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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	54.95	62.23	-11.7	53.17 *	62.97 *	-15.6
Spot Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu, Henry Hub)	Feb '19	2.69	2.67	0.7	2.90 *	3.27 *	-11.3
UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION							
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	Mar '19	64.0	56.5	13.3	58.7 *	55.6 *	5.6
Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service Area)	Mar '19	N 4,753,570	4,753,570	-6.1	13,836,347	13,836,347	-1.4
CONSTRUCTION							
Total Building Contracts (\$, Houston MSA)	Feb '19	1,075,775,000	1,247,518,000	-13.8	2,702,832,000	2,931,239,000	-7.8
Nonresidential	Feb '19	319,595,000	473,604,000	-32.5	1,285,949,000	1,070,234,000	20.2
Residential	Feb '19	756,180,000	773,914,000	-2.3	1,416,883,000	1,861,005,000	-23.9
Building Permits (\$, City of Houston)	Feb '19	535,244,901	405,085,772	32.1	1,156,613,083	781,533,149	48.0
Nonresidential	Feb '19	361,809,702	217,819,066	66.1	652,257,509	390,869,705	66.9
New Nonresidential	Feb '19	189,515,628	75,190,996	152.0	274,309,967	115,494,270	137.5
Nonresidential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Feb '19	172,294,074	142,628,070	20.8	377,947,542	275,375,435	37.2
Residential	Feb '19	173,435,199	187,266,706	-7.4	504,355,574	390,663,444	29.1
New Residential	Feb '19	146,952,113	147,822,752	-0.6	430,892,729	292,239,834	47.4
Residential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Feb '19	26,483,086	39,443,954	-32.9	73,462,845	98,423,610	-25.4
HOME SALES							
Multiple Listing Service (MLS) Activity							
Property Sales	Mar '19	8,475	8,182	3.6	19,931	20,018	-0.4
Median Sales Price - SF Detached	Mar '19	240,000	235,000	2.1	232,333 *	226,783 *	2.4
Active Listings	Mar '19	41,127	34,991	17.5	38,786 *	33,391 *	16.2
EMPLOYMENT (Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA)							
Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Feb '19	3,120,300	3,047,700	2.4	3,106,850 *	3,028,600 *	2.6
Goods Producing (Natural Resources/Mining/Const/Mfg)	Feb '19	543,300	518,200	4.8	538,750 *	513,550 *	4.9
Service Providing	Feb '19	2,577,000	2,529,500	1.9	2,568,100 *	2,515,050 *	2.1
Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted							
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	Feb '19	4.2	4.7		4.4 *	4.8 *	
Texas	Feb '19	3.9	4.1		4.1 *	4.2 *	
U.S.	Feb '19	4.1	4.5		4.3 *	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)	Jan '19	4,656,956	4,318,834	7.8	4,656,956	4,318,834	7.8
Domestic Passengers	Jan '19	3,655,906	3,363,999	8.7	3,655,906	3,363,999	8.7
International Passengers	Jan '19	1,001,050	954,835	4.8	1,001,050	954,835	4.8
Air Freight (metric tons)	Jan '19	39,321	38,628	1.8	39,321	38,628	1.8
CONSUMERS							
New Car and Truck Sales (Units, Houston MSA)	Feb '19	23,694	21,464	10.4	57,748	50,598	14.1
Cars	Feb '19	6,828	6,300	8.4	16,297	14,534	12.1
Trucks, SUVs and Commercial	Feb '19	16,866	15,164	11.2	41,451	36,064	14.9
Total Retail Sales (\$000,000, Houston MSA, NAICS Basis)	Q3/18	30,747.5	28,138.7	9.3	90,367.6	83,837.1	7.8
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	Mar '19	254.2	249.6	1.9	252.9 *	248.8 *	1.6
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						