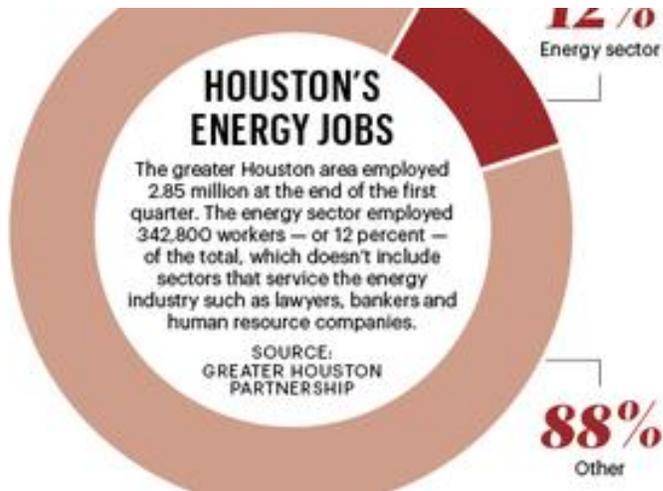


Energy's 'second boom' adding jobs in Houston



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As the shale boom continues, the next wave of energy economic development in Houston could bring more than 55,000 jobs to the region, according to a new report.

The combined impact of the petrochemical growth surge, liquefied natural gas exports and the opening of Mexico to oil and gas exploration are all expected to bring a huge glut of energy-related jobs to Houston that are largely focused on exporting resources, technology and innovation.

The new study, called "Houston's Next Boom: Exporting Innovation," was put together by the Greater Houston Partnership and HSBC Bank USA.

The cheap natural gas coming out of the domestic shale boom is fueling the petrochemical boom with affordable feedstock to operate new Gulf Coast plants, while other companies are building up LNG export terminals.

By the Numbers

55,185

Jobs in the energy sector expected to be added this year in Houston in the energy sector

SOURCE: Greater Houston Partnership and HSBC Bank USA study

\$100.2B

Commitment by chemical companies for expansion projects in the U.S. between 2010 and 2023

SOURCE: American Chemistry Council

3,250

The number of businesses in Houston engaging in international trade with more than 200 countries

SOURCE: HSBC's Made For Trade campaign