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	Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change
ENERGY							
U.S. Active Rotary Rigs	Apr '19	1,013	1,011	0.2	1,036 *	977 *	6.0
Spot Crude Oil Price (\$/bbl, West Texas Intermediate)	Mar '19	58.15	62.73	-7.3	54.83 *	62.89 *	-12.8
Spot Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu, Henry Hub)	Mar '19	2.95	2.69	9.7	2.92 *	3.08 *	-5.2
UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION							
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	Apr '19	58.7	56.6	3.7	58.7 *	55.9 *	5.0
Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service Area)	Apr '19	N 4,923,393	4,923,393	8.8	18,759,739	18,759,739	1.1
CONSTRUCTION							
Total Building Contracts (\$, Houston MSA)	Mar '19	937,121,000	1,681,462,000	-44.3	3,738,309,000	4,637,179,000	-19.4
Nonresidential	Mar '19	199,613,000	618,666,000	-67.7	1,485,562,000	1,693,850,000	-12.3
Residential	Mar '19	737,508,000	1,062,796,000	-30.6	2,252,747,000	2,943,329,000	-23.5
Building Permits (\$, City of Houston)	Mar '19	475,529,655	509,064,058	-6.6	1,632,142,738	1,290,597,207	26.5
Nonresidential	Mar '19	298,933,462	319,632,913	-6.5	951,190,971	710,502,618	33.9
New Nonresidential	Mar '19	118,870,680	205,573,381	-42.2	393,180,647	321,067,651	22.5
Nonresidential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Mar '19	180,062,782	114,059,532	57.9	558,010,324	389,434,967	43.3
Residential	Mar '19	176,596,193	189,431,145	-6.8	680,951,767	580,094,589	17.4
New Residential	Mar '19	150,720,926	151,725,009	-0.7	581,613,655	443,964,843	31.0
Residential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Mar '19	25,875,267	37,706,136	-31.4	99,338,112	136,129,746	-27.0
HOME SALES							
Multiple Listing Service (MLS) Activity							
Property Sales	Apr '19	9,063	8,404	7.8	28,902	28,422	1.7
Median Sales Price - SF Detached	Apr '19	245,000	240,000	2.1	235,487 *	230,088 *	2.3
Active Listings	Apr '19	42,086	36,882	14.1	38,992 *	34,664 *	12.5
EMPLOYMENT (Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA)							
Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Mar '19	3,132,000	3,064,200	2.2	3,114,367 *	3,040,467 *	2.4
Goods Producing (Natural Resources/Mining/Const/Mfg)	Mar '19	544,700	522,100	4.3	541,200 *	516,400 *	4.8
Service Providing	Mar '19	2,587,300	2,542,100	1.8	2,573,167 *	2,524,067 *	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted							
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	Mar '19	3.7	4.5		4.1 *	4.7 *	
Texas	Mar '19	3.5	4.0		3.9 *	4.1 *	
U.S.	Mar '19	3.9	4.1		4.1 *	4.3 *	
FOREIGN TRADE (Houston-Galveston Customs District)							
Total Trade (\$000,000)	Feb '19	16,690	16,296	2.4	35,742	33,195	7.7
Exports (\$000,000)	Feb '19	11,151	10,025	11.2	22,557	19,686	14.6
Imports (\$000,000)	Feb '19	5,539	6,271	-11.7	13,185	13,509	-2.4
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)	Mar '19	5,207,651	4,949,435	5.2	14,122,904	13,326,896	6.0
Domestic Passengers	Mar '19	4,158,685	3,913,742	6.3	11,249,716	10,530,146	6.8
International Passengers	Mar '19	1,048,966	1,035,693	1.3	2,873,188	2,796,750	2.7
Air Freight (metric tons)	Mar '19	44,280	43,908	0.8	79,657	78,454	1.3
CONSUMERS							
New Car and Truck Sales (Units, Houston MSA)	Mar '19	21,351	22,278	-4.2	79,099	72,876	8.5
Cars	Mar '19	5,850	6,676	-12.4	22,147	21,210	4.4
Trucks, SUVs and Commercial	Mar '19	15,501	15,602	-0.6	56,952	51,666	10.2
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	Apr '19	229.3	225.1	1.8	227.7 *	224.4 *	1.5
United States	Apr '19	255.5	250.5	2.0	253.6 *	249.2 *	1.7
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						

