

PORT OF ENTRY

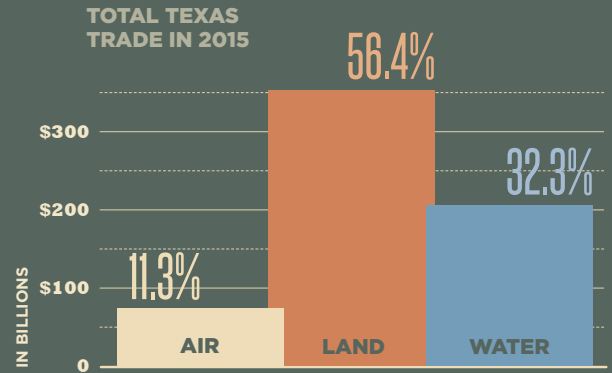
HIDALGO

Texas' location and diverse economy offer unique trade opportunities and make it a critical gateway to global business. Our state boasts **29 OFFICIAL PORTS** of entry facilitating nearly **\$650 BILLION** in international trade in 2015. Trade through Texas supports an estimated **1.6 MILLION TEXAS JOBS** and adds **\$224.3 BILLION** to GSP annually.

Ports of entry play a crucial role in making Texas the world's **10TH LARGEST ECONOMY**. They affect every part of our state, from our largest cities to rural counties. As the state's chief financial officer, I hope highlighting their benefits will emphasize their importance to strong, diverse and growing regional economies.



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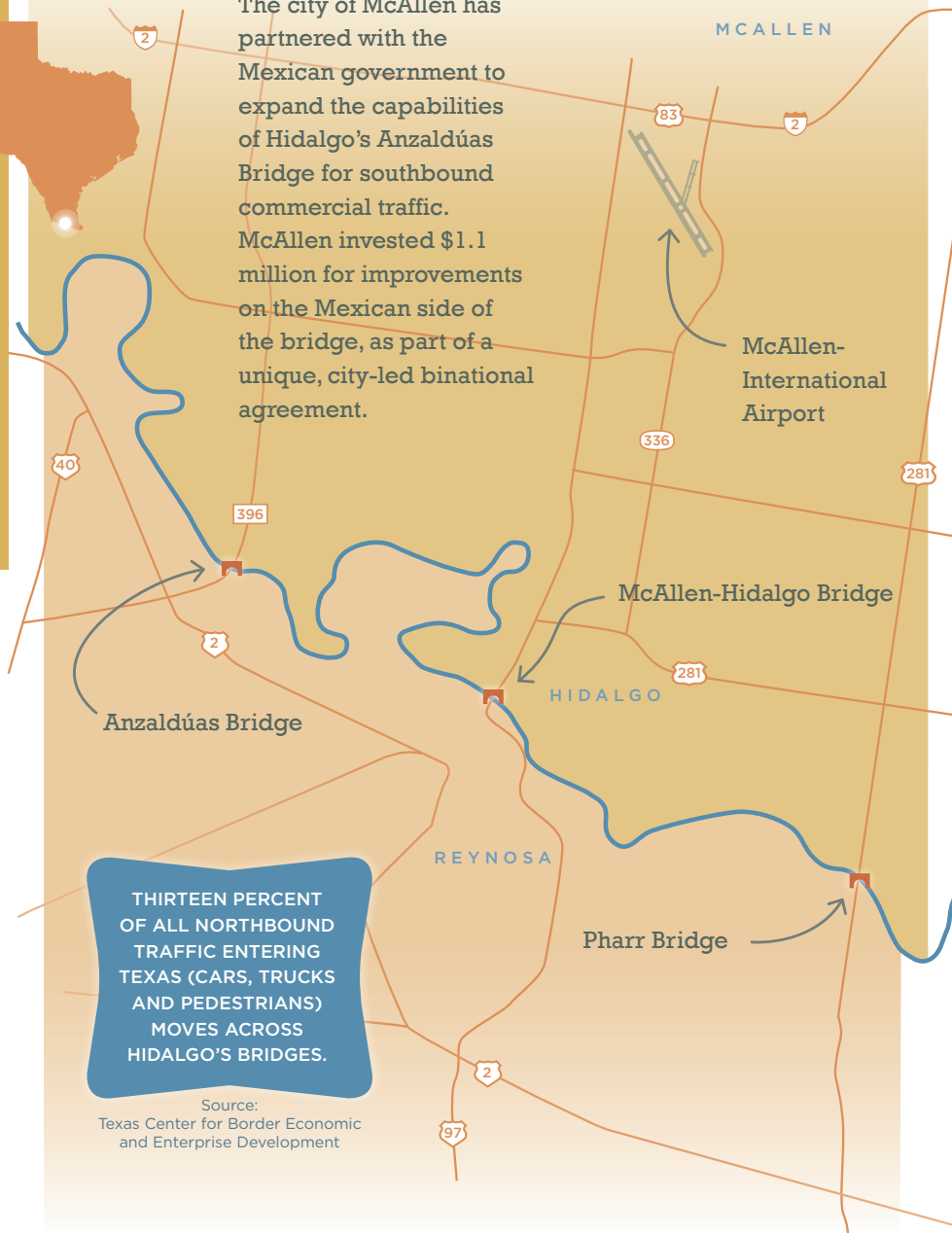
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

ABOUT HIDALGO

Hidalgo's three border crossings facilitate commercial, vehicular and pedestrian traffic between the U.S. and Mexico. It's a key port of entry for Mexican factories called *maquiladoras*, which receive duty- and tariff-free raw materials from the U.S. and return finished goods. A 2011 Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas study found that a 10 percent increase in maquiladora output equates to a 6.6 percent increase in nearby McAllen's transportation employment.



The city of McAllen has partnered with the Mexican government to expand the capabilities of Hidalgo's Anzaldúas Bridge for southbound commercial traffic. McAllen invested \$1.1 million for improvements on the Mexican side of the bridge, as part of a unique, city-led binational agreement.



THIRTEEN PERCENT OF ALL NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ENTERING TEXAS (CARS, TRUCKS AND PEDESTRIANS) MOVES ACROSS HIDALGO'S BRIDGES.

Source: Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

BY THE NUMBERS

Hidalgo's port of entry contributions to the Texas economy include:

TOTAL TRADE (2015) **\$30 BILLION**

DIRECT AND INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT **53,300**

GSP **\$7.6 BILLION**

Sources: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, REMI

SPOTLIGHT: PRODUCE IMPORTS

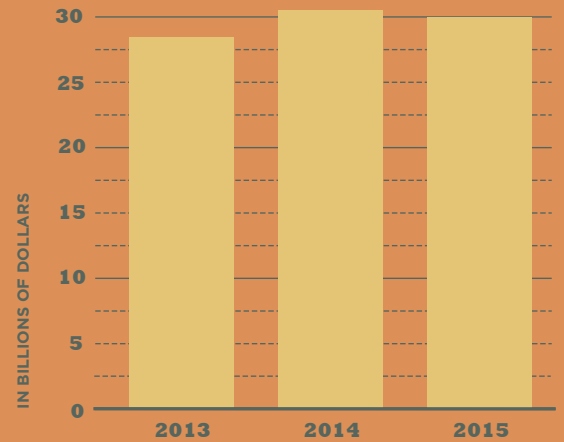
The 2015 completion of a superhighway connecting western Mexico's produce growers with the Hidalgo port of entry was instrumental in increasing produce imports across the Pharr Bridge. To accommodate this increase, the city of Pharr built the 100-acre Pharr

Produce District to provide suppliers and distributors with easy access to cold storage facilities.

IN 2016, THE PHARR BRIDGE RECEIVED 32 PERCENT OF ALL PRODUCE THE U.S. IMPORTS FROM MEXICO, AND WAS THE NATION'S SECOND-BUSIEST PORT OF ENTRY FOR MEXICAN PRODUCE.

Source: Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M University

OVERALL TRADE VALUE



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

HIDALGO: IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

IMPORTS:

electronics
MACHINERY
produce

EXPORTS:

ELECTRONICS
MACHINERY
petrochemical products

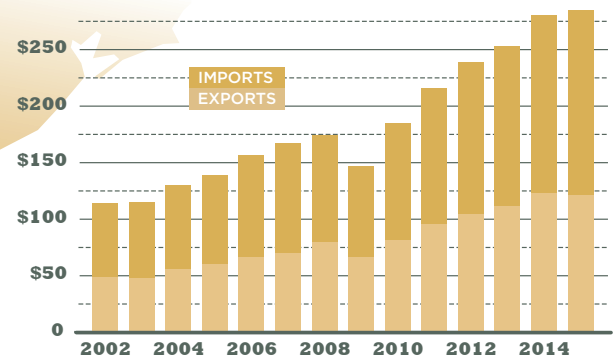
LAREDO CUSTOMS DISTRICT

Hidalgo's border crossings are part of the larger Laredo Customs District, which accounted for \$284 billion in trade in 2015, making it the third-largest U.S. customs district by value, behind Los Angeles and New York.



BUILT IN 2009, THE ANZALDÚAS BRIDGE HAS BEEN LEED-CERTIFIED FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

Source: Texas Department of Transportation



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

CONCLUSION

The Hidalgo port of entry is a key part of the Texas' land port network, which accounted for **\$356 BILLION** in trade in 2015. In that year, the port accounted for **\$30 BILLION** in trade, supporting **53,300 TEXAS JOBS**

and generating **\$7.6 BILLION** in gross state product. Hidalgo's diverse capabilities have helped Texas become the nation's largest exporter — and the world's 10th largest economy.

HIDALGO IS ONE OF 29 OFFICIAL TEXAS PORTS OF ENTRY.

To see a complete list, plus more in-depth regional data, visit:

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