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	Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change
ENERGY							
U.S. Active Rotary Rigs	May '19	987	1,046	-5.6	1,029 *	987 *	4.3
Spot Crude Oil Price (\$/bbl, West Texas Intermediate)	Apr '19	63.86	66.25	-3.6	57.09 *	63.73 *	-10.4
Spot Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu, Henry Hub)	Apr '19	2.65	2.80	-5.4	2.65 *	3.01 *	-12.0
UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION							
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	May '19	52.7	58.8	-10.4	57.5 *	56.5 *	1.8
Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service Area)	Apr '19	4,923,393	4,523,275	8.8	18,759,739	18,562,169	1.1
CONSTRUCTION							
Total Building Contracts (\$, Houston MSA)	Apr '19	1,153,280,000	1,796,171,000	-35.8	5,021,594,000	6,423,050,000	-21.8
Nonresidential	Apr '19	298,419,000	750,720,000	-60.2	1,826,868,000	2,434,270,000	-25.0
Residential	Apr '19	854,861,000	1,045,451,000	-18.2	3,194,726,000	3,988,780,000	-19.9
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	May '19	N 9,948	9,653	3.1	38,976	38,075	2.4
Median Sales Price - SF Detached	May '19	N 249,993	244,015	2.4	238,399 *	232,873 *	2.4
Active Listings	May '19	N 43,624	39,617	10.1	41,003 *	35,672 *	14.9
EMPLOYMENT (Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA)							
Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Apr '19	3,151,300	3,065,100	2.8	3,124,050 *	3,046,625 *	2.5
Goods Producing (Natural Resources/Mining/Const/Mfg)	Apr '19	547,100	523,000	4.6	543,125 *	518,050 *	4.8
Service Providing	Apr '19	2,604,200	2,542,100	2.4	2,580,925 *	2,528,575 *	2.1
Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted							
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	Apr '19	3.2	4.2		3.9 *	4.6 *	
Texas	Apr '19	3.0	3.7		3.7 *	4.0 *	
U.S.	Apr '19	3.3	3.7		3.9 *	4.2 *	
FOREIGN TRADE (Houston-Galveston Customs District)							
Total Trade (\$000,000)	Mar '19	19,477	19,440	0.2	55,219	52,635	4.9
Exports (\$000,000)	Mar '19	12,229	11,676	4.7	34,786	31,362	10.9
Imports (\$000,000)	Mar '19	7,248	7,764	-6.6	20,433	21,273	-3.9
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)	Apr '19	22,393	26,980	-17.0	101,492	99,856	1.6
Cars	Apr '19	5,996	8,494	-29.4	28,143	29,704	-5.3
Trucks, SUVs and Commercial	Apr '19	16,397	18,486	-11.3	73,349	70,152	4.6
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

