



# Rising through *the slump*

Despite plummeting oil prices, jobs have increased in the Greater Houston area, which includes the employment centers of Uptown, the Energy Corridor and Texas Medical Center.

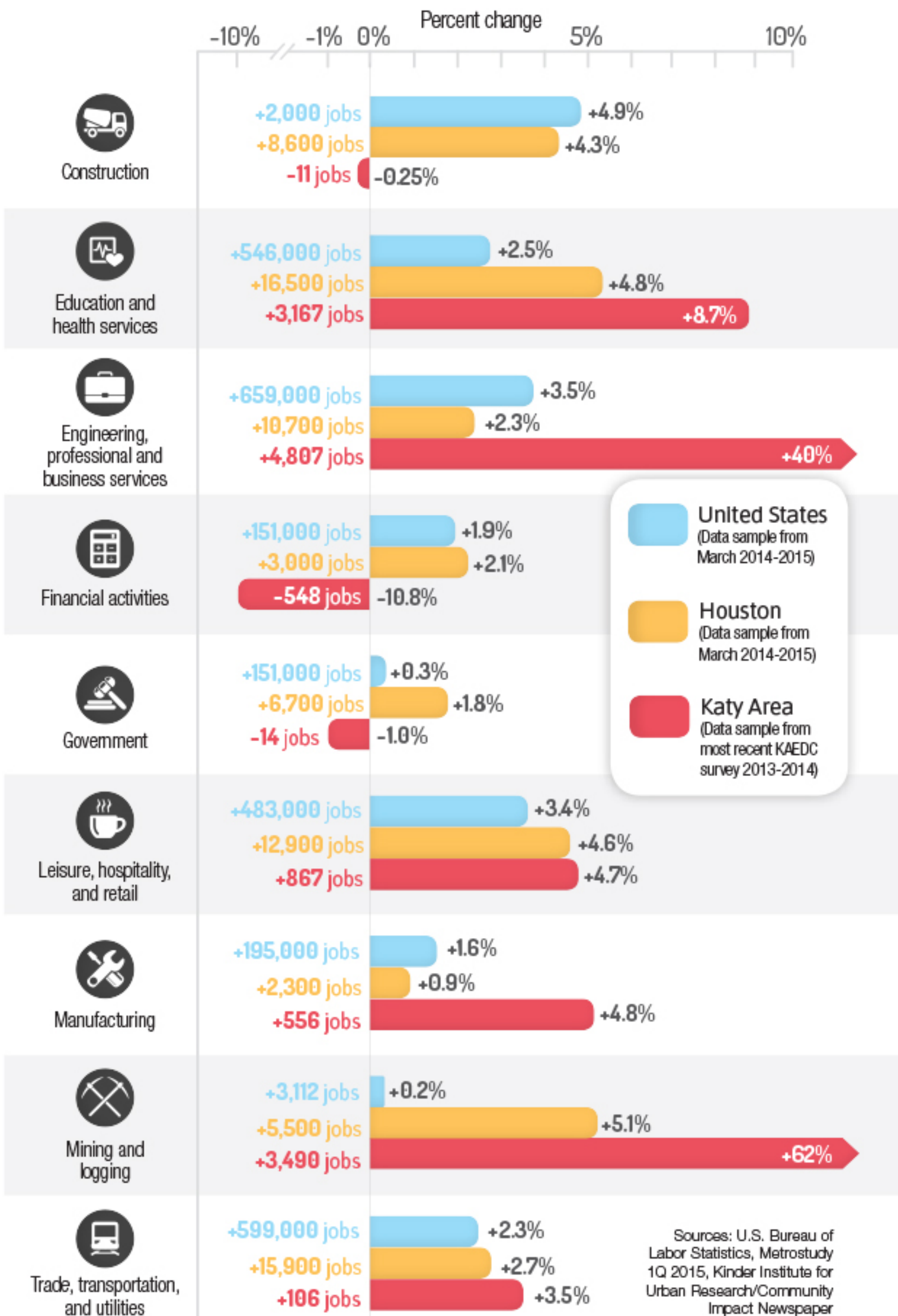
According to Rice University's Kinder Institute for Urban Research 2015 survey:

Greater Houston nonfarm employment rose **2.9%**, above the national rate of **2.3%**.

**69%** of Houston-area residents rated local job opportunities as positive

**18%** of residents named the economy as the biggest problem in Houston, compared with **37%** in 2012.

Unemployment rates for Harris County dropped from **5.7%** in February 2014 to **4.3%** in 2015.



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Metrostudy 1Q 2015, Kinder Institute for Urban Research/Community Impact Newspaper