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	Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change
ENERGY							
U.S. Active Rotary Rigs	Apr '18	991	789	25.6	966 *	742 *	30.2
Spot Crude Oil Price (\$/bbl, West Texas Intermediate)	Apr '18	66.25	51.06	29.7	63.76 *	51.48 *	23.9
Spot Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu, Henry Hub)	Apr '18	2.69	2.88	-6.6	3.00 *	3.04 *	-1.3
UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION							
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	May '18	58.8	56.6	3.9	56.5 *	53.6 *	5.4
Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service Area)	Apr '18 N	5,426,067	5,002,679	8.5	23,988,236	23,168,121	3.5
CONSTRUCTION							
Total Building Contracts (\$, Houston MSA)	Apr '18	1,575,180,000	1,086,270,000	45.0	6,001,624,000	6,130,652,000	-2.1
Nonresidential	Apr '18	644,451,000	347,414,000	85.5	2,138,292,000	3,145,274,000	-32.0
Residential	Apr '18	930,729,000	738,856,000	26.0	3,863,332,000	2,985,378,000	29.4
Building Permits (\$, City of Houston)	Apr '18	468,156,818	484,964,178	-3.5	1,758,754,025	1,981,018,370	-11.2
Nonresidential	Apr '18	190,800,631	262,986,485	-27.4	901,303,249	1,268,100,834	-28.9
New Nonresidential	Apr '18	57,003,855	54,158,695	5.3	378,071,506	413,620,108	-8.6
Nonresidential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Apr '18	133,796,776	208,827,790	-35.9	523,231,743	854,480,726	-38.8
Residential	Apr '18	277,356,187	221,977,693	24.9	857,450,776	712,917,536	20.3
New Residential	Apr '18	236,861,798	194,469,151	21.8	680,826,641	616,774,096	10.4
Residential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Apr '18	40,494,389	27,508,542	47.2	176,624,135	96,143,440	83.7
HOME SALES							
Multiple Listing Service (MLS) Activity							
Property Sales	May '18	9,721	9,660	0.6	38,266	37,388	2.3
Median Sales Price - SF Detached	May '18	243,000	235,000	3.4	232,562 *	224,800 *	3.5
Active Listings	May '18	39,478	40,058	-1.4	35,877 *	36,941 *	-2.9
EMPLOYMENT (Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA)							
Nonfarm Payroll Employment	May '18	3,097,500	3,013,000	2.6	3,066,500 *	2,994,750 *	2.4
Goods Producing (Natural Resources/Mining/Const/Mfg)	May '18	534,100	510,600	4.1	527,225 *	508,750 *	3.7
Service Providing	May '18	2,563,400	2,502,400	2.3	2,539,275 *	2,486,000 *	2.2
Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted							
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	May '18	4.2	4.8		4.6 *	5.4 *	
Texas	May '18	3.8	4.1		4.1 *	4.6 *	
U.S.	May '18	3.7	4.1		4.2 *	4.7 *	
FOREIGN TRADE (Houston-Galveston Customs District)							
Total Trade (\$000,000)	Mar '18	19,440	16,280	19.4	52,635	46,606	12.9
Exports (\$000,000)	Mar '18	11,676	9,150	27.6	31,362	26,657	17.7
Imports (\$000,000)	Mar '18	7,764	7,130	8.9	21,273	19,949	6.6
TRANSPORTATION							
Port of Houston Authority Shipments (Short Tons)	Mar '18	4,377,236	4,003,862	9.3	19,224,789	19,289,015	-0.3
Air Passengers (Houston Airport System)	Mar '18	4,935,456	4,692,517	5.2	13,312,917	12,937,463	2.9
Domestic Passengers	Mar '18	3,899,763	3,731,091	4.5	10,516,167	10,229,589	2.8
International Passengers	Mar '18	1,035,693	961,426	7.7	2,796,750	2,707,874	3.3
Air Freight (metric tons)	Mar '18	43,907	37,796	16.2	120,465	106,176	13.5
CONSUMERS							
New Car and Truck Sales (Units, Houston MSA)	May '18 N	23,720	26,117	-9.2	123,576	118,557	4.2
Cars	May '18 N	7,213	8,758	-17.6	36,917	39,837	-7.3
Trucks, SUVs and Commercial	May '18 N	16,507	17,359	-4.9	86,659	78,720	10.1
Total Retail Sales (\$000,000, Houston MSA, NAICS Basis)	Q3/17	28,181.3	28,049.1	0.5	85,310.9	81,914.2	4.1
Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ('82-'84=100)							
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria CMSA	Apr '18	225.1	219.9	2.4	224.4 *	219.2 *	2.4
United States	May '18	251.6	244.7	2.8	249.7 *	243.9 *	2.4
Hotel Performance (Houston MSA)							
Occupancy (%)	Q4/17	72.5	57.2		66.7	62.3 *	
Average Room Rate (\$)	Q4/17	110.06	99.03	11.1	107.96	104.67 *	3.1
Revenue Per Available Room (\$)	Q4/17	79.82	56.66	40.9	71.96	65.20 *	10.4
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

