The Big Picture: Selling Houston as a Destination







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EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT US

"Houston is the most exciting food city in America"

- DAVID CHANG, UGLY DELICIOUS

"A Livestock Show and Rodeo Worth Seeing, but So Much More"

- NEW YORK TIMES

"One of the Best Urban Mural Festivals in the Country"

- FORBES

"Long known for its oil and natural gas industries, this diverse city is now defined by a new kind of energy."

- WINE ENTHUSIAST

"Houston is like New York City with its density of mom and pop ethnic restaurants. It has huge areas of sprawl with malls and strip centers where no English is spoken and you can find kumquat trees, bootlegged electronics, and food carts selling fried chicken, crawfish, and noodles."

- ESQUIRE MAGAZINE

CityPASS DESTINATION

CityPASS.

Adult (12+) \$59.00 Child (3-11) \$49.00

- Downtown Aquarium
- Space Center Houston
- Houston Museum of Natural Science
- Houston Zoo
- Museum of Fine Arts Houston
- Children's Museum
- Kemah Boardwalk







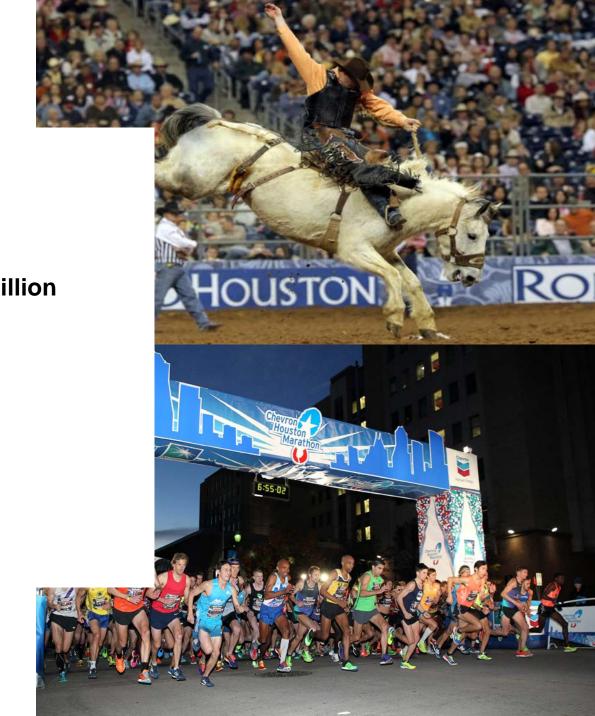


REASONS TO LOVE HOUSTON

- Museum District
- Arts Investment
- Theater and Performing Arts
- 5 state designated cultural districts
- Sports
- Green Space
- Food
- Diversity
- Shopping

EVENTS

- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Attracted 2.5 million
- Art Car Parade
- Chevron Houston Marathon
- ComicPalooza
- Day for Night
- Renaissance Festival
- Wings Over Houston





meeting & convention sales



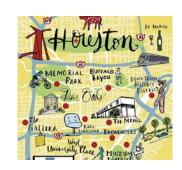
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Hotels

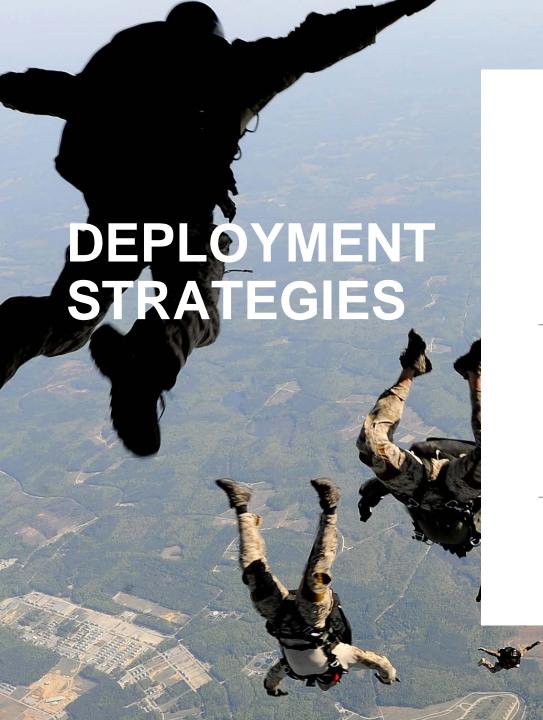


Convention Center/ Venues



Attractions





CITYWIDE TEAM

- 1,500 Peak or more
- 7 Managers
 - 3 Houston
 - 1 Austin, TX
 - 2 Washington, DC
 - 1 Chicago, IL

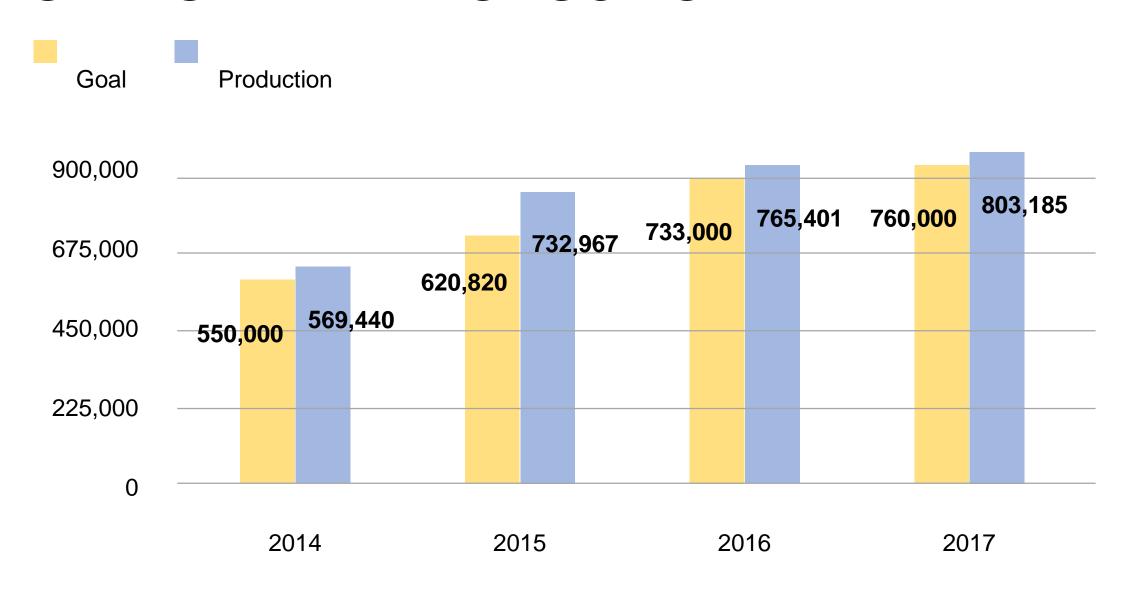
NON-CITYWIDE TEAM

- 1,499 Peak or less
- 6 Managers
 - 2 Account Development
 - Weekend/Need Period

INTERNATIONAL

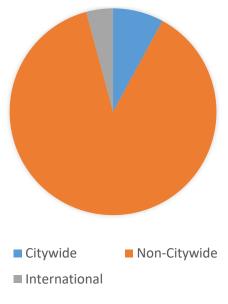
- All groups
- 1 Director

SALES TEAM PRODUCTION





2017 PRODUCTION



CITYWIDE

- 34 Groups
- 505,615

NON-CITYWIDE

- 377 Groups
- 252,329

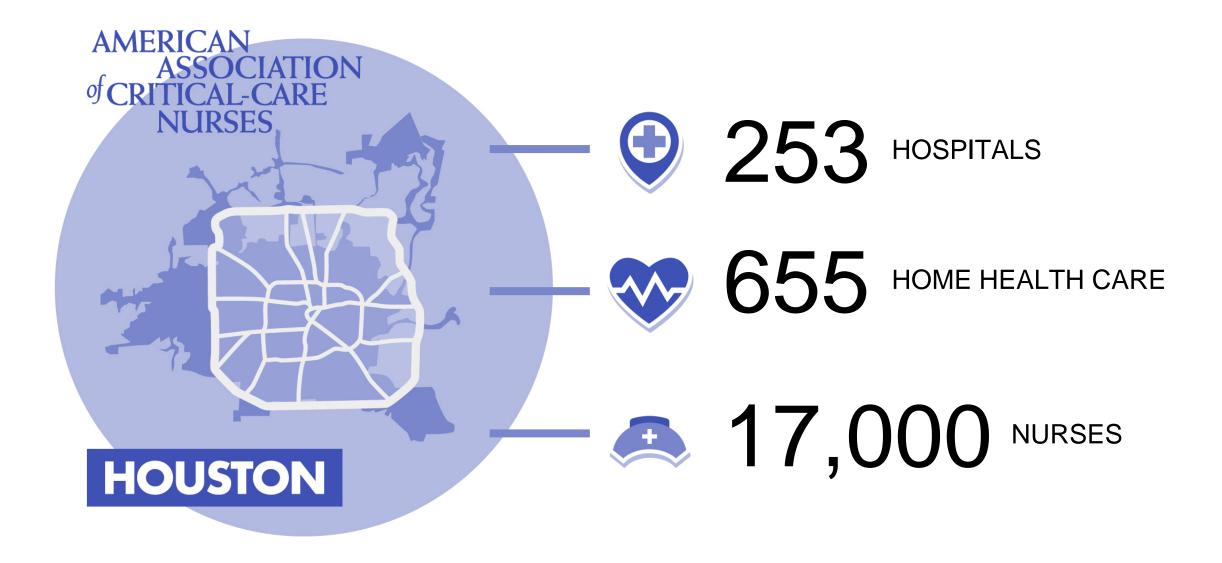
INTERNATIONAL

- 18 Groups
- 44,915



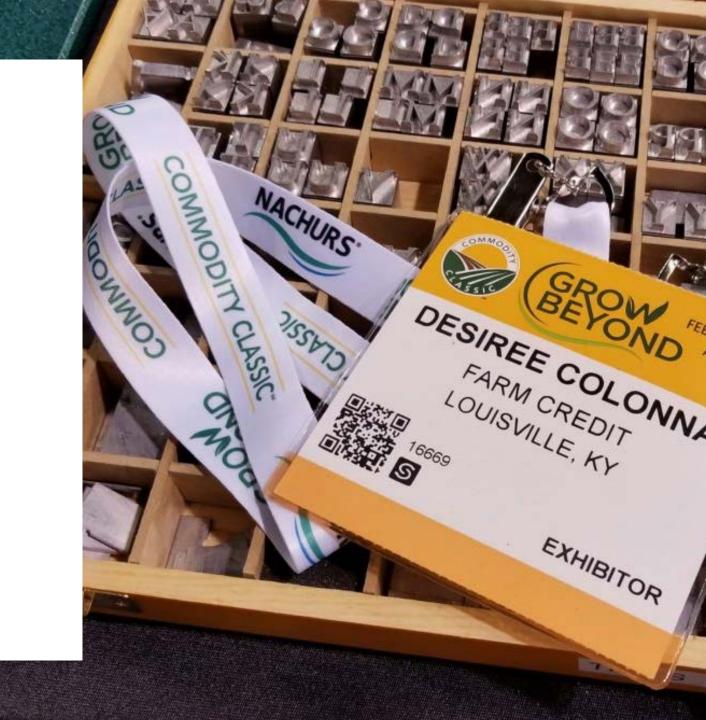
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CRITICAL-CARE NURSES

- May 2017
- 4,000 peak 15,000 total room nights
- 7,000 attendees
- Past Destinations: Atlanta, San Diego, New Orleans, Chicago, Boston





- 5 Associations
- 4,000 peak 15,000 total room nights
- 9,000 attendees
- Past Destinations: Atlanta, San Diego, New Orleans





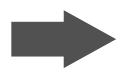












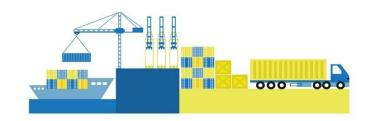


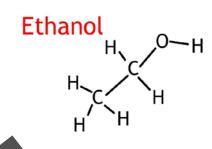












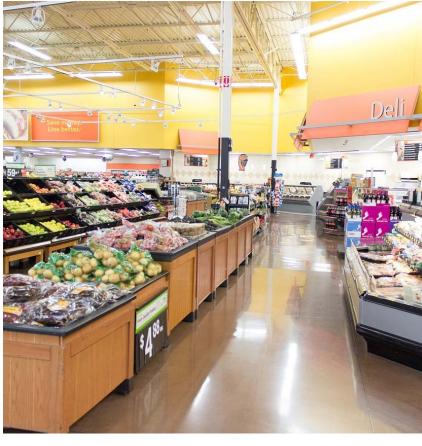
economic impact

ECONOMIC IMPACT

DIRECT INDIRECT INDUCED







TOOLS USED









ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY FOR GROUPS



Convention Center Availability – Current Annual Occupancy 58.4%



Hotels – Review of Demand strategy Houston Weekday Occ 65.7% Houston Weekend Occ 60.9%



Understanding Attendance and overall impact to Retail, F&B, transportation, and compression Demand



DEMAND IMPACT EXAMPLE

AMERICAN
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NURSES

