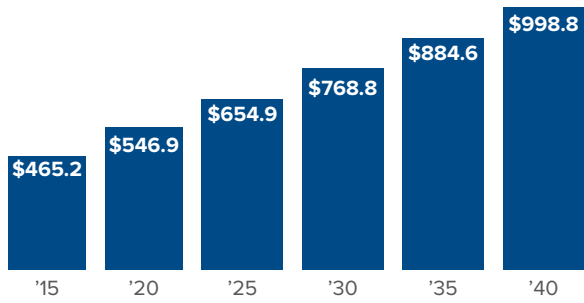


## ECONOMY

If Houston were an independent nation, the region would have the 24th largest economy in the world, behind Sweden and ahead of Poland.



Houston - The Woodlands - Sugarland MSA  
GDP forecast (\$ billions '09 constant dollars)  
Source: Perryman Group

**3.1** percent  
expected real GDP  
annual growth from '15 - '40

GDP expected to more than  
double between '15 and '40



**20** Fortune 500 Companies call Houston home

## EMPLOYMENT



more jobs  
than 35  
states

Service industries  
account for

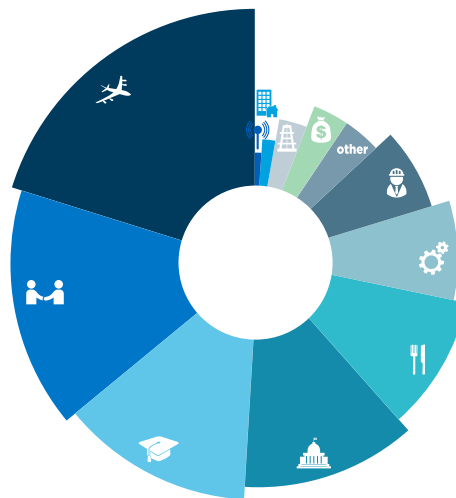
**4** out of **5**

workers in the region

The goods-producing  
sector accounts for nearly

**1** in **5**

of the region's jobs



### Industry Share of Houston MSA Employment

- 21.0%** Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
- 15.2%** Professional and Business Services
- 12.9%** Educational and Health Services
- 13.2%** Government
- 10.6%** Leisure and Hospitality
- 7.7%** Manufacturing
- 7.0%** Construction
- 3.4%** Other Services
- 3.2%** Finance and Insurance
- 2.9%** Mining and Logging (Upstream Energy)
- 1.8%** Real Estate and Rental and Leasing
- 1.0%** Information

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

## INDUSTRIES

The Texas Medical Center is  
the world's largest medical complex.



**\$3** billion  
in construction  
projects underway

**50** million  
developed square feet

Houston is home to 87,500 engineers and  
architects, more than any other U.S. metro area.



Approximately **230,000**  
people work in the region's manufacturing industry

**40**  
of the 134 publicly-traded oil  
and gas exploration firms  
are housed in Houston

**700** | **800**  
exploration and  
production firms |  
oil field service  
companies  
**located in the Houston region**

**10** million  
annual patient visits

**180,000+**  
annual surgeries



Houston employs **30%** of the  
nation's oil and gas extraction jobs