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The Buzz is a monthly newsletter from Workforce Solutions - Employer Service Division and is issued to provide local labor market information that is timely and meaningful to our partners in the Employer Service Division of Workforce Solutions.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Employment Outlook for 2015

Houston has enjoyed continuous growth which now exceeds that of Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, and San Antonio combined. With GDP at \$517.4 billion, Houston has enough momentum going into 2015 for growth to continue.

Houston is the fifth most populous metro area in the nation!

The Greater Houston Partnership (GHP) attributes much of the recent economic momentum to the population growth.

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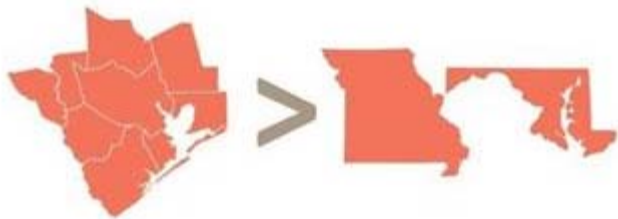
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Houston's thriving economy is causing the residential real estate market and business for area relocation companies to spike. While many companies are drawn by the abundance of oil and gas, other companies are relocating and expanding to keep up with demand.

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Larger than Missouri or Maryland



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There are more than 1,500 significant corporate relocations and expansions to the region, each creating 50 or more jobs, leasing or constructing 20,000 or more square feet of office or industrial space, or investing \$1 million or more in capital investments. To top it off, many more committing to do the same.

Your feedback along with any questions you might have can be directed to

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The Port of Houston is investing a billion dollars over the next five years in both dredging and infrastructure. With the slow but continual gradual growth of the oil and gas and health care industries, there is a demand for many areas in these and other industries.

- **About 38 percent of all the region's jobs are directly tied to the energy industry, according to the Greater Houston Partnership.**

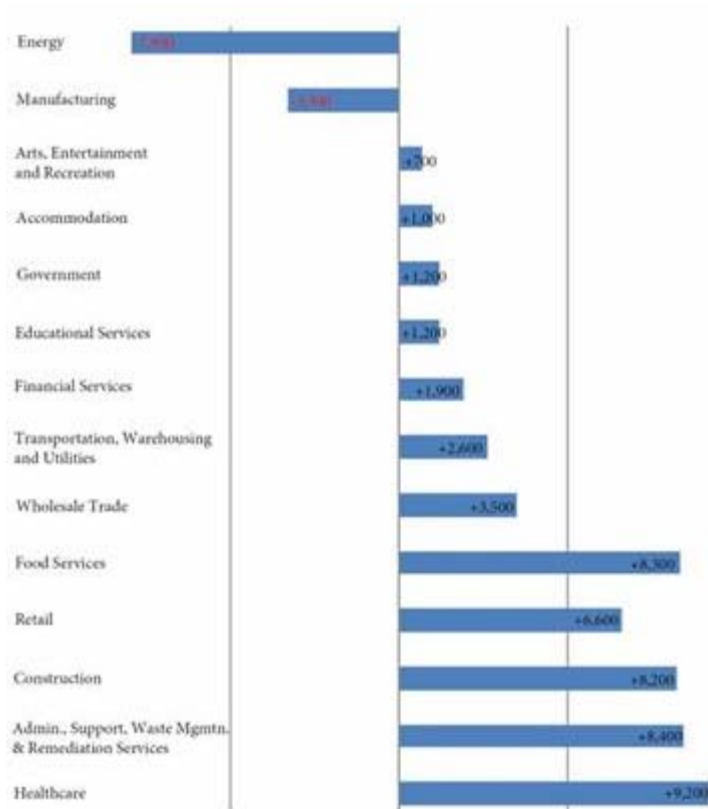
Growing Vs. Declining Industries

The Healthcare industry expects to add 9,200 jobs, while the Energy industry anticipates a significant loss of 9,200 in oil and gas jobs.

Take a close look at the projected growth or loss of jobs for the 13 Houston - Galveston Gulf Coast Region...



- **Industries along the Houston Ship Channel plan more than \$35-**



Number of Jobs

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billions in expansion next year



- Home sales are closing at a rate of one every six minutes

Job Postings by Occupations

Work In Texas is a tool available to help employers evaluate a job seeker's occupational skills, aptitudes, achievement levels and interests.

Candidates also utilize this tool to search for jobs, create their résumé and submit applications for employment.

The top three categories with the most active job postings in WorkInTexas.com are: **Office & Administrative Support, Healthcare Practitioners & Technical, and Sales & Related.**



- Six major plastic resin manufacturing projects have been announced on the Houston Ship Channel for 2016 and 2017

Occupational Category	Job Postings	Job Openings	Number Of Registered Job Seekers
Healthcare			

Practitioners & Technical	861	1,148	5,051
Office & Administrative Support	1,299	3,337	53,489
Sales & Related	1,017	2,533	17,703



- **Houston will add another 125,000 residents, driving consumer-related industries**

With each category is the number of registered job seekers in WIT who possess the required skills and qualifications to fill these job openings. In addition to personalized job matching techniques, WIT is a great tool to help make employment decisions.

[Click here to see job postings in other categories](#)



Opportunity Corner

- **Registered Nurse (RN)** - Requires Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or Associates Degree in Nursing (ADN) and pays a salary between \$35.00 / HR and \$40.00 / HR. View JP: [2794998](#)
- **Receptionist/Office Clerk** - Requires High School Diploma and pays \$10.00 / HR. View JP: [8334621](#)
- **Outside Sales Manager** - Requires 6 months of experience and pays a salary of \$30,000 / YR and \$35,000.00 / YR. View JP: [6983457](#)

- **The Hobby Airport will open its International Terminal in 2015, funneling more travelers through the region**



- **Houston was ranked number one in both investment and development expectations for the new year**

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