

HOUSTON ECONOMY

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HOUSTON #1 RANKINGS

- Greenest Metros - *Business Facilities Magazine*
- Top Destination City - 7th Consecutive Year - *U-HAUL International*
- Most New Metro Area Residents Added from 2014-2015 - *U.S. Census*

HOUSTON QUICK FACTS

- Fourth most populous city in U.S.
- Fifth largest metro by population in U.S.
- Third most Fortune 500 headquarters locations in U.S.
- 55.1 million total passengers through Houston Airport System in 2015
- 4,800 energy-related firms located in the Houston metro area
- Home to Texas Medical Center, the largest medical/life sciences complex in the world which employs over 106,000 people
- Home to the Port of Houston, one of the busiest ship channels in the world and ranked second in the U.S. in total tonnage

U.S. Key Indicators

	52 WK HIGH	52 WK LOW		52 WK HIGH	52 WK LOW
DJIA	18,668.44	15,450.56	WTI	54.34	33.28
S&P 500	2,193.81	1,810.10	Brent	58.23	31.92
NASDAQ	5,275.74	4,209.76	30-Yr Fixed	4.08	3.43
1-Yr TRSY	0.78	0.20	15-Yr Fixed	3.34	2.73
10-Yr TRSY	2.38	1.32	Freddie Mac	2.67	0.97
Prime Rate	3.50	3.25	Fannie Mae	2.70	0.98

The above information is current as of the publication date of this report. If you need real-time numbers for any of these key indicators, visit the WSJ Market Data Center.

Houston Employment By Sector TRAILING 12 MONTHS

NON-FARM INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT	JULY 2016	JULY 2015	% GROWTH
Mining & Logging	86,500	99,900	-13.4%
Construction	217,900	217,500	0.2%
Manufacturing	231,300	245,300	-5.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	616,800	611,900	0.8%
Information & Financial Activities	185,600	185,000	0.3%
Professional & Business Services	463,700	473,700	-2.1%
Education & Health Services	381,600	366,800	4.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	328,200	305,800	7.3%
Other Services	108,300	108,600	-0.3%
Government	373,400	365,500	2.2%
Total	2,993,300	2,980,000	0.4%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rate

	HOUSTON MSA	TEXAS	U.S.
2016-Jun	5.5%	4.5%	4.9%
2015	4.6%	4.7%	5.0%
2014	4.9%	5.0%	6.2%
2013	6.2%	6.0%	7.4%
2012	6.8%	6.6%	8.1%
2011	8.1%	7.7%	9.0%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Population

	HOUSTON MSA	TEXAS	U.S.
2015	6,656,947	27,469,114	321,418,820
2014	6,490,180	26,956,958	318,857,056
2013	6,333,809	26,505,637	316,497,531
2012	6,186,923	26,094,422	314,112,078

Source: Texas A&M Real Estate Center, US Census Bureau

Average Home Prices JULY 2016

	HOUSTON MSA	TEXAS	U.S.
Average Price	\$292,316	\$265,621	\$285,900
Median Price	\$230,000	\$216,000	\$244,100
Mos. Inventory	4.0	4.0	4.7

Source: Texas A&M Real Estate Center, Houston Association of Realtors, National Association of Realtors

HOUSTON ECONOMY MARKET WATCH

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HOUSTON IN THE NEWS

The long and winding road to growth: Houston's Grand Parkway

[link to story](#)

Realty News Report, August 22, 2016

Two Houston universities rank among top schools in the world

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Houston Business Journal, August 19, 2016

Aetna joins insurers scaling back on ACA findings

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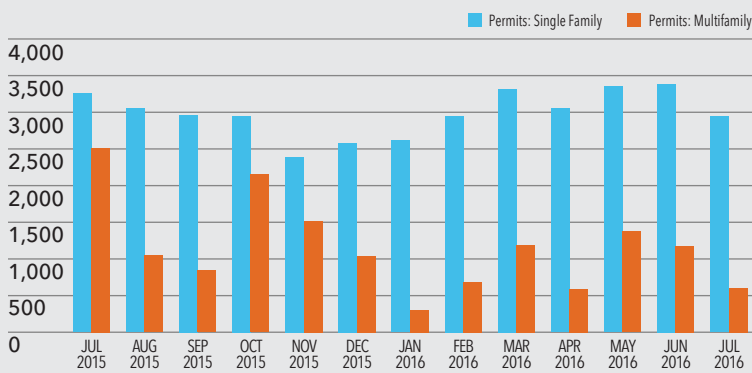
Houston Chronicle, August 16, 2016

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