Downtown is home to nine of the 22 Fortune 500 companies headquartered in the Houston municipality, ranking Houston second in the U.S. behind New York City (40). Texas remains the top state for the second consecutive year, home to 55 Fortune 500 companies. California comes in second with 53 companies, followed by New York with 50 companies. Downtown lost one contender from the 2022 list, KBR, which went from #460 to #532. All but one current Fortune 500 company Downtown moved up on the list from 2022, with Waste Management dropping one spot. On average, these nine Downtown companies moved up 24.3 spots from 2022 to 2023. The most significant moves were made by Cheniere Energy (up to #122 from #233), EOG Resources (up to #156 from #193), and Targa Resources (up to #188 from #216). In the 2022 Fiscal Year, these nine companies combined for a total revenue of approximately $275 billion. Cheniere Energy doubled their 2022 revenues compared to 2021, primarily due to an increase in Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) export volume and margins. Downtown’s gains are largely due to the high concentration of oil/natural gas/energy industry employers, which have been impacted by oil sanctions and changing global market dynamics resulting from the Russia-Ukraine War.

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DOWNTOWN HOUSTON’S LARGEST EMPLOYERS (2021)

City of Houston..............................20,963 KPMG LLP................................. 1,436
Chevron Corp..............................5,882 United Airlines........................... 1,400
CenterPoint Energy Inc.................4,613 Bank of America......................... 1,390
KBR, Inc.......................................2,900 LyondellBasell Industries..............1,200
JPMorgan Chase.........................2,800 University of Houston-Dwtnwn.... 1,183
Deloitte LLP...............................2,427 Targa Resources Corp.................. 1,000
Kinder Morgan Inc.......................2,100 TotalEnergies............................1,000
Accenture...................................2,000 Wells Fargo Bank NA.............1,000
Ernst & Young LLP......................1,762 TC Energy........................................975
Energy Transfer LP.....................1,516 PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP......900
Enterprise Products Partners LP...1,514 EOG Resources Inc.................... 840
St. Joseph Medical Center............1,500 Calpine Corp.................................837

Source: Houston Business Journal, April 2021