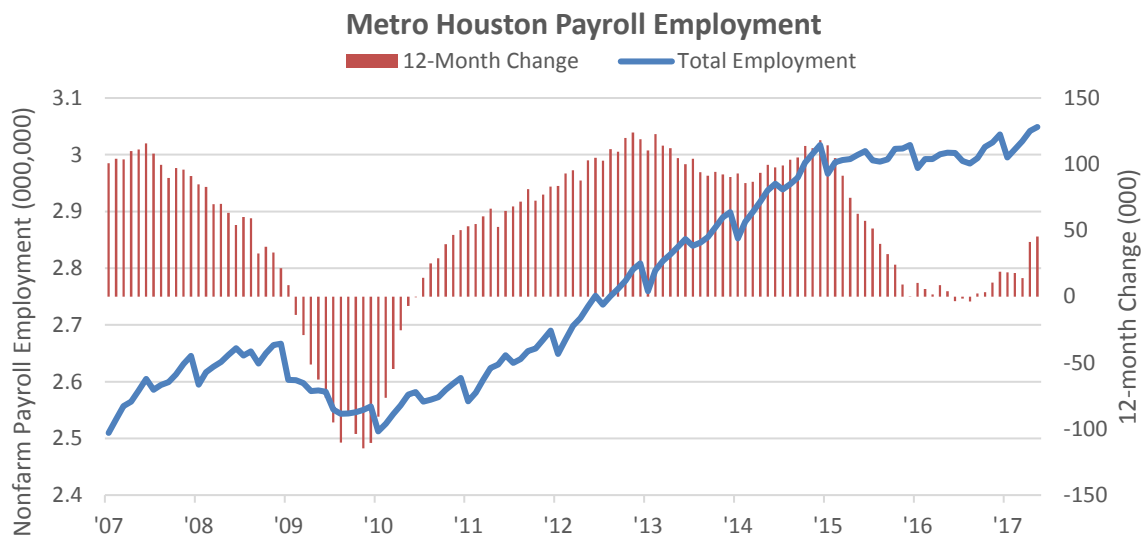




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The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land metro area created 6,700 jobs in May and 45,300 over the previous 12 months, according to data released today by the Texas Workforce Commission. The monthly job gain was on par with the region's 20-year average of 6,800 jobs added for a May. The 12-month job growth was slightly below the 20-year average of 48,500 jobs. Houston's total nonfarm payroll employment now stands at 3,048,900, a new high for the metro.



Source: Texas Workforce Commission

Service sectors continue to lead the region's employment growth from May '16 to May '17. Professional and business services added 11,600 jobs, leisure and hospitality grew by 11,900 jobs and educational and health services increased by 9,700 jobs. The goods producing sectors added 1,700 jobs with gains in manufacturing (+8,700 jobs) offset by losses in mining and logging (-1,700 jobs) and construction (-5,300 jobs).

Houston's May unemployment rate was 5.1 percent, down from 5.3 percent in April but up from 4.9 percent in May '16. Texas' unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in May, down from 4.5 percent in April but up from 4.3 percent in May '16. The U.S. rate was 4.1 percent in May, unchanged from 4.1 percent in April and down from 4.5 percent in May '16. The rates are not seasonally adjusted.

CHANGE IN PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT – May '16 to May '17 Houston Metro Area		
	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm	45,300	1.5
Total Private	33,300	1.3
Goods Producing	1,700	0.3
Mining and Logging	-1,700	-1.9
Oil and Gas Extraction	-5,400	-10.6
Support Activities for Mining	1,900	5.3
Construction	-5,300	-2.4
Manufacturing	8,700	3.9
Durable Goods	7,600	5.4
Non-Durable Goods	1,100	1.3
Service Providing	43,600	1.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-5,100	-0.8
Wholesale Trade	-3,800	-2.3
Retail Trade	-1,300	-0.4
Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	0	0.0
Information	-700	-2.1
Financial Activities	1,500	1.0
Finance and Insurance	1,900	1.9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	-400	-0.7
Professional and Business Services	11,600	2.5
Educational and Health Services	9,700	2.6
Educational Services	2,600	4.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	7,100	2.2
Leisure and Hospitality	11,900	3.8
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,700	4.8
Accommodation and Food Services	10,200	3.6
Other Services	2,700	2.5
Government	12,000	2.9
Source: Texas Workforce Commission		

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