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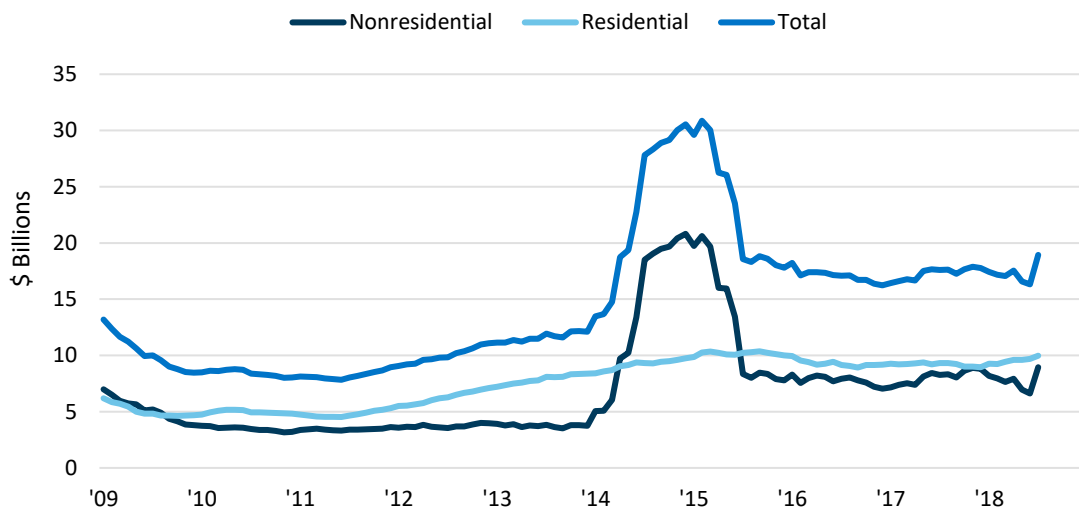
Construction starts in Houston totaled \$3.9 billion in July, a more than twofold increase from \$1.3 billion in July '17, according to the latest report from Dodge Data & Analytics. The firm did not report what caused the increase in construction activity.

JULY CONSTRUCTION STARTS, METRO HOUSTON*			
	\$ Millions		% Change
	'18	'17	
Nonresidential	2,820.5	485.5	+481.0
Residential	1,078.0	794.8	+35.6
Total Building	\$3,898.5	\$1,280.3	+204.5

* includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto and Waller Counties. Source: Dodge Data & Analytics

For the 12 months ending July '18, starts totaled \$19.0 billion, up 7.7 percent from \$17.6 billion for the 12 months ending July '17. The 12-month total peaked at \$30.9 billion in February '15, the height of the chemical plant construction boom. The 12-month total has held in a narrow range—\$16.2 billion and \$19.0 billion since January '16.

Houston-Area Construction Starts, 12-Month Total



Source: Dodge Data & Analytics