

**A Service of the Greater Houston Partnership**

	Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change
<b>ENERGY</b>							
U.S. Active Rotary Rigs	June '18	1,055	935	12.8	1,003 *	819 *	12.8
Spot Crude Oil Price (\$/bbl, West Texas Intermediate)	June '18	67.77	45.61	48.6	65.49 *	49.94 *	48.6
Spot Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu, Henry Hub)	June '18	2.95	2.98	-0.9	3.01 *	3.05 *	-0.9
<b>UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION</b>							
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	July '18	62.0	51.8	19.7	57.1 *	53.1 *	7.5
Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service Area)	June '18	5,411,780	5,243,002	3.2	29,400,015	28,411,123	3.5
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>							
<b>Total Building Contracts (\$, Houston MSA)</b>	<b>June '18</b>	<b>1,489,575,000</b>	<b>1,733,412,000</b>	<b>-14.1</b>	<b>9,092,069,000</b>	<b>10,270,868,000</b>	<b>-11.5</b>
Nonresidential	June '18	511,627,000	849,449,000	-39.8	3,138,322,000	5,441,737,000	-42.3
Residential	June '18	977,948,000	883,963,000	10.6	5,953,747,000	4,829,131,000	23.3
<b>Building Permits (\$, City of Houston)</b>	<b>June '18</b>	<b>632,703,810</b>	<b>493,209,033</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>2,891,444,917</b>	<b>3,046,402,596</b>	<b>-5.1</b>
Nonresidential	June '18	330,712,763	324,871,410	1.8	1,454,570,176	1,967,061,408	-26.1
<i>New Nonresidential</i>	June '18	<i>81,540,865</i>	<i>126,063,024</i>	<i>-35.3</i>	<i>532,826,949</i>	<i>724,662,226</i>	<i>-26.5</i>
<i>Nonresidential Additions/Alterations/Conversions</i>	June '18	<i>249,171,898</i>	<i>198,808,386</i>	<i>25.3</i>	<i>921,743,227</i>	<i>1,242,399,182</i>	<i>-25.8</i>
Residential	June '18	301,991,047	168,337,623	79.4	1,436,874,741	1,079,341,188	33.1
<i>New Residential</i>	June '18	<i>255,568,304</i>	<i>141,368,071</i>	<i>80.8</i>	<i>1,173,134,152</i>	<i>931,190,078</i>	<i>26.0</i>
<i>Residential Additions/Alterations/Conversions</i>	June '18	<i>46,422,743</i>	<i>26,969,552</i>	<i>72.1</i>	<i>263,740,589</i>	<i>148,151,110</i>	<i>78.0</i>
<b>HOME SALES</b>							
<b>Multiple Listing Service (MLS) Activity</b>							
Property Sales	July '18	9,559	8,814	8.5	57,940	56,150	3.2
Median Sales Price - SF Detached	July '18	243,500	230,000	5.9	235,902 *	227,556 *	3.7
Active Listings	July '18	41,459	42,952	-3.5	37,291 0	38,500 *	-3.1
<b>EMPLOYMENT (Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA)</b>							
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>	<b>July '18 N</b>	<b>3,113,100</b>	<b>3,011,300</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3,088,886</b>	<b>3,008,300 *</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Goods Producing (Natural Resources/Mining/Const/Mfg)	July '18 N	546,100	512,700	6.5	533,729	511,229 *	4.4
Service Providing	July '18 N	2,567,000	2,498,600	2.7	2,555,157	2,497,071 *	2.3
<b>Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>							
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	July '18 N	4.4	5.1		4.5	5.2 *	
Texas	July '18 N	4.0	4.5		4.0	4.5 *	
U.S.	July '18 N	4.1	4.6		4.1	4.6 *	
<b>FOREIGN TRADE (Houston-Galveston Customs District)</b>							
<b>Total Trade (\$000,000)</b>	<b>Mar '18</b>	<b>20,257</b>	<b>16,174</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>92,253</b>	<b>78,581</b>	<b>17.4</b>
Exports (\$000,000)	Mar '18	12,359	8,728	41.6	55,610	44,163	25.9
Imports (\$000,000)	Mar '18	7,898	7,446	6.1	36,643	34,418	6.5
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>							
<b>Port of Houston Authority Shipments (Short Tons)</b>	<b>June '18</b>	<b>4,109,102</b>	<b>3,768,938</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>27,367,267</b>	<b>26,889,624</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Air Passengers (Houston Airport System)</b>	<b>June '18</b>	<b>5,361,737</b>	<b>5,073,466</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>28,362,495</b>	<b>27,203,027</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Domestic Passengers	June '18	4,237,459	3,970,889	6.7	22,554,535	21,520,193	4.8
International Passengers	June '18	1,124,278	1,102,577	2.0	5,807,960	5,682,834	2.2
<b>Air Freight (metric tons)</b>	<b>June '18</b>	<b>41,158</b>	<b>36,896</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>247,215</b>	<b>214,991</b>	<b>15.0</b>
<b>CONSUMERS</b>							
<b>New Car and Truck Sales (Units, Houston MSA)</b>	<b>June '18</b>	<b>23,021</b>	<b>19,830</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>146,597</b>	<b>138,387</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Cars	June '18	6,465	6,322	2.3	43,382	46,159	-6.0
Trucks, SUVs and Commercials	June '18	16,556	13,508	22.6	103,215	92,228	11.9
<b>Total Retail Sales (\$000,000, Houston MSA, NAICS Basis)</b>	<b>Q4/17</b>	<b>36,558.1</b>	<b>33,245.4</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>120,519.7</b>	<b>116,415.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ('82-'84=100)</b>							
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria CMSA	Jun '18	227.4	220.8	3.0	225.2 *	219.7 *	2.5
United States	Jul '18	252.0	245.0	2.9	250.4 *	244.2 *	2.5
<b>Hotel Performance (Houston MSA)</b>							
Occupancy (%)	Q1/18	68.9	63.7		68.9	63.7 *	
Average Room Rate (\$)	Q1/18	110.28	116.06	-5.0	110.28	116.06 *	-5.0
Revenue Per Available Room (\$)	Q1/18	76.03	73.88	2.9	76.03	73.88 *	2.9
<b>SOURCES</b>							
Rig Count							Baker Hughes Incorporated
Spot WTI, Spot Natural Gas							U.S. Energy Information Administration
Houston Purchasing Managers Index							Institute for Supply Management - Houston, Inc.
Electricity							CenterPoint Energy (CNP)
Building Construction Contracts							Dodge Data and Analytics
City of Houston Building Permits							Building Permit Department, City of Houston
MLS Data							Houston Association of Realtors
Employment							Texas Workforce Commission
Port Shipments							Port of Houston Authority
Aviation							Aviation Department, City of Houston
New Car and Truck Sales							TexAuto Facts Report, InfoNation, Inc., Sugar Land TX
Retail Sales							State Comptroller's Office
Consumer Price Index							U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Hotels							CBRE Hotels
Foreign Trade							U.S. Census Bureau

