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	Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change
ENERGY							
U.S. Active Rotary Rigs	Nov '18	1,077	911	18.2	1,028 *	871 *	18.0
Spot Crude Oil Price (\$/bbl, West Texas Intermediate)	Nov '18	59.96	56.64	5.9	66.34 *	50.25 *	32.0
Spot Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu, Henry Hub)	Nov '18	4.09	3.01	35.9	3.09 *	3.00 *	3.0
UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION							
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	Dec '18	53.3	54.5	-2.2	56.6 *	51.9 *	9.1
Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service Area)	Nov '18	4,491,645	4,656,911	-3.5	55,317,146	54,128,833	2.2
CONSTRUCTION							
Total Building Contracts (\$, Houston MSA)	Nov '18	1,188,842,000	1,248,940,000	-4.8	18,525,107,000	17,277,482,000	7.2
Nonresidential	Nov '18	338,620,000	556,759,000	-39.2	7,750,486,000	8,893,568,000	-12.9
Residential	Nov '18	850,222,000	692,181,000	22.8	10,774,621,000	8,383,914,000	28.5
Building Permits (\$, City of Houston)	Nov '18	475,610,518	642,387,340	-26.0	5,578,752,230	5,569,237,147	0.2
Nonresidential	Nov '18	193,342,608	336,240,574	-42.5	2,994,199,418	3,429,269,150	-12.7
New Nonresidential	Nov '18	64,430,836	51,439,072	25.3	1,098,032,811	1,271,475,514	-13.6
Nonresidential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Nov '18	128,911,772	284,801,502	-54.7	1,896,166,607	2,157,793,636	-12.1
Residential	Nov '18	282,267,910	306,146,766	-7.8	2,584,552,812	2,139,967,997	20.8
New Residential	Nov '18	253,705,119	243,778,971	4.1	2,107,688,440	1,682,929,928	25.2
Residential Additions/Alterations/Conversions	Nov '18	28,562,791	62,367,795	-54.2	476,864,372	457,038,069	4.3
HOME SALES							
Multiple Listing Service (MLS) Activity							
Property Sales	Dec '18	7,709	8,079	-4.6	82,177	79,143	3.8
Median Sales Price - SF Detached	Dec '18	240,000	232,000	3.4	236,225 *	228,203 *	3.5
Active Listings	Dec '18	37,554	33,156	13.3	38,645 *	38,883 *	0.6
EMPLOYMENT (Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA)							
Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Nov '18	3,158,800	3,041,000	3.9	3,104,090 *	3,011,920 *	3.1
Goods Producing (Natural Resources/Mining/Const/Mfg)	Nov '18	560,200	514,000	9.0	540,890 *	511,980 *	5.6
Service Providing	Nov '18	2,598,600	2,527,000	2.8	2,563,200 *	2,499,940 *	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted							
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	Nov '18	3.8	4.4		4.3 *	5.0 *	
Texas	Nov '18	3.5	3.8		3.9 *	4.3 *	
U.S.	Nov '18	3.5	3.9		4.0 *	4.4 *	
FOREIGN TRADE (Houston-Galveston Customs District)							
Total Trade (\$000,000)	Oct '18	21,834	18,070	20.8	194,551	157,326	23.7
Exports (\$000,000)	Oct '18	12,966	10,305	25.8	116,153	87,960	32.1
Imports (\$000,000)	Oct '18	8,868	7,765	14.2	78,398	69,366	13.0
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)	Nov '18	4,935,125	4,651,248	6.1	53,233,175	49,272,569	8.0
Domestic Passengers	Nov '18	4,010,168	3,795,614	5.7	42,518,627	39,032,493	8.9
International Passengers	Nov '18	924,957	855,634	8.1	10,714,548	10,240,076	4.6
Air Freight (metric tons)	Nov '18	42,217	39,480	6.9	465,280	395,531	17.6
CONSUMERS							
New Car and Truck Sales (Units, Houston MSA)	Nov '18	25,077	30,670	-18.2	281,063	269,548	4.3
Cars	Nov '18	6,336	9,579	-33.9	81,818	90,304	-9.4
Trucks, SUVs and Commercial	Nov '18	18,741	21,091	-11.1	199,245	179,244	11.2
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	Dec '18	N 226.6	221.6	2.3	226.1 *	220.8 *	2.4
United States	Dec '18	N 251.2	246.5	1.9	251.1 *	245.1 *	2.4
Hotel Performance (Houston MSA)							
Occupancy (%)	Q3/18	59.8	67.3		64.8 *	64.6 *	
Average Room Rate (\$)	Q3/18	100.30	102.47	-2.1	106.31 *	107.37 *	-1.0
Revenue Per Available Room (\$)	Q3/18	59.94	68.99	-13.1	69.04 *	69.34 *	-0.4

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

