

Houston Regional Economic Indicators

May 2021

Change in Employment and Unemployment Rate										
County	Employment (in thousands)					Unemployment Rate				
	Mar '21	Feb '21	Mar '20	Monthly Change	Yearly Change	Mar '21	Feb '21	Mar '20	Monthly Change	Yearly Change
Austin	12.91	12.70	13.21	0.2	-0.3	6.7%	7.1%	5.0%	-0.4%	▲ 1.7%
Brazoria	162.90	161.31	168.35	▲ 1.4	▼ -5.4	8.4%	9.0%	6.1%	▼ -0.6%	▲ 2.3%
Chambers	17.99	17.81	18.59	0.2	▼ -0.6	10.1%	10.7%	6.5%	▼ -0.6%	▲ 3.6%
Colorado	9.24	9.10	9.33	0.1	-0.1	6.0%	6.4%	4.6%	-0.4%	▲ 1.4%
Fort Bend	365.54	361.81	377.53	▲ 3.3	▼ -12.0	7.6%	8.0%	4.9%	-0.4%	▲ 2.7%
Galveston	150.84	149.21	155.65	▲ 1.5	▼ -4.8	8.2%	8.8%	5.7%	▼ -0.6%	▲ 2.5%
Harris	2096.50	2073.78	2163.22	▲ 20.4	▼ -66.7	8.0%	8.4%	5.6%	-0.4%	▲ 2.4%
Liberty	30.23	29.84	31.10	0.4	▼ -0.9	11.3%	12.3%	7.6%	▼ -1.0%	▲ 3.7%
Matagorda	15.04	14.63	15.72	0.4	▼ -0.7	9.9%	10.7%	7.6%	▼ -0.8%	▲ 2.3%
Montgomery	264.82	261.74	272.93	▲ 2.8	▼ -8.1	7.4%	7.8%	4.9%	-0.4%	▲ 2.5%
Walker	22.33	22.39	22.66	-0.1	-0.3	7.8%	8.0%	5.5%	-0.2%	▲ 2.3%
Waller	22.18	21.86	22.77	0.3	▼ -0.6	7.9%	8.6%	5.3%	▼ -0.7%	▲ 2.6%
Wharton	20.15	19.92	20.64	0.2	▼ -0.5	7.1%	7.5%	5.1%	-0.4%	▲ 2.0%

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Reported March 2021

▲ indicates employment and unemployment rate change of .5 and above
 ▼ indicates employment and unemployment rate change of -.5 and below

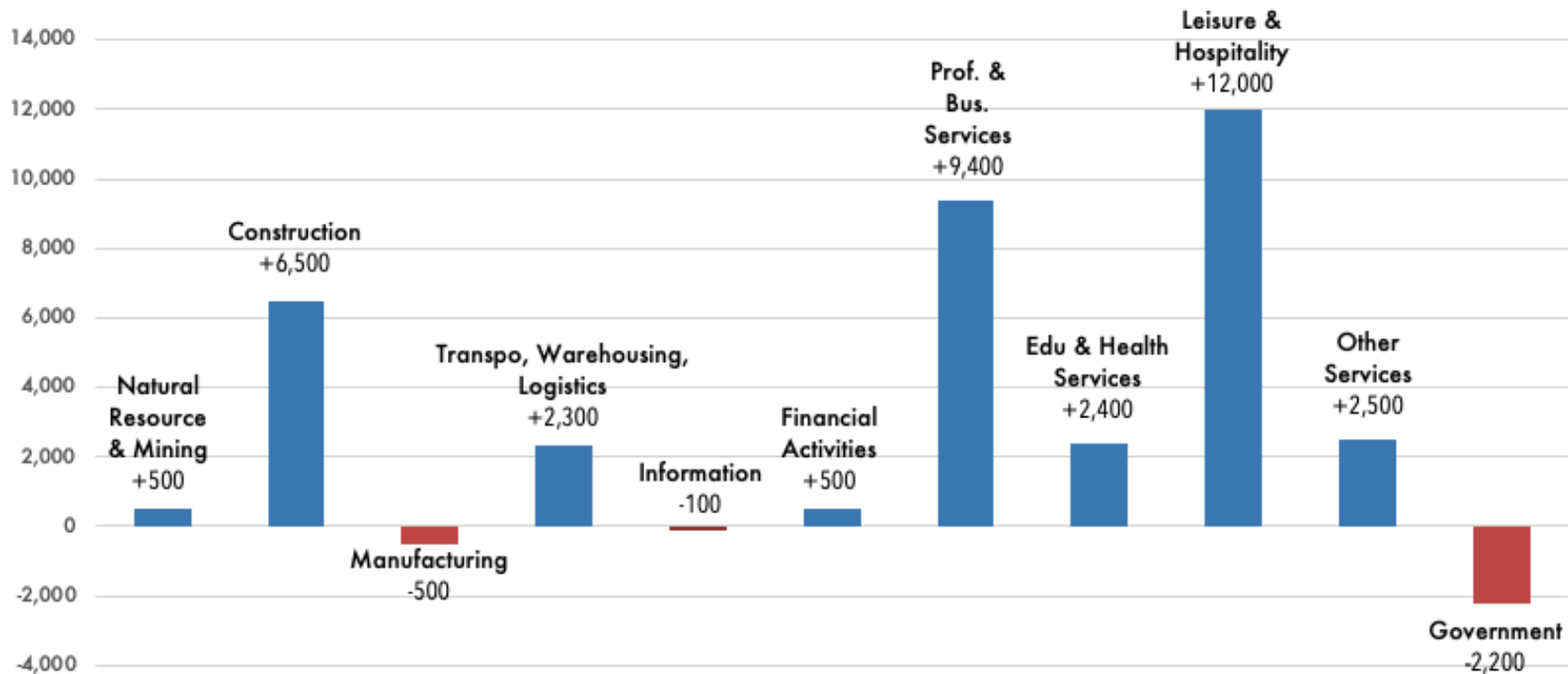
Regional Employment Activity		
Change	Monthly	Yearly
Employment (000s)	▲ 34.6	▼ -101.0
Employment %	▼ 1.1%	▼ -3.1%
Unemployment Rate	▼ -0.5%	▲ 2.5%



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Monthly Change in Employment (000s) for Select NAICS Industries in Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA Feb - Mar 2021



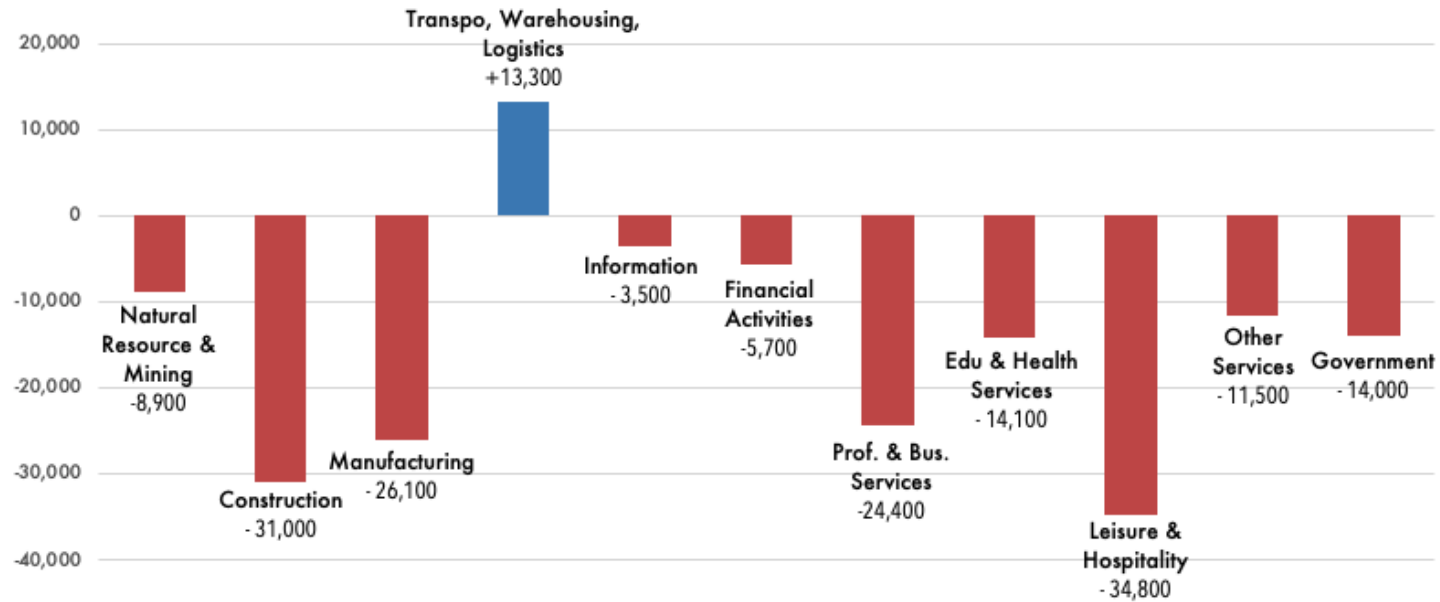
Source: Texas Workforce Commission, March 2021



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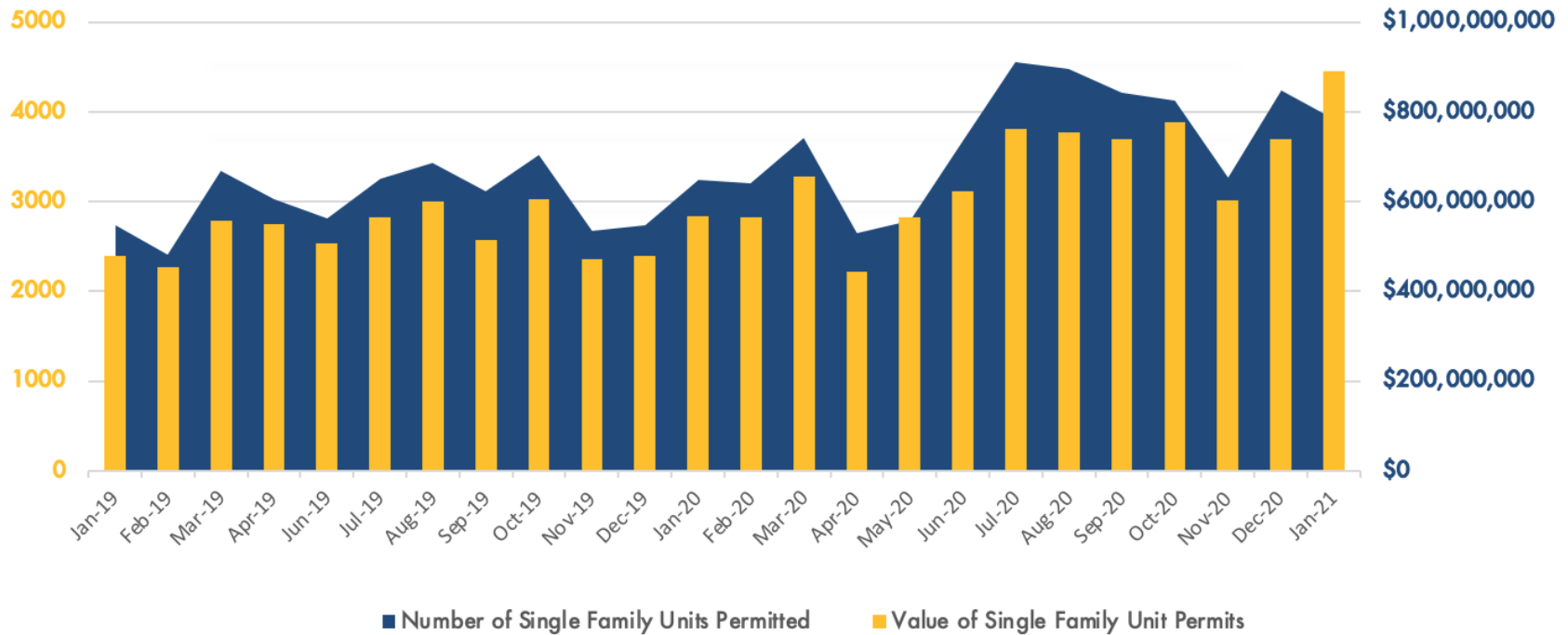
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Houston CMSA Single Family Permits



Source: US Census Bureau Census of Building Permits

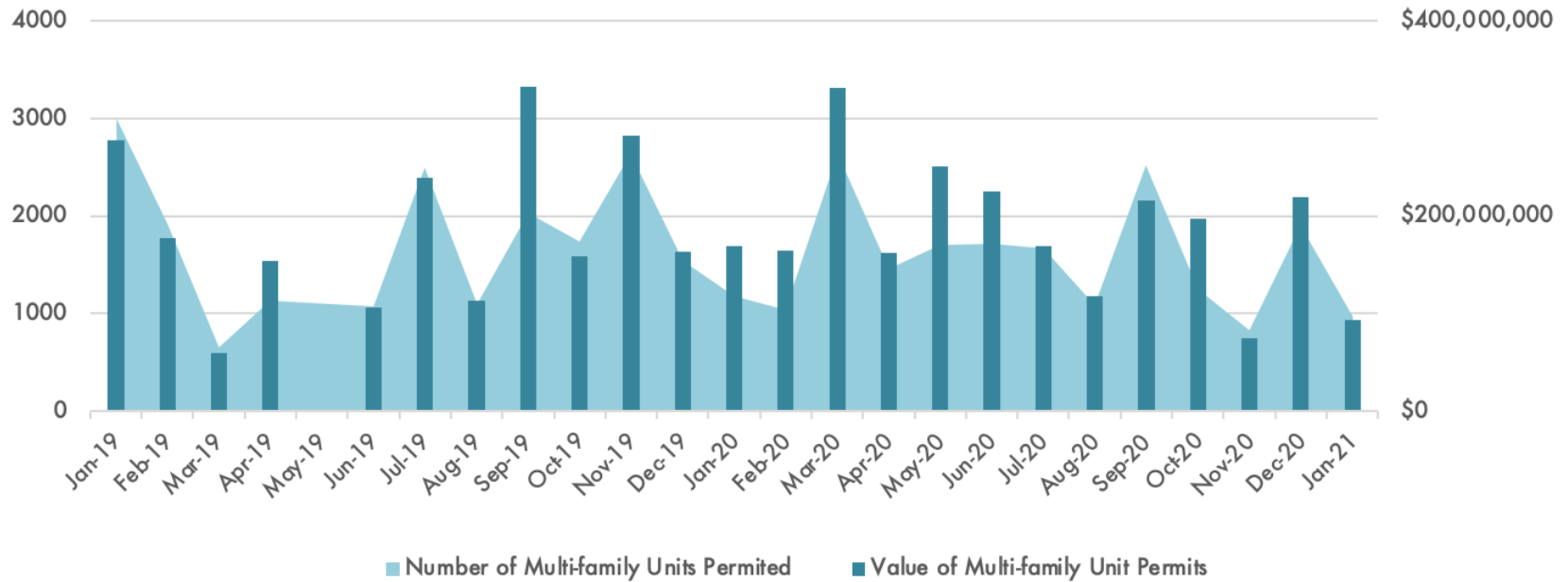
Note: Only 7 counties in the Houston-Galveston region have monthly data available, including: Austin, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery & Waller



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Houston CMSA Multi-family Permits



Source: US Census Bureau Census of Building Permits

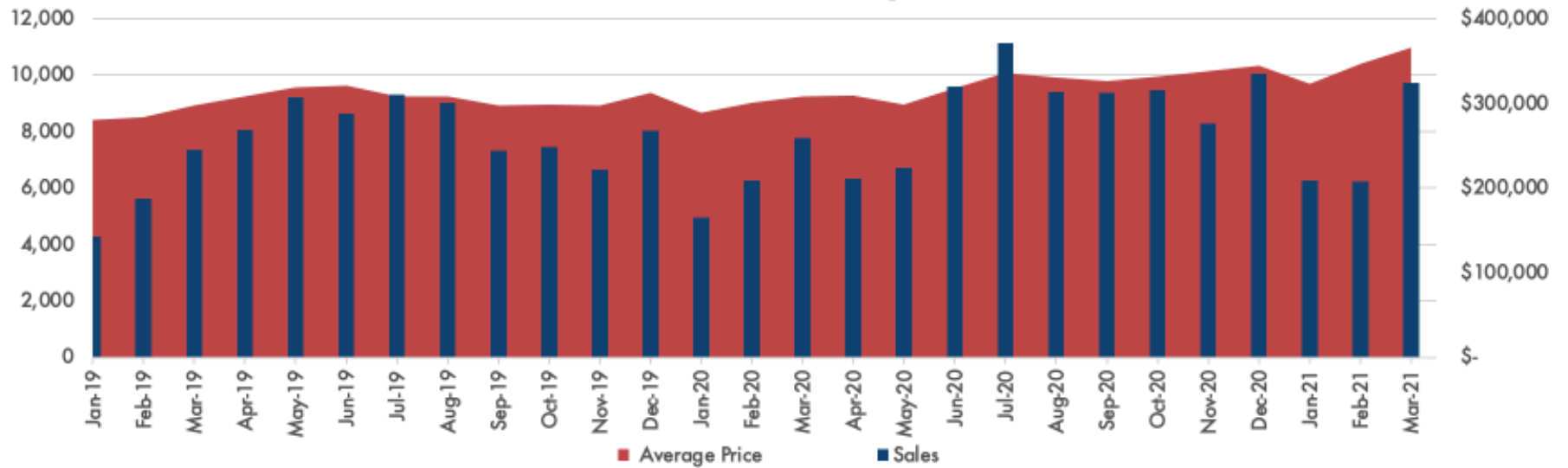
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Houston PMSA MLS Monthly Home Sales



Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, 2021

Houston MLS Residential Housing Activity		
% Change	Monthly	Yearly
Home Sales	▲ 56%	▼ 5.5%
Avg Price	▲ 25.4%	▲ 18.8%



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Change in Regional Sales Tax Receipts					
Major City (County)	Sales Tax Receipts* (Current \$, Unadjusted)			Percent Change	
	Jan '21	Dec '20	Jan '20	Monthly	Yearly
Austin County	\$ 102,575	\$ 217,182	\$ 128,628	▼ -52.8%	▲ -20.3%
Brazoria County	\$ 2,289,106	\$ 3,191,485	\$ 2,650,236	▼ -28.3%	▼ -13.6%
Anahuac (Chambers County)	\$ 19,324	\$ 27,558	\$ 21,244	▼ -29.9%	▼ -9.0%
Colorado County	\$ 109,041	\$ 165,177	\$ 158,030	▼ -34.0%	▼ -31.0%
Sugar Land (Fort Bend County)	\$ 3,776,724	\$ 5,908,315	\$ 4,170,976	▼ -36.1%	▼ -9.5%
Galveston (Galveston County)	\$ 1,501,096	\$ 1,989,863	\$ 1,597,010	▼ -24.6%	▼ -6.0%
Houston (Harris County)	\$ 52,804,034	\$ 71,269,408	\$ 57,205,895	▼ -25.9%	▼ -7.7%
Liberty County	\$ 337,195	\$ 438,167	\$ 317,004	▼ -23.0%	▲ 6.4%
Bay City (Matagorda County)	\$ 472,966	\$ 471,010	\$ 474,582	0.4%	-0.3%
Conroe (Montgomery County)	\$ 4,060,097	\$ 5,636,801	\$ 3,814,553	▼ -28.0%	▲ 6.4%
Walker County	\$ 328,566	\$ 402,951	\$ 353,527	▼ -18.5%	▼ -7.1%
Hempstead (Waller County)	\$ 140,361	\$ 187,169	\$ 131,218	▼ -25.0%	▲ 7.0%
Wharton County	\$ 387,446	\$ 355,377	\$ 218,670	▲ 9.0%	▲ 77.2%

* Sales tax receipts that dollars returned to a local sales taxing city, county, special purpose district, or transit authority by the Comptroller's office for their local sales tax. Sales tax receipts for a given month represent allocation payment for taxes collected on sales during that month.

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Reported February 2021

Note: For counties that do not impose sales tax, sales tax receipts of a major city in that county are presented here.

