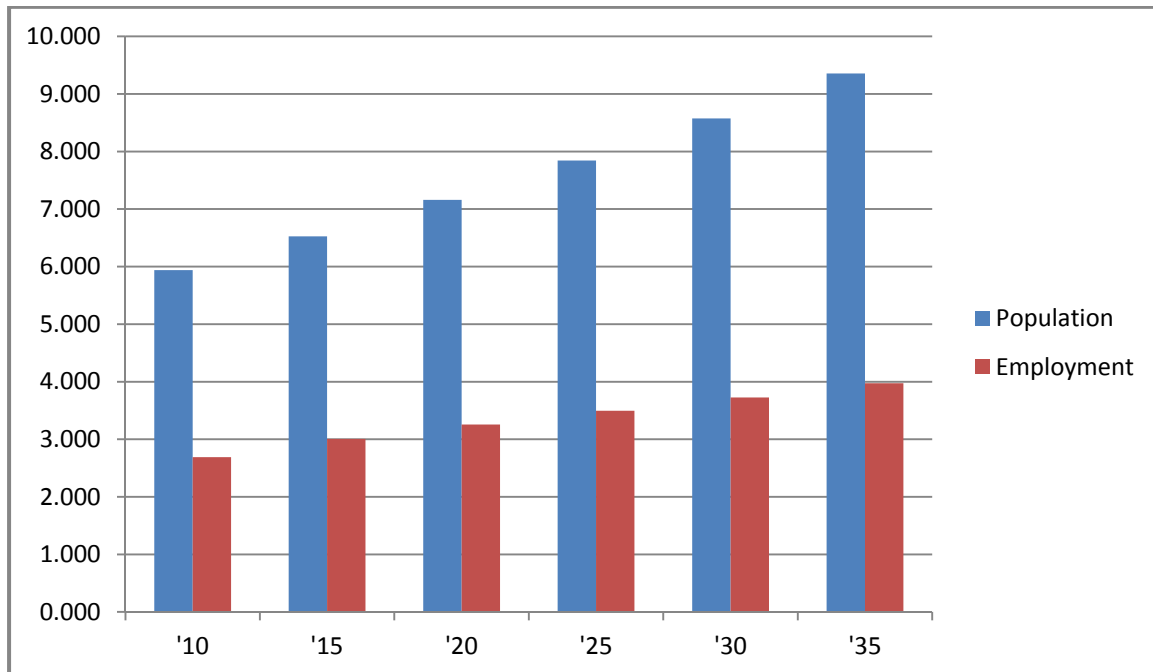


Population and Employment Forecast

Houston is expected to lead the state, and nation, in population and employment growth between '10 and '35.

Population and Employment Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA 2010-2035



Source: The Perryman Group, Spring/Summer 2011

- From 2010 to 2035, The Perryman Group sees population growth averaging 1.81 percent annually in the Houston region. Over the same period, the Texas-based economic forecasting firm expects wage and salary employment to rise at a 1.75 percent annual rate.
- The Houston–Sugar Land–Baytown Metro Area will lead the state in population growth, adding 3.37 million residents, between '10 and '35, according to The Perryman Group. Perryman also forecasts that Houston will add an additional 1.44 million jobs and account for almost one-fourth of Texas job growth during that time frame.

The Perryman report states:

- The Houston-area economy has been on a decidedly upward trend and is expected to continue to demonstrate relatively healthy growth.

The Perryman Group's projections indicate the Houston area will serve as a key center for economic growth in the state, outperforming most US metro areas.