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	Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change
ENERGY							
U.S. Active Rotary Rigs	Oct '18	N 1,063	922	15.3	1,023 *	867 *	18.0
Spot Crude Oil Price (\$/bbl, West Texas Intermediate)	Oct '18	N 71.44	51.31	39.2	67.32 *	49.51 *	36.0
Spot Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu, Henry Hub)	Oct '18	N 3.28	2.88	13.9	3.01 *	3.00 *	0.3
UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION							
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	Aug '18	61.2	46.5	31.6	57.6 *	52.3 *	10.1
Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service Area)	Sep '18	5,193,172	5,043,351	3.0	45,860,284	44,444,464	3.2
CONSTRUCTION							
Total Building Contracts (\$, Houston MSA)	Sep '18	1,357,025,000	1,235,810,000	9.8	15,051,167,000	13,821,861,000	8.9
Nonresidential	Sep '18	479,030,000	569,125,000	-15.8	6,646,430,000	6,861,649,000	-3.1
Residential	Sep '18	877,995,000	666,685,000	31.7	8,404,737,000	6,960,212,000	20.8
Building Permits (\$, City of Houston)	Sep '18	523,967,309	464,347,561	12.8	4,597,716,470	4,477,074,899	2.7
Nonresidential	Sep '18	304,702,238	266,226,071	14.5	2,473,149,075	2,828,128,382	-12.6
New Nonresidential	Sep '18	72,477,189	111,686,244	-35.1	912,524,473	1,142,494,964	-20.1
Nonresidential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Sep '18	232,225,049	154,539,827	50.3	1,560,624,602	1,685,633,418	-7.4
Residential	Sep '18	219,265,071	198,121,490	10.7	2,124,567,395	1,648,946,517	28.8
New Residential	Sep '18	156,208,823	106,495,242	46.7	1,719,786,292	1,327,082,135	29.6
Residential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Sep '18	63,056,248	91,626,248	-31.2	404,781,103	321,864,382	25.8
HOME SALES							
Multiple Listing Service (MLS) Activity							
Property Sales	Sep '18	7,842	8,206	-4.4	75,341	71,653	5.1
Median Sales Price - SF Detached	Sep '18	232,500	232,000	0.2	236,124 *	228,321 *	3.4
Active Listings	Sep '18	41,560	39,306	5.7	38,288 *	39,137 *	-2.2
EMPLOYMENT (Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA)							
Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Sep '18	3,135,900	3,007,200	4.3	3,098,089	3,008,689 *	3.0
Goods Producing (Natural Resources/Mining/Const/Mfg)	Sep '18	557,400	513,100	8.6	538,822	511,756 *	5.3
Service Providing	Sep '18	2,578,500	2,494,100	3.4	2,559,267	2,496,933 *	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted							
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	Sep '18	4.1	4.8		4.4	5.1 *	
Texas	Sep '18	3.7	4.0		4.0	4.4 *	
U.S.	Sep '18	3.6	4.1		4.1	4.5 *	
FOREIGN TRADE (Houston-Galveston Customs District)							
Total Trade (\$000,000)	Sep '18	20,058	15,223	31.8	172,718	139,255	24.0
Exports (\$000,000)	Sep '18	11,928	8,382	42.3	103,188	77,654	32.9
Imports (\$000,000)	Sep '18	8,130	6,841	18.8	69,530	61,601	12.9
TRANSPORTATION							
Port of Houston Authority Shipments (Short Tons)	Oct '18	3,803,988	3,528,639	7.8	39,332,100	37,035,685	6.2
Air Passengers (Houston Airport System)	Sep '18	4,359,095	3,571,288	22.1	43,421,375	40,038,501	8.4
Domestic Passengers	Sep '18	3,550,109	2,831,692	25.4	34,505,604	31,505,435	9.5
International Passengers	Sep '18	808,986	739,596	9.4	8,915,771	8,533,066	4.5
Air Freight (metric tons)	Sep '18	43,014	36,721	17.1	376,031	316,195	18.9
CONSUMERS							
New Car and Truck Sales (Units, Houston MSA)	Sep '18	25,764	28,246	-8.8	222,436	205,667	8.2
Cars	Sep '18	7,537	10,965	-31.3	64,993	69,268	-6.2
Trucks, SUVs and Commercial	Sep '18	18,227	17,281	5.5	157,443	136,399	15.4
Total Retail Sales (\$000,000, Houston MSA, NAICS Basis)	Q1/18	29,329.6	27,063.7	8.4	29,329.6	27,063.7	8.4
Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ('82-'84=100)							
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria CMSA	Aug '18	226.3	221.3	2.3	225.6 *	220.0 *	2.5
United States	Sep '18	252.4	246.8	2.3	250.8 *	244.6 *	2.5
Hotel Performance (Houston MSA)							
Occupancy (%)	Q2/18	65.6	62.9		67.3	63.3 *	
Average Room Rate (\$)	Q2/18	108.26	103.44	4.7	109.30	109.81 *	-0.5
Revenue Per Available Room (\$)	Q2/18	71.05	65.03	9.3	73.54	69.47 *	5.9

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	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

