-8.6	2,792,329	2,697,659	11.5	-3.4	
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,344,828	1,546,977	6.6	-71.1	
Harlingen	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Laredo	384,537	22.2	2.2	4,389,628	4,843,652	20.6	10.3	
McAllen-Hidalgo	356,624	20.6	-6.9	4,507,049	4,322,395	18.4	-4.1	
Pharr	184,252	10.6	1.8	2,073,661	1,971,476	8.4	-4.9	
Presidio	N/A	N/A	N/A	633,293	220,456	0.9	-65.2	
Progreso	65,866	3.8	-20.8	905,644	833,723	3.5	-7.9	
Rio Grande	45,912	2.6	-13.8	579,142	558,218	2.4	-3.6	
Roma	74,601	4.3	-2.6	850,742	834,457	3.5	-1.9	
Total	1,734,239	100.0	-28.7	29,185,056	23,509,685	100.0	-19.4	

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009: Down 28.7%  
(In Millions)

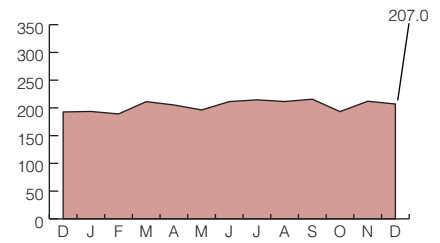


**Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Dec 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		EOY 08	EOY 09	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					EOY
Brownsville	13,263	6.4	6.8		182,414	167,717	6.8	-8.1
Del Rio	33,002	15.9	753.9		62,599	82,188	3.3	31.3
Eagle Pass	6,690	3.2	4.4		96,122	77,867	3.2	-19.0
El Paso	23,251	11.2	5.6		335,006	284,993	11.6	-14.9
Harlingen	1,499	0.7	-14.7		25,338	21,430	0.9	-15.4
Laredo	123,784	59.8	12.4		1,576,703	1,411,866	57.4	-10.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	407	0.2	-12.1		5,443	3,750	0.2	-31.1
Pharr	N/A	N/A	N/A		454,146	339,371	13.8	-25.3
Progreso	1,805	0.9	-11.5		35,525	31,345	1.3	-11.8
Rio Grande	2,843	1.4	45.3		28,050	33,817	1.4	20.6
Roma	487	0.2	-27.0		9,613	6,779	0.3	-29.5
Total	207,031	100.0	7.5		2,810,959	2,461,123	100.0	-12.4

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

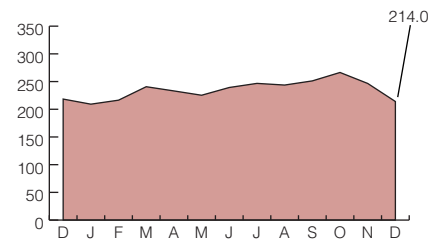
Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks. El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas.

Trucks into Mexico All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009: Up 7.5%  
(In Thousands)**Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Dec 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		EOY 08	EOY 09	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					EOY
Brownsville	12,464	5.8	7.0		186,248	161,191	5.7	-13.5
Del Rio	3,954	1.8	7.9		57,182	49,500	1.7	-13.4
Eagle Pass	6,976	3.3	4.9		101,999	83,254	2.9	-18.4
El Paso	52,228	24.4	10.7		758,856	632,678	22.3	-16.6
Falcon Heights	0	0.0	0		38	11	0.0	-71.1
Harlingen	2,273	1.1	-0.6		36,068	28,761	1.0	-20.3
Laredo	96,486	45.1	-12.2		1,574,414	1,371,336	48.4	-12.9
Pharr	33,657	15.7	6.0		476,000	419,426	14.8	-11.9
Presidio	776	0.4	51.9		6,197	7,040	0.2	13.6
Progreso	3,178	1.5	8.9		44,440	45,980	1.6	3.5
Rio Grande	1,479	0.7	-19.1		30,461	26,597	0.9	-12.7
Roma	516	0.2	N/A		7,030	6,894	0.2	-1.9
Total	213,987	100.0	-2.0		3,278,933	2,832,668	100.0	-13.6

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

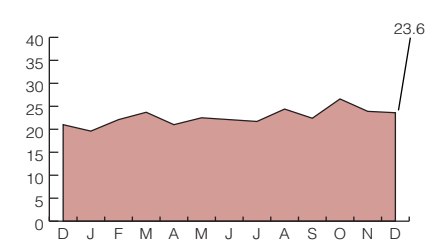
Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks.

Trucks into Texas All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009: Down 2.0%  
(In Thousands)**Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Dec 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		EOY 08	EOY 09	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					EOY
Brownsville	2,655	11.3	5.1		44,774	33,650	12.3	-24.8
Eagle Pass	8,101	34.4	34.6		91,356	86,737	31.7	-5.1
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	12,805	54.3	2.4		206,716	153,189	56.0	-25.9
Total	23,561	100.0	12.0		342,846	273,576	100.0	-20.2

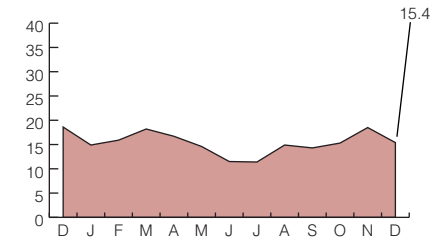
Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009: Up 12.0%  
(In Thousands)**Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Dec 09	%Share	08 vs. 09		EOY 08	EOY 09	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					EOY
Brownsville	548	3.6	19.4		6,316	6,231	3.4	-1.3
Eagle Pass	5,517	35.9	13.6		49,813	56,114	30.9	12.6
El Paso	2,497	16.3	-57.5		81,684	46,851	25.8	-42.6
Laredo	6,793	44.2	-8.4		120,653	72,252	39.8	-40.1
Total	15,355	100.0	-17.5		258,466	181,448	100.0	-29.8

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009: Down 17.5%  
(In Thousands)

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

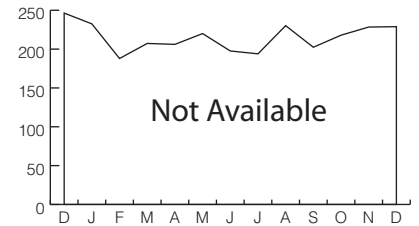
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Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009: **N/A**  
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

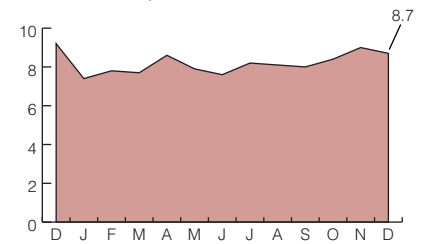
**Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)**

City	Dec 09	%Share	08 vs. 09 %Chg	EOY 08	EOY 09	%Share	EOY %Chg
Brownsville	1,057,813	12.1	3.6	12,158,278	11,606,260	11.9	-4.5
Del Rio	321,339	3.7	-4.2	4,398,356	4,067,035	4.2	-7.5
Eagle Pass	770,497	8.8	9.5	7,321,280	3,815,310	3.9	-47.9
El Paso	1,322,566	15.2	6.3	16,425,914	14,684,058	15.1	-10.6
Harlingen	174,325	2.0	-5.6	1,897,589	1,860,032	1.9	-2.0
Laredo	3,832,483	43.9	2.2	44,659,063	40,864,676	42.0	-8.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	995,363	11.4	0.6	12,017,769	10,128,677	10.4	-15.7
Pharr	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,177,459	7,823,153	8.0	-4.3
Roma	249,667	2.9	-6.3	2,500,257	2,479,041	2.5	-0.8
Total	8,724,054	100.0	-5.0	109,555,964	97,328,241	100.0	-11.2

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.

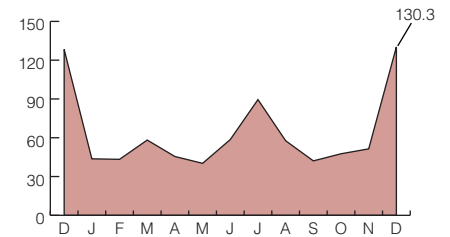
Bridge Revenues All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009: **Down 5.0%**  
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

**Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico**

City	Dec 09	%Share	08 vs. 09 %Chg	EOY 08	EOY 09	%Share	EOY %Chg
Brownsville	14,651	11.2	-3.1	83,661	68,916	9.7	-17.6
Del Rio	1,896	1.5	-4.5	8,671	7,449	1.1	-14.1
Eagle Pass	6,381	4.9	2.6	33,653	32,554	4.6	-3.3
El Paso	9,356	7.2	-57.0	126,614	98,324	13.9	-22.3
Falcon Heights	1,231	0.9	N/A	N/A	5,925	0.8	N/A
Laredo	61,657	47.3	-4.9	325,619	305,408	43.1	-6.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	22,892	17.6	24.9	126,544	123,919	17.5	-2.1
Presidio	2,272	1.7	N/A	N/A	13,864	2.0	N/A
Progreso	2,641	2.0	N/A	N/A	14,698	2.1	N/A
Rio Grande	1,815	1.4	N/A	N/A	9,313	1.3	N/A
Roma	5,504	4.2	N/A	N/A	27,720	3.9	N/A
Total	130,296	100.0	1.6	704,762	708,090	100.0	0.5

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009: **Up 1.6%**  
(In Thousands)

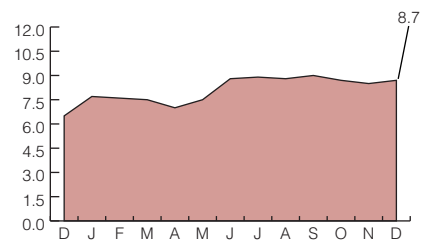
**Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)**

City	Employed Dec 09	Unemployed Dec 09	%Unemp Dec 09	Emp Avg EOY 08	Emp Avg EOY 09	08 vs. 09 Emp %Chg	Gain/Loss EOY
Brownsville	58,357	7,548	11.5	58,275	58,284	0.0	9
Del Rio	15,368	1,503	8.9	15,643	15,231	-2.6	-412
El Paso	241,251	22,391	8.5	240,562	239,891	-0.3	-671
Harlingen	23,674	2,248	8.7	23,684	23,644	-0.2	-40
Laredo	84,290	7,214	7.9	81,226	83,765	3.1	2,539
McAllen	58,197	4,583	7.3	56,438	57,256	1.4	818
Pharr	23,727	2,482	9.5	22,318	23,344	4.6	1,026
Total	504,864	47,969	8.7	498,145	501,415	0.7	3,270
Texas Unemployment Rate			8.0				
U.S. Unemployment Rate			9.7				

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

Note: Figures are preliminary and subject to revision. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

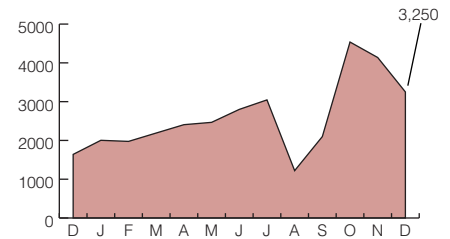
Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009: **Up 33.8%**  
(In Percent)



**Building Permits**

Number City	Dec 09	%Share	08 vs. 09 %Chg	EOY 08	EOY 09	%Share	EOY %Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,483	1,637	5.1	-34.1
Del Rio	23	0.7	-32.4	986	1,561	4.9	58.3
Eagle Pass	17	0.5	13.3	415	311	1.0	-25.1
El Paso	2,649	81.5	234.5	18,116	19,673	61.2	8.6
Harlingen	190	5.8	-1.6	2,550	2,449	7.6	-4.0
Laredo	88	2.7	-65.2	2,758	3,430	10.7	24.4
McAllen	283	8.7	59.0	2,936	3,070	9.6	4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>30,244</b>	<b>32,131</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>

Building Permits All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009  
(Number of Permits): Up **98.2%**

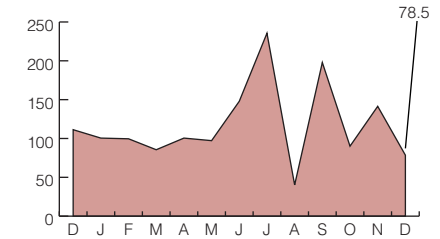


Dollar Value City	Dec 09	%Share	08 vs. 09 %Chg	EOY 08	EOY 09	%Share	EOY %Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	270,565,275	77,177,726	5.5	-71.5
Del Rio	2,399,088	3.1	32.1	14,450,638	28,932,420	2.0	100.2
Eagle Pass	1,030,947	1.3	3.2	25,721,849	26,779,946	1.9	4.1
El Paso	60,985,994	77.7	-19.4	957,541,395	876,183,738	61.9	-8.5
Harlingen	1,404,275	1.8	-31.5	63,064,809	76,043,010	5.4	20.6
Laredo	4,403,303	5.6	-68.0	255,931,105	145,574,848	10.3	-43.1
McAllen	8,274,885	10.5	49.7	215,372,811	183,973,379	13.0	-14.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,498,492</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-29.5</b>	<b>1,802,647,882</b>	<b>1,414,665,067</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-21.5</b>

Source: Permit Departments in cited cities

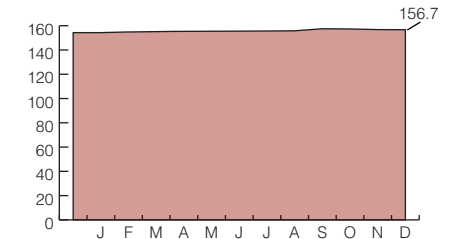
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(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Down **29.5%**

**Power Connections (in Service)**

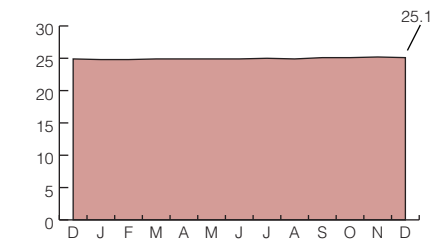
Residential City	Dec 09	%Share	08 vs. 09 %Chg	Average EOY 08	Average EOY 09	%Share	EOY %Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	15,501	9.9	0.6	15,329	15,477	9.9	1.0
Eagle Pass	11,648	7.4	2.7	11,334	11,509	7.4	1.5
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	24,780	15.8	0.9	24,553	24,751	15.9	0.8
Laredo	64,830	41.4	2.0	63,526	64,426	41.3	1.4
McAllen	39,936	25.5	1.4	39,188	39,688	25.5	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>156,695</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>153,930</b>	<b>155,851</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>

Power Connections All Cited Cities  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009  
(Residential – In Thousands): Up **1.6%**



Commercial City	Dec 09	%Share	08 vs. 09 %Chg	Average EOY 08	Average EOY 09	%Share	EOY %Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,390	9.5	-1.2	2,427	2,393	9.6	-1.4
Eagle Pass	1,674	6.7	1.0	1,747	1,675	6.7	-4.2
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,171	16.6	0.5	4,151	4,168	16.7	0.4
Laredo	9,677	38.6	1.3	9,544	9,581	38.4	0.4
McAllen	7,149	28.5	0.2	7,081	7,156	28.7	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,061</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>24,950</b>	<b>24,973</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>

(Commercial – In Thousands): Up **0.6%**

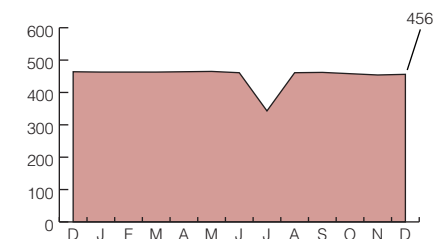


Industrial City	Dec 09	%Share	08 vs. 09 %Chg	Average EOY 08	Average EOY 09	%Share	EOY %Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	44	9.6	2.3	44	43	9.6	-1.1
Eagle Pass	21	4.6	-12.5	26	23	5.1	-10.1
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	94	20.6	1.1	96	95	20.9	-1.3
Laredo	181	39.7	-2.7	184	174	38.5	-5.9
McAllen	116	25.4	-1.7	117	117	25.8	-0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.3</b>

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

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(Industrial): Down **1.7%**

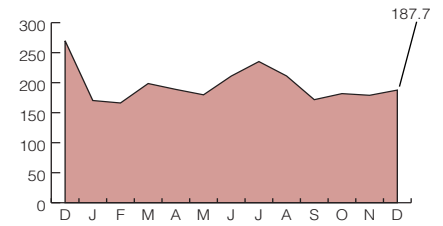




**Air Passenger Service Activity** (Number of Passengers)

<b>Arrivals</b>		<b>08 vs. 09</b>		<b>EOY</b>		<b>EOY</b>	
<b>City</b>	<b>Dec 09</b>	<b>%Share</b>	<b>%Chg</b>	<b>EOY 08</b>	<b>EOY 09</b>	<b>%Share</b>	<b>%Chg</b>
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	81,362	47,206	2.1	-42.0
El Paso	117,175	62.4	-38.3	1,555,807	1,388,722	60.9	-10.7
Harlingen	30,604	16.3	-5.5	408,148	361,422	15.8	-11.4
Laredo	9,113	4.9	2.4	104,328	118,656	5.2	13.7
McAllen	30,761	16.4	-4.2	376,232	365,162	16.0	-2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>187,653</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-30.5</b>	<b>2,525,877</b>	<b>2,281,168</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-9.7</b>

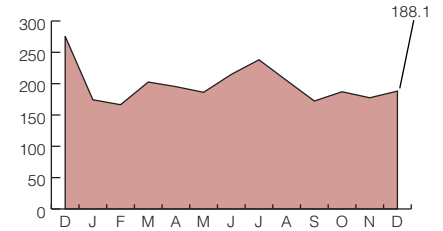
**Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities**  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009  
(Arrivals – In Thousands): **Down 30.5%**



<b>Departures</b>		<b>08 vs. 09</b>		<b>EOY</b>		<b>EOY</b>	
<b>City</b>	<b>Dec 09</b>	<b>%Share</b>	<b>%Chg</b>	<b>EOY 08</b>	<b>EOY 09</b>	<b>%Share</b>	<b>%Chg</b>
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	85,531	49,132	2.1	-42.6
El Paso	117,619	62.5	-39.8	1,576,237	1,401,772	60.7	-11.1
Harlingen	30,249	16.1	-6.6	418,387	370,857	16.1	-11.4
Laredo	9,443	5.0	8.2	103,946	115,892	5.0	11.5
McAllen	30,828	16.4	-4.9	384,956	369,946	16.0	-3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>188,139</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-31.7</b>	<b>2,569,057</b>	<b>2,307,599</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-10.2</b>

Source: Airports in cited cities

(Departures – In Thousands): **Down 31.7%**

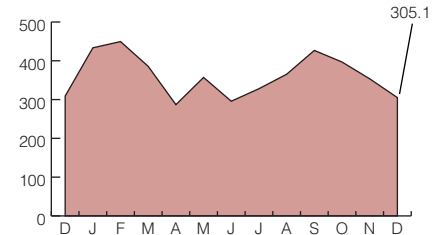
**Port of Brownsville** (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

<b>Cargo Type</b>		<b>08 vs. 09</b>		<b>EOY</b>		<b>EOY</b>	
<b>Dec 09</b>	<b>%Share</b>	<b>%Chg</b>	<b>EOY 08</b>	<b>EOY 09</b>	<b>%Share</b>	<b>%Chg</b>	<b>%Chg</b>
Break Bulk	91,600	30.0	39.9	2,128,368	1,311,093	29.9	-38.4
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	1,830	0.6	-98.0	831,233	559,747	12.8	-32.7
Machinery	0	0.0	-100.0	34,323	14,036	0.3	-59.1
Ores-Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other	0	0.0	-100.0	5,350	10,109	0.2	89.0
Petroleum	211,655	69.4	40.7	2,257,618	2,488,581	56.8	10.2
Steel-Other Materials	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>305,085</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>5,256,891</b>	<b>4,383,565</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-16.6</b>

Source: Port of Brownsville

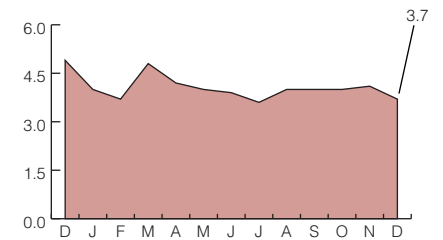
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**Port of Brownsville Total Cargo**  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009: **Down 1.3%**  
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)

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

<b>Inbound</b>		<b>08 vs. 09</b>		<b>EOY</b>		<b>EOY</b>	
<b>Cargo Type</b>	<b>Dec 09</b>	<b>%Share</b>	<b>%Chg</b>	<b>EOY 08</b>	<b>EOY 09</b>	<b>%Share</b>	<b>%Chg</b>
Break Bulk	8,871	0.2	-72.8	382,250	142,402	0.3	-62.7
Chemical	11,916	0.3	-17.5	137,089	122,757	0.3	-10.5
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	276,762	7.6	-36.6	5,518,954	4,040,909	8.4	-26.8
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	-100.0	31,229	44,964	0.1	44.0
Liquid	53,023	1.4	358.8	241,444	120,803	0.3	-50.0
Petroleum	3,308,408	90.4	-24.0	47,679,874	43,516,147	90.7	-8.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,658,979</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-24.7</b>	<b>53,990,839</b>	<b>47,987,982</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-11.1</b>

**Port of Corpus Christi Cargo**  
Dec. 2008 vs. Dec. 2009  
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): **Down 24.7%**

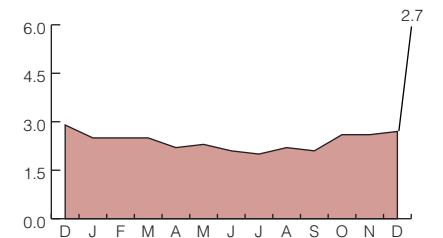


<b>Outbound</b>		<b>08 vs. 09</b>		<b>EOY</b>		<b>EOY</b>	
<b>Cargo Type</b>	<b>Dec 09</b>	<b>%Share</b>	<b>%Chg</b>	<b>EOY 08</b>	<b>EOY 09</b>	<b>%Share</b>	<b>%Chg</b>
Break Bulk	21,052	0.8	141.0	174,187	175,591	0.6	0.8
Chemical	176,587	6.6	316.4	1,498,218	1,287,091	4.5	-14.1
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	236,451	8.9	47.0	2,427,936	2,402,749	8.4	-1.0
Grain Bulk	462,256	17.3	38.1	5,424,761	3,906,383	13.7	-28.0
Liquid	10,297	0.4	N/A	60,638	10,297	0.0	-83.0
Petroleum	1,762,814	66.0	-23.8	24,308,878	20,749,375	72.7	-14.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,669,457</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>33,894,618</b>	<b>28,531,486</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-15.8</b>

Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): **Down 6.6%**





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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	2008 Total	2009 Total	'08 vs. '09 Percent Change
Brownsville	7,970,359,364	6,131,413,501	-23.1
Del Rio	1,353,047,614	1,042,025,653	-23.0
Eagle Pass	5,037,379,660	4,562,592,755	-9.4
Laredo	54,164,018,461	45,693,014,482	-15.6
Hidalgo-Pharr	9,918,311,063	8,551,090,127	-13.8
Rio Grande	287,310,021	169,426,682	-41.0
Progreso	326,232,215	196,728,045	-39.7
Roma	175,122,964	63,264,433	-63.9
Edinburg Airport	2,750	0	-100.0
Harlingen Int'l Airport	0	25,596	-
El Paso	20,168,806,689	17,928,802,814	-11.1
Presidio	444,108,918	167,818,062	-62.2
Fabens	26,082,253	3,419,031	-86.9
Columbus	17,597,433	26,487,725	50.5
Santa Teresa	405,055,875	1,535,722,835	279.1
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	1,902,957	1,390,735	-26.9
Calexico	59,943,128	89,559,674	49.4
San Ysidro	246,878,195	149,389,306	-39.5
Tecate	558,578,690	415,615,122	-25.6
Otay Mesa Station	10,576,784,436	9,416,873,944	-11.0
Calexico-East	4,888,432,504	3,640,401,880	-25.5
Douglas	443,762,578	410,602,393	-7.5
Lukeville	8,508,982	3,994,135	-53.1
Naco	31,401,776	15,416,957	-50.9
Nogales	6,911,804,273	5,951,850,952	-13.9
Sasabe	1,655,755	1,042,355	-37.0
San Luis	476,024,882	428,031,491	-10.1
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>124,499,113,436</b>	<b>106,596,000,685</b>	<b>-14.4</b>

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

Port of Entry	2008 Total	2009 Total	'08 vs. '09 Percent Change
Brownsville	4,726,917,170	3,662,663,768	-22.5
Del Rio	1,468,174,928	1,242,297,376	-15.4
Eagle Pass	7,792,544,358	7,920,133,053	1.6
Laredo	61,891,094,932	49,887,593,473	-19.4
Hidalgo-Pharr	12,296,171,201	10,598,901,804	-13.8
Rio Grande	153,720,575	98,938,328	-35.6
Progreso	68,534,935	88,923,482	29.7
Roma	8,193,161	5,616,253	-31.5
Edinburg Airport	0	0	-
Harlingen Int'l Airport	0	0	-
El Paso	28,033,719,022	24,426,694,965	-12.9
Presidio	104,071,189	100,561,081	-3.4
Fabens	0	224,685	-
Columbus	40,779,463	59,237,560	45.3
Santa Teresa	841,641,649	2,908,717,127	245.6
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	0	0	-
Calexico	0	0	-
San Ysidro	0	16,752	-
Tecate	569,252,314	505,280,122	-11.2
Otay Mesa Station	21,229,610,230	19,174,970,160	-9.7
Calexico-East	6,399,277,004	4,761,286,904	-25.6
Douglas	767,694,508	709,035,585	-7.6
Lukeville	612,431	910,791	48.7
Naco	10,326,854	8,794,226	-14.8
Nogales	12,207,328,261	10,278,059,518	-15.8
Sasabe	0	0	-
San Luis	646,880,639	545,096,817	-15.7
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>159,256,544,824</b>	<b>136,983,953,830</b>	<b>-14.0</b>

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