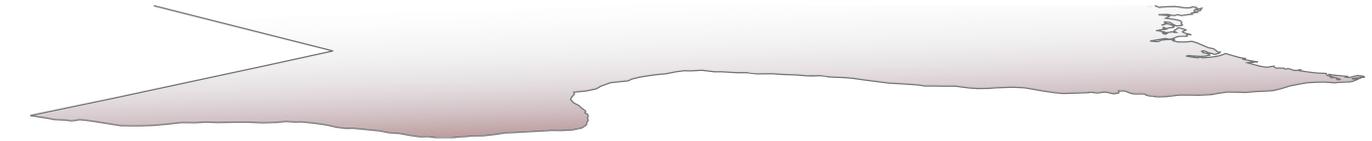


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U.S.-Mexico Trade: February 2010 Figures Robust Against 2009's

In late 2009, U.S.-Mexico trade figures pointed as to what was next to come—a rebound. In January 2010, U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico dollar values registered gains of 17.3 percent and 28.8 percent over the same period in 2009, respectively. In February 2010, the trend also continued with export values up 24.7 percent and import values up 32.3 percent.

Tables 1 shows a more detailed look at all U.S.-Mexico trade dollar values and the amount which is processed at the border ports of entry. The types of merchandise, their dollar value year-to-date, and their positive or negative changes are presented. Table 2, on the Back Page, exhibits the same data for exports and imports but ranked from highest to lowest percent change. —*B. Garcia*

Table 1
All U.S.-Mexico Trade and U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed via Border Ports of Entry on the U.S.-Mexico Border
by 1-Digit SITC Commodity Code
January-February 2009 vs. January-February 2010
(In Millions of U.S. Dollars)

U.S. Exports to Mexico	All U.S.-Mexico Trade			U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed via Border Ports of Entry on the U.S.-Mexico Border		
	Feb 2009 YTD	Feb 2010 YTD	% Change	Feb 2009 YTD	Feb 2010 YTD	% Change
(0) Food and Live Animals	1,497.2	1,590.2	6.2	1,310.7	1,380.0	5.3
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	60.9	58.1	-4.6	46.7	51.9	11.1
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	735.9	820.5	11.5	592.1	675.9	14.2
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	805.8	1,616.5	100.6	343.7	494.9	44.0
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	80.4	90.6	12.7	65.6	79.9	21.8
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	2,511.0	3,077.3	22.6	1,989.3	2,240.7	12.6
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	2,604.4	3,066.7	17.8	2,520.8	2,984.5	18.4
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	8,100.3	10,145.6	25.2	7,493.8	9,374.0	25.1
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	2,042.5	1,905.3	-6.7	1,861.2	1,714.4	-7.9
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	629.2	755.2	20.0	13.3	24.5	84.2
Total	19,067.6	23,126.0	21.3	16,237.1	19,020.6	17.1
U.S. Imports from Mexico	Feb 2009 YTD	Feb 2010 YTD	% Change	Feb 2009 YTD	Feb 2010 YTD	% Change
(0) Food and Live Animals	1,853.5	2,033.7	9.7	1,762.7	1,931.9	9.6
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	281.7	332.4	18.0	234.9	279.1	18.8
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	154.7	196.3	26.9	112.6	164.8	46.4
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	3,462.1	4,685.6	35.3	92.7	131.5	41.9
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	10.7	8.0	-25.2	10.7	8.0	-25.2
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	492.5	558.4	13.4	419.1	500.0	19.3
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	1,852.4	2,158.2	16.5	1,727.1	1,944.1	12.6
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	12,685.4	17,862.0	40.8	11,732.0	16,660.2	42.0
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	2,652.6	3,184.3	20.0	2,508.2	2,965.1	18.2
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	1,400.8	1,499.9	7.1	704.1	767.2	9.0
Total	24,846.3	32,518.9	30.9	19,304.1	25,351.8	31.3
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade	Feb 2009 YTD	Feb 2010 YTD	% Change	Feb 2009 YTD	Feb 2010 YTD	% Change
((0) Food and Live Animals	3,350.7	3,623.9	8.2	3,073.4	3,311.9	7.8
(1) Beverages and Tobacco	342.6	390.5	14.0	281.6	331.0	17.5
(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	890.6	1,016.8	14.2	704.7	840.7	19.3
(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials	4,267.9	6,302.1	47.7	436.4	626.4	43.5
(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats and Waxes	91.1	98.6	8.2	76.3	87.9	15.2
(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	3,003.5	3,635.7	21.0	2,408.4	2,740.7	13.8
(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	4,456.8	5,224.9	17.2	4,247.9	4,928.6	16.0
(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	20,785.7	28,007.6	34.7	19,225.8	26,034.2	35.4
(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	4,695.1	5,089.6	8.4	4,369.4	4,679.5	7.1
(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	2,030.0	2,255.1	11.1	717.4	791.7	10.4
Total	43,914.0	55,644.8	26.7	35,541.3	44,372.6	24.8

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas.

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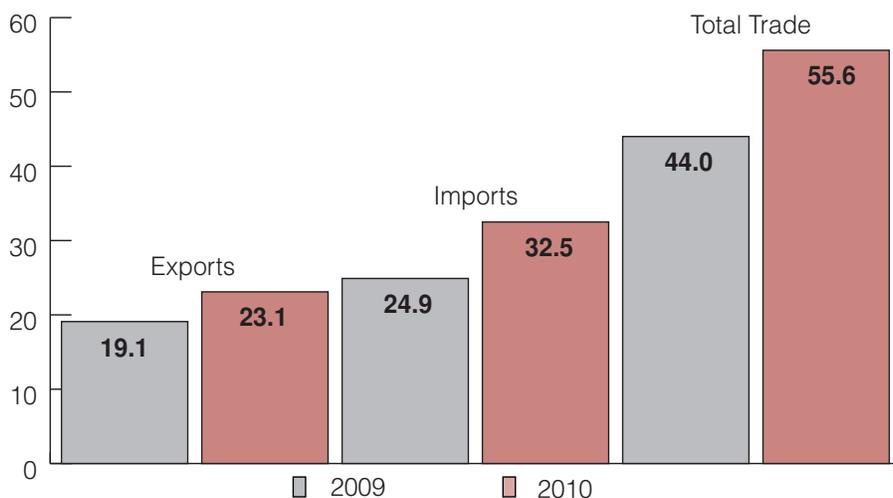
Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity that were reported for February 2010 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated eleven indicators increased and ten decreased. 2010 YTD comparisons to 2009 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 3.9 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 13.2 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 15.0 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 18.2 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 9.5 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 1.6 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 17.4 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 0.5 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 4.6 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 2.1 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.9 percent, with 9,264 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in February 2010 was 9.0 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 73.4 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 58.0 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 1.4 percent, commercial were up 0.7 percent and industrial were down 2.7 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 2.7 percent, and departures were down 2.5 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 54.2 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 5.5 percent, and outbound cargo went down 0.2 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

February 2010 Year-to-Date
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



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

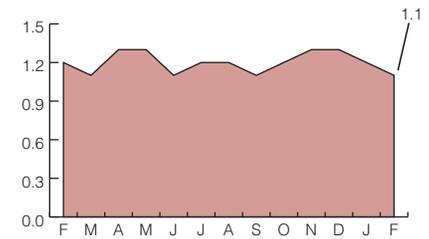
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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Feb 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Brownsville	142,790	12.6	-5.3		311,898	290,990	12.7	-6.7
Del Rio	4,081	0.4	-19.1		10,732	7,383	0.3	-31.2
Eagle Pass	48,074	4.3	-2.6		102,073	96,520	4.2	-5.4
El Paso	408,004	36.1	11.1		767,607	829,104	36.3	8.0
Harlingen	25	0.0	127.3		40	25	0.0	-37.5
Laredo	291,854	25.8	-6.2		656,837	599,917	26.3	-8.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	119,848	10.6	0.4		241,266	240,750	10.5	-0.2
Progreso	115,862	10.2	-21.7		285,504	218,129	9.6	-23.6
Rio Grande	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Roma	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	1,130,538	100.0	-1.8		2,375,957	2,282,818	100.0	-3.9

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010: Down 1.8%
(In Millions)



Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Feb 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Brownsville	134,546	16.7	-28.9		392,402	278,201	16.8	-29.1
Del Rio	5,185	0.6	-30.4		16,144	11,035	0.7	-31.6
Eagle Pass	52,548	6.5	2.4		109,857	107,178	6.5	-2.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	334,480	41.5	-5.6		755,373	702,538	42.4	-7.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	140,703	17.5	-4.4		305,082	295,835	17.8	-3.0
Presidio	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Progreso	118,097	14.7	-20.6		286,817	221,372	13.4	-22.8
Rio Grande	1,808	0.2	16.7		3,349	3,926	0.2	17.2
Roma	17,962	2.2	-9.5		41,536	37,478	2.3	-9.8
Total	805,329	100.0	-12.4		1,910,560	1,657,563	100.0	-13.2

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010: Down 12.4%
(In Millions)

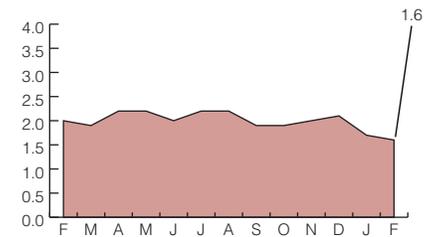


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Feb 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Brownsville	236,470	14.8	-36.3		771,310	486,500	14.6	-36.9
Del Rio	103,708	6.5	-12.1		239,507	209,814	6.3	-12.4
Eagle Pass	196,962	12.3	-5.3		426,610	396,675	11.9	-7.0
El Paso	236,466	14.8	-10.5		535,087	484,727	14.6	-9.4
Harlingen	39,620	2.5	-20.1		99,274	81,963	2.5	-17.4
Laredo	355,835	22.3	-4.3		766,566	743,541	22.3	-3.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	269,040	16.8	-16.3		703,270	586,962	17.6	-16.5
Pharr	101,978	6.4	-4.0		223,900	215,706	6.5	-3.7
Progreso	58,683	3.7	-19.6		147,572	121,236	3.6	-17.8
Rio Grande	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Roma	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	1,598,762	100.0	-15.1		3,913,096	3,327,124	100.0	-15.0

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010: Down 15.1%
(In Millions)

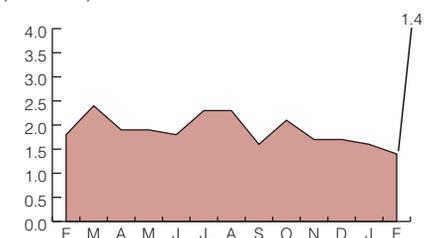


Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Feb 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Brownsville	232,547	16.1	-40.5		821,780	482,708	15.8	-41.3
Del Rio	106,363	7.4	-9.4		242,660	219,568	7.2	-9.5
Eagle Pass	204,466	14.2	-4.6		451,279	424,145	13.9	-6.0
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	332,387	23.1	-9.9		799,528	720,900	23.6	-9.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	251,989	17.5	-22.0		722,051	558,805	18.3	-22.6
Pharr	156,306	10.8	4.3		310,423	312,612	10.2	0.7
Presidio	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Progreso	62,596	4.3	-18.7		156,317	130,092	4.3	-16.8
Rio Grande	35,443	2.5	-21.6		95,612	77,054	2.5	-19.4
Roma	58,674	4.1	-8.7		136,608	129,112	4.2	-5.5
Total	1,440,771	100.0	-17.7		3,736,258	3,054,996	100.0	-18.2

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010: Down 17.7%
(In Millions)



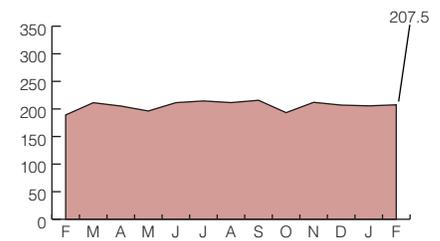
Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Feb 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	14,133	6.8	9.8		26,292	28,802	7.0	9.5
Del Rio	4,006	1.9	10.4		7,484	8,014	1.9	7.1
Eagle Pass	6,415	3.1	8.2		12,123	12,924	3.1	6.6
El Paso	24,046	11.6	9.2		44,662	47,463	11.5	6.3
Harlingen	1,487	0.7	-8.4		3,242	3,015	0.7	-7.0
Laredo	121,443	58.5	15.9		211,700	240,847	58.3	13.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	205	0.1	-43.7		661	446	0.1	-32.5
Pharr	33,558	16.2	4.8		65,224	67,431	16.3	3.4
Progreso	2,189	1.1	-31.6		6,001	4,186	1.0	-30.2
Rio Grande	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Roma	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	207,482	100.0	11.3		377,389	413,128	100.0	9.5

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
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010: Up 11.3%
(In Thousands)



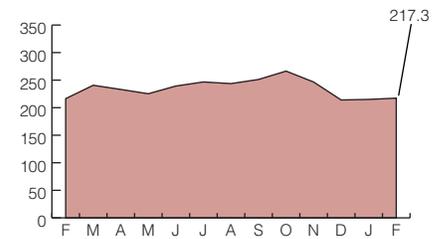
Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Feb 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	13,624	6.3	11.3		24,409	27,580	6.4	13.0
Del Rio	4,089	1.9	11.2		7,538	8,191	1.9	8.7
Eagle Pass	6,829	3.1	4.3		13,216	13,757	3.2	4.1
El Paso	55,084	25.3	14.0		87,772	109,273	25.3	24.5
Falcon Heights	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	2,186	1.0	-5.8		4,554	4,703	1.1	3.3
Laredo	93,912	43.2	-9.1		207,234	185,486	42.9	-10.5
Pharr	35,068	16.1	7.7		66,649	70,541	16.3	5.8
Presidio	596	0.3	25.2		991	1,192	0.3	20.3
Progreso	3,847	1.8	-7.6		7,870	7,373	1.7	-6.3
Rio Grande	1,571	0.7	-28.7		4,253	3,277	0.8	-22.9
Roma	508	0.2	-11.0		1,081	978	0.2	-9.5
Total	217,314	100.0	0.4		425,567	432,351	100.0	1.6

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
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010: Up 0.4%
(In Thousands)



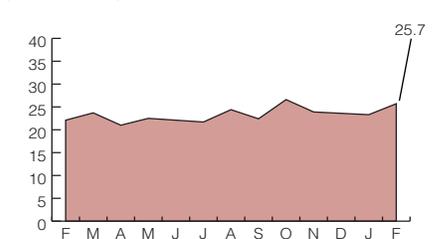
Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Feb 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	2,563	10.0	-30.9		6,296	5,007	10.2	-20.5
Eagle Pass	8,530	33.2	45.0		11,566	15,011	30.7	29.8
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	14,586	56.8	16.6		23,849	28,933	59.1	21.3
Total	25,679	100.0	16.2		41,711	48,951	100.0	17.4

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010: Up 16.2%
(In Thousands)



Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas

City	Feb 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	841	5.2	32.4		1,493	1,301	4.2	-12.9
Eagle Pass	5,306	33.0	15.8		8,668	10,496	34.0	21.1
El Paso	2,249	14.0	-57.5		10,438	4,557	14.7	-56.3
Laredo	7,674	47.8	42.5		10,151	14,561	47.1	43.4
Total	16,070	100.0	1.1		30,750	30,915	100.0	0.5

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

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010: Up 1.1%
(In Thousands)

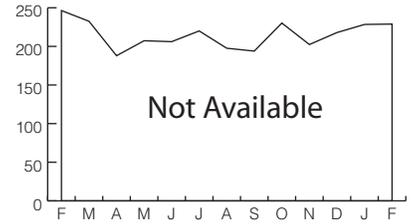


Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Feb 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				

Data was not available at press time.
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Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010: **N/A**
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

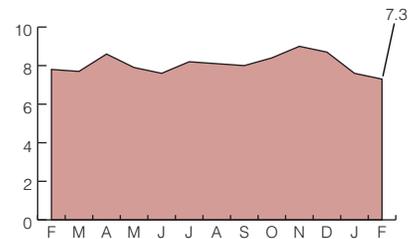


Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo
Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

City	Feb 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Brownsville	932,042	12.7	4.8		1,842,697	1,912,829	12.9	3.8
Del Rio	316,632	4.3	-7.9		698,598	640,638	4.3	-8.3
Eagle Pass	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
El Paso	1,176,138	16.1	11.6		2,125,640	2,375,167	16.0	11.7
Harlingen	131,112	1.8	-9.4		288,749	268,239	1.8	-7.1
Laredo	3,252,961	44.5	4.8		6,223,790	6,575,608	44.2	5.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	678,407	9.3	-14.7		1,727,405	1,468,529	9.9	-15.0
Pharr	826,107	11.3	21.1		1,314,694	1,631,915	11.0	24.1
Roma	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	7,313,399	100.0	4.3		14,221,573	14,872,925	100.0	4.6

Bridge Revenues All Cited Cities
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010: **Up 4.3%**
(In Millions of U.S.\$)

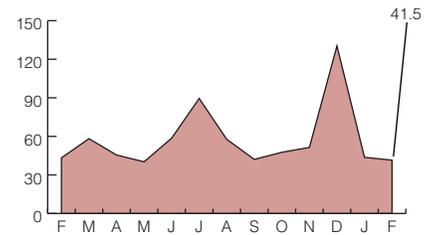


Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities
Note: El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas (Toll-free). Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico

City	Feb 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg	%Chg				
Brownsville	4,743	11.4	13.7		7,662	9,727	11.4	27.0
Del Rio	544	1.3	22.0		989	993	1.2	0.4
Eagle Pass	1,824	4.4	-2.1		3,852	3,623	4.3	-5.9
El Paso	6,909	16.7	20.7		12,012	15,432	18.1	28.5
Falcon Heights	243	0.6	-12.9		546	497	0.6	-9.0
Laredo	16,410	39.6	-3.0		35,405	33,410	39.2	-5.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	7,694	18.6	-23.1		18,805	14,906	17.5	-20.7
Presidio	707	1.7	-11.5		1,841	1,578	1.9	-14.3
Progreso	742	1.8	-30.0		2,084	1,625	1.9	-22.0
Rio Grande	339	0.8	-24.8		930	713	0.8	-23.3
Roma	1,297	3.1	-15.9		2,870	2,669	3.1	-7.0
Total	41,452	100.0	-4.2		86,996	85,173	100.0	-2.1

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010: **Down 4.2%**
(In Thousands)

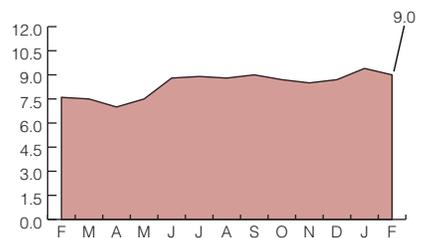


Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		09 vs. 10		Gain/Loss
	Feb 10	Feb 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	Emp %Chg	YTD	
Brownsville	59,933	7,865	11.6	57,709	59,881	3.8	2,173	
Del Rio	15,544	1,563	9.1	15,028	15,579	3.7	551	
El Paso	242,425	23,322	8.8	238,022	242,129	1.7	4,107	
Harlingen	24,173	2,322	8.8	23,411	24,152	3.2	741	
Laredo	82,643	7,768	8.6	83,260	82,567	-0.8	-694	
McAllen	58,229	4,906	7.8	56,558	58,172	2.9	1,615	
Pharr	23,854	2,539	9.6	23,059	23,831	3.3	772	
Total	506,801	50,285	9.0	497,046	506,309	1.9	9,264	
Texas Unemployment Rate						8.3		
U.S. Unemployment Rate						10.4		

Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010: **Up 18.4%**
(In Percent)

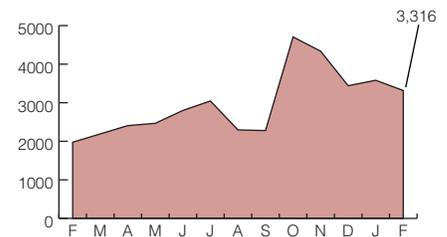


Source: Texas Workforce Commission
Note: Figures are preliminary and subject to revision. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Building Permits

Number City	09 vs. 10			YTD			
	Feb 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	185	5.6	-6.1	388	310	4.5	-20.1
Del Rio	64	1.9	77.8	68	121	1.8	77.9
Eagle Pass	27	0.8	17.4	50	54	0.8	8.0
El Paso	2,502	75.5	130.4	2,006	5,304	76.9	164.4
Harlingen	169	5.1	-5.6	397	380	5.5	-4.3
Laredo	165	5.0	-21.1	540	288	4.2	-46.7
McAllen	204	6.2	-16.7	529	441	6.4	-16.6
Total	3,316	100.0	67.9	3,978	6,898	100.0	73.4

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010
(Number of Permits): Up 67.9%



Dollar Value City	09 vs. 10			YTD			
	Feb 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	27,823,518	20.4	166.6	33,272,141	36,075,617	11.4	8.4
Del Rio	3,346,372	2.5	325.3	2,376,981	8,151,081	2.6	242.9
Eagle Pass	1,701,781	1.2	32.0	1,951,982	4,723,158	1.5	142.0
El Paso	79,698,944	58.4	17.5	119,586,715	206,129,927	65.2	72.4
Harlingen	2,549,376	1.9	-32.7	6,037,283	7,602,648	2.4	25.9
Laredo	13,785,955	10.1	24.8	21,206,885	37,343,356	11.8	76.1
McAllen	7,543,383	5.5	70.6	15,671,103	16,184,868	5.1	3.3
Total	136,449,329	100.0	37.0	200,103,090	316,210,654	100.0	58.0

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Up 37.0%

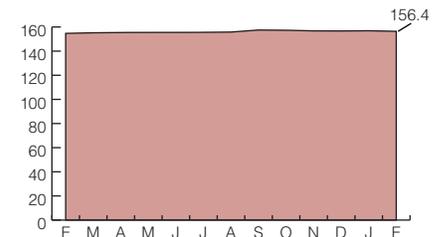


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Power Connections (in Service)

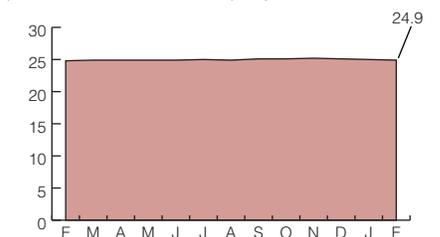
Residential City	09 vs. 10			Average			
	Feb 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	15,496	9.9	0.8	15,371	15,497	9.9	0.8
Eagle Pass	11,580	7.4	1.7	11,371	11,632	7.4	2.3
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	24,807	15.9	0.7	24,593	24,803	15.8	0.9
Laredo	64,464	41.2	1.0	63,711	64,654	41.3	1.5
McAllen	40,020	25.6	1.4	39,439	40,039	25.6	1.5
Total	156,367	100.0	1.1	154,484	156,624	100.0	1.4

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010
(Residential – In Thousands): Up 1.1%



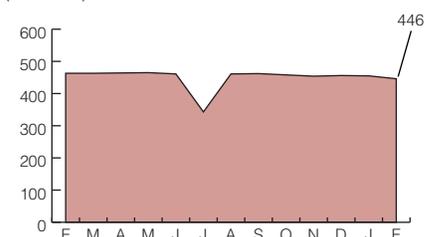
Commercial City	09 vs. 10			Average			
	Feb 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,378	9.5	-0.1	2,388	2,378	9.5	-0.4
Eagle Pass	1,666	6.7	-0.6	1,672	1,665	6.7	-0.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,143	16.6	0.2	4,134	4,146	16.6	0.3
Laredo	9,630	38.6	1.3	9,502	9,665	38.7	1.7
McAllen	7,119	28.5	0.0	7,122	7,132	28.5	0.1
Total	24,936	100.0	0.5	24,816	24,984	100.0	0.7

(Commercial – In Thousands): Up 0.5%



Industrial City	09 vs. 10			Average			
	Feb 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	44	9.9	2.3	43	44	9.8	2.3
Eagle Pass	20	4.5	-16.7	24	20	4.4	-16.7
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	92	20.6	-1.1	94	93	20.6	-0.5
Laredo	175	39.2	-5.4	185	177	39.3	-4.1
McAllen	115	25.8	-2.5	118	117	25.9	-1.3
Total	446	100.0	-3.7	463	451	100.0	-2.7

(Industrial): Down 3.7%

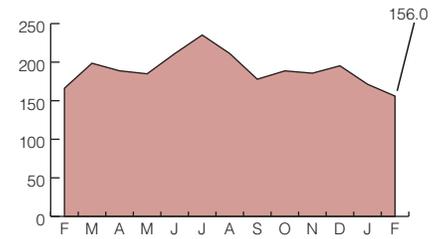


Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company
Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

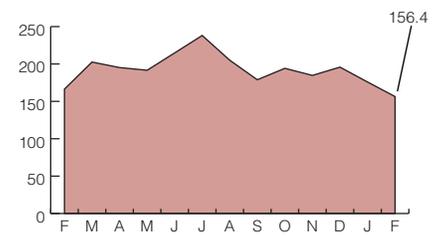
City	09 vs. 10			YTD			
	Feb 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	6,406	4.1	12.7	10,947	12,643	3.9	15.5
El Paso	86,997	55.8	-7.0	192,601	189,356	57.8	-1.7
Harlingen	29,388	18.8	-11.2	62,233	57,025	17.4	-8.4
Laredo	7,619	4.9	-16.7	19,360	16,748	5.1	-13.5
McAllen	25,584	16.4	3.5	51,299	51,656	15.8	0.7
Total	155,994	100.0	-6.1	336,440	327,428	100.0	-2.7

Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Down **6.1%**



City	09 vs. 10			YTD			
	Feb 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	6,634	4.2	16.3	11,605	13,679	4.1	17.9
El Paso	87,969	56.2	-6.9	194,498	192,190	57.8	-1.2
Harlingen	29,228	18.7	-9.8	63,232	57,904	17.4	-8.4
Laredo	6,976	4.5	-21.5	19,452	15,678	4.7	-19.4
McAllen	25,627	16.4	2.8	51,904	52,847	15.9	1.8
Total	156,434	100.0	-6.0	340,691	332,298	100.0	-2.5

(Departures – In Thousands): Down **6.0%**

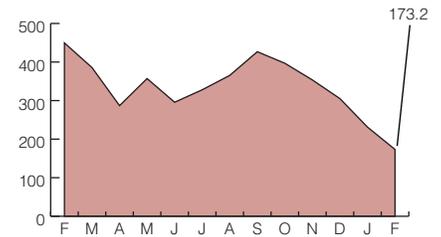


Source: Airports in cited cities

Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type	09 vs. 10			YTD			
	Feb 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	18,342	10.6	-88.7	195,571	82,346	20.4	-57.9
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	6,241	3.6	-93.4	319,025	6,715	1.7	-97.9
Machinery	73	0.0	23.4	59	1,581	0.4	2562.8
Ores-Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other	1	0.0	N/A	1,409	1	0.0	-99.9
Petroleum	148,508	85.8	-22.8	366,805	313,692	77.6	-14.5
Steel-Other Materials	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Total	173,165	100.0	-61.5	882,870	404,334	100.0	-54.2

Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010: Down **61.5%**
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



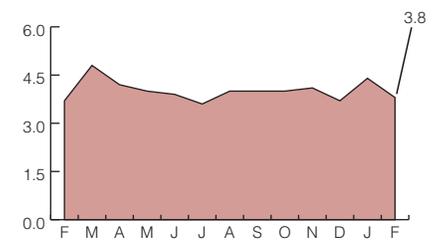
Source: Port of Brownsville

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

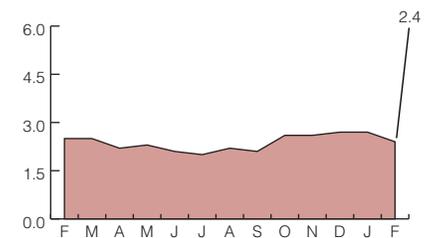
Cargo Type	09 vs. 10			YTD			
	Feb 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	11,383	0.3	224.1	12,511	13,912	0.2	11.2
Chemical	9,232	0.2	597.9	13,271	17,774	0.2	33.9
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	363,734	9.6	-0.7	704,221	811,925	9.9	15.3
Grain Bulk	3,191	0.1	96.6	1,623	3,191	0.0	96.6
Liquid	46,872	1.2	N/A	5,609	75,720	0.9	1249.9
Petroleum	3,365,926	88.6	0.1	7,021,931	7,263,822	88.7	3.4
Total	3,800,338	100.0	1.7	7,759,166	8,186,344	100.0	5.5

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
Feb. 2009 vs. Feb. 2010
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up **1.7%**



Cargo Type	09 vs. 10			YTD			
	Feb 10	%Share	%Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	7,593	0.3	361.7	21,245	9,338	0.2	-56.0
Chemical	55,854	2.3	-26.6	114,151	153,441	3.0	34.4
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	123,621	5.2	-25.4	302,465	270,517	5.3	-10.6
Grain Bulk	398,663	16.6	-22.2	955,051	844,551	16.7	-11.6
Liquid	3,304	0.1	N/A	0	39,082	0.8	N/A
Petroleum	1,809,492	75.4	1.9	3,682,888	3,746,595	74.0	1.7
Total	2,398,527	100.0	-5.2	5,075,799	5,063,525	100.0	-0.2

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down **5.2%**



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.



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Table 2
U.S. Exports to Mexico and U.S. Imports from Mexico
Total Dollar Value in Millions (\$) and Ranking by Percent Change for February 2010 YTD

All U.S.-Mexico Trade				U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed via Border Ports of Entry on the U.S.-Mexico Border			
Rnk	U.S. Exports to Mexico	In Millions (\$) Feb '10 YTD	'09 vs. '10 % Change	Rnk	U.S. Exports to Mexico	In Millions (\$) Feb '10 YTD	'09 vs. '10 % Change
1	(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related...	1,616.5	100.6	1	(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	24.5	84.2
2	(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	10,145.6	25.2	2	(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related...	494.9	44.0
3	(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	3,077.3	22.6	3	(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	9,374.0	25.1
4	(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	755.2	20.0	4	(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats...	79.9	21.8
5	(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly...	3,066.7	17.8	5	(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly...	2,984.5	18.4
6	(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats...	90.6	12.7	6	(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	675.9	14.2
7	(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	820.5	11.5	7	(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	2,240.7	12.6
8	(0) Food and Live Animals	1,590.2	6.2	8	(1) Beverages and Tobacco	51.9	11.1
9	(1) Beverages and Tobacco	58.1	-4.6	9	(0) Food and Live Animals	1,380.0	5.3
10	(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	1,905.3	-6.7	10	(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	1,714.4	-7.9
	Total	23,126.0	21.3		Total	19,020.6	17.1

Rnk	U.S. Imports from Mexico	In Millions (\$) Feb '10 YTD	'09 vs. '10 % Change	Rnk	U.S. Imports from Mexico	In Millions (\$) Feb '10 YTD	'09 vs. '10 % Change
1	(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	17,862.0	40.8	1	(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	164.8	46.4
2	(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related...	4,685.6	35.3	2	(7) Machinery and Transport Equipment	16,660.2	42.0
3	(2) Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	196.3	26.9	3	(3) Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related...	131.5	41.9
4	(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	3,184.3	20.0	4	(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	500.0	19.3
5	(1) Beverages and Tobacco	332.4	18.0	5	(1) Beverages and Tobacco	279.1	18.8
6	(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly...	2,158.2	16.5	6	(8) Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	2,965.1	18.2
7	(5) Chemicals and Related Products, N.E.S.	558.4	13.4	7	(6) Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly...	1,944.1	12.6
8	(0) Food and Live Animals	2,033.7	9.7	8	(0) Food and Live Animals	1,931.9	9.6
9	(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	1,499.9	7.1	9	(9) Commodities and Transactions, N.E.S.	767.2	9.0
10	(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats...	8.0	-25.2	10	(4) Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats...	8.0	-25.2
	Total	32,518.9	30.9		Total	25,351.8	31.3

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas.