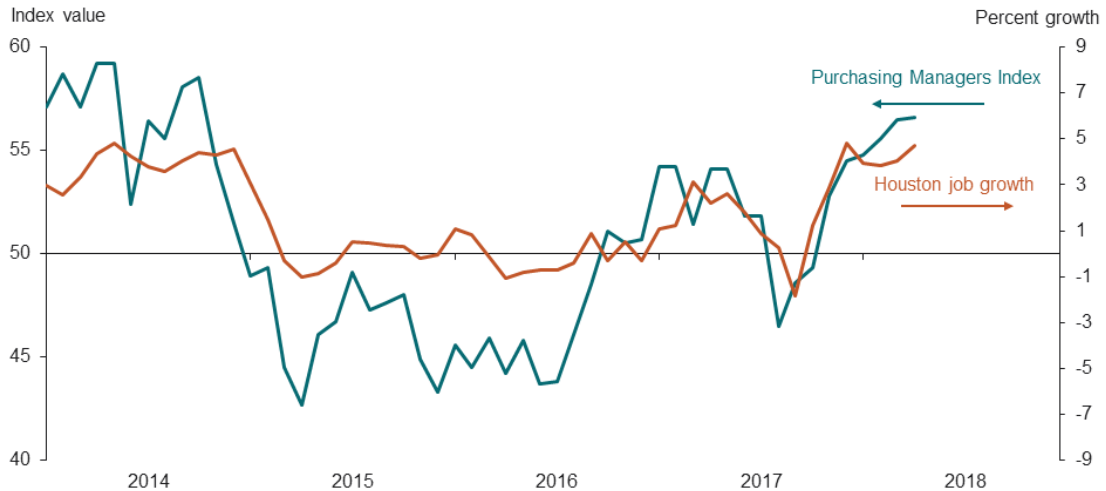


Chart 5
Houston Purchasing Managers Index

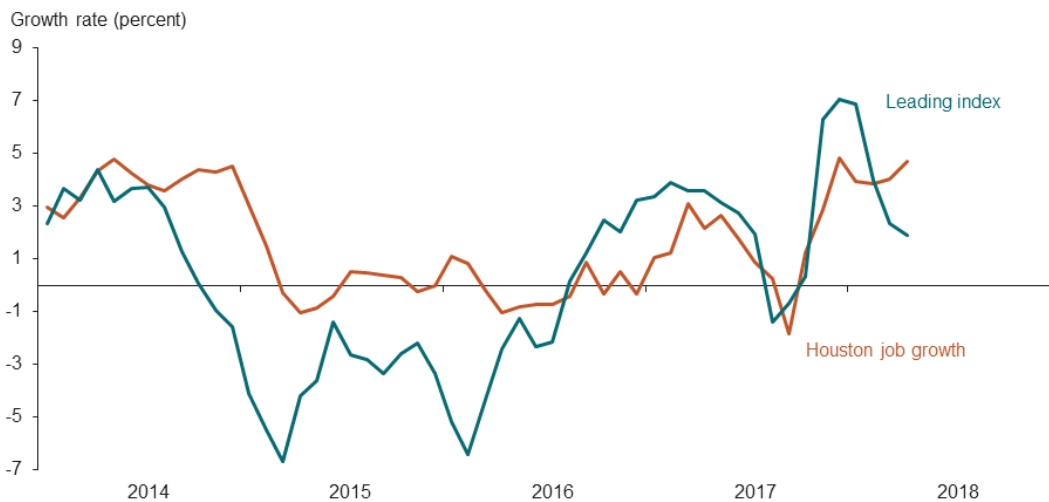


NOTES: Composite index values >50 indicate expansion, and index values <50 indicate contraction. Job growth shown as three-month annual growth rate.
SOURCES: Institute for Supply Management; Bureau of Labor Statistics, adjustments by the Dallas Fed.

Houston Leading Index Signals Slower Growth

Growth in an index of 11 leading indicators for Houston continued to slow in April, with seven of the components improving over that period (Chart 6). This implies that job growth in Houston will likely remain positive but slow somewhat the remainder of the year. The index surged after Hurricane Harvey, but recent numbers suggest that storm-generated stimulus may be fading.

Chart 6
Houston Leading Index and Job Growth



NOTES: Data are annualized three-month growth rates.
SOURCE: Dallas Fed.

NOTE: Data may not match previously published numbers due to revisions.

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