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### **Borderplex Pandemic Monitor**

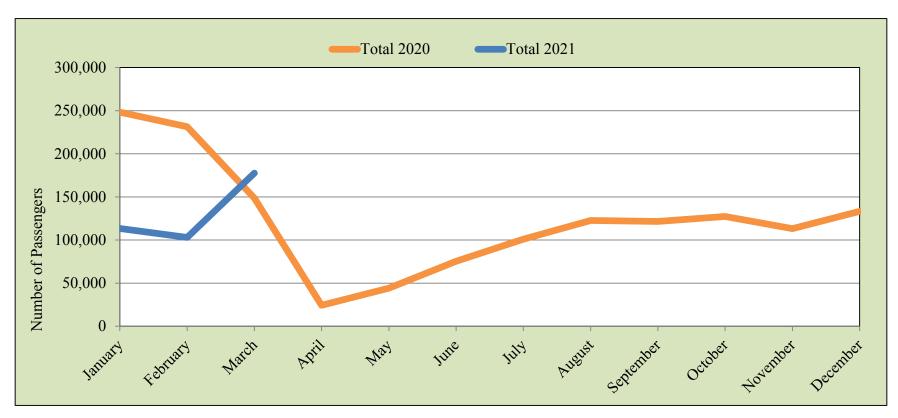
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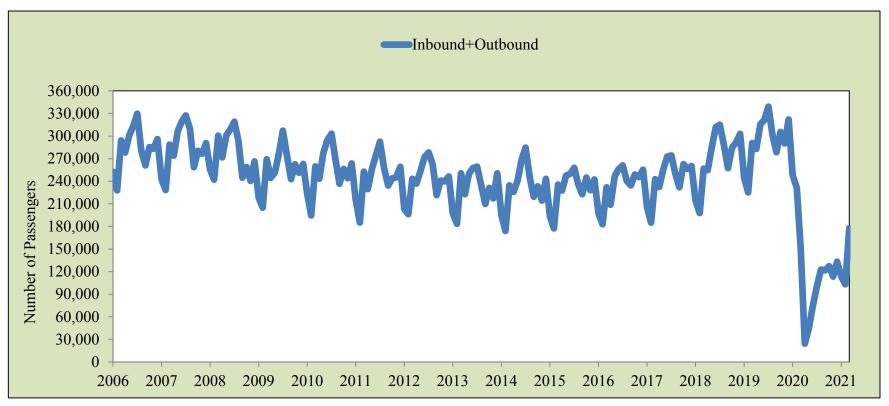
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# El Paso Air Passenger Statistics



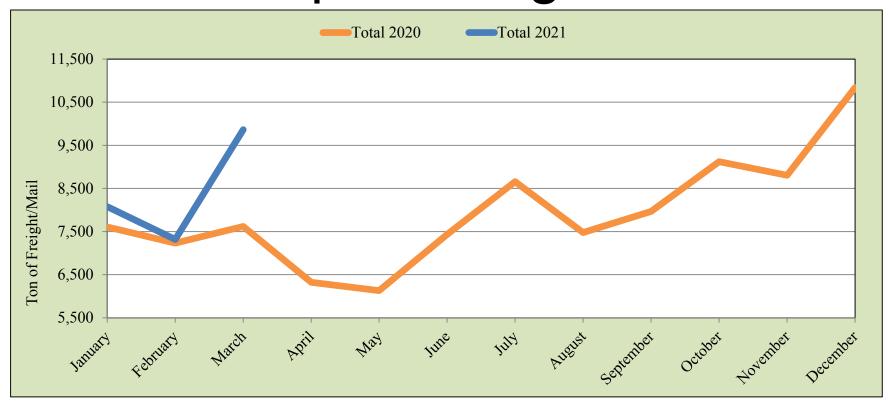
- March 2020 = 148,618 passengers
- March 2021 = 177,686 passengers
- Source: EPIA Operations





- 2020 = 628.3 thousand EPTSA checkpoints
  - $\Box$  (1/01/20 3/31/20)
- 2021 = 394.1 thousand EPTSA checkpoints
  - $\Box$  (1/01/21 3/31/21)

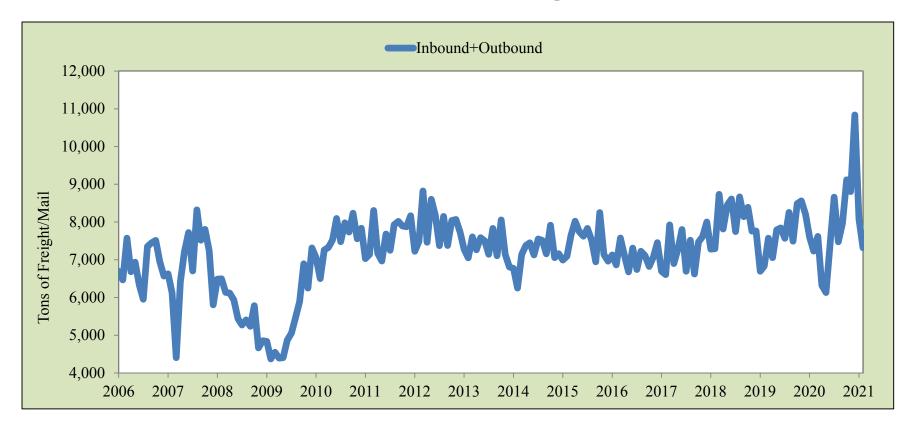




- March 2020 = 7,618 tons
  - □ Enplaned = 3,425 tons
  - ☐ Deplaned = 4,193 tons
- March 2021 = 9,862 tons
  - ☐ Enplaned = 4,438 tons
  - □ Deplaned = 5,424 tons

Source: EPIA Operations

# El Paso Airport Freight Statistics



- 2020 = 22,456 tons (1/01/20 3/31/20)
- **2021 = 25,258 tons** (1/01/21 3/31/21)

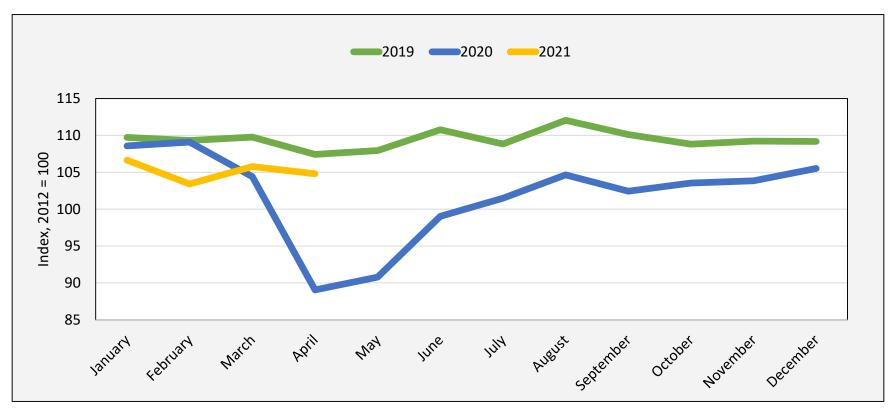
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## **USA COVID-19 Deaths**

- 586K deaths through 17 May 2021 USA
- 2,685 deaths through 17 May 2021 El Paso County
- 456 deaths through 17 May 2021 Las Cruces
- 3,344 deaths through 17 May 2021- Ciudad Juarez
- 6,871 deaths through 17 May 2021 State of Chihuahua
- 102,879 total U.S. casualties during Korean War, Vietnam War, and all other post-1950 military conflicts
- 675,000 deaths during 1918-19 Spanish Flu when USA population was 105 million (2020 = 330 million)
- Sources: Johns Hopkins University; El Paso Covid-19 Tracker; U.S. National Archives; U.S. Department of Health
   & Human Services; U.S. Department of Defense; Secretaría de Salud (Chihuahua)

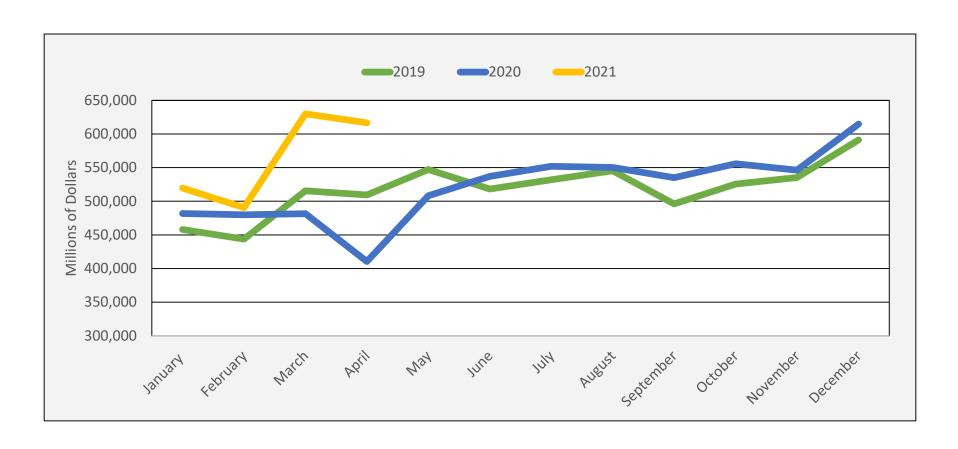
## USA Industrial Activity, 2012 = 100



- Monthly changes in excess of 3 points are rare
- Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors and UTEP BRMP
- \*NSA Not-Seasonally Adjusted

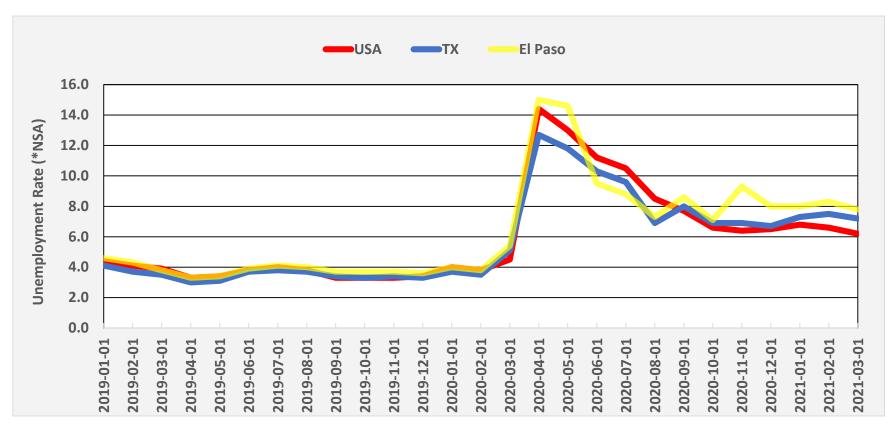
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## **USA Total Retail & Food Sales**



- Source: U.S. Census Bureau and UTEP BRMP
- \*NSA Not-seasonally adjusted

## Unemployment Data (\*NSA)



- Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and UTEP BRMP
- \*NSA = Not Seasonally Adjusted

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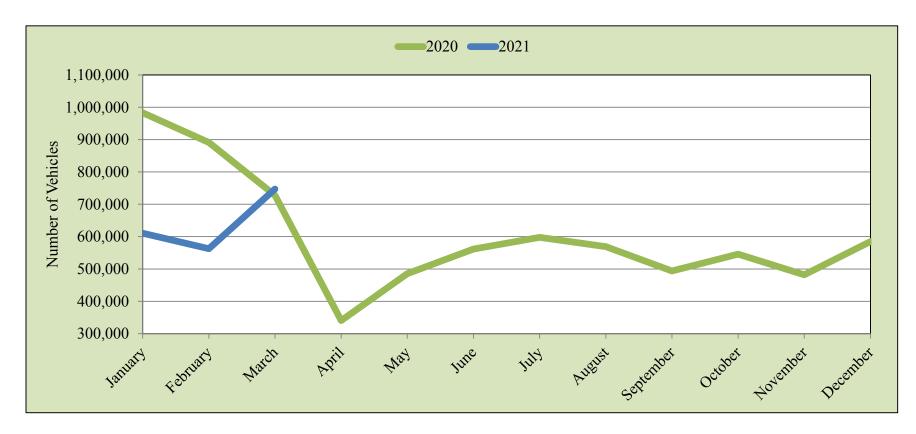
### El Paso Household Economic Stress Index



- Low Readings => Less Economic Stress
- Source: UTEP BRMP



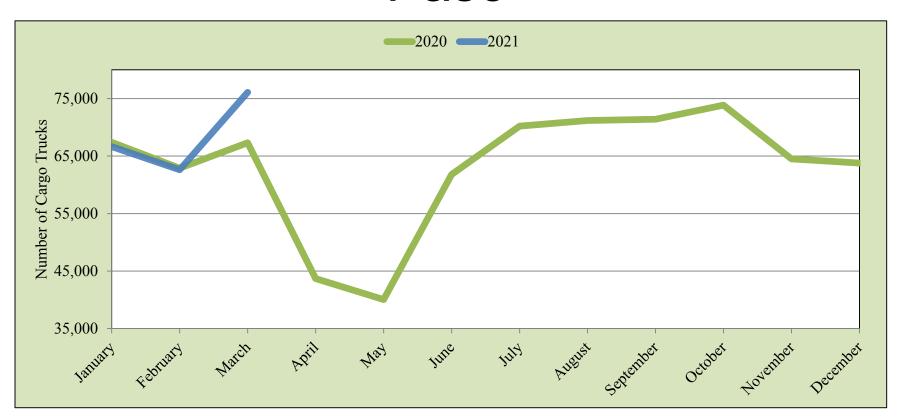
# Personal Vehicle POE Bridge Traffic to El Paso



- Non-Essential Border Closure in Effect since March 2020
- POE Ports of Entry



# Cargo Truck POE Crossings to El Paso

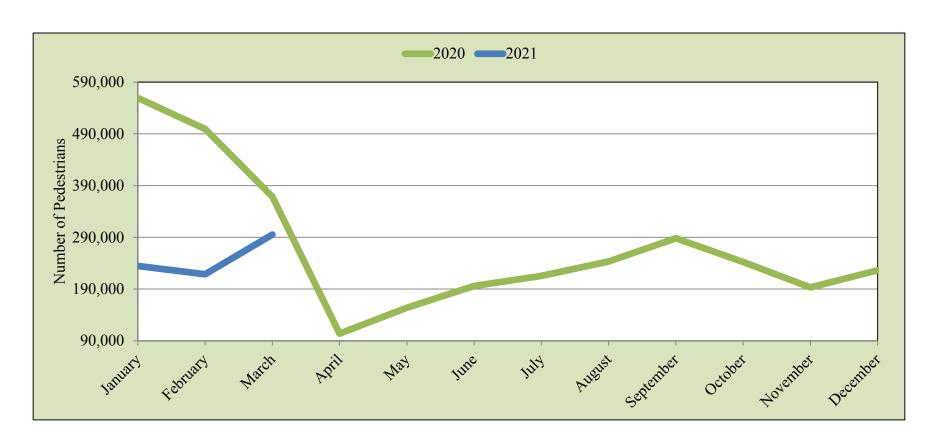


- International Trade classified as Essential
- POE Ports of Entry

Source: U.S. Customs & Border Protection



## Pedestrian POE Traffic to El Paso

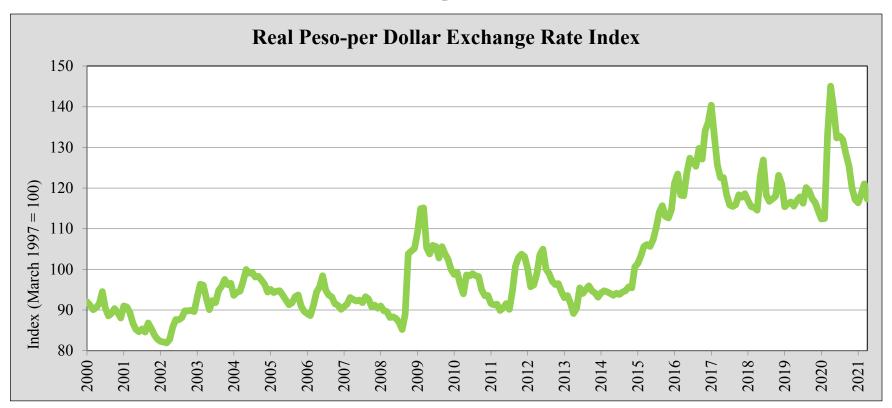


- Non-Essential Border Closure in Effect since March 2020
- POE- Ports of Entry

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# Real Exchange Rate Index

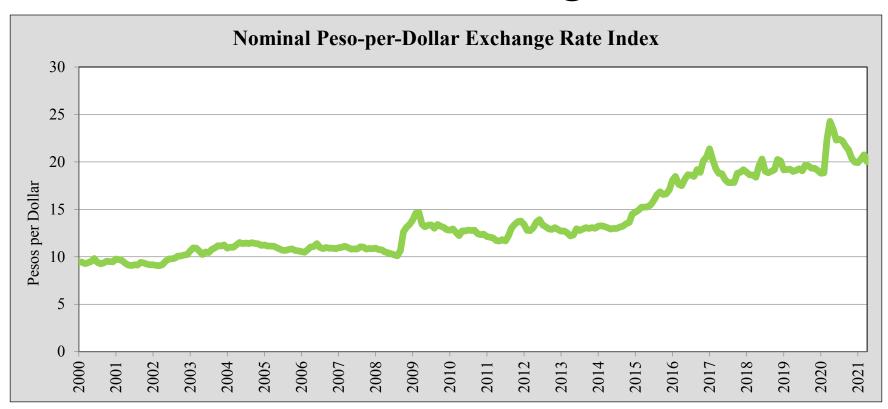


- March 1997 = 100
- Inflation Adjusted, Pesos per \$
- Historical Large Monthly Change = 4 to 7 Points

Source: UTEP BRMP

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# Nominal Exchange Rate



Source: Central Bank of Mexico

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## 2020 El Paso Income Simulation

2018 = \$27.3 Billion, 2012 Base Year

2019 = \$29.4 Billion if a V-shaped recovery occurs...

■ 2020 = \$28.3 Billion

All Estimates from UTEP BRMP Model Simulations without Stimulus First Total Income Decline since 1975 OPEC I



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