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	Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change
ENERGY							
U.S. Active Rotary Rigs	May '17	893	407	119.4	792 *	505 *	56.8
Spot Crude Oil Price (\$/bbl, West Texas Intermediate)	Apr '17	51.06	40.75	25.3	51.59 *	35.07 *	47.1
Spot Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu, Henry Hub)	Apr '17	3.10	1.92	61.5	3.03 *	2.83 *	7.1
UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION							
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	May '17	54.1	45.8	18.1	53.6 *	45.2 *	18.6
Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service Area)	Apr '17	4,564,799	4,558,616	0.1	18,165,442	17,570,101	3.4
CONSTRUCTION							
Total Building Contracts (\$, Houston MSA)	April '17	1,050,770,000	1,195,037,000	-12.1	5,204,958,000	5,634,913,000	-7.6
Nonresidential	April '17	301,173,000	500,378,000	-39.8	2,223,103,000	2,724,728,000	-18.4
Residential	April '17	749,597,000	694,659,000	7.9	2,981,855,000	2,910,185,000	2.5
Building Permits (\$, City of Houston)	May '17	572,175,193	595,692,428	-3.9	2,553,193,563	2,653,812,012	-3.8
Nonresidential	May '17	374,089,164	384,363,386	-2.7	1,642,189,998	1,666,705,458	-1.5
<i>New Nonresidential</i>	May '17	<i>184,979,094</i>	<i>172,028,704</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>598,599,202</i>	<i>595,533,836</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>Nonresidential Additions/Alterations/Conversions</i>	May '17	<i>189,110,070</i>	<i>212,334,682</i>	<i>-10.9</i>	<i>1,043,590,796</i>	<i>1,071,171,622</i>	<i>-2.6</i>
Residential	May '17	198,086,029	211,329,042	-6.3	911,003,565	987,106,554	-7.7
<i>New Residential</i>	May '17	<i>173,047,911</i>	<i>126,881,862</i>	<i>36.4</i>	<i>789,822,007</i>	<i>754,612,138</i>	<i>4.7</i>
<i>Residential Additions/Alterations/Conversions</i>	May '17	<i>25,038,118</i>	<i>84,447,180</i>	<i>-70.4</i>	<i>121,181,558</i>	<i>232,494,416</i>	<i>-47.9</i>
HOME SALES							
Multiple Listing Service (MLS) Activity							
Property Sales	May '17	9,744	8,676	12.3	37,474	34,718	7.9
Median Sales Price - SF Detached	May '17	235,000	225,000	4.4	224,799 *	212,998 *	5.5
Active Listings	May '17	41,257	35,431	16.4	37,879 *	34,040 *	11.3
EMPLOYMENT (Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA)							
Nonfarm Payroll Employment	May '17	3,048,900	3,003,600	1.5	3,024,060 *	2,993,240 *	1.0
Goods Producing (Natural Resources/Mining/Const/Mfg)	May '17	534,400	532,700	0.3	530,460 *	538,940 *	-1.6
Service Providing	May '17	2,514,500	2,470,900	1.8	2,493,600 *	2,454,300 *	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted							
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	May '17	5.1	4.9		5.3 *	4.8 *	
Texas	May '17	4.4	4.3		4.6 *	4.4 *	
U.S.	May '17	4.1	4.5		4.8 *	5.0 *	
FOREIGN TRADE (Houston-Galveston Customs District)							
Total Trade (\$000,000)	Mar '17	16,281	13,594	19.8	46,607	38,500	21.1
Exports (\$000,000)	Mar '17	9,151	7,952	15.1	26,658	22,407	19.0
Imports (\$000,000)	Mar '17	7,130	5,642	26.4	19,949	16,093	24.0
TRANSPORTATION							
Port of Houston Authority Shipments (Short Tons)	May '17	4,003,862	3,606,185	11.0	19,289,015	18,374,985	5.0
Air Passengers (Houston Airport System)	Apr '17	4,384,761	4,259,474	2.9	17,323,300	17,423,002	-0.6
Domestic Passengers	Apr '17	3,484,156	3,392,132	2.7	13,713,745	13,713,138	0.0
International Passengers	Apr '17	900,605	867,342	3.8	3,609,555	3,709,864	-2.7
Air Freight (metric tons)	Apr '17	35,460	34,642	2.4	141,705	133,839	5.9
CONSUMERS							
New Car and Truck Sales (Units, Houston MSA)	Apr '17	22,504	23,652	-4.9	92,440	104,955	-11.9
Cars	Apr '17	7,266	8,411	-13.6	31,079	38,791	-19.9
Trucks, SUVs and Commercial	Apr '17	15,238	15,241	0.0	61,361	66,164	-7.3
Total Retail Sales (\$000,000, Houston MSA, NAICS Basis)	Q2/16	27,284.3	28,630.3	-4.7	26,214.9	27,305.0	-4.0
Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ('82-'84=100)							
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria CMSA	Apr '17	219.9	215.5	2.0	219.2 *	215.0 *	1.9
United States	May '17	244.7	240.2	1.9	243.9 *	238.3 *	2.3
Hotel Performance (Houston MSA)							
Occupancy (%)	Q4/16	57.2	64.3		62.3	68.6 *	
Average Room Rate (\$)	Q4/16	99.05	106.37	-6.9	104.45	108.51 *	-3.7
Revenue Per Available Room (\$)	Q4/16	56.67	68.41	-17.2	65.32	74.47 *	-12.3
SOURCES							
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							McGraw-Hill Construction
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

