

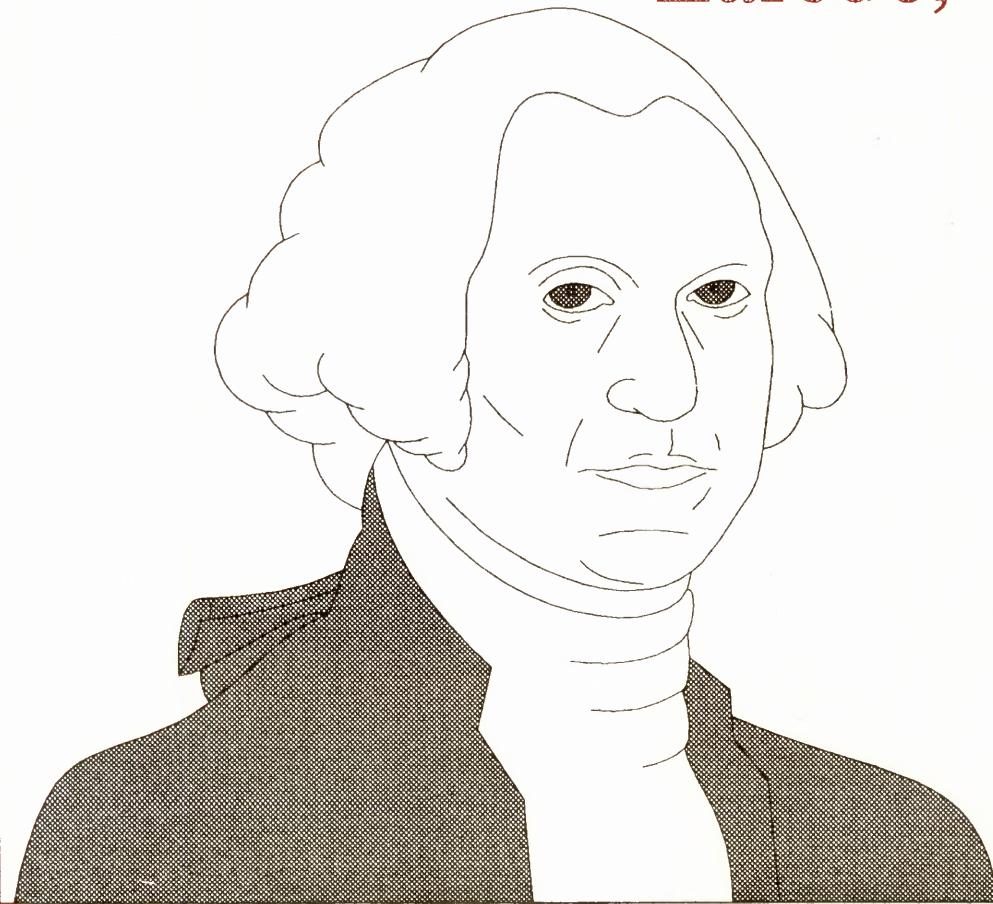


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Unemployment Rates - Texas Border

	TOTAL EMPLOYED NOV 1991	TOTAL EMPLOYED NOV 1990	TOTAL UNEMPLOYED NOV 1991	TOTAL UNEMPLOYED NOV 1990	PERCENT UNEMPLOYED NOV 1991	PERCENT UNEMPLOYED NOV 1990
BROWNSVILLE	38,352	38,714	5,290	5,868	12.1	12.8
DEL RIO	10,458	10,476	1,849	1,949	15.0	15.7
EAGLE PASS	7,351	6,986	2,917	2,873	28.4	29.1
EL PASO	209,769	210,662	24,148	28,544	10.3	11.9
LAREDO	44,068	44,138	4,943	6,271	10.1	12.4
McALLEN	34,562	35,428	6,148	7,396	15.1	17.3
THE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1991 WAS 6.6						
THE TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR NOVEMBER 1991 WAS 6.8						

Sources: TCBEED -- Texas Employment Commission



The national unemployment rate for November 1991 increased slightly in November to 6.6%, from the 6.4% unemployment rate which was reported in October.

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

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

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

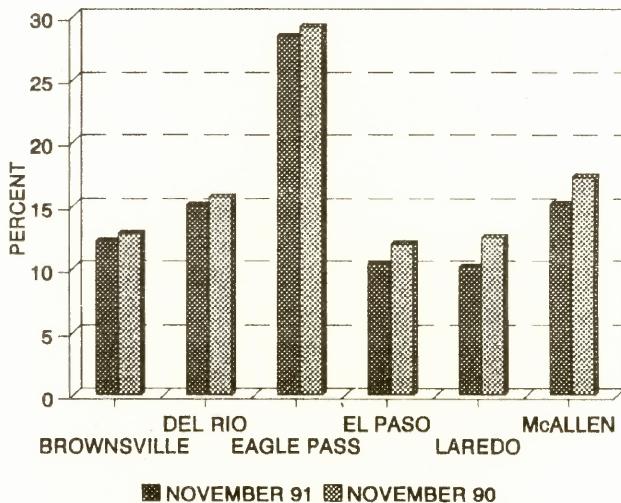
Brownsville followed with an unemployment rate in November 1991 of 12.1%, when compared to 12.8% in November 1990, showed a decrease in unemployment of 0.7%. Del Rio was next with 15.0% unemployed in 1991 and 15.7% in 1990, a decrease of 0.7%. McAllen was very close behind with a 15.1% unemployment rate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

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

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

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% Unemployed Nov. 90/91



Sources: TCBEED, LSU -- Texas Employment Commission

Top 10 Items Exported to Mexico

Port Of Brownsville - 1990

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

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

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

Port of Del Rio - 1990

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

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

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

Port of El Paso - 1990

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

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

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

Through Texas Ports in 1990

The top ten items exported through the Texas-Mexico border in 1990 show quite a wide variety of items for each of the observed cities. For each city presented, there will be information about exports. The percentage share that is being reported refers to the relative portion of the specific item discussed as a part of the total dollar value that was exported through that specific city. Therefore these percentages should not be misunderstood as being market shares of the total dollar value exported to Mexico through all the ports. Brownsville, Del Rio and El Paso are discussed in this issue. Laredo, McAllen and the Texas-Mexico Border total will be presented in the March issue of the *Border Business Indicators*.

During the four quarters of 1990, Brownsville exported a total dollar value (TDV) of \$2,143,876,612. The top ten exports represented 36.7% of the TDV or \$787,392,250. The remaining items that Brownsville exported during 1990 were worth \$1,356,480,362.

The largest percent share of the TDV of Brownsville's top ten exports was in parts & accessories for telecommunications, etc. with 35.8%. Next was electrical equipment, n.e.s. for internal combustion engines with 11.5%. This was followed by parts of electrical apparatus fr. switch, protect, control elect. which had a 10.4% share. Positioning itself fourth was electrical capacitors, fixed, variable or adjustable with a 9.8% share. This was followed closely by parts & accessories of tractors, motor vehicles, special purpose n.e.s. which came in with a 9.2% share.

Coming in with a 6.9% share was electrical power machines, new; parts of the electrical power machines, n.e.s.. In seventh position was lubricating oils from petroleum & bitumin n.e.s., etc. with a 5.8% share. Airplanes and other aircraft, with a weight exceeding 15,000 kg claimed a 5.0% share. Next was soybeans which had a 2.9% share. Rounding out the top ten with a 2.7% share was stainless steel, flat rolled products, hot rolled.

In 1990 Del Rio exported a TDV of \$367,261,837. The top ten exports represented 50% of Del Rio's TDV or \$183,630,802. The other remaining items exported to Mexico during 1990 were worth \$183,631,035.

The largest percent share of the TDV of Del Rio's top ten

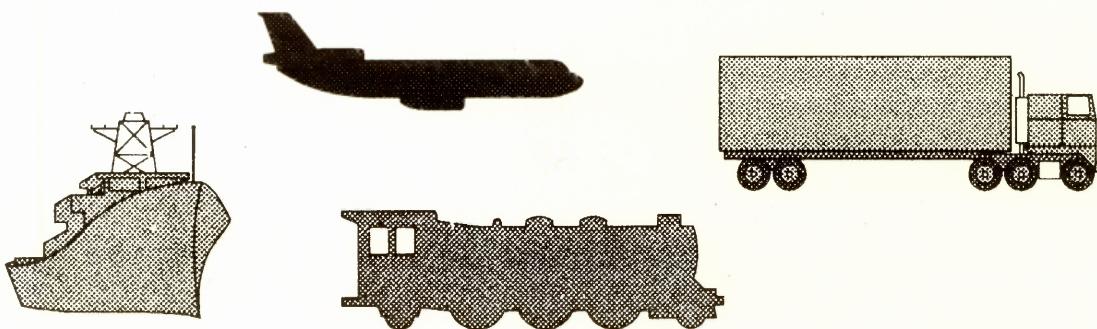
exports to Mexico was in insulated wire, cable; optical fiber cables which claimed a 24.9% share of the top ten. Second was articles of plastics; n.e.s. which had 12.6%. Parts of footwear; removable in-soles, etc. was next with a 11.1% share. This was followed by electromechanical domestic appliances, s-c mt, parts which came in with a 9.3% share. Next was electric filament or discharge lamps; arc lamps and parts had 8.6% of the top ten. Following close behind was electrical machinery and equipment, n.e.s. with a 8.3% share.

In seventh position was parts and accessories of tractors, motor vehicles, spec. purpose, n.e.s. which had 6.8%. Very close behind with 6.7% was parts of centrifuges & filter or purifying machinery. This was followed by sheep and goats, live which had 6.3% of the top ten. Rounding out the top ten with a 5.4% share, was electrical app. for switching electrical circuits not exceeding 1,000 volts.

El Paso, in 1990, exported a TDV of \$3,719,618,757. The top ten exports represented 40.8% of El Paso's TDV, or \$1,519,088,476. The other remaining items reported during 1990 were worth \$2,200,530,281.

The largest percent share of the total dollar value of El Paso's top ten exports was, like Del Rio, insulated wire, cable; optical fiber cables with 26.6%. This was followed by parts & accessories for telecommunications, etc. with a 20.3% share. Parts of electric apparatus fr. switch, protect, control electric came in next with a 10.6% share. In fourth place was parts, n.e.s. for internal combustion piston engines with 8.9%. Closely following this, with a 8.2% share was seats (other than dental, barber, etc.) and parts.

Next was gasoline (motor spirit) and other light oils which came in with 6.5% of the top ten. Very close behind was parts & accessories of tractors, motor vehicles, spec. purpose, n.e.s. with 6.4%. Articles of paper (& pulp & board) or cell wadn.e.s. came next with 5.6%. Nonwovens, whether or not impregnated, etc., n.e.s. followed with 4.3% share. Finally, in tenth place was electric power machine, n.e.s.; parts of the electric power machine, n.e.s. showed a 2.6% share.



Pedestrian Bridge Crossings Into Mexico

CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	273,573	288,523	305,660	255,818
DEL RIO	6,074	18,214	*18,304	6,717
EAGLE PASS	24,794	27,339	31,451	40,471
EL PASO	437,866	455,877	467,476	452,478
LAREDO	251,864	257,645	264,415	279,092
McALLEN	82,031	87,212	119,898	102,491

*Includes Bus Passengers

Sources: TCBEED, LSU -- Respective Bridge Authorities

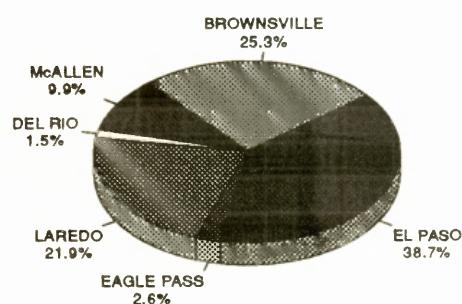


The total number of pedestrians crossing the bridges southbound in the observed cities showed an increase of 6.2% from 1,137,067 in November 1990 to 1,207,204 in November 1991, a difference of 70,137.

Eagle Pass had the largest percentage decrease in pedestrian crossings in November 1991 when compared to November 1990 when they decreased by 22.3% or a drop of 9,020 pedestrians for a total of 31,451 crossings in November 1991 down from 40,471 in 1990.

Laredo reported a slight drop in the number of pedestrians crossing southbound into Mexico in November 1991 with a 5.3% decrease, from 279,092 in November 1990 to 264,415 in November 1991, a difference of 14,677 pedestrians. All the remaining cities showed increases in the number of pedestrians crossing. Del Rio had the largest increase from 6,717 in November 1990 to 18,304 in November 1991, a 172.5% increase or 11,587 additional

% Share Pedestrians for November 1991



pedestrians. A majority of this large increase could be due to the fact that as of October 1991, they included bus passengers in the pedestrian count. We were not able to get the pedestrian breakdown for November 1991 to show the correct percentage. Next was Brownsville, with 255,818 in November 1990 and 305,660 in November 1991, a 19.5% increase and 49,842 additional pedestrians. McAllen followed with an increase of 17.0%, from 102,491 in November 1990 and 119,898 in November 1991, an increase of 17,407 pedestrians. El Paso had the smallest increase in the number of pedestrians crossing when in 1990 452,478 pedestrians crossed and 467,476 crossed in 1991, a 3.3% increase, and a difference of 14,998 pedestrians.

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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings Into Texas



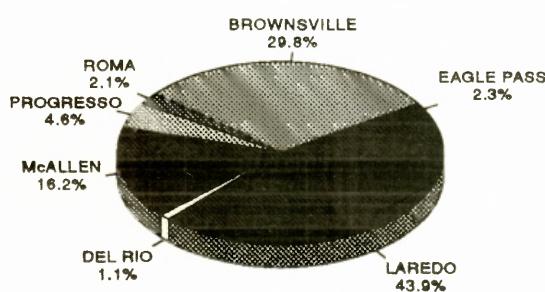
The total number of pedestrians which crossed the bridges northbound into Texas in November 1991 totalled 1,380,637, up 27.3% from the 1,084,623 which crossed northbound in November 1990. The largest percentage increase was shown by Laredo when in November 1991, 605,495 pedestrians crossed into Texas as compared to November 1990 when 372,283 pedestrians crossed, a 62.6% increase.

Next was Rio Grande City, with a 24.1% increase crossing into Texas in November 1991, or 1,113 pedestrians. In November 1990 there were 897. This was followed by Progreso with 52,795 in November 1990 and 62,959 in November 1991, reflecting a 19.3% increase. McAllen was close behind with 224,034 crossing northbound in Novem-

ber 1991, an 18.8% increase when compared to 188,626 in November 1990. Brownsville followed with a 6.3% increase when 410,939 crossed northbound in November 1991 and 386,670 crossed northbound in November 1990. Del Rio followed very close behind with a 6.2% increase when 15,032 crossed northbound in 1991 and 14,159 crossed in November 1990. Roma had the lowest percentage increase with a 3.1% increase, from 29,614 in 1991 when compared with the 28,722 in November 1990. Eagle Pass had the only percentage decrease in the number of pedestrians crossing northbound into Texas with a 22.3%

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% Share Pedestrians For November 1991



CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	379,532	389,737	410,939	386,670
DEL RIO	13,929	14,735	15,032	14,159
EAGLE PASS	41,163	39,959	31,451	40,471
LAREDO	359,611	469,890	605,495	372,283
McALLEN	189,243	190,408	224,034	188,626
PROGRESO	36,601	40,457	62,959	52,795
RIO GRANDE	1,151	1,245	1,113	897
ROMA	27,938	29,406	29,614	28,722

Source: U.S. Customs

Vehicle Bridge Crossings Into Mexico

The total number of vehicles that crossed the bridges southbound into Mexico from the observed cities in November 1991 totalled 1,954,206, up from 1,818,900 in November 1990, a difference of 135,306 vehicles, or a 7.4% overall increase.

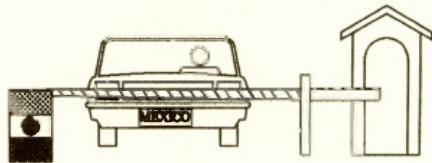
The largest percentage increase in southbound vehicle bridge crossings was observed in El Paso which had a substantial 80.8% increase when 346,222 vehicles crossed in November 1991 as compared to 191,497 in November 1990, a difference of 154,725 vehicles. This was followed by Del Rio with 98,860 in November 1990 and 104,366 in November 1991, an increase of 5.6%, a difference of 5,506 vehicles.

CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	337,121	428,511	374,832	416,128
DEL RIO	100,624	103,118	104,366	98,860
EAGLE PASS	178,481	197,584	204,328	195,796
EL PASO	322,466	356,415	346,222	191,497
LAREDO	495,759	567,463	555,773	543,119
McALLEN	356,869	377,327	368,685	373,500

Sources: TCBEED, LSU -- Respective Bridge Authorities

Next was Laredo with an increase of 2.3% from 543,119 in November 1990 to 555,773 in November 1991, a difference of 12,654 vehicles. Brownsville recorded the largest percentage decrease from 374,832 in November 1991 to 416,128 in November 1990, a 9.9% decrease, a difference of 41,296 vehicles. McAllen recorded the smallest decrease in November 1991 with a 1.3% decrease, when 368,685 vehicles crossed in 1991 as compared to 373,500 crossing in November 1990, showing a difference of 4,815 vehicles.

Laredo continued to hold its number one position with a 28.4% share. Brownsville was next with a 19.2% share. McAllen positioned itself close behind in third place with a 18.9% share. Following McAllen was El Paso with a 17.7% share. Eagle Pass came next with a 10.5% share; and Del Rio had only a 5.3% share of vehicles crossing southbound into Mexico in November 1991.



Vehicle Bridge Crossings Into Texas

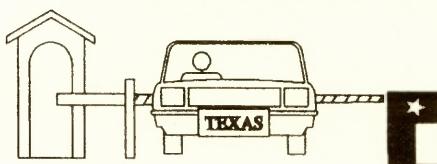
The total number of vehicles which crossed the bridges northbound into Texas in November 1991 totalled 1,909,196, up 4.0% from the 1,835,465 which crossed into the same Texas cities in November 1990. This was a difference of 73,731.

The largest percentage increase in northbound vehicle bridge crossings occurred in Laredo with 598,774 crossing northbound in November 1991 and 508,792 crossing in November

1990, a 17.7% increase. Next was Rio Grande City, which had a 6.4% increase, from 37,358 in 1990 to 39,740 in 1991. This was followed by Del Rio with a 4.9% increase from 107,412 in November 1990 to 112,694 in November 1991.

Progresso followed very close behind with a 4.7% increase, from 75,510 in 1990 to 79,084 in November 1991. Roma was next with 88,797 in November 1991 when compared with 85,740 in 1990 reflecting a 3.6% increase. The smallest percentage increase was reported by Eagle Pass, with a 1.8% increase from 201,389 in November 1990 to 205,012 in November 1991. McAllen had the largest percentage decrease in the number of vehicles crossing into Texas in November when 421,970 crossed in 1990 and only 395,257 crossed in 1991, or a decrease of 6.3%. Brownsville had the smallest percentage decrease with a 1.9% drop from 397,294 in 1990 to 389,838 in 1991.

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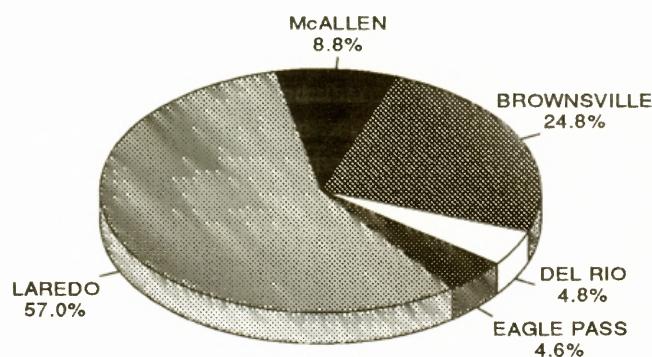
Source: U.S. Customs

Export Shipments by Trucks Into Mexico

CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	14,193	13,882	13,930	9,809
DEL RIO	2,859	3,360	2,686	2,797
EAGLE PASS	1,953	2,274	2,552	1,449
LAREDO	29,581	34,878	31,941	25,714
McALLEN	5,472	6,222	4,954	4,469

Sources: TCBEED, LSU -- Respective Bridge Authorities

Export Truck % Share Nov. 91



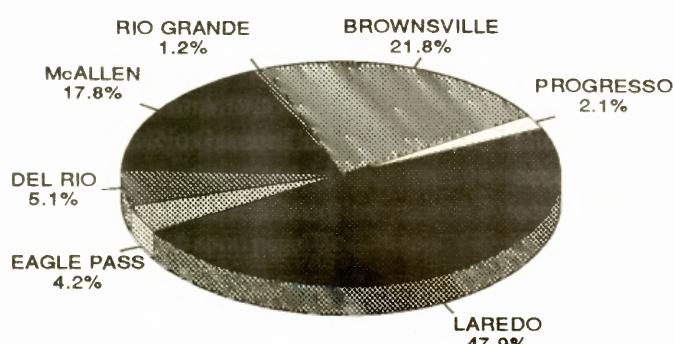
Import Shipments by Trucks Into Texas

CITY	SEPT 91	*OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	17,102	9,991	7,169	14,797
DEL RIO	2,914	1,917	1,667	2,402
EAGLE PASS	2,992	1,531	1,372	2,940
LAREDO	28,602	19,413	15,787	28,683
McALLEN	9,103	6,063	5,850	9,178
PROGRESO	2,696	1,815	696	1,701
RIO GRANDE	812	463	385	467
ROMA	1,147	409	262	1,074

*October Numbers Corrected to reflect loaded only

Source: U.S. Customs

Import Truck % Share Nov. 91



Loaded southbound truck crossings for all the cities observed, totalled 56,063 for November 1991 as compared to 44,238 in November 1990, which showed an increase of 26.7% in southbound truck crossings. (El Paso figures not available).

Eagle Pass recorded the largest percentage increase with a 76.1% increase in truck traffic, up from 1,449 in November 1990 to 2,552 in November 1991. This was followed by Brownsville with an increase in truck traffic of 42.0%, up from 9,809 in November 1990 to 13,930 in November 1991. Laredo showed an increase of 24.2% with 25,714 in November 1990 and 31,941 in November 1991. McAllen was next and had the smallest percentage increase with a 10.9% increase, from 4,469 in November 1990 to 4,954 in November 1991. Del Rio recorded the only decrease at 4.0% with 2,797 in November 1990 and 2,686 in November 1991.

Laredo showed the largest percent share of loaded southbound trucks with a 57.0%. Next was Brownsville which showed 24.8%. Then came McAllen, with 8.8%, Del Rio reflected a 4.8% share of the total trucks. Eagle Pass was very close behind Del Rio and had the smallest percent share of the loaded southbound trucks with 4.6%.



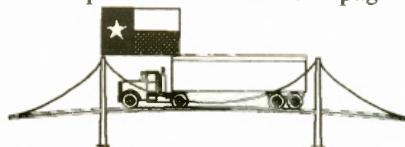
Please Note: When looking at the year to year table data, starting with Nov. '91, the data shown represents loaded trucks only. Prior to Nov. '91, the numbers are loaded and unloaded trucks.

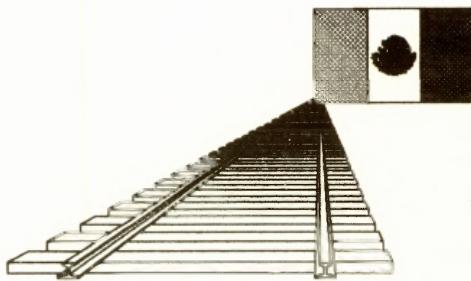
To compensate for the change in data format, we will compare the current month to the last month, instead of to the same month last year. The total number of loaded northbound trucks that crossed into Texas totalled 33,188 in November 1991 which showed a decrease of 20.2% over October 1991 which had 41,602.

Progreso had the largest percentage decrease with 1,815 in October 1991 and only 696 in November 1991, which reflected a 61.7% decrease. Roma had the next largest percentage decrease at 35.9%, with 409 in October 1991 compared with 262 in November 1991. Brownsville was next with a 28.2% decrease, from 9,991 in October 1991 and only 7,169 in November 1991.

Laredo was next with a 18.7% decrease from 19,413 in October 1991 to 15,787 in November 1991. Rio Grande City was close behind and had a 16.8% decrease from 463 in October 1991 to 385 in November 1991. This was followed

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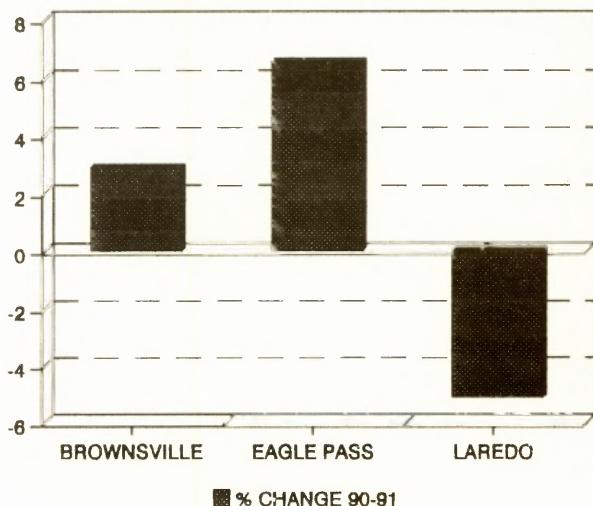


Export Shipments by Rail Into Mexico

CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	560	965	795	773
EAGLE PASS	577	652	635	596
LAREDO	6,722	7,307	6,548	6,905

Source: TCBEED, LSU

Export Rail % Change Nov. 90-91

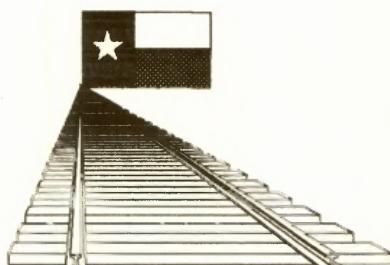


Source: TCBEED, LSU

The total southbound loaded rail car shipments for the three cities observed showed a slight decrease in crossings from 8,274 in November 1990 to 7,978 in November 1991. This represented an decrease of 3.6% in loaded rail traffic going into Mexico from these cities.

Eagle Pass showed the largest increase in export shipments by rail into Mexico in November with an increase of 6.5% as compared to November 1990. Eagle Pass had a total of 596 rail cars cross in November 1990, and in November 1991, the total number was up to 635.

Brownsville had the smallest percentage increase with a 2.8% increase in November 1991 when they registered 773 in November 1990 and 795 in November 1991. Laredo had the only percentage decrease this November when compared to last November, with a total of 6,905 crossings in November 1990 and 6,548 in November 1991, a 5.2% decrease in loaded rail cars crossing southbound into Mexico.



Import Shipments by Rail Into Texas

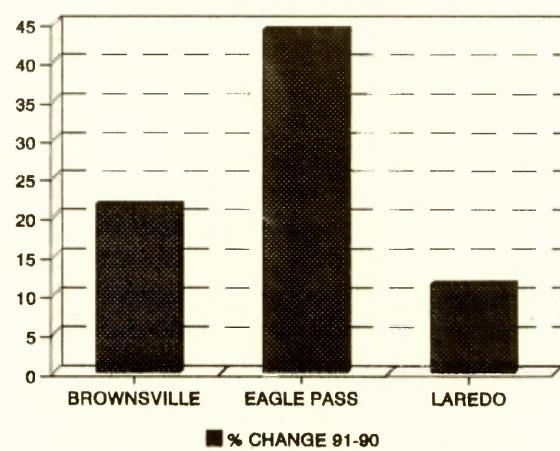
CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	606	716	630	519
EAGLE PASS	1,643	1,868	1,485	1,031
LAREDO	1,754	1,942	1,608	1,445

Source: U.S. Customs

The northbound (into Texas) loaded rail cars for the three cities observed showed an increase when compared to last year. The total number of rail car crossings in November 1990 was 2,995, and in November 1991 increased to 3,723, which reflects an increase of 24.3% in rail traffic crossing northbound into Texas from these cities.

Eagle Pass showed the largest percentage increase in the observed cities with 1,031 in November 1990 and 1,485 in November 1991 a 44.0% increase. Brownsville came next with a 21.4% increase from 519 in November 1990 to 630 in November 1991. Laredo had the smallest percentage increase with a 11.3% increase in northbound loaded rail car crossings, from 1,445 in November 1990 to 1,608 in November 1991.

Import Rail % Change Nov. 90-91



Source: U.S. Customs



**Revenues (U.S. Dollars) Collected By
U.S. Customs
District of Laredo**



	DUTY NOV 91	DUTY NOV 90	*MPF NOV 91	*MPF NOV 90	OTHER REVENUE NOV 91	OTHER REVENUE NOV 90	TOTAL REVENUE NOV 91	TOTAL REVENUE NOV 90
CITY								
BROWNSVILLE	4,287,613	2,948,761	228,957	187,181	97,010	88,963	4,613,580	3,224,905
DEL RIO	1,031,869	759,322	47,626	48,840	29,798	77,071	1,109,293	885,233
EAGLE PASS	1,788,974	1,343,896	70,416	75,867	541,596	143,867	2,400,986	1,563,630
LAREDO	13,540,478	12,081,031	656,823	615,989	1,133,563	661,260	15,330,864	13,358,280
McALLEN	4,276,254	3,235,782	147,215	147,859	60,200	61,980	4,483,669	3,445,621
PROGRESO	17,919	24,890	8,905	12,668	13,793	13,545	40,617	51,103
RIO GRANDE	88,003	65,507	5,256	5,156	6,041	2,588	99,300	73,251
ROMA	39,428	45,173	1,132	2,978	6,981	4,414	47,541	52,565

*MPF = Merchandise Processing Fee

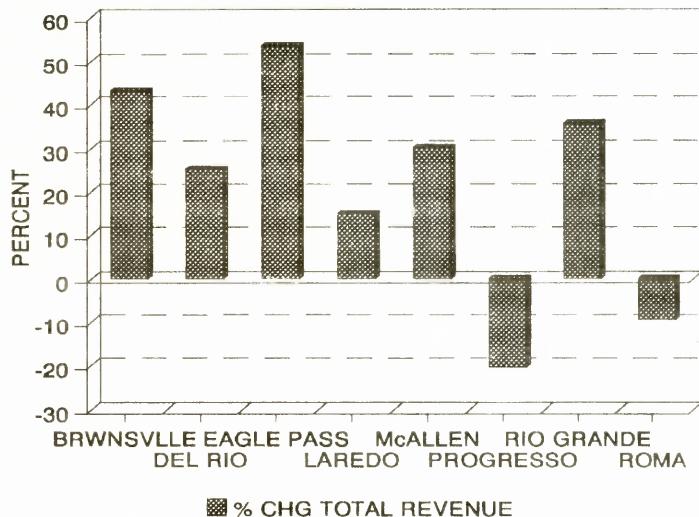
Source: U.S. Customs

The total amount of duties that were collected in the District of Laredo in November 1991 was \$25,070,538 up 22.3% from \$20,504,362 which were collected in November 1990. Total merchandise processing fees were \$1,166,330 in November 1991 an increase of 6.4% from the \$1,096,538 collected in November 1990. The total amount of other revenues for November 1991 were \$1,888,982, up significantly from the \$1,053,688 collected in November 1990, an increase of 79.3%.

The total revenues collected by the Customs District of Laredo increased by 24.2%, from \$22,654,588 in 1990 to \$28,125,850 in November 1991.

The changes that occurred with total revenues in November 1991 as compared with November 1990 showed that the highest percentage increase occurred in Eagle Pass, which increased its total revenue by 53.6%, from \$1,563,630 collected in November 1990 to \$2,400,986 in 1991. The second highest percentage increase occurred in Brownsville, which increased its total revenue by 43.1% with \$4,613,580 in November 1991, as compared to \$3,224,905 collected in November 1990. The third largest increase was reported in Rio Grande City, which increased by 35.6%, up from the November 1990 revenues of \$73,251 to \$99,300 in November 1991. McAllen was next and registered an increase of 30.1% up from \$3,445,621 to \$4,483,669 in November 1991. Del Rio followed with a 25.3% increase

% Change Total Revenues November 91/90



when in November 1991 the total revenues were \$1,109,293 as compared to the \$885,233 in November 1990. Laredo was the last observed border city in the Laredo Customs District to show an increase in the total revenue with a 14.8% increase from 13,358,280 in November 1990 to 15,330,864 in November 1991. The largest decrease was registered in Progreso in which the total revenues went down by 20.5% from \$51,103 in November 1990 to \$40,617 in November 1991. Roma recorded the smallest decrease with a 9.6% drop from 52,565 in November 1990 down to 47,541 in November 1991.

Revenues (U.S. Dollars) Collected By U.S. Bridge Operators

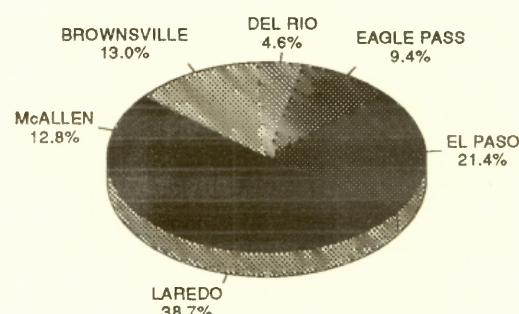
CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	282,226	342,051	327,231	264,629
DEL RIO	83,122	116,815	115,956	81,316
EAGLE PASS	206,148	229,016	237,143	135,401
EL PASO	494,276	558,801	538,831	309,302
LAREDO	873,411	970,234	971,344	854,216
McALLEN	309,588	326,763	321,628	269,440

Sources: TCBED , LSU -- Respective Bridge Authorities

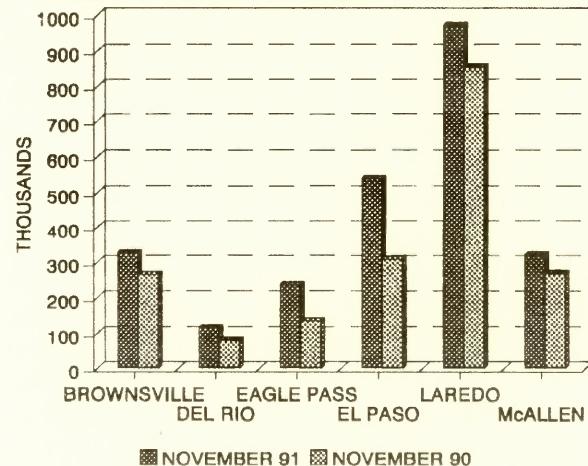
The total bridge revenues collected by all the Texas border cities examined in November 1991 totalled \$2,512,133, a 31.2% increase over the \$1,914,304 collected in November 1990, a difference of \$597,829. Laredo which had three bridges collecting revenues in November 1991, collected \$971,344, a 13.7% increase over the revenue collected from two bridges in November 1990 when they collected \$854,216, a difference of \$117,128. El Paso was second in the amount of revenue collected when in November 1991 they collected \$538,831, a 74.2% increase over November 1990 when they collected \$309,302, a difference of \$229,529. There are three toll bridges in El Paso and one free bridge, however, one of the toll bridges was closed in 1990, so that caused the figures to show a considerable increase from 1990 to 1991.

Next was Brownsville when the Cameron County Bridge collected \$327,231 in November 1991, a 23.7% increase from the \$264,629 they collected in November 1990, a difference of \$62,602. After Brownsville was McAllen, and the City of McAllen International Bridge collected \$321,628 in November 1991, a 19.4% increase over the \$269,440 which was collected in November 1990, a difference of \$52,188. Eagle Pass has only one bridge and they collected \$237,143 in November 1991, a 75.1% increase over the \$135,401 which they collected in November 1990, a difference of \$101,742. Del Rio also has only one bridge, and they collected \$115,956 in November 1991, an 42.6% increase over the \$81,316 which

% Share Revenues November 1991

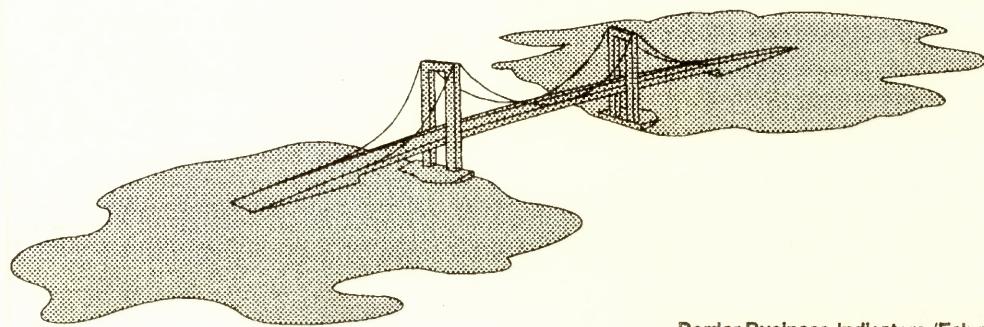


Total Revenues Collected November 91/90



they collected in November 1990, a difference of \$34,640.

The largest percent share of the total revenues collected in November 1991 was shown in Laredo with a 38.7%. Next was El Paso with a 21.4% share of the total revenues collected. Then came Brownsville, which had a 13.0% share. McAllen was close behind and had a 12.8% share. Next was Eagle Pass with 9.4%. The smallest percent share in November 1991 was shown by Del Rio with 4.6%.



Airport Activities

Air Passengers Selected Border Cities

CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
EL PASO				
DEPARTURES	131,661	135,363	125,869	131,364
ARRIVALS	124,892	129,674	123,251	127,555
LAREDO				
DEPARTURES	6,269	6,836	6,540	4,276
ARRIVALS	5,332	5,437	5,710	4,563
McALLEN				
DEPARTURES	19,242	18,913	20,020	18,429
ARRIVALS	18,452	18,465	19,606	17,754

Sources: TCBEED, LSU -- Respective Airport Authorities

Freight departures in the selected border cities show a slight increase from 3,173,569 pounds in November 1990 to 3,349,478 pounds in November 1991 which was a 5.5% increase. Freight departures in McAllen showed a significant increase at 33.6%, from 115,769 in November 1990 to 154,678 in November 1991. El Paso showed a slight increase of 4.5%, with 3,057,800 in November 1990 and 3,194,800 this year. (Laredo information is not available).

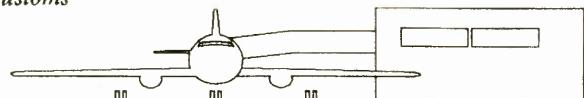
Overall air freight arrivals showed a sizable 19.0% increase, from 3,632,072 pounds in November 1990 to 4,323,391 in November 1991. Air freight arrivals

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Private Aircraft Arriving From Mexico

CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	311	285	285	255
DEL RIO	44	54	56	90
EAGLE PASS	19	32	38	18
LAREDO	389	578	401	562
McALLEN	471	331	350	415

Source: U.S. Customs



Passenger departures decreased overall in November 1991 by 1.1% when 152,429 passengers departed from the observed border cities as compared to 154,069 in November 1990. In November 1991, airport passenger departures reflected a 53.0% increase in Laredo from 4,276 in 1990 to 6,540 this year. There was a 8.6% increase, from 18,429 in November 1990 to 20,020 in November 1991, in passenger departures from McAllen. El Paso passenger departures showed the only decrease, a 4.2% drop in November 1991, from 131,364 in November 1990 and 125,869 in November of 1991.

Overall passenger arrivals into the selected border cities also showed a very slight decrease from 149,872 in November 1990 to 148,567 in November 1991, a 0.9% decrease. Passenger arrivals into Laredo were up considerably, with a 25.1% increase, from 4,563 in November 1990 to 5,710 in November

"Air Passengers" cont. on page 19

Air Freight Selected Border Cities (In Pounds)

CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
EL PASO				
DEPARTURES	3,198,400	3,203,800	3,194,800	3,057,800
ARRIVALS	4,417,400	5,091,200	4,210,600	3,531,400
McALLEN				
DEPARTURE	124,268	141,545	154,678	115,769
ARRIVALS	108,983	144,494	112,791	100,672

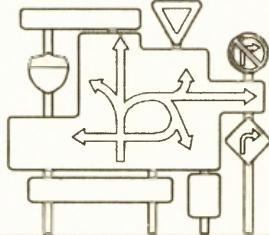
Sources: TCBEED, LSU -- Respective Airport Authorities

Private aircraft arriving from Mexico landing in selected border cities was down 15.7% overall in November 1991 with 1,340 arriving in November 1990 and only 1,130 arriving in November 1991. Eagle Pass registered the largest percentage increase with 111.1% from 18 in November 1990 to 38 in November 1991. Brownsville had the only other increase with a 11.8% increase from 255 in November 1990 to 285 in November 1991. McAllen registered the lowest percentage decrease with a drop of 15.7% when 415 private aircraft landed in November 1990 and 350 landed in November 1991. Laredo was next with a 28.6% decrease from 562 recorded in November 1990 and 401 in November 1991. Del Rio registered the largest percentage decrease in private aircraft arrivals with a 37.8% drop from 90 in November 1990 to 56 in November 1991.

Visas To Tourists From Texas to Mexico

There was a slight increase in the total number of tourist visas issued for entry into the interior of Mexico in the month of November 1991 as compared to November 1990. The total number increased from 80,694 in 1990 to 83,087 in 1991 which was an increase of 3.0%.

El Paso recorded the highest percentage increase, from 12,103 in 1990 to 20,112 in November 1991, a 66.2% increase. This was followed by Eagle Pass with a 4.6% increase from 6,781 in November 1990 to 7,093 in November 1991. Del Rio registered the smallest percentage increase in the number of tourist visas issued in November. In November 1990 there were 2,736 issued, and in November 1991 there were 2,760, a 0.9% increase. McAllen had the largest percentage decrease with 33.2%. They had 17,445 tourist visas issued last year and 11,653 in November 1991. Brownsville was next with a 1.4% decrease with 7,429 in November 1990, and only 7,324 in November 1991. Laredo had the smallest decrease with 0.2% this year when compared to last year, with 34,200 in November 1990 and 34,145 in November 1991.

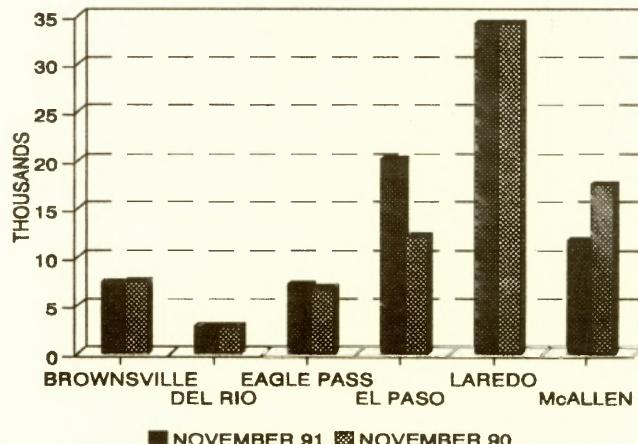


CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	5,459	6,059	7,324	7,429
DEL RIO	1,967	2,478	2,760	2,736
EAGLE PASS	4,982	5,551	7,093	6,781
EL PASO	14,869	17,798	20,112	12,103
LAREDO	24,724	27,721	34,145	34,200
McALLEN	10,041	10,081	11,653	17,445

Sources: TCBEED, LSU --

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Tourist Visas Nov. 91-90



Hotel Occupancy - Texas Border

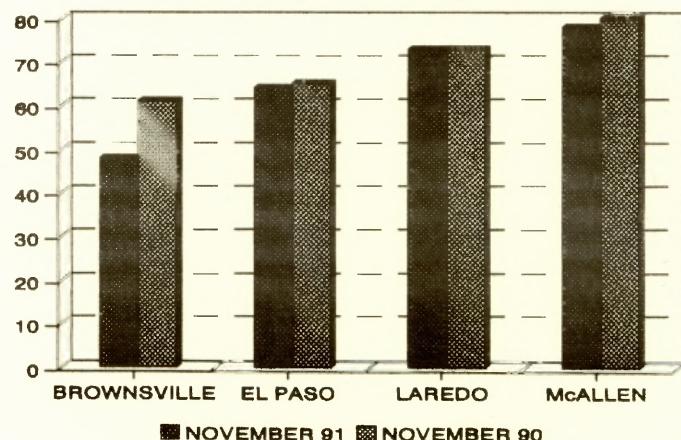
In November 1991 the hotel occupancy percentage rate for the selected border cities showed a 16% decrease over November 1990. McAllen showed the highest hotel occupancy rate among the selected border cities observed when they had an 78% occupancy rate in November 1991. This was a 2% decrease for McAllen as compared to the 80% occupancy registered in McAllen's hotels in November 1990. Laredo was next with a 73% hotel occupancy rate in November 1991, which was the same occupancy rate registered in November 1990 in Laredo. This was followed by El Paso which had a hotel occupancy rate in November 1991 of 64%, which is a 1% decrease from November 1990 when they showed a 65% occupancy rate. Brownsville had the lowest occupancy rate at 48% occupancy rate in November 1991 as compared to a 61% occupancy rate in November 1990, or a 13% decrease. (Del Rio figures were unavailable for comparison at this time.)



CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	51	58	48	61
EL PASO	70	75	64	65
LAREDO	64	74	73	73
McALLEN	77	76	78	80

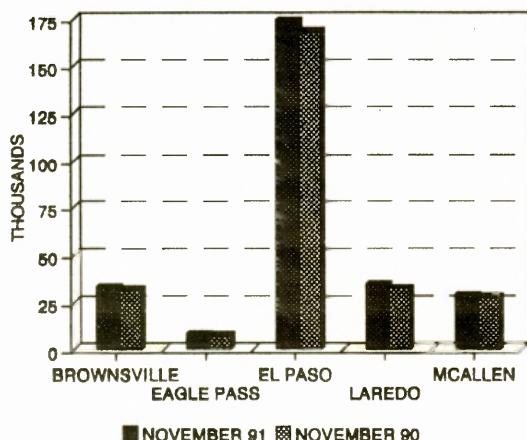
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Hotel Occupancy Percentage Nov. 91-90



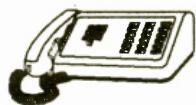
Residential Telephones - Texas Border

Residential In-Service Nov. 91-90



The total number of residential telephones that were in service for the month of November 1991 for all of the border cities observed, were 279,143, a 3.6% increase over November 1990 when there were 269,548 in service. (Del Rio figures were unavailable).

Laredo had the largest percentage increase from 32,725 in November 1990 to 34,498 in November 1991, a 5.4% increase. Eagle Pass was second with a 4.6% increase with 7,924 in 1990 and 8,285 in 1991. Brownsville had 33,285 in November 1991 as compared to 32,181 in November 1990, which was an increase of 3.4%.



The number of business telephones in service for the month of November in 1991 increased by 7.1%, from 101,698 to 108,887 in November 1991 for the border cities observed, (Del Rio was unavailable).

Laredo had the largest percentage increase from 14,308 in November 1990 to 15,919 in November 1991 a 11.3% increase. Next was McAllen, which had a 8.7% increase from 14,905 in 1990 to 16,195 in 1991. El Paso was next with a 6.0% increase with 58,441 in November 1990 as compared to 61,946 in November 1991.

Eagle Pass followed very close behind with 2,163 in

Business Telephones In-Service

CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	12,462	12,517	12,538	11,881
EAGLE PASS	2,258	2,280	2,289	2,163
EL PASO	60,818	61,698	61,946	58,441
LAREDO	15,668	15,849	15,919	14,308
MCALLEN	16,059	16,192	16,195	14,905

Sources: TCBED, LSU -- Southwestern Bell Telephone

Residential Telephones In-Service

CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	32,912	33,057	33,285	32,181
EAGLE PASS	8,159	8,224	8,285	7,924
EL PASO	171,955	173,796	174,107	168,535
LAREDO	34,058	34,294	34,498	32,725
MCALLEN	28,657	28,728	28,968	28,183

Sources: TCBED, LSU -- Southwestern Bell Telephone

El Paso was very close behind with a 3.3% increase from November 1990 with 168,535 residential telephones in service to November 1991 with 174,107. McAllen had the smallest percentage increase at 2.8% from 28,183 in 1990 to 28,968 in 1991.

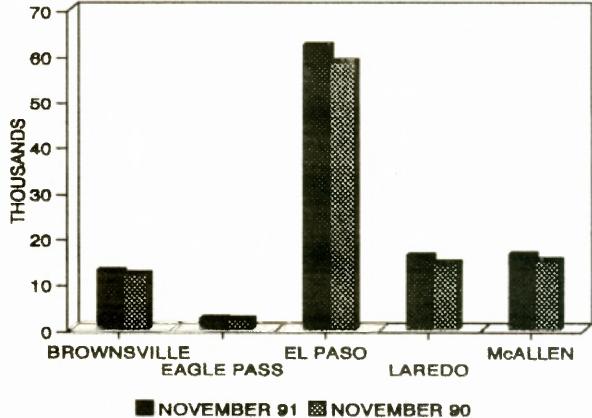
The largest percent share of the total residential telephones in service for November 1991 was claimed by El Paso which showed a 62.4% share. Next came Laredo, which had a 12.4% share. Following closely behind was Brownsville with 11.9%. McAllen had a 10.4% share in November 1991. Eagle Pass had the smallest percent share of the total residential telephones in service in November 1991 with a 3.0%.

Business Telephones - Texas Border

November 1990 and increased to 2,289 in 1991, a 5.8% increase. The smallest percentage increase came from Brownsville with a 5.5% increase, from 11,881 in 1990 to 12,538 in 1991.

The largest percent share of the total business telephones in service during the month of November 1991 was in El Paso with a 56.9% share. Next came McAllen with a 14.9% share. Following very close behind McAllen was Laredo which reported a 14.6% share. Brownsville was next with 11.5% of the business telephones in service. Eagle Pass had the smallest percent share of the total business telephone service in the month of November 1991 with only 2.1%.

Business In-Service Nov. 91-90



Residential Power Connections -- Texas Border



The total number of residential power connections in November 1991 was 330,401 when compared to November 1990 which was 322,708, or 7,693 new connections in 1991 which represented a 2.4% increase.

Laredo registered the largest percentage increase in residential power connections, with an increase from 33,748 power connections in 1990 to 35,011 in 1991, an increase of 3.7%. Following very close behind Laredo was Eagle Pass with the second highest percentage increase, showing 7,651 in 1990 and 7,921 in 1991 or a 3.5% increase.

Next was El Paso, which increased from 218,348 to 223,485, an increase of 2.4%. This was followed by Del Rio with an increase of 2.2% from 11,823 to 12,078 residential power connections. McAllen came next with an increase of 1.7% from 25,875 in 1990 to 26,327 in 1991. Brownsville had the smallest percentage increase of 1.3%, from 25,263 in 1990 to 25,579 in 1991.

Commercial Power Connections -- Texas Border

Sources: TCBEED, LSU -- Respective Utility Companies

 The total number of commercial power connections in November 1991 was 37,430 when compared to 1990 which was 36,842, an increase of 498 connections representing a 1.6% increase. Laredo reported a 3.5% increase in November 1991 with 5,498 power connections when compared to November 1990 with 5,310.

Next was McAllen with an increase of 2.9% from 4,186 to 4,306 connections. This was followed by El Paso, which increased from 22,130 to 22,396, an increase of 1.2%. Brownsville was next with a 0.9% increase, from 2,413 to 2,435 in November 1991. Eagle Pass was the last border city to show an increase in November 1991 with a 0.1% increase when they went from 1,162 in 1990 to 1,163 in November 1991. Del Rio showed the only decrease from 1,641 to 1,632 in 1991, a 0.5% decrease.

CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	2,441	2,454	2,435	2,413
DEL RIO	1,623	1,634	1,632	1,641
EAGLE PASS	1,161	1,162	1,163	1,162
EL PASO	22,399	22,400	22,396	22,130
LAREDO	5,464	5,480	5,498	5,310
McALLEN	4,249	4,270	4,306	4,186

Sources: TCBEED, LSU -- Respective Utility Companies



The total industrial power connections in November 1991 were 1,785 and in November 1990 were 1,730, an increase of 55 connections, representing a 3.2% increase. Laredo had the largest percentage increase of 9.2% in November 1991, with a recorded 130 industrial power connections and 119 in 1990. The next largest increase was El Paso with a 8.3% increase from 60 in November 1990 to 65 in November 1991.

Following El Paso was Eagle Pass, with a 3.6% increase, when it went from 28 in 1990 to 29 in 1991; Brownsville went from 1,443 in November 1990 to 1,482 in November 1991, a 2.7% increase. McAllen remained steady in the number of industrial power connections at 52 in November 1990 and November 1991. Del Rio had a decrease of 3.6%, from 28 in November 1990 to 27 industrial power connections in November 1991.

Industrial Power Connections -- Texas Border

CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	1,463	1,463	1,482	1,443
DEL RIO	28	27	27	28
EAGLE PASS	29	29	29	28
EL PASO	64	65	65	60
LAREDO	132	132	130	119
McALLEN	54	54	52	52

Sources: TCBEED, LSU -- Respective Utility Companies

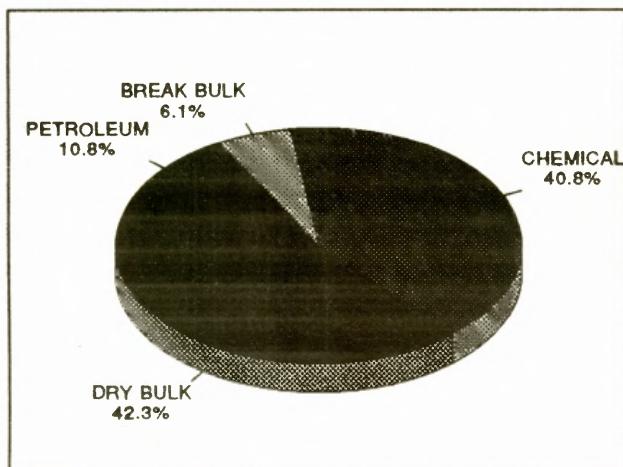
Port Of Corpus Christi

Inbound Foreign Cargo (In Tons)

IN FOREIGN	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BREAK BULK	1,100	0	0	0
CHEMICAL	0	0	0	0
DRY BULK	408,919	542,967	309,221	240,488
LIQUID BULK	0	0	0	0
PETROLEUM	2,241,001	2,194,061	1,702,501	2,117,553

Source: Port of Corpus Christi Authority

% Share Nov. 1991 Outbound Foreign Cargo

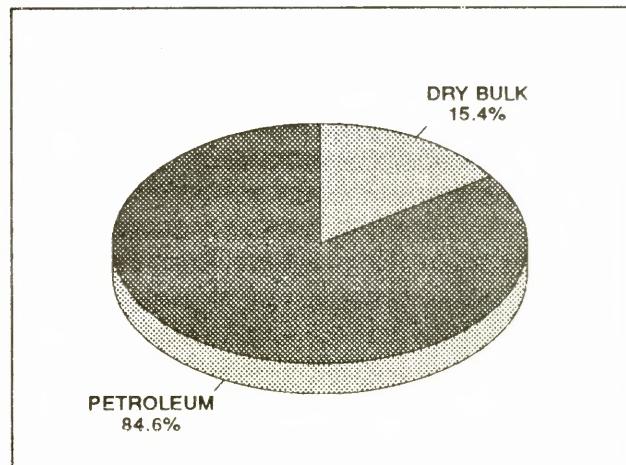


Source: Port of Corpus Christi Authority

INBOUND - The total inbound foreign cargo decreased an average of 14.7%, from 2,358,041 in November 1990, to 2,011,722 tons in November of 1991. Petroleum continued to dominate the inbound foreign cargo in the Port of Corpus Christi with 84.6% of the total. In November 1991, 1,702,501 tons of petroleum were imported. This represented a decrease of 19.6% as compared to the 2,117,553 tons that were imported in November 1990. Another commodity that was brought inbound as foreign cargo in November 1991 was dry bulk and this commodity represented a mere 15.4% of the total. In November 1991, 309,221 tons were imported inbound, and this figure represented a sizable increase of 28.6% as compared to the 240,488 tons that were imported in November 1990.

OUTBOUND - The total amount of outbound foreign

% Share Nov. 1991 Inbound Foreign Cargo



Source: Port of Corpus Christi Authority

Outbound Foreign Cargo (In Tons)

OUT FOREIGN	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BREAK BULK	8,700	44,818	22,782	2,147
BULK GRAIN	105,913	51,703	0	70,415
CHEMICAL	170,701	123,889	152,880	229,966
DRY BULK	217,203	180,636	158,727	149,674
PETROLEUM	77,797	274,190	40,456	151,282

Source: Port of Corpus Christi Authority

cargo decreased at an average of 37.9%, from 603,484 tons in November 1990 to 374,845 tons in November of 1991. The largest commodity in outbound foreign cargo was dry bulk, which represented 42.3% of the total. Second was chemical, with 40.8%. Petroleum followed with 10.8%. Break bulk had 6.1%. There was 70,415 tons of bulk grain in outbound foreign in November 1990, however there was none in November 1991 for a comparison.

In terms of comparison to November of 1990, within outbound foreign cargo, break bulk showed the greatest increase up by 961.1%, from November 1990's 2,147 tons to 22,782 tons in November 1991. Dry bulk increased by 6.0% in November 1991, up to 158,727 tons from 149,674 tons. Petroleum showed the largest decrease with a 73.3% drop, from 40,456 tons in 1991 when compared to 151,282

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Port Of Brownsville

INBOUND - The Port of Brownsville has two main areas of inbound freight, deepsea inbound and intercoastal inbound. The total cargo inbound in the Port of Brownsville for the month of November 1991 was 115,158.49 metric tons, a 20.6% increase from the 95,448.89 metric tons recorded in November 1990. When looking at the deepsea inbound figures for November 1991, at 21,698.95 metric tons, there was a 31.1% decrease when compared to the 31,510.00 metric tons reported in November 1990.

Intercoastal inbound shipments, however, reflect a 46.2% increase from 63,938.89 metric tons in November 1990 to 93,459.54 metric tons recorded in November 1991.

In November 1991, deepsea inbound claimed an 18.8% share of the total, while intercoastal inbound received the remaining 81.2%.

Outbound Cargo (In Metric Tons)

TITLE	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
TOTAL DEEPSEA IN	50,816.56	70,903.42	21,698.95	31,510.00
TOTAL INTERCOASTAL IN	126,334.65	90,355.45	93,459.54	63,938.89
TOTALS	177,151.21	161,258.87	115,158.49	95,448.89

Source: Port of Brownsville

OUTBOUND - Corresponding to the deepsea and intercoastal inbound cargo movement, there is deepsea and intercoastal outbound cargo movement. The total cargo going outbound from the Port of Brownsville in November 1991 was 52,105.71 metric tons, a 6.3% increase from the 49,018.72 metric tons in November 1990. In November 1991, deepsea outbound showed a 9.9% increase, with 52,105.71 metric tons in 1991 and only 47,392.72 metric tons in November 1990. There was no intercoastal outbound cargo in the month of November in 1991, however in 1990, they shipped 1,626.00 metric tons out.

Due to the fact that there were no intercoastal outbound figures reported in November 1991, we cannot consider the percent share of each. It is evident, however, that in the inbound figures, deepsea reported the smaller numbers of the two, and in regards to the outbound figures intercoastal outbound is the smaller.

Inbound Cargo (In Metric Tons)

TITLE	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
TOTAL DEEPSEA OUT	1,246.46	0.00	52,105.71	47,392.72
TOTAL INTERCOASTAL OUT	0.00	1,954.98	0.00	1,626.00
TOTALS	1,246.46	10,155.01	52,105.71	49,018.72

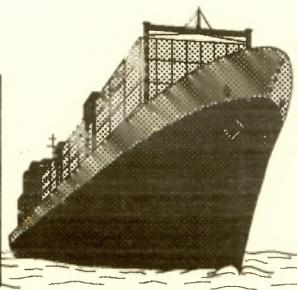
Source: Port of Brownsville

VESSELS - The total number of vessels that called at the Port of Brownsville in November 1991 was 241, a 13.3% decrease from the 278 vessels recorded in November 1990. Shrimp boats had the largest number of vessels in the Port of Brownsville with 64.3% of the total number of vessels, and had a 29.5% decrease from 220 shrimp boats in November 1990, down to 155 shrimp boats in November 1991. Barges were next and reflected a 25.3% share, with a 90.6% increase, from 32 barges in November 1990 to 61 barges in November 1991. Deep sea vessels followed with 7.1% of the total vessels in port, and a 41.7% increase, from 12 deep sea vessels in 1990 to 17 deep sea vessels in November 1991. Miscellaneous vessels, which represent only 3.3% of the total vessels into the Port of Brownsville in October 1991, decreased 42.9% in 1991 from 14 miscellaneous vessels in November 1990 to 8 miscellaneous vessels in 1991.

Vessels into the Port of Brownsville

TYPE OF VESSEL	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
DEEP SEA VESSELS	17	22	17	12
BARGES	69	56	61	32
MISC. VESSELS	10	20	8	14
SHRIMP BOAT TRIPS	180	240	155	220

Source: Port of Brownsville

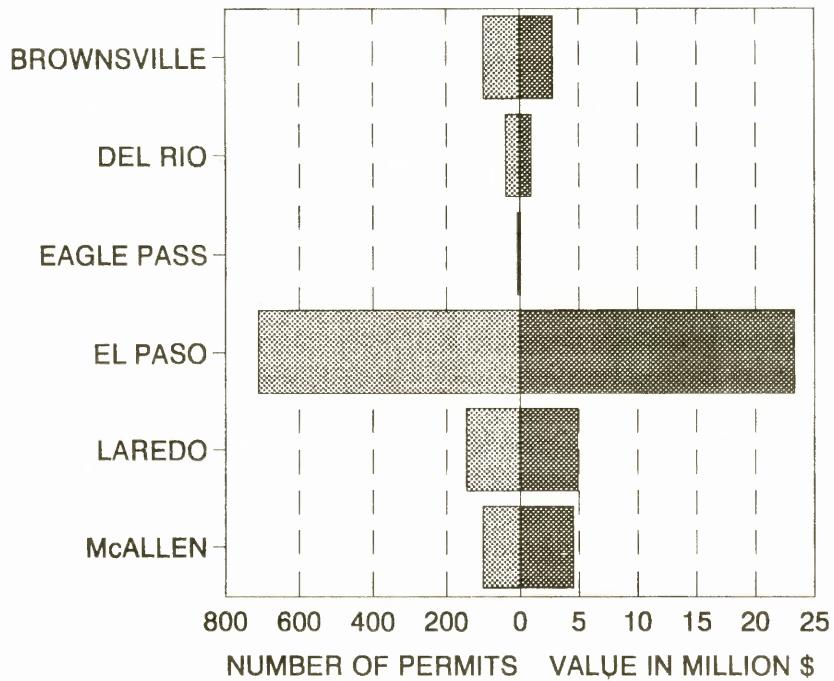


Number Of Building Permits - Texas Border

CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	136	142	98	143
DEL RIO	47	43	37	27
EAGLE PASS	6	12	7	6
EL PASO	1,038	950	711	535
LAREDO	196	205	145	183
McALLEN	102	129	101	107

Source: TCBEED, LSU

Numbers & Values Of Building Permits - Nov. 1991



\$ Value Of Building Permits - Texas Border

CITY	SEPT 91	OCT 91	NOV 91	NOV 90
BROWNSVILLE	3,941,665	3,862,739	2,901,444	2,809,790
DEL RIO	2,722,958	305,262	1,048,219	476,483
EAGLE PASS	104,634	394,336	146,003	122,843
EL PASO	21,899,045	19,671,973	23,382,119	9,998,859
LAREDO	9,580,125	12,309,525	4,985,765	5,753,580
McALLEN	5,866,286	10,245,897	4,565,662	4,468,762

Source: TCBEED, LSU



The total number of building permits issued in November 1991 increased to 1,099 as compared to 1,001 in November 1990 and showed an overall increase of 9.8%. Del Rio had the largest percentage increase from 27 in November 1990 to 37 in November 1991, a 37.0% increase. El Paso came next with a 32.9% increase when in November 1990 there were 535 issued and in November 1991 there were 711. Eagle Pass was the last observed border city to record an increase with a 16.7% increase, from 6 in November 1990 to 7 in November 1991. Brownsville recorded the largest decrease with a 31.5% decrease from 143 in November 1990 and 98 in November 1991. Laredo had a decrease of 20.8% from 183 in November 1990 to 145 in November 1991. McAllen recorded the smallest decrease with 5.6% from 107 in November 1990, to 101 in November 1991.



The total value of building permits granted in November 1991 was \$37,029,212, up from \$23,630,317 in November 1990, a sizable increase of 56.7%. El Paso showed the largest percentage increase in value of building permits with a considerable increase of 133.8%, from \$9,998,859 in 1990 to \$23,382,119 in November 1991. Del Rio was next with a 120.0% increase from \$476,483 in November 1990 and \$1,048,219 in November 1991. Eagle Pass followed with a 18.9% increase from \$122,843 in November 1990 to \$146,003 in 1991. Brownsville was the next, and increased from \$2,809,790 in November 1990 and \$2,901,444 in November 1991, a 3.3% increase. McAllen had the smallest percentage increase of the Texas border cities observed, when the total value of building permits increased from \$4,468,762 in November 1990 to \$4,565,662 in November 1991, a 2.2% increase. Laredo showed the only percentage decrease from \$5,753,580 in 1990 to \$4,985,765 in November 1991, a 13.3% drop.

"Unemployment" continued from page 3

The total number of unemployed across the six cities observed in November 1991 was 45,295. The largest number of unemployed was registered in El Paso with 24,148 representing 53.3% of the total unemployed work force along the Texas-Mexico border. McAllen followed with a considerably lower unemployed rate of 13.6% or 6,148 of the total unemployed. Brownsville was next with

5,290 or 11.7% of the total unemployed. Laredo was close behind with 4,943 unemployed representing 10.9%. Considerably lower in the unemployment figures for November 1991 was Eagle Pass, reporting a figure of 2,917 or 6.4% in November 1991 and Del Rio reported 1,849 total unemployed workers or 4.1%.

"Pedestrians into Mexico" continued from page 6

The percent share from the total number of pedestrians crossing southbound into Mexico in November was highest in El Paso which registered 38.7% in 1991. The second highest percent share was recorded in Brownsville with 25.3%.

"Pedestrians into Texas" continued from page 6

drop. In November 1990 there were 40,471 pedestrians counted and in November 1991 only 31,451 pedestrians.

Laredo had the largest percent share of the pedestrian traffic for November 1991 with 43.9%. This was followed by Brownsville with a 29.8% share. McAllen was next and they had 16.2% of the pedestrian traffic. Those three cities comprised 89.9% of the total pedestrian crossings. Progreso

"Vehicles Into Texas" continued from page 7

Laredo, with 31.4%, had the largest percent share of the vehicles crossing into Texas in the cities observed. This was followed by McAllen with a 20.7% share. Next was Brownsville which had a 20.4% share. Eagle Pass positioned itself in fourth with a 10.7% share; followed by Del

had 4.6% of the traffic, followed by Eagle Pass, with 2.3% and Roma was very close behind with 2.1%. This was followed by Del Rio, with a 1.1% share. Lastly was Rio Grande City with only 0.1% of the total percent share of pedestrian traffic crossing into Texas. (Not shown on the pie chart.)

"Exports Into Texas" continued from page 8
by Del Rio which had 1,917 in October 1991, or a 13.0% decrease when compared to the 1,667 trucks crossing into Texas in the observed cities in November 1991. Eagle Pass was next with a 10.4% decrease, from 1,531 in October 1991 to 1,372 in November 1991. McAllen showed the smallest percentage decrease with a 3.5% drop from 6,063 in October 1991, down to 5,850 in November 1991.

Laredo had the largest percent share of the trucks north-
"Air Passengers" continued from page 12

1991. Passenger arrivals into McAllen also showed an increase of 10.4%, with 17,754 last year and 19,606 this year. El Paso showed a slight decrease in passenger arrivals

Rio with 5.9% of all vehicles crossing into Texas. Roma had 4.7% of the total; followed closely by Progreso with a 4.1% share. Rio Grande City had the smallest share with only 2.1% of all vehicles crossing into the observed Texas cities.

bound into Texas in November 1991 with 47.6%. Next was Brownsville, with 21.6%. This was followed by McAllen with 17.6%. Then came Del Rio with a 5.0% share. Close behind was Eagle Pass with a 4.1% share and Progreso followed with 2.1%. Rio Grande City had only 1.2% of the total share and Roma had the smallest percent share at 0.8% (which is not shown on the pie chart).

"Air Freight" continued from page 12
into El Paso in November 1991 increased considerably with a 19.2% increase from 3,531,400 in 1990 to 4,210,600 in November 1991. McAllen freight arrivals increased

also in November 1991 with a 3.4% decrease from 127,555 last year to 123,251 in 1991.

"Port of Corpus Christi" continued from page 16

tons in 1990. Chemical showed the smallest decrease in outbound foreign cargo and it was a 33.5% decrease, from

moderately, with a 12.0% increase from 100,672 in November 1990 to 112,791 in November 1991.

229,966 tons in November 1990, and 152,880 in November 1991.

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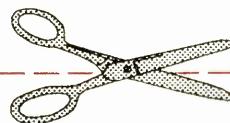
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