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	Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change
ENERGY							
U.S. Active Rotary Rigs	Dec '18	1,077	930	15.8	1,032 *	876 *	17.8
Spot Crude Oil Price (\$/bbl, West Texas Intermediate)	Dec '18	49.52	57.88	-14.4	64.94 *	50.88 *	27.6
Spot Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu, Henry Hub)	Dec '18	4.04	2.82	43.3	3.17 *	2.99 *	6.0
UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION							
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	Dec '18	53.3	54.5	-2.2	56.6 *	51.9 *	9.1
Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service Area)	Dec '18	4,686,254	4,703,274	-0.4	60,003,400	58,832,107	2.0
CONSTRUCTION							
Total Building Contracts (\$, Houston MSA)	Dec '18	1,234,348,000	981,837,000	25.7	19,926,976,000	18,266,819,000	9.1
Nonresidential	Dec '18	661,152,000	324,830,000	103.5	8,605,595,000	9,225,898,000	-6.7
Residential	Dec '18	573,196,000	657,007,000	-12.8	11,321,381,000	9,040,921,000	25.2
Building Permits (\$, City of Houston)	Dec '18	511,616,836	546,008,331	-6.3	6,090,369,066	6,115,245,478	-0.4
Nonresidential	Dec '18	271,094,206	286,200,981	-5.3	3,265,293,624	3,715,470,131	-12.1
New Nonresidential	Dec '18	164,791,941	71,508,503	130.5	1,262,824,752	1,342,984,017	-6.0
Nonresidential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Dec '18	106,302,265	214,692,478	-50.5	2,002,468,872	2,372,486,114	-15.6
Residential	Dec '18	240,522,630	259,807,350	-7.4	2,825,075,442	2,399,775,347	17.7
New Residential	Dec '18	212,572,587	216,572,912	-1.8	2,320,261,027	1,899,502,840	22.2
Residential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Dec '18	27,950,043	43,234,438	-35.4	504,814,415	500,272,507	0.9
HOME SALES							
Multiple Listing Service (MLS) Activity							
Property Sales	Dec '18	7,709	8,079	-4.6	82,177	79,143	3.8
Median Sales Price - SF Detached	Dec '18	240,000	232,000	3.4	236,225 *	228,203 *	3.5
Active Listings	Dec '18	37,554	33,156	13.3	38,645 *	38,883 *	0.6
EMPLOYMENT (Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA)							
Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Dec '18	3,181,700	3,073,400	3.5	3,116,917 *	3,026,445 *	3.0
Goods Producing (Natural Resources/Mining/Const/Mfg)	Dec '18	559,900	520,400	7.6	544,175 *	514,191 *	5.8
Service Providing	Dec '18	2,621,800	2,553,000	2.7	2,572,742 *	2,512,255 *	2.4
Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted							
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	Dec '18	3.9	4.3		4.3 *	5.0 *	
Texas	Dec '18	3.6	3.7		3.9 *	4.3 *	
U.S.	Dec '18	3.7	3.9		3.9 *	4.4 *	
FOREIGN TRADE (Houston-Galveston Customs District)							
Total Trade (\$000,000)	Nov '18 N	19,720	17,240	14.4	214,271	174,566	22.8
Exports (\$000,000)	Nov '18 N	12,514	10,526	18.9	128,667	98,485	30.6
Imports (\$000,000)	Nov '18 N	7,206	6,714	7.3	85,604	76,081	12.5
TRANSPORTATION							
Port of Houston Authority Shipments (Short Tons)	Dec '18	3,680,232	3,634,228	1.3	46,678,510	44,135,139	5.8
Air Passengers (Houston Airport System)	Dec '18	5,050,836	4,895,293	3.2	58,284,008	54,167,862	7.6
Domestic Passengers	Dec '18	4,002,083	3,899,848	2.6	46,520,710	42,932,341	8.4
International Passengers	Dec '18	1,048,753	995,445	5.4	11,763,298	11,235,521	4.7
Air Freight (metric tons)	Dec '18	44,680	42,162	6.0	516,129	437,692	17.9
CONSUMERS							
New Car and Truck Sales (Units, Houston MSA)	Dec '18	22,354	20,806	7.4	303,417	290,354	4.5
Cars	Dec '18	6,161	5,947	3.6	87,979	96,251	-8.6
Trucks, SUVs and Commercial	Dec '18	16,193	14,859	9.0	215,438	194,103	11.0
Total Retail Sales (\$000,000, Houston MSA, NAICS Basis)	Q2/18	30,304.3	28,544.1	6.2	59,620.2	55,594.8	7.2
Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ('82-'84=100)							
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria CMSA	Dec '18	226.6	221.6	2.3	226.1 *	220.8 *	2.4
United States	Dec '18	251.2	246.5	1.9	251.1 *	245.1 *	2.4
Hotel Performance (Houston MSA)							
Occupancy (%)	Q3/18	59.8	67.3		64.8 *	64.6 *	
Average Room Rate (\$)	Q3/18	100.30	102.47	-2.1	106.31 *	107.37 *	-1.0
Revenue Per Available Room (\$)	Q3/18	59.94	68.99	-13.1	69.04 *	69.34 *	-0.4
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						

