The Texas Gulf Coast
Overview and Outlook

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Three main factors are shaping the Texas Gulf Coast outlook

• Energy Industry Boom-Bust-Recovery

• Petrochemical Manufacturing & Construction Boom & Energy Exports

• Hurricane Harvey
Employment: Gulf Coast Metro Employment Plateaus in Oil Bust,

NOTE: Victoria data seasonally adjusted using x12.
**Population:** Gulf Coast growth slowed on domestic net migration in wake of oil bust.

SOURCES: Census Bureau.
Unemployment: Harvey impact bigger in Beaumont and Corpus Christi. Labor markets are tight.
Energy
Energy Survey: “In the top two areas in which your firm is active: What WTI oil price does your firm need to profitably drill a new well?”

Dollars per barrel

NOTES: Line shows the mean, and bars show the range of responses. 65 E&P firms answered this question from March 14-22, 2018. SOURCE: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.
Energy Cycle: Texas Energy Recovery Continues

INDEX, JUNE 2014 = 105.79

NOTES: Rig count and nominal price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil indexed to June 2014 = 105.79.

SOURCES: Energy Information Administration; Baker Hughes; Bureau of Labor Statistics; adjustments by the Dallas Fed.

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**TX Oil Basins:** Drilling activity up on higher prices.

**SOURCE:** Baker Hughes
Manufacturing Construction & Trade
**Real Energy Exports**: Oil and gas exports surging amidst elevated demand.

**NOTES**: Data are for the Houston-Galveston and Port Arthur customs districts. Values are centered three-month moving-averages, adjusted to June 2014 dollars using NAICS export price indices.

**SOURCES**: Census Bureau; Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Super-cycle of Chemical Investment Underway

139 *announced* projects valued at $71 billion.

- 65% of projects are foreign direct investment (or include a foreign partner).
- “Second Wave” of construction deliveries scheduled for 2020.
- Some “Planning-stage” projects (gray bars) may not get built.

NOTE: Data as of June 2018
SOURCE: American Chemistry Council

Announced Chemical Industry Investment in Texas

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Chemical Construction-related job boom past its peak.

- Number and Value of new project *completions* Peaked in 2017.
- Peak was blunted due to Hurricanes and project delays.
- Midstream and refinery construction projects will absorb some of the construction jobs lost over the next two years

*As of 2018:Q2
SOURCE: American Chemistry Council

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Hurricane Harvey
Hurricane Harvey: Impact smaller than expected, growth well above Sept. 2017 projections

Thousands of jobs, SA

NOTE: Gulf Coast includes the Houston, Beaumont-Port Arthur, Victoria, and Corpus Christi MSAs.
SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; authors’ calculations.
**Construction Job Growth:** Hurricane Harvey keeping construction job growth elevated.

NOTES: Numbers in parentheses represent share of total Houston employment. Shares are rounded.
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TX Imports of Iron & Steel: Tariff applies to significant share of imports, correlated with recent well permits

NOTES: Data are seasonally adjusted, three-month centered moving-averages.

SOURCES: Census Bureau data accessed June 8th 2018.
**OECD Stocks**: Petroleum & Other Liquids Inventories Level Below 5-yr moving average.

- Note: Dashed line is a forecast.
- Source: Energy Information Administration.

**Graph Details**:
- **X-axis**: Years from 2014 to 2019.
- **Y-axis**: Millions of barrels, eop.
- **Line 1**: Represents the actual inventories over the years.
- **Line 2**: Shows the 5-year moving-average trend.
- **Line 3**: Indicates the 2011-2015 average.
- **April 2018**: Value of 2,816.

**Legend**:
- **5-year moving-average**
- **2011-2015 average**

**Note**: This graph illustrates the inventories level of petroleum and other liquids for OECD countries, comparing it against a 5-year moving-average and the 2011-2015 average. The dashed line represents a forecast for the year 2018.
**Downstream Activity:** Recovered from Harvey in a few weeks.

SOURCES: Association of American Railroads; Energy Information Administration.