MIDLAND ECONOMIC INDEX April 2016				
	BASE YEAR	LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR	% Change
ECONOMIC INDICATORS*	1996	2015	2016	2015-2016
Taxable Spending - April (Per Sales Tax Rebate)	\$115,882,495	\$314,230,532	\$242,003,113	-23.0%
Taxable Spending - YTD*	\$557,701,973	\$1,547,999,386	\$1,235,360,185	-20.2%
Dollars Spent on Auto Purchases - April	\$14,986,260	\$52,754,209	\$44,491,748	-15.7%
Dollars Spent on Auto Purchases - YTD*	\$59,142,505	\$204,724,895	\$167,418,009	-18.2%
Hotel/Motel Tax Receipts - Qtr	\$299,170	\$1,983,516	\$1,235,216	-37.7%
Hotel/Motel Tax Receipts - YTD	\$609,116	\$4,104,710	\$2,526,424	-38.5%
Airline Boardings - April	43,716	37,697	38,313	1.6%
Airline Boardings - YTD	170,890	156,050	145,434	-6.8%
Value All Building Permits - April	\$22,159,799	\$27,248,420	\$29,328,359	7.6%
Value All Building Permits - YTD	\$49,483,885	\$152,647,835	\$84,652,544	-44.5%
Permits for New Homes - April	35	45	61	35.6%
Permits for New Homes - YTD	108	232	167	-28.0%
Sales of Existing Homes - April	144	140	138	-1.4%
Sales of Existing Homes - YTD	464	451	498	10.4%
Average Home Sale Price - April	\$79,762	\$261,748	\$259,176	-1.0%
Average Home Sale Price – YTD	\$83,567	\$264,421	\$266,738	0.9%
Home Sales Dollar Volume - April	\$18,054,495	\$37,335,092	\$35,766,318	-4.2%
Home Sales Dollar Volume - YTD	\$61,194,270	\$121,771,518	\$133,067,124	9.3%
EMPLOYMENT				
Wage and Salary Employment - April	52,600	93,500	90,900	-2.8%
Wage and Salary Employment – YTD Avg	52,525	94,925	90,600	-4.6%
Unemployment Rate - April	4.4	3.1	4.3	38.7%
Unemployment Rate - YTD Avg	4.7	3.0	4.1	39.0%
INDEX - April (Base = 100 February 1996)	102.4	231.0	203.4	-11.9%

^{*} With the exception of the average home sale price, all economic indicators expressed in dollar form above are adjusted for inflation by restating prior periods in current dollars.