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	Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change
ENERGY							
U.S. Active Rotary Rigs	Oct '17	922	543	69.8	867 *	493 *	75.9
Spot Crude Oil Price (\$/bbl, West Texas Intermediate)	Oct '17	51.58	49.78	3.6	49.61 *	42.01 *	18.1
Spot Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu, Henry Hub)	Oct '17	2.88	2.98	-3.4	3.00 *	2.40 *	25.0
UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION							
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	Oct '17	N 52.8	50.5	4.6	51.7 *	46.3 *	11.7
Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service Area)	Oct '17	5,027,458	4,997,648	0.6	49,471,922	48,309,856	2.4
CONSTRUCTION							
Total Building Contracts (\$, Houston MSA)	Oct '17	1,866,860,000	1,490,161,000	25.3	15,589,159,000	14,363,635,000	8.5
Nonresidential	Oct '17	1,160,501,000	538,818,000	115.4	7,976,163,000	6,479,847,000	23.1
Residential	Oct '17	706,359,000	951,343,000	-25.8	7,612,996,000	7,883,788,000	-3.4
Building Permits (\$, City of Houston)	Oct '17	449,774,908	537,937,877	-16.4	4,926,849,807	5,818,907,306	-15.3
Nonresidential	Oct '17	264,900,194	381,128,440	-30.5	3,093,028,576	3,952,642,646	-21.7
New Nonresidential	Oct '17	77,541,478	160,967,035	-51.8	1,220,036,442	1,568,753,888	-22.2
Nonresidential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Oct '17	187,358,716	220,161,405	-14.9	1,872,992,134	2,383,888,758	-21.4
Residential	Oct '17	184,874,714	156,809,437	17.9	1,833,821,231	1,866,264,660	-1.7
New Residential	Oct '17	112,068,822	136,201,155	-17.7	1,439,150,957	1,441,262,788	-0.1
Residential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Oct '17	72,805,892	20,608,282	253.3	394,670,274	425,001,872	-7.1
HOME SALES							
Multiple Listing Service (MLS) Activity							
Property Sales	Oct '17	7,614	7,145	6.6	79,126	76,747	3.1
Median Sales Price - SF Detached	Oct '17	226,491	218,040	3.9	228,137 *	219,129 *	4.1
Active Listings	Oct '17	39,692	37,185	6.7	40,038 *	35,868 *	11.6
EMPLOYMENT (Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA)							
Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Oct '17	3,061,600	3,013,500	1.6	3,033,210 *	2,994,960 *	1.3
Goods Producing (Natural Resources/Mining/Const/Mfg)	Oct '17	529,900	525,300	0.9	530,580 *	532,150 *	-0.3
Service Providing	Oct '17	2,531,700	2,488,200	1.7	2,502,630 *	2,462,810 *	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted							
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	Oct '17	4.1	5.3		5.2 *	5.2 *	
Texas	Oct '17	3.5	4.6		4.5 *	4.6 *	
U.S.	Oct '17	3.9	4.7		4.7 *	5.0 *	
FOREIGN TRADE (Houston-Galveston Customs District)							
Total Trade (\$000,000)	Sep '17	15,089	14,279	5.7	139,410	118,384	17.8
Exports (\$000,000)	Sep '17	8,267	8,268	0.0	77,874	67,014	16.2
Imports (\$000,000)	Sep '17	6,822	6,011	13.5	61,536	51,370	19.8
TRANSPORTATION							
Port of Houston Authority Shipments (Short Tons)	Oct '17	3,684,990	3,992,992	-7.7	33,507,046	33,918,671	-1.2
Air Passengers (Houston Airport System)	Sep '17	3,571,289	4,177,537	-14.5	40,039,710	40,903,892	-2.1
Domestic Passengers	Sep '17	2,831,693	3,356,096	-15.6	31,505,436	32,018,614	-1.6
International Passengers	Sep '17	739,596	821,441	-10.0	8,534,274	8,885,278	-4.0
Air Freight (metric tons)	Sep '17	36,580	34,845	5.0	315,523	304,712	3.5
CONSUMERS							
New Car and Truck Sales (Units, Houston MSA)							
Cars	Nov '17	N 30,670	22,660	35.3	269,548	275,395	-2.1
Trucks, SUVs and Commercials	Nov '17	N 9,579	7,315	31.0	90,304	99,632	-9.4
Total Retail Sales (\$000,000, Houston MSA, NAICS Basis)	Nov '17	21,091	15,345	37.4	179,244	175,763	2.0
Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ('82-'84=100)							
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria CMSA	Oct '17	223.2	218.2	2.3	220.6 *	216.2 *	2.0
United States	Oct '17	246.7	241.7	2.0	244.8 *	239.7 *	2.1
Hotel Performance (Houston MSA)							
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
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						

