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## **Del Rio, Texas: Fitch New Issue Report**

The 'AA' Issuer Default Rating (IDR), and GO and CO ratings reflect the combination of substantial revenue-raising ability, solid expenditure flexibility and superior operating performance, which allows Del Rio to withstand current and future economic cycles. Revenue growth prospects are adequate and expected to perform at the level of inflation over time. The city's long-term liability burden is low. Economic Resource Base: Del Rio has a slightly declining population that totaled about 35,000 in 2021. It is located along the Texas-Mexico border, across from the larger city of Ciudad Acuna, which has an estimated population of about 201,700. Employment is concentrated in the federal government, led by Laughlin Air Force Base (Laughlin AFB) and border security agencies. Given its border location, the city's economy is also inherently linked to the Mexican border economy and is vulnerable to international economic and governmental policy shifts, as it relies on border trade and transportation activity.

### **ACCESS REPORT**

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