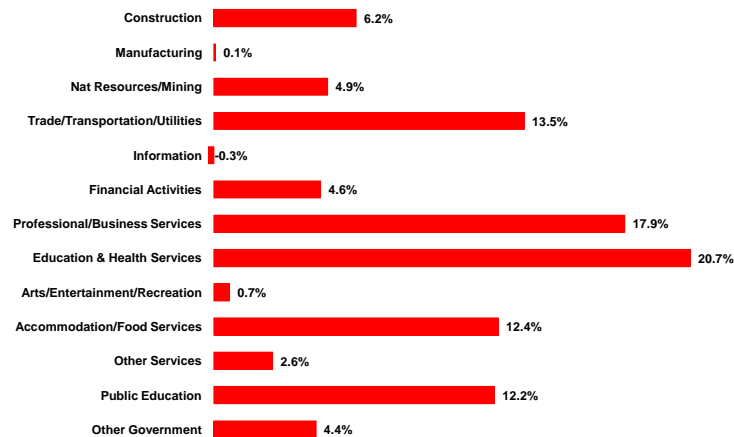


Employment Change by Industry

Services-providing sectors lead Houston's job growth.

Industry Shares of Job Change

Houston MSA: 1995 Average-Feb 2010



Source: Texas Workforce Commission, Mar 2010

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- Services account for 89 percent of all jobs gained in Houston since '95.
- This graph does *not* show how fast different industries are growing *relative to the overall growth* of the local economy. For that, the appropriate measure is the ratio of an industry's percentage change in jobs to the percentage change in jobs for the region. (A ratio of 1.00 means that an industry is growing just fast enough to maintain its share of total jobs.) From '95 to February '10, this ratio shows rapid growth in agricultural, construction and mining equipment manufacturing (2.88), educational and health services (2.14), support activities for mining (2.07), accommodation and food services (1.80), public education (1.46), professional and business services (1.41) and oil and gas extraction (1.31).
- Within professional and business services, computer systems design has grown nearly three times as fast as total employment (2.74), followed by health care and social assistance (2.21), architectural and engineering services (1.97), accommodation and food services (1.80) and educational services (1.71).
- Key Houston sectors either declining or growing substantially more slowly than overall employment over this period include pipeline transportation (-0.88), nondurable goods manufacturing (-0.64), truck transportation (-0.25), information (-0.13), employment services (-0.01), durable goods manufacturing (0.54), legal services (0.55), and retail trade (0.57).