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HOUSTON TRADE UPDATE

Trade growth resumed for Houston in Q1/17, with both exports and imports up by double digits. Strong overseas demand for crude, refined products, petroleum gases and petrochemicals drove export growth, while U.S. demand for refined products, steel, chemicals, electrical machinery and alcoholic beverages drove import growth.

TRADE - HOUSTON/GALVESTON CUSTOMS DISTRICT

Value - \$ (Billions)

	Q1/17	Q1/16	\$ Δ	% Δ
Imports	\$19.9	\$16.1	\$3.9	24.0%
Exports	26.7	22.4	4.3	19.0
Total	46.6	38.5	8.1	21.1

Weight – Metric Tons (Millions)

	Q1/17	Q1/16	MT Δ	% Δ
Imports	28.1mt	26.7mt	1.4mt	5.3%
Exports	38.6	32.7	5.9	18.1
Total	66.7	59.4	7.3	12.3

Note: Numbers may not sum due to rounding

Source: WISER from US Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division

Crude exports are on pace to more than double last year's volume. Houston continues to benefit from Washington lifting the crude export embargo in December '14. Demand for propane has been particularly strong overseas where it is used as a petrochemical feedstock. Most of the growth in U.S. propane exports serves the growing petrochemical

sector in Asia. Butane exports are up as well. Overseas butane is primarily used as a feedstock to produce ethylene and butadiene, a key ingredient of synthetic rubber. Grain exports to Mexico, China, Brazil and Japan are also ahead of last year's pace. The impact of the petrochemical construction boom has begun to show up in the trade data, with shipments of chemicals and plastics ahead of last year's pace.

Increased crude imports from Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Brazil have more than offset declines from Russia, Colombia and Kuwait. Refined product imports are up as well. Though substantially off the record pace of two years ago, imports of steel, primarily pipe and tubing, have ticked up. The rise in the North American rig count is feeding the trend.

Houston traded with 202 countries in Q1/17. Trade (imports plus exports) is up in nine of the top 10 and 77 of the top 100 countries. If the current pace holds, Houston should finish the year with \$197 billion in trade, a good year but still below the 10-year average of \$220 billion.

TOP TRADING PARTNERS – Q1/17*

Houston/Galveston Customs District

Country	\$ Billions	% of Total	Trend
Mexico	\$4.704	10.1%	↑
China	4.270	9.2	↑
Brazil	2.863	6.1	↑
Germany	2.294	4.9	↓
Netherlands	2.198	4.7	↑
Japan	1.676	3.6	↑
Republic of Korea	1.608	3.5	↑
Saudi Arabia	1.474	3.2	↑
Venezuela	1.472	3.2	↑
Colombia	1.345	2.9	↑
Top 10	23.904	51.4	↑
All Others	22.703	48.7	↑
Total	46.607	100.0%	↑

* combined imports and exports

Source: WISER from US Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division



GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP
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**Houston's
Global Economy**

Nearly 5,000 Houston-area firms are engaged in global commerce, according to a recent study by the Greater Houston Partnership. That's almost triple the number of those conducting business overseas in the '80s. Manufacturing accounts for two-thirds of Houston-area firms involved in foreign trade; service firms, the remaining third.

The Partnership will share additional insight into the importance of trade, investment, and immigration to the region's economy at the State of Houston's Global Economy, Monday, May 22 at the Hilton Post Oak, 2001 Post Oak Blvd.

Stuart P.M. Mackintosh, Executive Director, Group of Thirty, will deliver the luncheon keynote. Dr. Mackintosh will comment on continuing trends in global trade, how alarmed should Houstonians really be about rising protectionism, and offer his forecast for global trade. Mackintosh will also share his insights into the impact the rising dollar will have on trade, Europe's push back against nationalism, British negotiators' delusions about Brexit, the risks posed by China, and Japan's struggles against demographic destiny.

The event starts 10:45 a.m. with a panel discussion among three executives who lead global institutions in Houston:

- Renu Khator, Chancellor and President, University of Houston,
- Jean-Francois Poupeau, Executive Vice President, Corporate Development, Schlumberger, and
- Manolo Sánchez, Chairman, BBVA Compass

They will discuss how Houston is positioned to be a global education, corporate and financial center. Bob Harvey, the Partnership's president and CEO, will lead the discussion.

The Partnership will also share its research into Houston's ties to the global economy. Everyone who attends the event will receive a copy of the 60-page study. Click [here](#) for additional details or to register.

JOB GROWTH PICKS UP

The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land metro area created 13,300 jobs in March and 30,900 jobs over the

previous 12 months, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The monthly job gain was above the 25-year average of 12,700 jobs added for a March and the 12-month growth is the largest since September '15. Houston's total nonfarm employment now stands at 3,023,400.

Population growth continues to drive job gains in a number of sectors: government (primarily public education), leisure and hospitality, and health care. Government added 1,300 jobs in March '17 and 14,300 in the 12-months ending March '17. Leisure and hospitality added 4,200 over the month and 9,400 over the 12-month period. Health services and private education grew by 1,200 jobs in March and 11,400 over the previous 12 months. These sectors were supported by the 125,005 residents added to the region in '16, about one new Houstonian every four minutes.

Trade, transportation and utilities suffered the greatest losses, shedding 3,000 jobs in March and 6,200 jobs over the prior 12 months. Several industries, primarily energy-related, reported gains in March '17 but losses over the 12-months ending March '17, reflecting the slow recovery in the energy industry. Mining and logging (*i.e.*, upstream energy) added 600 jobs in the month but lost 4,400 jobs in the 12 months ending March '17. Durable goods manufacturing, which includes mining machinery, gained 2,200 jobs over the month but lost 1,000 jobs over the year. Architectural, engineering and related services added 700 jobs in March but shed 3,900 jobs over the previous 12 months.

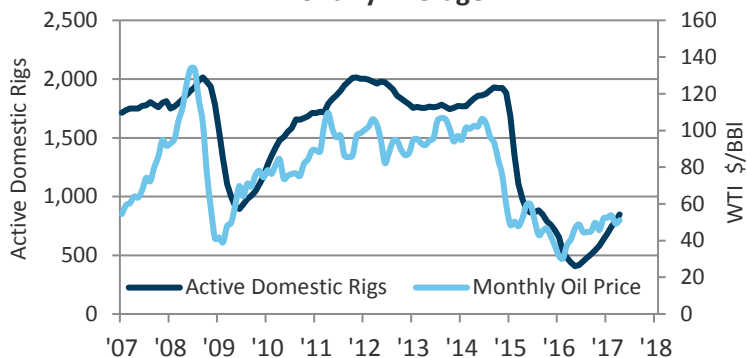
Houston's March unemployment rate was 5.7 percent, down from 5.9 percent in February but up from 4.9 percent in March '16. Texas' unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in March, down from 5.1 percent in February but up from 4.5 percent in March '16. The U.S. rate was 4.6 percent in March, down from 4.9 percent in February and from 5.1 percent in March '16. The rates are not seasonally adjusted.

OIL PATCH UPDATE

The spot price for West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the U.S. benchmark for light, sweet crude, averaged \$51.06 per barrel in April '17, well above the \$40.75 in April '16. However, WTI has traded below \$50 the first week of May. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) forecasts WTI to average \$50.68 per barrel in '17, which is down from the agency's previous forecast of \$52.24 for the year.

U.S. crude production bottomed near 8.5 million barrels per day (mb/d) in October and has risen steadily since.

U.S. RIG COUNT AND OIL PRICES Monthly Average



Source: Baker Hughes, Inc.; U.S. Energy Information Administration

Production averaged 9.2 mb/d in April. EIA forecasts U.S. production to average 9.3 mb/d in '17 and 10.0 mb/d in '18.

The Henry Hub price for natural gas averaged \$3.10 per thousand cubic feet (mcf) in April, up from \$1.92 in April '16. EIA forecasts Henry Hub gas to average \$3.17 per mcf in '17 and \$3.43 per mcf in '18.

Baker Hughes reported 877 rigs were drilling for gas or oil in the U.S. the first week of May, more than doubling the 415 working the first week of May last year. Since bottoming out at 404 rigs in the second half of May '16, the rig count has risen in 45 of the past 50 weeks. The Permian Basin accounts for 45 percent of the increase, the Eagle Ford for 11 percent.

The international rig count stood at 710 in April, up from the nadir of 666 in October '16 but well below the peak of 1,080 in July '14.

Through April of this year, the Texas Railroad Commission issued 4,166 permits to drill in the state, up from 2,277 permits issued during the same period last year.

MULTI-FAMILY UPDATE

The Houston apartment market is still struggling to find tenants with overall occupancy and rental rates down from a year ago. Occupancy decreased from 89.8 percent in April '16 to 88.4 percent in April '17, according to Apartment Data Services. For perspective, 90 percent occupancy is considered a balanced market between landlords and tenants. Rental rates were down from \$980 per month in April '16 to \$976 per month in April '17.

Class A properties continue to be a drag on the overall apartment market. Although Class A occupancy improved

from 76.8 percent in April '16 to 78.0 percent in April '17, rent decreased from \$1,492 a month to \$1,423 over the same period. These prices include generous landlord concessions. As of May '17, there were 56 communities running move-in deals, 351 offering free months of rent and 517 providing floorplan specials. A year ago, 23 communities offered move-in deals, 236 gave free months of rent and 341 used floorplan specials to entice tenants.

The slew of new properties added to the Houston market will keep landlords competitive. Of the 143,466 Class A units, 118,327 are in "stable" properties that have been in operation for 13 months or more and 25,139 are in newly opened "lease-up" properties. Rent at stable communities is \$1,400 a month with 89.2 percent occupancy while lease-up properties charged \$1,527 per month and a quarter of the units are occupied.

Approximately 9,386 units are under construction. Most of the construction is occurring in central Houston. The Montrose/Museum District/Midtown submarket has 1,213 units under construction and 2,253 units in lease-up, the Medical Center/Braes Bayou has 1,202 under construction and 1,818 in lease-up, and downtown has 487 under construction and 2,317 in lease-up.

HOUSTON APARTMENT MARKET OVERVIEW

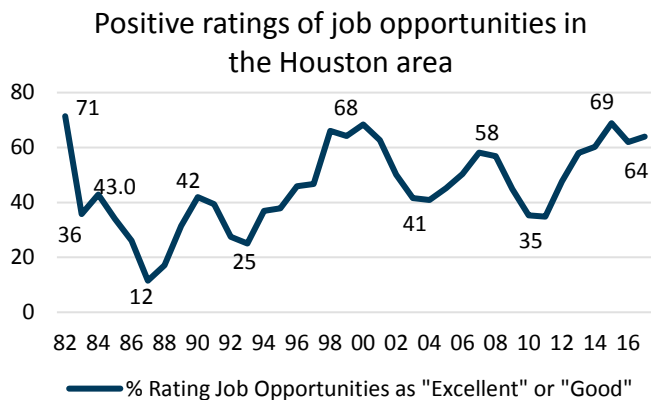
Class (# of Units)	Avg. Monthly Rent (\$)		Avg. Occupancy (%)		Absorption (units)	
	4/16	4/17	4/16	4/17	4/16	4/17
A (143,466)	1,492	1,423	76.8	78.0	724	1,343
B (240,221)	967	956	93.1	91.9	54	256
C (203,531)	769	768	93.7	91.5	70	416
D (47,123)	616	617	90.6	89.5	-301	181
Total/Avg	980	976	89.8	88.4	547	2,196

Source: Apartment Data Services

There are 17,207 units proposed for construction, but many of these projects will be shelved. The region's strong economic performance in the years following the Great Recession created a momentum of development that has been hard to stop. Construction cranes will continue to dot the skyline for the remainder of '17, but permitting for apartments has slowed signaling that this building cycle is nearing its completion.

HOUSTONIANS REMAIN UPBEAT

Nearly two two-thirds of respondents to this year's Kinder Houston Area Survey rated local job opportunities as "excellent" or "good," the second-highest rating of job opportunities in the last 15 years. Those high marks came in spite of two years of low oil prices, layoffs in the energy industry and a local unemployment rate above the national average.



Source: Kinder Houston Area Survey

Over the years, respondents' outlooks have swung between hopeful and pessimistic. In '07, 58 percent of respondents rated local job opportunities as "good" or "excellent," but only 35 percent in '10 and '11, the years immediately after the Great Recession. By '14, the peak of the recent business cycle, optimism returned with 60 percent of respondents rating job opportunities as "good" or "excellent." Then oil prices fell nearly 75 percent, the energy industry cut one in four jobs, and the local unemployment rate reached 5.9 percent, more than a full percentage point higher than the national average of 4.7 percent.

Despite these negative economic realities, Houstonians remain upbeat in their assessment of local employment prospects. During the last three years, the positive rating of local job opportunities remained virtually unchanged—at 69 percent in '15, 62 percent in '16 and 64 percent in '17. In fact, fewer Houstonians labeled the economy the region's biggest problem today than they did the previous year. When asked, "What is the biggest problem facing people in the Houston area today?" only 16 percent named the economy in '17 compared to 21 percent in '16. As the 2017 Kinder Houston Area Survey puts it, "Despite the continuing downturn in the oil patch and the region's persistently high unemployment rates, area residents remain upbeat in their assessments of local job opportunities and of the quality of life in the Houston area as a whole."

Overall, 80 percent of residents gave Houston a positive rating, saying it's a "good" or "excellent" place to live. While 79 percent of Houston transplants gave the city a positive rating, lifelong Houstonians gave an 88 percent positive rating. In a new survey question, respondents were asked, "If you could, would you stay in the Houston metropolitan area or move away?" More than 67 percent of all area residents in the most recent survey said they would stay in Houston even if they could choose to move away.

Additional Findings

Twenty-four percent of this year's survey respondents cited traffic as the biggest problem facing the Houston area. Traffic has been identified as Houston's biggest problem since '14. The economy ranked second at 16 percent followed by crime at 15 percent.

Preference for alternatives to car-dependent sprawl continues to grow. Fifty-six percent of respondents in '17 said that they would prefer to live in "an area with a mix of developments, including homes, shops and restaurants," the highest share of residents voicing that opinion since the question was first asked in '07. Those preferring a "single-family residential neighborhood" stood at 40 percent.

Houstonians are increasingly comfortable with immigration. Today more than 70 percent of respondents said they wanted the U.S. to admit the same number of legal immigrants or more in the next 10 years as were admitted in the last 10 years. That's up from 55 percent in the '11 survey. Sixty-five percent said increasing immigration into this country today mostly strengthens, rather than threatens, American culture (up from 46 percent in '11); and 79 percent this year (up from 69 percent in '11) were in favor of "granting illegal immigrants a path to legal citizenship, if they speak English and have no criminal record."

Fifty-four percent agreed with the statement, "For a person to be successful in today's world, it is necessary to get an education beyond high school." This is a striking decline from 73 percent in 2013.

Now in its 36th year, the Kinder Houston Area Survey is the nation's longest-running study of any metropolitan area's economy, population, life experiences, beliefs and attitudes. In that 36-year time frame, the survey has interviewed almost 44,000 Houston-area residents. This year's survey included more than 1,600 respondents from Harris, Fort Bend and Montgomery County, and was conducted between January 24 and March 1, 2017. For the full report, visit <http://kinder.rice.edu/khas/>.

SNAPSHOT — KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS



Aviation — The Houston Airport System handled 12.9 million passengers through the first three months of this year, down 1.7 percent from the 13.2 million handled over the same period in '16. Domestic passengers totaled 10.2 million, down 0.9 percent from 10.3 million handled YTD in '16. International passengers totaled 2.7 million, down 4.8 percent from the 2.8 million handled YTD in '16.



Building Permits — City of Houston building permits totaled \$471.1 million in March '17, down 32.5 percent from \$698.2 million in March '16, according to the City's Department of Public Works & Engineering Planning & Development Services. For the 12 months ending March '17, city building permits totaled \$6.5 billion, down 17.2 percent from \$7.9 billion in the 12 months ending March '16.



Inflation — The cost of consumer goods and services as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 2.4 percent nationwide from March '16 to March '17, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Core inflation (all items less the volatile food and energy categories) increased 2.0 percent since March '16.



Home Sales — Houston's housing market posted over-the-year gains across all metrics in March: property sales, total dollar volume, average sales price, median sales price, and inventory all recorded increases. Realtors sold 8,495 properties in March, a 10.5 percent increase from the 7,688 sold March '16. The median sales price for a single-family home rose 5.8 percent to \$227,530 and the average sales price grew 4.6 percent to \$284,279. Both set records for the month of March. For the 12 months ending March '17, 92,830 properties were sold, a 3.4 percent increase from March '16 and a new record.



Vehicle Sales — Houston-area auto dealers sold 20,934 vehicles in March '17, a 22.6 percent decrease from the 27,054 vehicles sold in March '16, according to *TexAuto Facts*, published by InfoNation, Inc. of Sugar Land. First quarter sales fell 14.0 percent to 69,936 vehicles, the lowest since the first quarter of '11.



Purchasing Managers Index — The Houston Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), a short-term leading indicator for regional production, registered 51.4 in March, signaling economic expansion in metro Houston for the sixth consecutive month, according to the latest report from the Institute for Supply Management-Houston (ISM-Houston). The March reading is down from the February PMI of 54.2.



Sales Tax Collections — City of Houston sales tax collections totaled \$48.9 million in April '17, up 5.3 percent from \$46.4 million in April '16. Through the first four months of the year, the city collected \$211.5 million, down 0.3 percent from \$212.1 million from the same period last year.

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HOUSTON ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Month	MONTHLY DATA			YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL or YTD AVERAGE*		
		Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change
ENERGY							
U.S. Active Rotary Rigs	Mar '17	789	477	65.4	742 *	562 *	32.0
Spot Crude Oil Price (\$/bbl, West Texas Intermediate)	Mar '17	49.33	37.55	31.4	51.77 *	33.18 *	56.0
Spot Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu, Henry Hub)	Mar '17	2.88	1.73	66.5	3.01 *	2.00 *	50.5
UTILITIES AND PRODUCTION							
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	Mar '17	51.4	45.9	12.0	53.3 *	45.3 *	17.7
Nonresidential Electric Current Sales (Mwh, CNP Service)	Mar '17	4,799,767	4,471,601	7.3	13,600,643	13,011,485	4.5
CONSTRUCTION							
Total Building Contracts (\$, Houston MSA)	Mar '17	1,575,952,000	1,550,513,000	1.6	4,179,994,000	4,425,543,000	-5.5
Nonresidential	Mar '17	750,780,000	782,324,000	-4.0	1,894,394,000	2,210,017,000	-14.3
Residential	Mar '17	825,172,000	768,189,000	7.4	2,285,600,000	2,215,526,000	3.2
Building Permits (\$, City of Houston)	Mar '17	471,109,441	698,185,400	-32.5	1,496,054,192	1,563,724,875	-4.3
Nonresidential	Mar '17	304,243,079	450,526,219	-32.5	1,005,114,349	993,390,253	1.2
<i>New Nonresidential</i>	<i>Mar '17</i>	<i>82,651,494</i>	<i>68,270,010</i>	<i>21.1</i>	<i>359,461,413</i>	<i>293,744,764</i>	<i>22.4</i>
<i>Nonresidential Additions/Alterations/Conversions</i>	<i>Mar '17</i>	<i>221,591,585</i>	<i>382,256,209</i>	<i>-42.0</i>	<i>645,652,936</i>	<i>699,645,489</i>	<i>-7.7</i>
Residential	Mar '17	166,866,362	247,659,181	-32.6	490,939,843	570,334,622	-13.9
<i>New Residential</i>	<i>Mar '17</i>	<i>140,319,906</i>	<i>219,936,985</i>	<i>-36.2</i>	<i>422,304,945</i>	<i>481,909,282</i>	<i>-12.4</i>
<i>Residential Additions/Alterations/Conversions</i>	<i>Mar '17</i>	<i>26,546,456</i>	<i>27,722,196</i>	<i>-4.2</i>	<i>68,634,898</i>	<i>88,425,340</i>	<i>-22.4</i>
Multiple Listing Service (MLS) Activity							
Property Sales	Mar '17	8,495	7,688	10.5	19,691	18,348	7.3
Median Sales Price - SF Detached	Mar '17	227,530	215,000	5.8	220,173 0	207,330 *	6.2
Active Listings	Mar '17	37,926	34,512	9.9	36,190 *	33,310 *	8.6
EMPLOYMENT (Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA)							
Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Mar '17	3,556,600	3,539,000	0.5	3,009,500 *	2,987,233 *	0.7
Goods Producing (Natural Resources/Mining/Const/Mfg)	Mar '17	533,200	528,900	0.8	528,600 0	541,933 *	-2.5
Service Providing	Mar '17	3,023,400	3,010,100	0.4	2,480,900 0	2,445,300 *	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%) - Not Seasonally Adjusted							
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA	Mar '17	5.7	4.9		5.3 *	4.8 *	
Texas	Mar '17	5.0	4.5		4.6 *	4.4 *	
U.S.	Mar '17	4.6	5.1		4.9 *	5.2 *	
TRANSPORTATION							
Port of Houston Authority Shipments (Short Tons)	Mar '17	4,240,660	3,812,877	11.2	11,203,051	10,890,211	2.9
Air Passengers (Houston Airport System)	Feb '17	3,890,934	4,066,452	-4.3	8,223,959	8,504,672	-3.3
Domestic Passengers	Feb '17	3,108,524	3,234,761	-3.9	6,476,435	6,670,450	-2.9
International Passengers	Feb '17	782,410	831,691	-5.9	1,747,524	1,834,222	-4.7
Air Freight (metric tons)	Feb '17	33,421	30,820	8.4	68,409	62,672	9.2
CONSUMERS							
New Car and Truck Sales (Units, Houston MSA)	Mar '17	20,934	27,054	-22.6	69,936	81,303	-14.0
Cars	Mar '17	7,132	10,293	-30.7	23,813	30,380	-21.6
Trucks, SUVs and Commercial	Mar '17	13,802	16,761	-17.7	46,123	50,923	-9.4
Total Retail Sales (\$000,000, Houston MSA, NAICS Basis)	Q2/16	27,284	28,630	-4.7	26,215	27,305	-4.0
Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ('82-'84=100)							
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria CMSA	Mar '17	219.061	214.505	2.1	218.735 *	214.113 *	2.2
United States	Mar '17	243.801	238.132	2.4	243.414 *	237.386 *	2.5
Hotel Performance (Houston MSA)							
Occupancy (%)	Q4/16	57.2	64.3		62.3 *	68.6 *	
Average Room Rate (\$)	Q4/16	99.05	106.37	-6.9	104.45 *	108.51 *	-3.7
Revenue Per Available Room (\$)	Q4/16	56.67	68.41	-17.2	65.32 *	74.47 *	-12.3
SOURCES							
Aviation	City of Houston Department of Aviation						
Building Construction Contracts	Dodge Data & Analytics						
Car and Truck Sales	TexAuto Facts Report, InfoNation, Inc., Sugar Land TX						
City of Houston Building Permits	Public Works & Engineering Planning & Development, City of Houston						
Consumer Price Index	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics						
Electricity	CenterPoint Energy						
Employment, Unemployment	Texas Workforce Commission						
Hotels	CBRE						
Houston Purchasing Managers Index	Institute for Supply Management-Houston						
MLS Data	Houston Association of Realtors®						
Port Shipments	Port of Houston Authority						
Retail Sales	Texas Comptroller's Office						
Rig Count	Baker Hughes Incorporated						

HOUSTON MSA NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT (000)

				Change from		% Change from	
	17-Mar	17-Feb	16-Mar	17-Feb	16-Mar	17-Feb	16-Mar
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	3,023.4	3,010.1	2,992.4	13.3	31.0	0.4	1.0
<i>Total Private</i>	<i>2,606.1</i>	<i>2,594.1</i>	<i>2,590.8</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.6</i>
<i>Goods Producing</i>	<i>533.2</i>	<i>528.9</i>	<i>543.5</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>-10.3</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>-1.9</i>
<i>Service Providing</i>	<i>2,490.2</i>	<i>2,481.2</i>	<i>2,448.9</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>41.3</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>1.7</i>
<i>Private Service Providing</i>	<i>2,072.9</i>	<i>2,065.2</i>	<i>2,047.3</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>25.6</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>1.3</i>
Mining and Logging	87.8	87.2	93.9	0.6	-6.1	0.7	-6.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	46.5	46.6	53.2	-0.1	-6.7	-0.2	-12.6
Support Activities for Mining	37.2	36.6	39.3	0.6	-2.1	1.6	-5.3
Construction	217.8	215.6	219.3	2.2	-1.5	1.0	-0.7
Manufacturing	227.6	226.1	230.3	1.5	-2.7	0.7	-1.2
Durable Goods Manufacturing	144.7	142.5	148.0	2.2	-3.3	1.5	-2.2
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	82.9	83.6	82.3	-0.7	0.6	-0.8	0.7
Wholesale Trade	159.8	160.0	166.0	-0.2	-6.2	-0.1	-3.7
Retail Trade	301.7	302.6	301.4	-0.9	0.3	-0.3	0.1
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	138.1	140.0	139.2	-1.9	-1.1	-1.4	-0.8
Utilities	15.9	16.0	16.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6	-1.9
Air Transportation	21.7	21.7	21.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5
Truck Transportation	24.4	24.4	24.8	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-1.6
Pipeline Transportation	10.8	10.8	11.1	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-2.7
Information	32.8	32.8	32.2	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.9
Telecommunications	13.9	13.9	14.4	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-3.5
Finance & Insurance	100.5	99.4	98.2	1.1	2.3	1.1	2.3
Real Estate & Rental and Leasing	53.4	54.3	55.5	-0.9	-2.1	-1.7	-3.8
Professional & Business Services	472.0	468.1	467.3	3.9	4.7	0.8	1.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	215.0	216.0	222.3	-1.0	-7.3	-0.5	-3.3
<i>Legal Services</i>	<i>24.7</i>	<i>24.6</i>	<i>24.6</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>
<i>Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping</i>	<i>28.1</i>	<i>28.1</i>	<i>27.6</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>1.8</i>
<i>Architectural, Engineering & Related Services</i>	<i>64.1</i>	<i>63.4</i>	<i>68.9</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>-4.8</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>-7.0</i>
<i>Computer Systems Design & Related Services</i>	<i>31.9</i>	<i>32.2</i>	<i>32.5</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>-0.9</i>	<i>-1.8</i>
Admin & Support/Waste Mgt & Remediation	220.3	214.8	207.7	5.5	12.6	2.6	6.1
<i>Administrative & Support Services</i>	<i>208.5</i>	<i>203.1</i>	<i>196.3</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>6.2</i>
<i>Employment Services</i>	<i>84.5</i>	<i>83.8</i>	<i>75.4</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>12.1</i>
Educational Services	59.8	60.2	57.8	-0.4	2.0	-0.7	3.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	327.6	326.0	317.9	1.6	9.7	0.5	3.1
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	34.9	33.1	31.3	1.8	3.6	5.4	11.5
Accommodation & Food Services	284.1	281.7	273.1	2.4	11.0	0.9	4.0
Other Services	108.2	107.0	107.4	1.2	0.8	1.1	0.7
Government	417.3	416.0	401.6	1.3	15.7	0.3	3.9
Federal Government	28.6	28.7	28.0	-0.1	0.6	-0.3	2.1
State Government	85.2	85.3	81.8	-0.1	3.4	-0.1	4.2
<i>State Government Educational Services</i>	<i>51.0</i>	<i>51.1</i>	<i>47.7</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>6.9</i>
Local Government	303.5	302.0	291.8	1.5	11.7	0.5	4.0
<i>Local Government Educational Services</i>	<i>217.3</i>	<i>216.1</i>	<i>205.6</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>5.7</i>

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