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## **PARTNERSHIP FORECASTS HOUSTON WILL CREATE 71,000 JOBS IN 2019**

*All sectors in the region expected to see job growth in the year ahead*

HOUSTON – The Greater Houston Partnership forecasts the Houston metro area will create 71,000 net new jobs in 2019. Health care, construction and administrative services are expected to lead employment growth, though gains are anticipated in all sectors.

If the Partnership’s annual jobs forecast holds up, the region will end the year with 3.2 million payroll jobs, a net gain of more than 600,000 over the past 10 years and the fourth-largest gain of any metro in the nation.

“Houston has emerged from one of the worst energy downturns of the past 35 years where one in every four of the region’s energy jobs was lost,” said Patrick Jankowski, Senior Vice President of Research for the Partnership. “In previous downturns, such a collapse would have devastated the entire economy. This time, Houston held up quite well because our ties to the U.S. and global economies are now just as strong as our ties to oil and gas. With energy back in the black, we are poised to see growth across the spectrum.”

Net job growth forecasted by major sector:

Sector	New Jobs in 2019
Energy	1,900
Health Care & Social Services	9,000
Construction	8,900
Manufacturing	6,300
Finance & Insurance	1,400

Click [here](#) to see the full report, including additional jobs figures by industry. For a look back at the economy in 2018 by industry, click [here](#) for the Houston Economic Highlights report.

The mission of the Partnership is to make Houston one of the world’s best places to live, work and build a business. To that end, the Partnership provides this forecast to help the Houston business community and those involved in economic development in the region understand trends influencing the region’s economy and driving industry gains or losses. The forecast is designed to help businesses make better investment, staffing and purchase decisions in the coming year.

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### **Greater Houston Partnership**

The Greater Houston Partnership works to make Houston one of the best places to live, work and build a business. As the economic development organization for the region, the Partnership champions growth across 11 counties by bringing together business and civic-minded leaders who are dedicated to the area’s long-term

success. Representing more than 1,000 member organizations and approximately one-fifth of the region's workforce, the Partnership is the place business leaders come together to make an impact. Learn more at [Houston.org](http://Houston.org).

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