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	Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change
<b>ENERGY</b>							
U.S. Active Rotary Rigs	Feb '18	969	744	30.2	953 *	713 *	33.7
Spot Crude Oil Price (\$/bbl, West Texas Intermediate)	Jan '18	63.70	52.50	21.3	63.70 *	52.50 *	21.3
Spot Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu, Henry Hub)	Jan '18	3.69	3.30	11.8	3.69 *	3.30 *	11.8
<b>UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION</b>							
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	Feb '18	55.6	54.2	2.6	55.2 *	54.2 *	1.8
Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service Area)	Feb '18	4,356,484	4,187,018	4.0	8,973,977	8,800,876	2.0
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>							
<b>Total Building Contracts (\$, Houston MSA)</b>	<b>Nov '17</b>	<b>1,158,225,000</b>	<b>912,987,000</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>16,827,828,000</b>	<b>15,282,096,000</b>	<b>10.1</b>
Nonresidential	Nov '17	528,305,000	283,111,000	86.6	8,524,241,000	6,768,432,000	25.9
Residential	Nov '17	629,920,000	629,876,000	0.0	8,303,587,000	8,513,664,000	-2.5
<b>Building Permits (\$, City of Houston)</b>	<b>Jan '18</b>	<b>376,447,377</b>	<b>637,896,584</b>	<b>-41.0</b>	<b>376,447,377</b>	<b>637,896,584</b>	<b>-41.0</b>
Nonresidential	Jan '18	173,050,639	452,090,627	-61.7	173,050,639	452,090,627	-61.7
New Nonresidential	Jan '18	40,303,274	187,679,619	-78.5	40,303,274	187,679,619	-78.5
Nonresidential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Jan '18	132,747,365	264,411,008	-49.8	132,747,365	264,411,008	-49.8
Residential	Jan '18	203,396,738	185,805,957	9.5	203,396,738	185,805,957	9.5
New Residential	Jan '18	144,417,082	164,404,366	-12.2	144,417,082	164,404,366	-12.2
Residential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Jan '18	58,979,656	21,401,591	175.6	58,979,656	21,401,591	175.6
<b>HOME SALES</b>							
<b>Multiple Listing Service (MLS) Activity</b>							
Property Sales	Feb '18	N 6,375	6,180	3.2	11,843	11,212	5.6
Median Sales Price - SF Detached	Feb '18	N 226,200	223,000	1.4	222,425 *	216,500 *	2.7
Active Listings	Feb '18	N 33,939	35,685	-4.9	34,010 *	34,815 *	-2.3
<b>EMPLOYMENT (Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA)</b>							
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>	Jan '18	<b>3,029,500</b>	<b>2,965,100</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>3,029,500 *</b>	<b>2,965,100 *</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Goods Producing (Natural Resources/Mining/Const/Mfg)	Jan '18	519,800	503,300	3.3	519,800 *	503,300 *	3.3
Service Providing	Jan '18	2,509,700	2,461,800	1.9	2,509,700 *	2,461,800 *	1.9
<b>Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>							
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	Jan '18	4.8	5.8		4.8 *	5.8 *	
Texas	Jan '18	4.2	5.0		4.2 *	5.0 *	
U.S.	Jan '18	4.5	5.1		4.5 *	5.1 *	
<b>FOREIGN TRADE (Houston-Galveston Customs District)</b>							
<b>Total Trade (\$000,000)</b>	<b>Dec '17</b>	<b>17,639</b>	<b>14,255</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>192,194</b>	<b>161,424</b>	<b>19.1</b>
Exports (\$000,000)	Dec '17	10,764	8,179	31.6	109,244	91,630	19.2
Imports (\$000,000)	Dec '17	6,875	6,076	13.2	82,950	69,794	18.8
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>							
<b>Port of Houston Authority Shipments (Short Tons)</b>	<b>Feb '18</b>	<b>3,597,984</b>	<b>3,383,204</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>7,017,792</b>	<b>6,962,390</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Air Passengers (Houston Airport System)</b>	<b>Jan '18</b>	<b>4,305,503</b>	<b>4,333,025</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>54,131,890</b>	<b>54,601,817</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
Domestic Passengers	Jan '18	3,363,999	3,367,911	-0.1	42,932,343	42,965,323	-0.1
International Passengers	Jan '18	941,504	965,114	-2.4	11,199,547	11,636,494	-3.8
<b>Air Freight (metric tons)</b>	<b>Jan '18</b>	<b>30,020</b>	<b>34,987</b>	<b>-14.2</b>	<b>30,020</b>	<b>34,987</b>	<b>-14.2</b>
<b>CONSUMERS</b>							
<b>New Car and Truck Sales (Units, Houston MSA)</b>	<b>Feb '18</b>	<b>21,464</b>	<b>21,434</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>50,598</b>	<b>49,002</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Cars	Feb '18	6,300	7,255	-13.2	14,534	16,681	-12.9
Trucks, SUVs and Commercial	Feb '18	15,164	14,179	6.9	36,064	32,321	11.6
<b>Total Retail Sales (\$000,000, Houston MSA, NAICS Basis)</b>	<b>Q2/17</b>	<b>28,598.8</b>	<b>28,087.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>55,780.3</b>	<b>55,121.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ('82-'84=100)</b>							
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria CMSA	Feb '18	224.7	219.1	2.6	223.9 *	218.7 *	2.4
United States	Feb '18	249.0	243.6	2.2	248.4 *	243.2 *	2.1
<b>Hotel Performance (Houston MSA)</b>							
Occupancy (%)	Q1/17	63.7	65.8		61.8	67.1 *	
Average Room Rate (\$)	Q1/17	116.12	109.83	5.7	106.06	108.16 *	-1.9
Revenue Per Available Room (\$)	Q1/17	74.00	72.28	2.4	65.79	72.62 *	-9.4
<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						

