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	Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change
ENERGY							
U.S. Active Rotary Rigs	Feb '19	1,048	969	8.2	1,056 *	953 *	10.8
Spot Crude Oil Price (\$/bbl, West Texas Intermediate)	Feb '19	54.45	62.59	-13.0	52.55 *	62.99 *	-16.6
Spot Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu, Henry Hub)	Feb '19	2.71	2.80	-3.2	2.92 *	3.46 *	-15.6
UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION							
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	Feb '19	56.1	55.6	0.9	56.1 *	55.2 *	1.6
Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service Area)	Feb '19	N 4,311,055	4,356,484	-1.0	9,082,776	8,973,977	1.2
CONSTRUCTION							
Total Building Contracts (\$, Houston MSA)	Jan '19	1,625,798,000	1,673,621,000	-2.9	1,625,798,000	1,673,621,000	-2.9
Nonresidential	Jan '19	966,354,000	586,530,000	64.8	966,354,000	586,530,000	64.8
Residential	Jan '19	659,444,000	1,087,091,000	-39.3	659,444,000	1,087,091,000	-39.3
Building Permits (\$, City of Houston)	Jan '19	621,368,182	376,447,377	65.1	621,368,182	376,447,377	65.1
Nonresidential	Jan '19	290,447,807	173,050,639	67.8	290,447,807	173,050,639	67.8
New Nonresidential	Jan '19	84,794,339	40,303,274	110.4	84,794,339	40,303,274	110.4
Nonresidential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Jan '19	205,653,468	132,747,365	54.9	205,653,468	132,747,365	54.9
Residential	Jan '19	330,920,375	203,396,738	62.7	330,920,375	203,396,738	62.7
New Residential	Jan '19	283,940,616	144,417,082	96.6	283,940,616	144,417,082	96.6
Residential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Jan '19	46,979,759	58,979,656	-20.3	46,979,759	58,979,656	-20.3
HOME SALES							
Multiple Listing Service (MLS) Activity							
Property Sales	Feb '19	N 6,388	6,368	0.3	11,399	11,836	-3.7
Median Sales Price - SF Detached	Feb '19	N 232,900	226,400	2.9	227,450 *	222,675 *	2.1
Active Listings	Feb '19	N 39,304	33,487	17.4	38,620 *	38,883 *	15.7
EMPLOYMENT (Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA)							
Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Jan '19	3,093,300	3,009,500	2.8	3,093,300 *	3,009,500 *	2.8
Goods Producing (Natural Resources/Mining/Const/Mfg)	Jan '19	534,200	508,900	5.0	534,200 *	508,900 *	5.0
Service Providing	Jan '19	2,559,100	2,500,600	2.3	2,559,100 *	2,500,600 *	2.3
Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted							
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	Jan '19	4.5	4.9		4.5 *	4.9 *	
Texas	Jan '19	4.2	4.3		4.2 *	4.3 *	
U.S.	Jan '19	4.4	4.5		4.4 *	4.5 *	
FOREIGN TRADE (Houston-Galveston Customs District)							
Total Trade (\$000,000)	Dec '18	18,987	17,482	8.6	233,257	192,049	21.5
Exports (\$000,000)	Dec '18	11,876	10,599	12.0	140,543	109,085	28.8
Imports (\$000,000)	Dec '18	7,111	6,883	3.3	92,714	82,964	11.8
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)	Jan '19	34,054	29,134	16.9	34,054	29,134	16.9
Cars	Jan '19	9,469	8,234	15.0	9,469	8,234	15.0
Trucks, SUVs and Commercial	Jan '19	24,585	20,900	17.6	24,585	20,900	17.6
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	Feb '19	226.8	224.7	0.9	226.7 *	223.9 *	1.3
United States	Feb '19	252.8	249.0	1.5	252.2 *	248.4 *	1.5
Hotel Performance (Houston MSA)							
Occupancy (%)	Q4/18	58.5	72.5		63.2 *	66.6 *	
Average Room Rate (\$)	Q4/18	102.26	110.12	-7.1	105.26 *	108.05 *	-2.6
Revenue Per Available Room (\$)	Q4/18	59.82	79.83	-25.1	66.70 *	71.97 *	-7.3
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						

