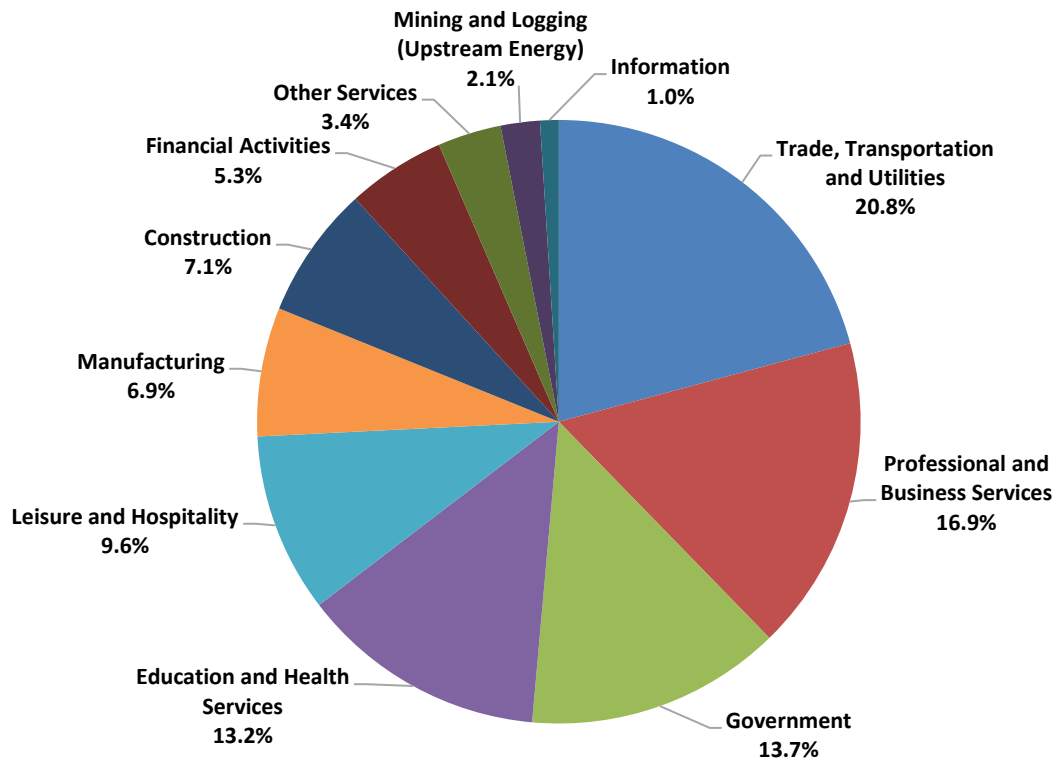


Employment by Industry

No single industry or sector dominates Houston employment.

Industry Share of Metro Houston Employment



Source: Texas Workforce Commission, December 2020, not seasonally adjusted

- Nonfarm payroll employment in the Houston metro area reached 3,068,200 in December '20.
- Service industries account for more than 2.5 million Houston-area jobs or four out of five workers in the region. The largest service industries are trade, transportation and utilities (20.8 percent of jobs), professional and business services (16.9 percent), and government (13.7 percent).
- The goods-producing sector employs 494,700 Houstonians and accounts for approximately one in five of the region's jobs. Construction is the largest goods-producing industry with 7.1 percent of total jobs, followed closely by manufacturing (6.9 percent) and upstream energy (1.1 percent).
- More than half of Houston's manufacturing jobs involve the production of durable goods, items with a useful life of three years or more. In Houston, this includes items such as oil field equipment, structural steel and computers.