# HOUSTON ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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## MONTHLY DATA

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<th>Energy</th>
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<td>U.S. Active Rotary Rigs</td>
<td>June '21</td>
<td>456</td>
<td>284</td>
<td>60.6%</td>
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<td>Spot Crude Oil Price ($/bbl, West Texas Intermediate)</td>
<td>May '21</td>
<td>65.17</td>
<td>28.56</td>
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<td>Spot Natural Gas ($/MMBtu, Henry Hub)</td>
<td>May '21</td>
<td>2.91</td>
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### UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION

- **Houston Purchasing Managers Index**
  - Aug '21: N, 57.5, 52.6, 9.3%  
  - Top 12 Houston Cities’ Sales and Use Tax Collections: Apr '21, 88,921,101, 67,623,090, 31.9%  
  - Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service Area): May '20, 5,062,183, 5,447,859, -7.7%  

### CONSTRUCTION

- **Total Building Contracts ($, Houston MSA)**
  - Apr '20, 1,597,259,000, 1,640,963,000, -2.7%  
  - Nonresidential Oct '20, 660,591,000, 580,974,000, 13.7%  
  - Residential Apr '20, 936,668,000, 1,059,989,000, -11.6%  
- **Building Permits ($, City of Houston)**
  - Feb '21: 301,065,551, $509,538,087, -40.9%  
  - Nonresidential: Feb '21, 159,852,519, 297,252,762, -46.2%  
- **Nonresidential Additions/Alterations/Conversions**
  - New: Feb '21, 88,870,935, 82,519,186, 7.7%  
  - Nonresidential: Feb '21, 70,982,584, 214,733,576, -66.9%  
  - Residential: Feb '21, 141,213,032, 212,285,325, -33.5%  

### HOME SALES

- **Property Sales**
  - Aug '21: N, 9,890, 9,118, 8.5%  
  - Median Sales Price (Single-Family Detached) Aug '21, 310,000, 269,000, 15.2%  
  - Active Listings Aug '21, 27,555, 32,173, -14.4%  

### EMPLOYMENT (Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA)

- **Nonfarm Payroll Employment**
  - Feb '21: 2,959,200, 3,192,200, -7.3%  
  - Goods Producing: Feb '21, 472,600, 550,300, -14.1%  
  - Service Providing: Feb '21, 2,573,500, 2,654,500, -3.1%  
- **Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted**
  - Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA Mar '21, 8.0, 3.6, 8.2%  
  - Texas Mar '21, 7.2, 3.3, 7.3%  
  - U.S. Mar '21, 6.2, 3.4, 6.5%  

### FOREIGN TRADE (Houston-Galveston Customs District)

- **Total Trade ($000,000)**
  - Mar '21, 19,077, 19,263, -1.0%  
  - Exports ($000,000) Mar '21, 11,872, 13,027, -8.9%  
  - Imports ($000,000) Mar '21, 7,205, 6,236, 15.5%  

### TRANSPORTATION

- **Port of Houston Authority Shipments (Short Tons)**
  - Feb '20: 3,670,961, 3,348,160, 9.6%  
  - Air Passengers (Houston Airport System) Apr '21, 3,411,281, 2,424,584, 130,6%  
  - Domestic Passengers Apr '21, 2,892,799, 215,632, 124.1%  
  - International Passengers Apr '21, 518,490, 297,252,762, 46.2%  
  - Air Freight (metric tons) Apr '21, 42,697, 27,459, 55.0%  

### CONSUMERS

- **New Car and Truck Sales (Units, Houston MSA)**
  - June '21: 23,123, 13,025, 77.5%  
  - Cars June '21, 5,742, 2,842, 102.0%  
  - Trucks/SUVs June '21, 17,381, 10,183, 70.7%  
  - Total Retail Sales ($000,000, Houston MSA, NAICS Basis) Aug '20, 29,770,8, 32,125, -7.3%  
- **Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers**
  - Aug '21: 192.2, 191.0, 0.7%  
  - Houston-Galveston-Brazoria CMSA Apr '21, 236.6, 226.4, 4.5%  
  - United States May '21, 269.2, 256.4, 5.0%  
- **Hotel Performance (Houston MSA)**
  - Occupancy (%) Q3 '19, 60.9, 59.8, 64.6%  
  - Average Room Rate ($) Q3 '19, 100.40, 110.12, -1.7%  
  - Revenue Per Available Room ($) Q3 '19, 61.19, 79.83, 2.3%  

### SOURCES

- **Big Count**
  - Spot WTI, Spot Natural Gas
- **Houston Purchasing Managers Index**
  - Electricity
- **Building Construction Contracts**
  - City of Houston Building Permits
- **MIS Data**
  - Employment
- **Foreign Trade**
  - Aviation
- **New Car and Truck Sales**
  - Retail Sales
- **Consumer Price Index**
  - Hotels

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*N = New Since Previous Issue  
*R = Revised*