









Houston Regional Economic Indicators

September 2021

Change in Employment and Unemployment Rate										
County	Employment (in thousands)					Unemployment Rate				
	Jul '21	Jun '21	July '20	Monthly Change	Yearly Change	Jul '21	Jun '21	July '20	Monthly Change	Yearly Change
Austin	13.11	12.95	12.457	0.16	0.0653	5.8%	6.5%	8.2%	∨ -0.7%	∨ -2.4%
Brazoria	166.636	165.013	158.547	1.623	8.089	7.4%	7.9%	10.6%	∨ -0.5%	∨ -3.2%
Chambers	18.422	18.237	17.518	0.185	0.904	9.0%	10.0%	11.8%	∨ -1.0%	∨ -2.8%
Colorado	9.328	9.029	9.16	0.299	0.168	5.2%	5.8%	6.8%	∨ -0.6%	∨ -1.6%
Fort Bend	374.597	370.533	355.899	4.064	18.698	6.4%	7.0%	9.8%	∨ -0.6%	∨ -3.4%
Galveston	154.383	152.714	146.713	1.669	7.67	7.0%	7.7%	10.8%	∨ -0.7%	∨ -3.8%
Harris	2150.213	2125.004	2040.731	25.209	109.482	6.8%	7.4%	11.6%	∨ -0.6%	∨ -4.8%
Liberty	30.856	30.509	29.321	0.347	1.535	10.0%	10.8%	13.1%	∨ -0.8%	∨ -3.1%
Matagorda	14.677	14.71	14.437	-0.033	0.24	9.3%	9.7%	13.3%	∨ -0.4%	∨ -4.0%
Montgomery	271.503	268.168	257.562	3.317	13.941	6.1%	13.1%	9.4%	∨ -7.0%	∨ -3.3%
Walker	22.202	22.123	21.782	0.079	0.42	6.9%	7.7%	8.9%	∨ -0.8%	∨ -2.0%
Waller	22.55	22.303	21.451	0.247	1.099	7.1%	7.9%	9.9%	∨ -0.8%	∨ -2.8%
Wharton	19.351	19.36	19.355	-0.009	-0.004	6.2%	6.8%	8.7%	∨ -0.6%	∨ -2.5%

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Reported July 2021

 indicates employment and unemployment rate change of .5 and above
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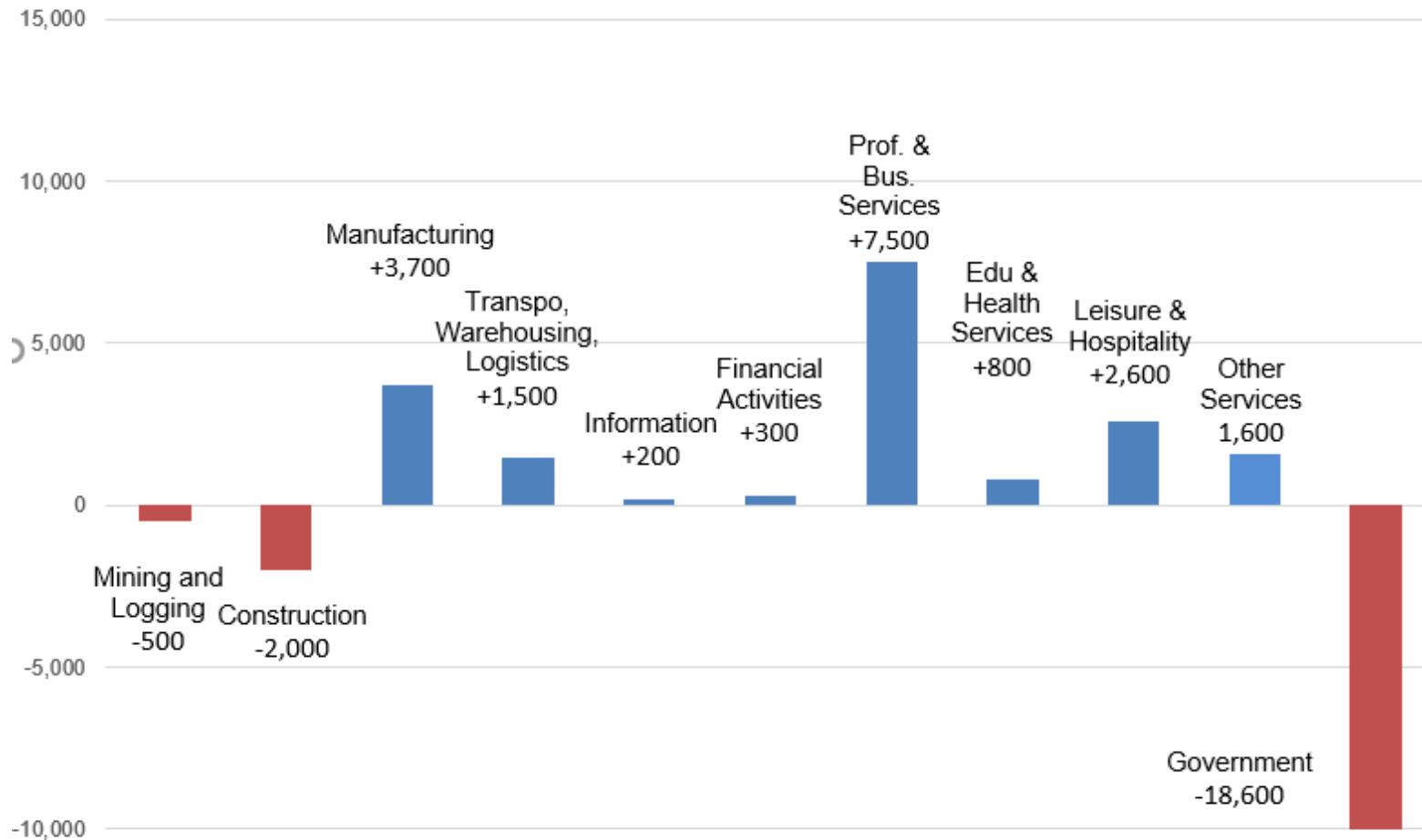
Regional Employment Activity		
Change	Monthly	Yearly
Employment (000s)	 37.2	 162.3
Employment %	 1.15%	 5.25%
Unemployment Rate	 -1.16%	 -3.05%



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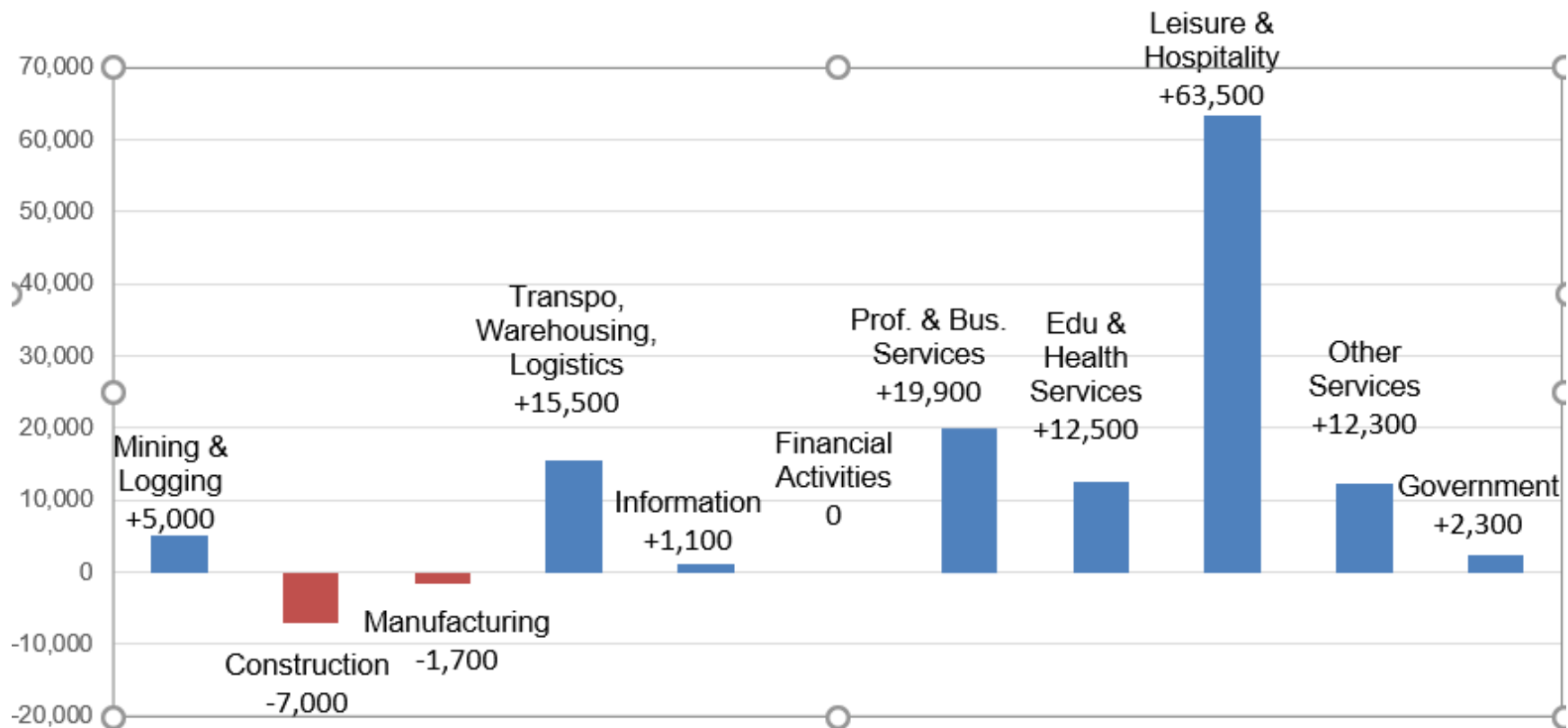
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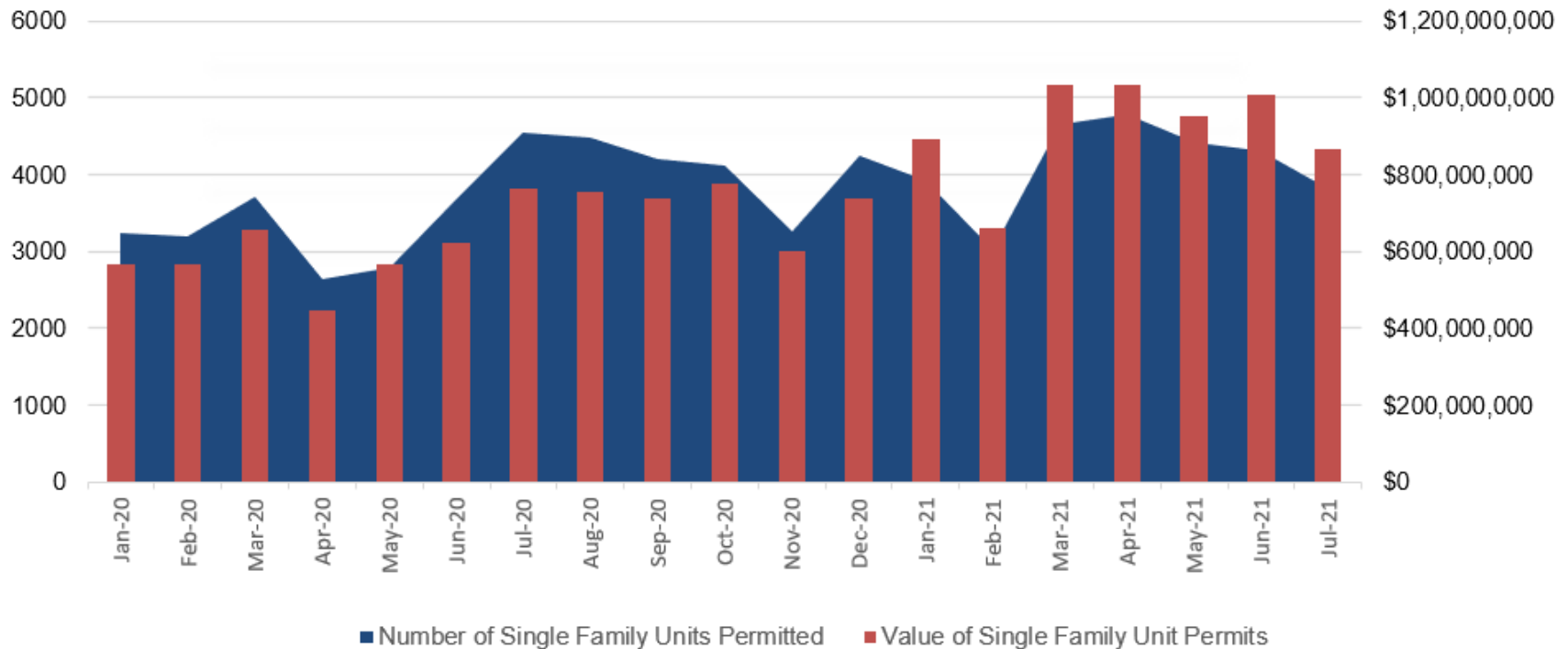
Yearly Change in Employment for Select NAICS Industries in Houston–Sugar Land–Baytown MSA June 2020 – June 2021



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Houston CMSA Single Family Permits



Source: US Census Bureau Census of Building Permits

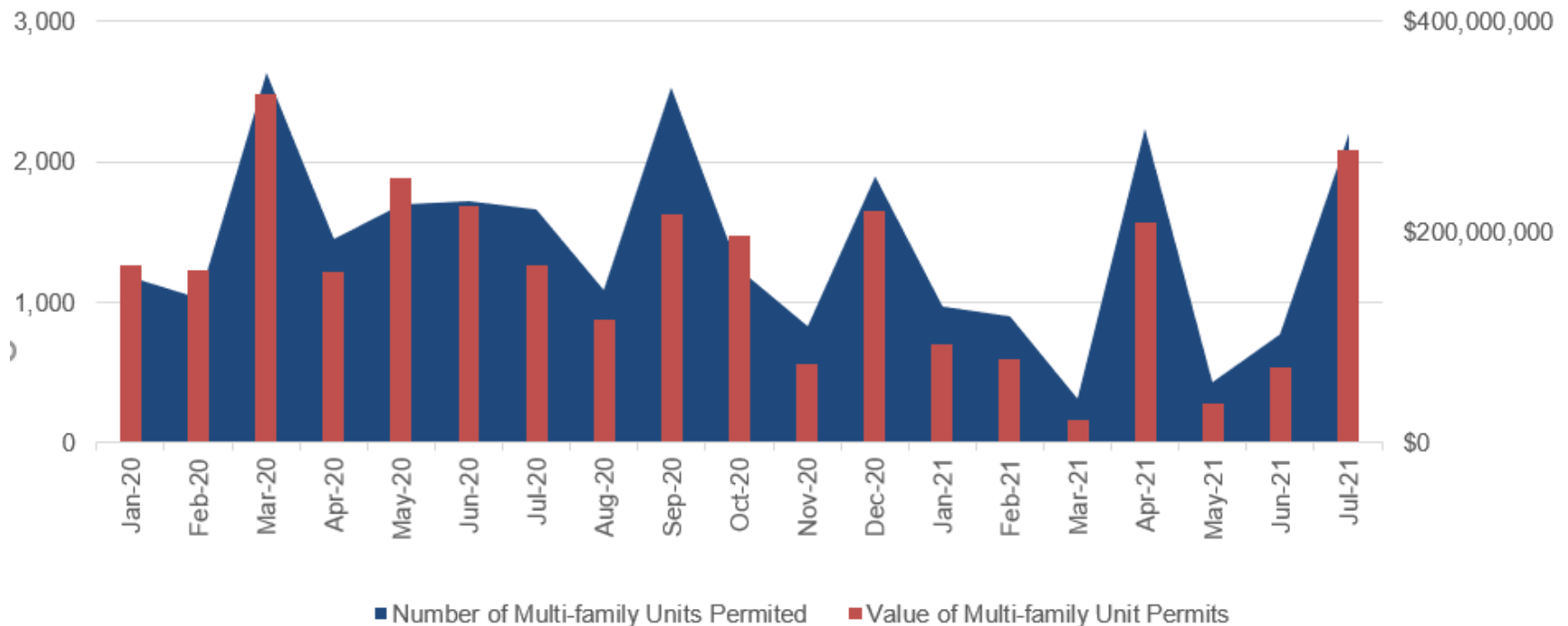
Note: Only 7 counties in the Houston-Galveston region have monthly data available, including: Austin, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery



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Houston CMSA Multi-family Permits



Source: US Census Bureau Census of Building Permits

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Change in Regional Sales Tax Receipts							
Major City (County)	Sales Tax Receipts* (Current \$, Unadjusted)			Percent Change			
	May '21	April '20	May '20	Monthly	Yearly		
Austin County	\$ 171,509	\$ 172,202	\$ 155,328	▼	-0.4%	▲	10.4%
Brazoria County	\$ 2,722,243	\$ 2,830,660	\$ 2,645,958	▼	-3.8%	▲	2.9%
Anahuac (Chambers County)	\$ 19,494	\$ 22,345	\$ 20,074	▼	-12.8%	▼	-2.9%
Colorado County	\$ 146,566	\$ 135,330	\$ 137,411	▲	8.3%	▲	6.7%
Sugar Land (Fort Bend County)	\$ 4,837,135	\$ 4,683,190	\$ 3,664,555	▲	3.3%	▲	32.0%
Galveston (Galveston County)	\$ 2,024,717	\$ 2,074,311	\$ 1,887,223	▼	-2.4%	▲	7.3%
Houston (Harris County)	\$ 61,906,007	\$ 61,330,563	\$ 49,456,704	▲	0.9%	▲	25.2%
Liberty County	\$ 366,644	\$ 414,002	\$ 345,643	▼	-11.4%	▲	6.1%
Bay City (Matagorda County)	\$ 537,818	\$ 596,095	\$ 592,988	▼	-9.8%	▼	-9.3%
Conroe (Montgomery County)	\$ 4,653,327	\$ 4,850,037	\$ 4,187,301	▼	-4.1%	▲	11.1%
Walker County	\$ 349,935	\$ 393,373	\$ 322,571	▼	-11.0%	▲	8.5%
Hempstead (Waller County)	\$ 160,248	\$ 175,295	\$ 157,520	▼	-8.6%	▲	1.7%
Wharton County	\$ 383,977	\$ 365,762	\$ 298,607	▲	5.0%	▲	28.6%

* 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 July 2021

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



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