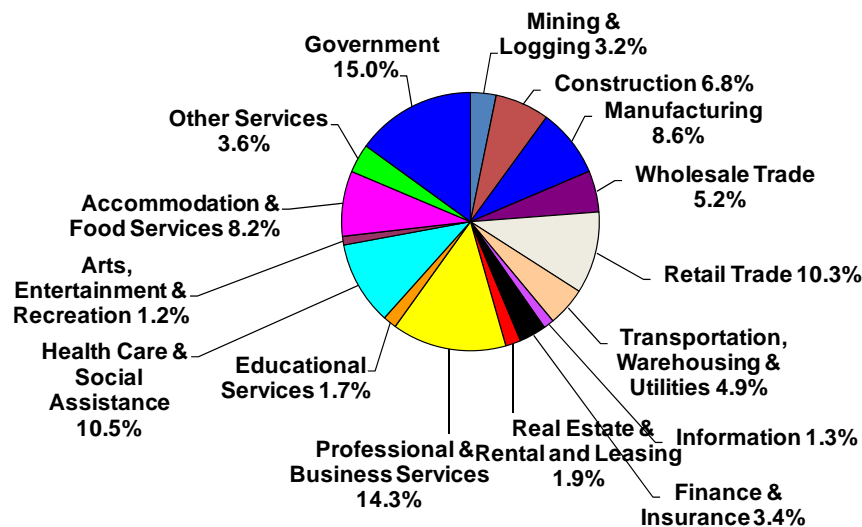


# Employment by Industry

Houston has more jobs than Colorado, Alabama or Louisiana.

## Employment by Industry Houston MSA 2010 Annual Average



Source: Texas Workforce Commission, Mar 2011

- Nonfarm payroll employment in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Metropolitan Statistical Area averaged 2,529,200 in '10, ending the year at 2,541,000.
- A *location quotient* is the ratio of an industry's share of local employment to its share of national employment. As a rule of thumb, a location quotient over 1.2 signifies that an industry exports its products or services outside the region in significant amounts. Houston location quotients (March '10) include 15.84 for oil and gas extraction and 6.88 for support activities for mining, reflecting the overwhelming concentration of the nation's oil and gas exploration and production activities — largely corporate headquarters, other offices and research facilities, plus oilfield services — in this region.
- Other industries in which Houston location quotients exceed 1.2 include construction (1.64, with an LQ of 2.55 for heavy and civil engineering construction), fabricated metal products manufacturing (1.81), machinery manufacturing (2.04), computer and peripheral equipment manufacturing (2.44), petroleum refining (6.37), chemicals manufacturing (2.39), utilities (1.53), air transportation (2.71), pipeline transportation (11.49), rental and leasing services (1.44) and architectural, engineering and related services (2.41).