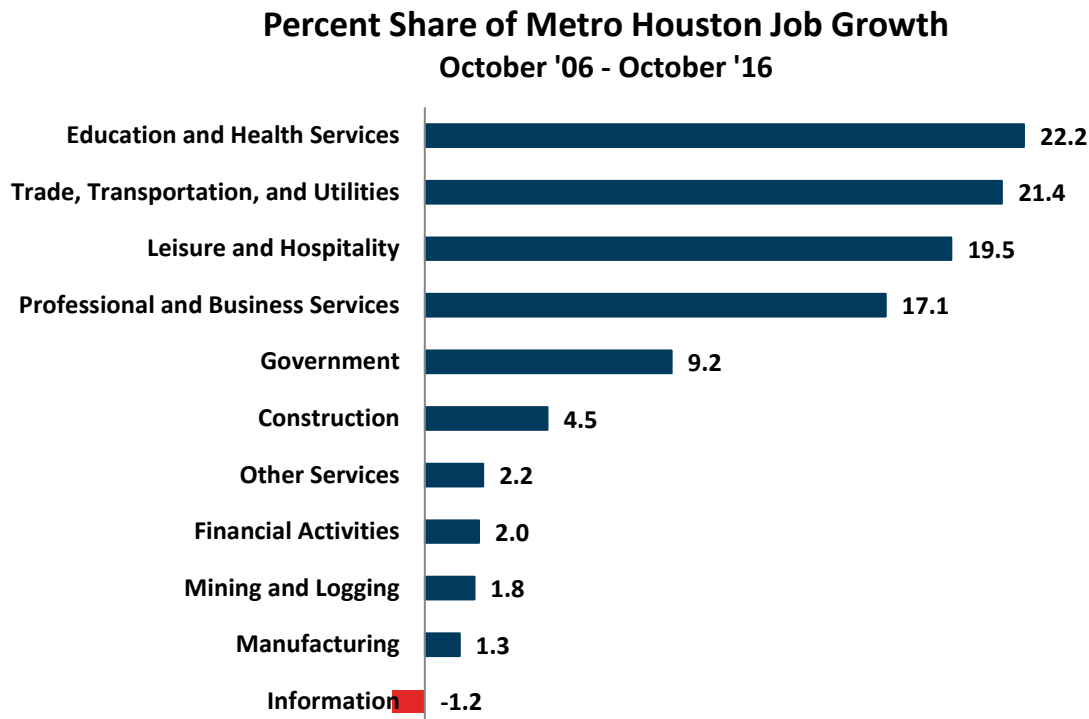


## Employment Change by Industry

More than a fifth of Houston's job growth in the past ten years occurred in education and health services.



Source: Texas Workforce Commission

- Four sectors were responsible for 80 percent of Houston's employment growth from October '06 to October '16.
  - Educational and health services grew by 114,800 jobs from October '06 to October '16 and accounted for 22.2 percent of Houston's total employment growth in the past ten years. The sector depends on the region's population and employment growth, and health services is further spurred by the aging of the population.
  - Trade, transportation and utilities gained 110,600 jobs and contributed to 21.4 percent of the gain in employment during this period. The sector benefits from the expanding local consumer market through growth in jobs, wages and population. In the past ten years, Houston added 516,900 jobs, increased average wages (net of inflation) by 5.8 percent, and grew by 1.1 million residents. Transportation also benefits from the \$200 billion in annual trade passing through the Houston-Galveston Customs District.
  - Leisure and hospitality added 100,900 jobs and contributed to 19.5 percent of total job growth. Houston is home to approximately 81,500 hotel rooms and on average, a net of 290 new bars and restaurants opened in Houston each year from '10 to '14.
  - The professional and business services sector added 88,300 jobs and was responsible for 17.1 percent of the total growth in jobs over this period. The professional and business services sector grows as demand increases for technical expertise, such as engineering and computer systems design, and businesses require support services, like office administration, facilities support, and employment services.