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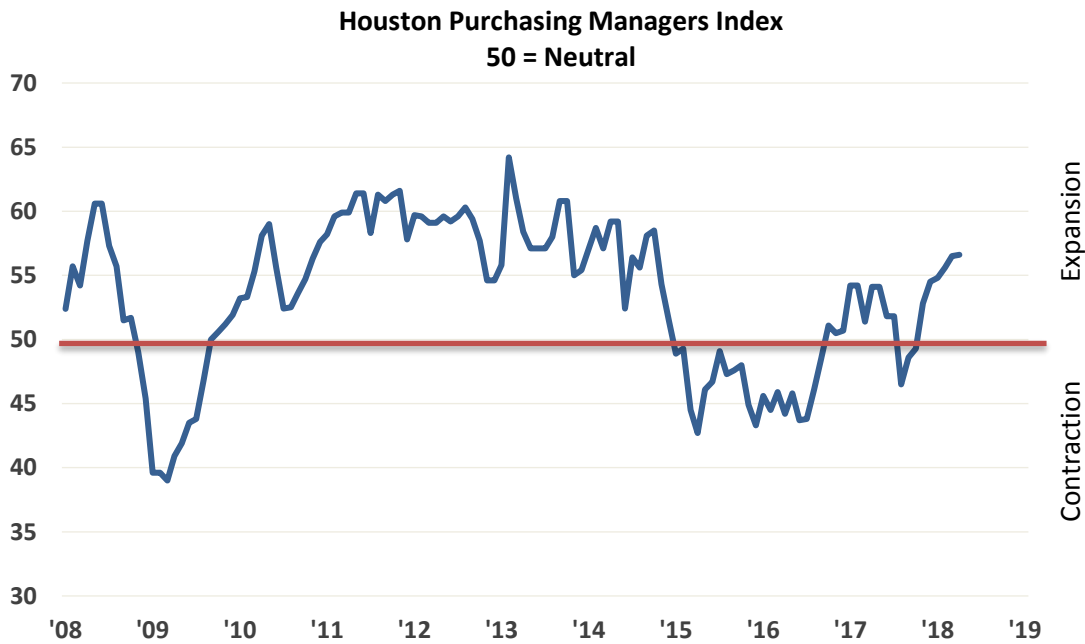
PURCHASING MANAGERS INDEX (PMI)

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The Houston Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), a short-term leading indicator for regional production, registered 56.6 in April, up slightly from 56.5 in March. Readings above 50 signal economic expansion in Houston over the next three to four months. Readings below 50 signal contraction. The region's PMI slipped below 50 in the three months immediately following Hurricane Harvey, but climbed above 50 in November and has signaled expansion for six consecutive months.



The Houston PMI is derived from monthly surveys of local purchasing managers representing various industries. On an industry specific basis, wholesale trade, health care, professional services, mid-stream operations, and manufacturing are expanding at a strong pace. Oil and gas and engineering/procurement/construction activities are improving. All other sectors are near neutral. From a three-month forecast standpoint, health care, manufacturing, and mid-stream operations are expected to continue healthy growth.

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