

# Houston Regional Economic Indicators

February 2021

Change in Employment and Unemployment Rate										
County	Employment (in thousands)					Unemployment Rate				
	Dec '19	Nov '20	Dec '20	Monthly Change	Yearly Change	Dec '19	Nov '20	Dec '21	Monthly Change	Yearly Change
Austin	13.7	13.0	13.0	0.1	∨ -0.7	3.2%	7.4%	6.7%	∨ -0.7%	∧ 3.5%
Brazoria	174.0	164.5	165.3	∧ 0.8	∨ -8.7	4.3%	9.4%	8.6%	∨ -0.8%	∧ 4.3%
Chambers	18.8	17.8	17.9	0.1	∨ -0.9	4.5%	10.9%	10.3%	∨ -0.6%	∧ 5.8%
Colorado	9.5	9.0	9.0	0.1	∨ -0.5	2.9%	6.6%	6.1%	∨ -0.5%	∧ 3.2%
Fort Bend	383.0	362.0	363.8	∧ 1.9	∨ -19.2	3.2%	8.4%	7.4%	∨ -1.0%	∧ 4.2%
Galveston	160.6	151.8	152.5	∧ 0.8	∨ -8.1	3.9%	9.2%	8.3%	∨ -0.9%	∧ 4.4%
Harris	2254.3	2129.6	2141.2	∧ 11.6	∨ -113.1	3.7%	9.0%	8.1%	∨ -0.9%	∧ 4.4%
Liberty	31.8	30.0	30.2	0.2	∨ -1.6	5.3%	12.5%	11.8%	∨ -0.7%	∧ 6.5%
Matagorda	15.7	15.1	15.2	0.1	∨ -0.5	6.1%	11.4%	10.4%	∨ -1.0%	∧ 4.3%
Montgomery	277.5	262.1	263.6	∧ 1.5	∨ -14.0	3.2%	8.3%	7.4%	∨ -0.9%	∧ 4.2%
Walker	23.3	22.1	22.2	0.1	∨ -1.1	3.5%	8.4%	7.6%	∨ -0.8%	∧ 4.1%
Waller	22.8	21.5	21.7	0.1	∨ -1.2	3.5%	8.9%	8.0%	∨ -0.9%	∧ 4.5%
Wharton	21.1	19.8	19.9	0.1	∨ -1.1	3.4%	7.7%	7.0%	∨ -0.7%	∧ 3.6%

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Reported January 2021

∧ indicates employment and unemployment rate change of .5 and above  
 ∨ indicates employment and unemployment rate change of -.5 and below

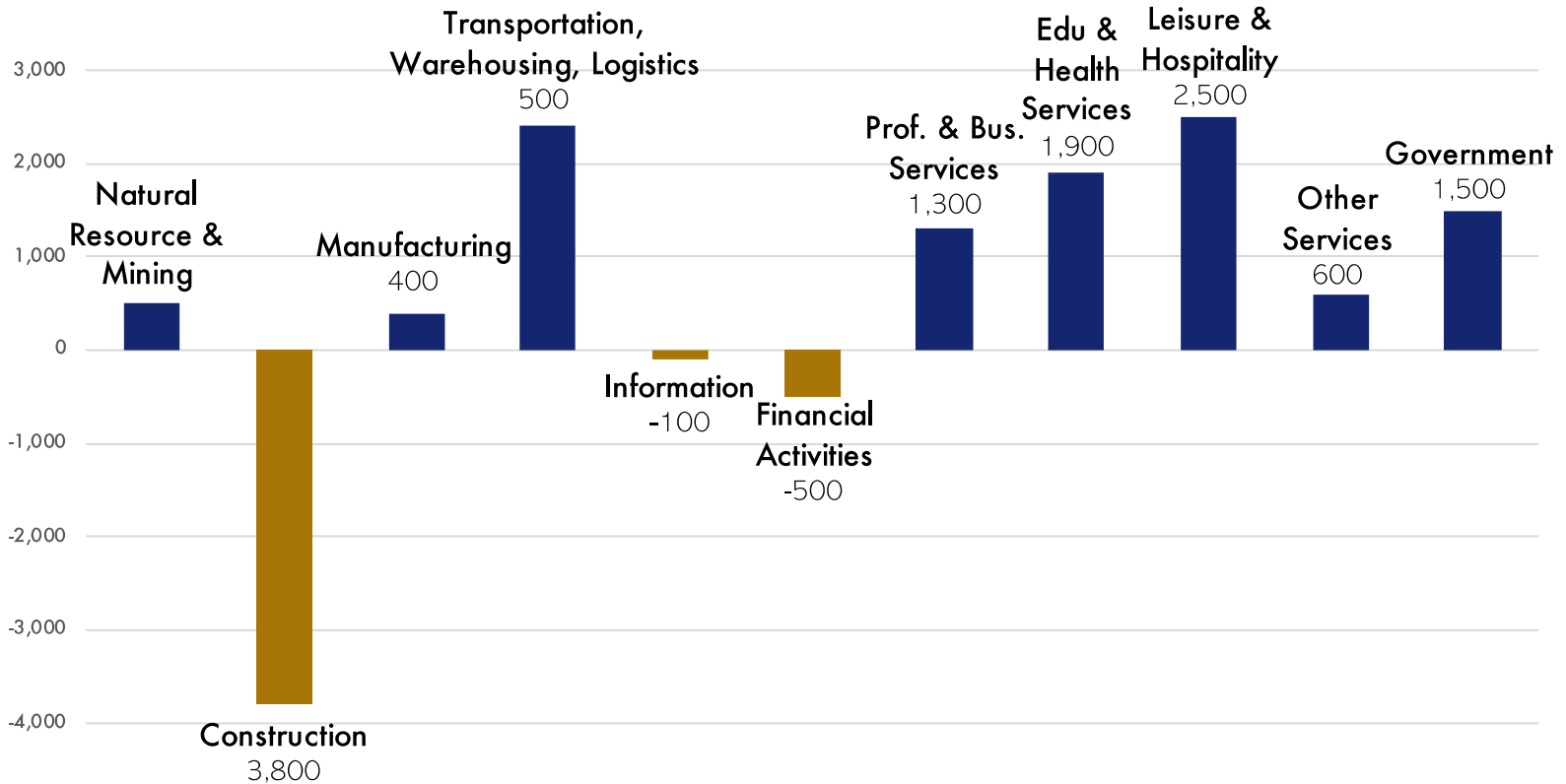
Regional Employment Activity		
Change	Monthly	Yearly
Employment (000s)	∧ 17.3	∨ -170.70
Employment %	∧ 0.5%	∨ -5.0%
Unemployment Rate	∨ -0.8%	∧ 4.40%



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**Monthly Change in Employment for Select NAICS Industries in  
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA  
Nov - Dec 2020**



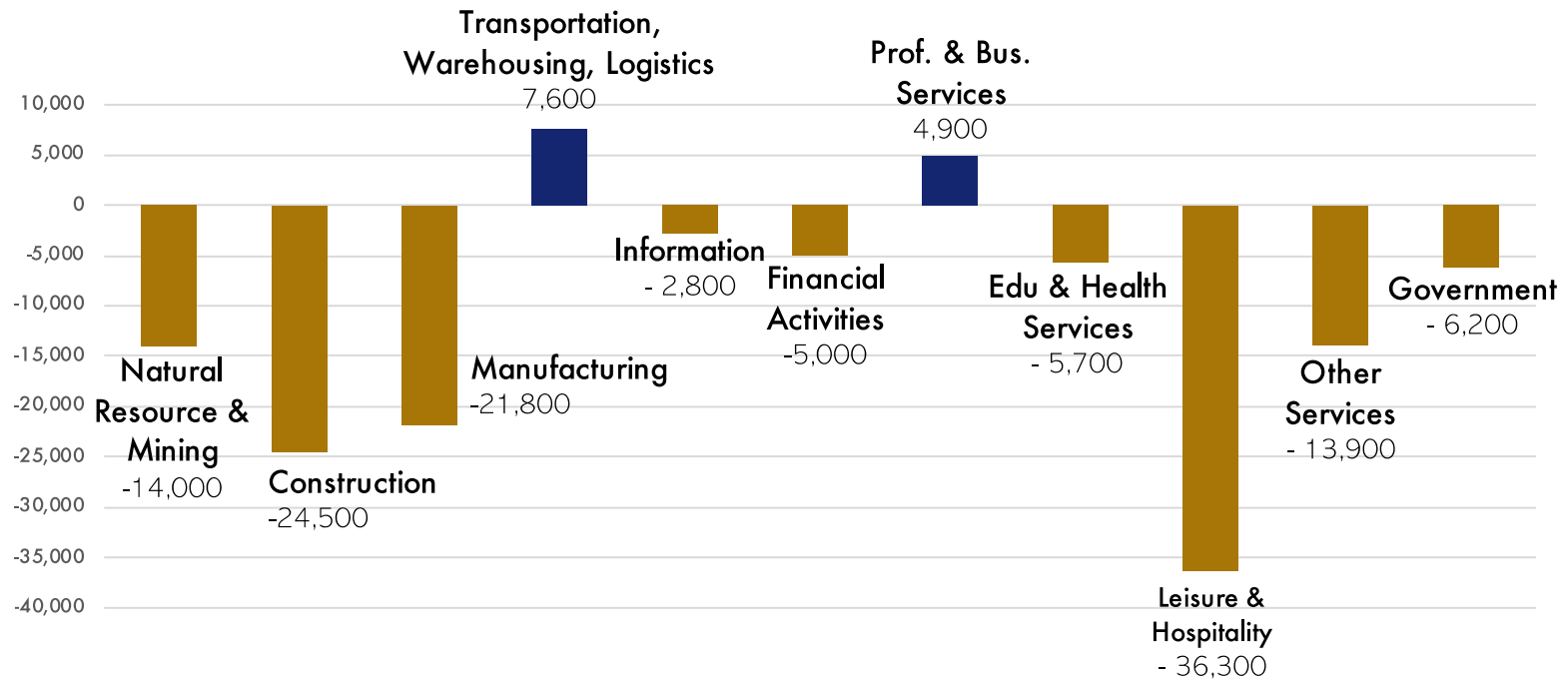
Source: Texas Workforce Commission, Jan 2021



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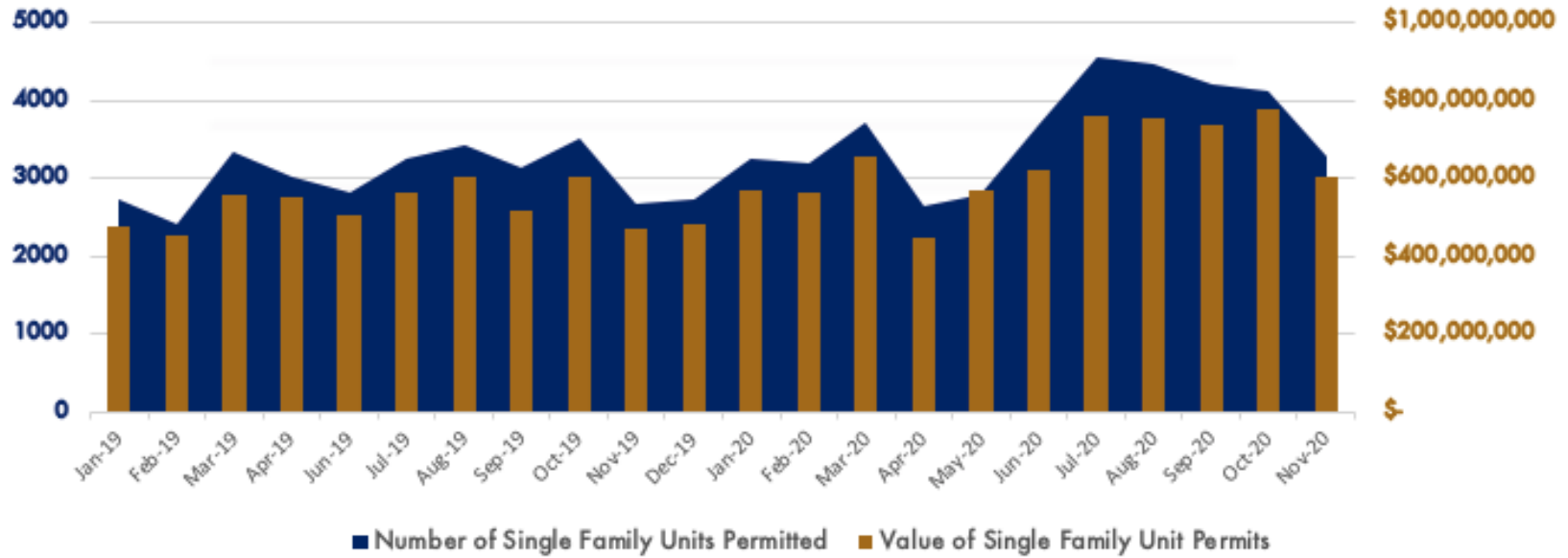
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### Houston CMSA Single Family Permits



Source: US Census Bureau Census of Building Permits

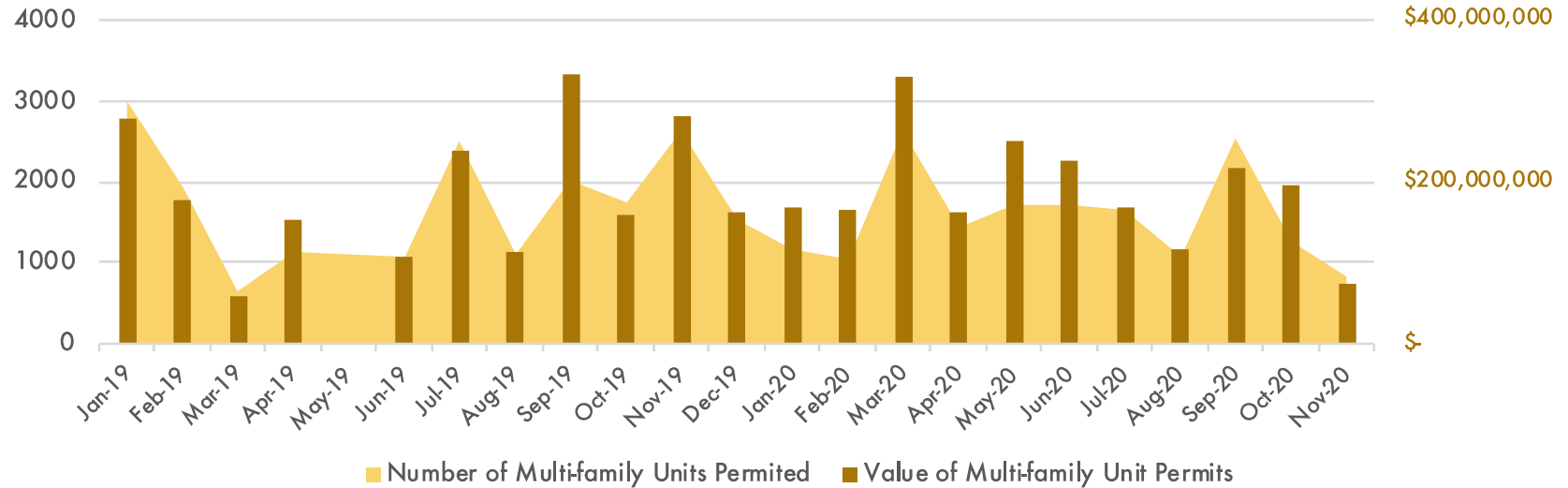
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### Houston CMSA Multi-family Permits



Source: US Census Bureau Census of Building Permits

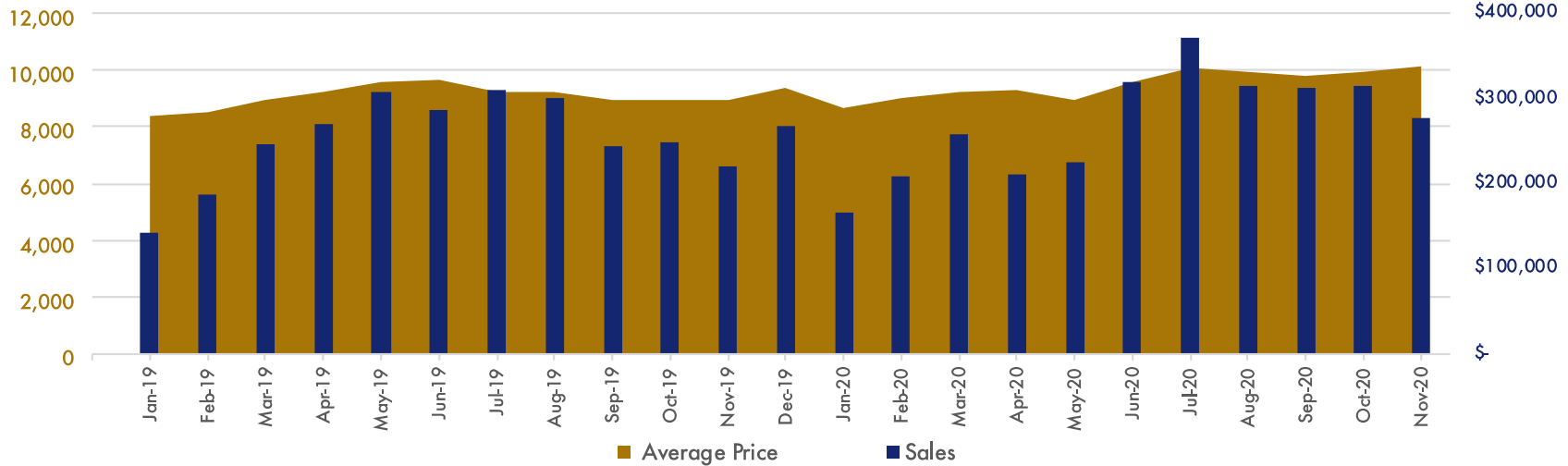
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### Houston PMSA MLS Monthly Home Sales



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

Note: Houston PMSA Counties include Chambers, Fort Bend, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller.

### Houston MLS Residential Housing Activity

% Change	Monthly	Yearly
Home Sales	▼ -12.3	▲ 25%
Avg Price	▼ -1.8%	▲ 13.50%



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Change in Regional Sales Tax Receipts						
Major City (County)	Sales Tax Receipts* (Current \$ in 000s, Unadjusted)			Percent Change		
	Oct '19	Sept '20	Oct '20	Monthly	Yearly	
Austin County	\$ 173	\$ 176	\$ 168	▼ -1.3%	▲ 3.5%	
Brazoria County	\$ 2,470	\$ 2,592	\$ 2,903	▼ -4.7%	▼ -14.9%	
Anahuac (Chambers County)	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 22	▼ -1.0%	▲ 9.5%	
Colorado County	\$ 132	\$ 171	\$ 293	▼ -22.9%	▼ -55.1%	
Sugar Land (Fort Bend County)	\$ 4,163	\$ 4,392	\$ 5,021	▼ -5.2%	▼ -17.1%	
Galveston (Galveston County)	\$ 1,732	\$ 2,039	\$ 1,635	▼ -15.0%	▲ 6.0%	
Houston (Harris County)	\$ 52,999	\$ 61,377	\$ 60,325	▼ -13.6%	▼ -12.1%	
Liberty County	\$ 342	\$ 411	\$ 357	▼ -16.9%	▼ -4.2%	
Bay City (Matagorda County)	\$ 534	\$ 569	\$ 511	▼ -6.1%	▲ 4.7%	
Conroe (Montgomery County)	\$ 4,084	\$ 5,393	\$ 4,188	▼ -24.3%	▼ -2.5%	
Walker County	\$ 312	\$ 405	\$ 282	▼ -23.0%	▲ 10.4%	
Hempstead (Waller County)	\$ 165	\$ 173	\$ 149	▼ -4.7%	▲ 10.1%	
Wharton County	\$ 256	\$ 288	\$ 248	▼ -11.0%	▲ 3.2%	

\* 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 December 2020

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

