

Table 5.1 Crude Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Activity Measurements
(Number of Rigs)

	Rotary Rigs in Operation ^{a,b}								Active Well Service Rig Count ^d
	By Location ^c		By Type ^c		By Trajectory ^c			Total ^c	
	Onshore	Offshore	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Horizontal	Directional	Vertical		
1950 Average	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,154	NA
1955 Average	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,686	NA
1960 Average	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,748	NA
1965 Average	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,388	NA
1970 Average	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,028	NA
1975 Average	1,554	106	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,660	2,486
1980 Average	2,678	231	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,909	4,089
1985 Average	1,774	206	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,980	4,716
1990 Average	902	108	532	464	NA	NA	NA	1,010	3,658
1995 Average	622	101	323	385	52	145	526	723	3,041
2000 Average	778	140	197	720	55	217	645	918	2,692
2005 Average	1,290	93	194	1,186	181	341	862	1,383	2,222
2010 Average	1,514	31	591	943	822	222	501	1,546	1,854
2011 Average	1,846	32	984	887	1,074	230	574	1,879	2,075
2012 Average	1,871	48	1,357	558	1,151	216	552	1,919	2,113
2013 Average	1,705	56	1,373	383	1,102	225	435	1,761	2,064
2014 Average	1,804	57	1,526	333	1,276	210	375	1,861	2,024
2015 Average	927	35	736	224	733	93	136	962	1,481
2016 Average	486	23	408	100	400	49	60	509	1,061
2017 Average	856	20	703	172	737	70	70	876	1,187
2018 Average	1,013	19	841	190	900	69	63	1,032	1,292
2019 Average	920	23	774	169	826	63	54	943	1,253
2020 Average	417	15	345	85	384	28	20	433	738
2021 Average	464	14	380	98	431	25	22	478	949
2022 Average	708	15	574	147	659	39	25	723	NA
2023 Average	669	19	549	135	620	50	17	687	NA
2024 January	601	20	499	119	561	48	12	620	NA
February	603	20	500	120	560	50	13	622	NA
March	603	22	507	115	559	53	13	625	NA
April	598	19	508	108	555	50	13	617	NA
May	582	20	497	101	544	42	17	602	NA
June	567	21	486	98	525	44	19	588	NA
July	564	22	479	101	519	49	18	586	NA
August	566	19	483	97	521	48	16	586	NA
September	567	20	486	97	522	50	15	587	NA
October	568	18	481	101	517	53	15	585	NA
November	570	14	478	101	520	48	16	584	NA
December	575	14	483	102	526	49	14	589	NA
Average	580	19	491	105	536	48	15	599	NA
2025 January	568	14	478	100	519	50	13	582	NA
February	576	14	484	101	528	50	13	590	NA
March	578	14	486	102	531	50	12	592	NA
April	573	13	475	106	527	46	14	586	NA
May	561	12	462	108	517	42	14	573	NA
June	542	12	438	112	501	40	13	554	NA
July	528	13	422	114	482	45	15	541	NA
August	525	13	411	122	470	54	14	538	NA
September	529	13	418	118	473	56	13	542	NA
October	531	17	418	121	482	55	12	548	NA
November	530	19	414	128	478	60	11	549	NA
December	529	17	411	127	475	56	15	546	NA
Average	547	14	442	113	498	50	13	561	NA
2026 January	529	15	410	123	476	55	13	544	NA
February	534	17	409	133	483	56	13	551	NA
March	537	13	412	131	485	53	12	550	NA
April	533	12	410	128	484	49	13	545	NA
May	535	18	417	127	482	59	12	553	NA
June	556	9	434	123	481	73	12	565	NA
July	572	13	449	126	522	51	12	585	NA
7-Month Average	543	14	421	127	488	56	12	557	NA
2025 7-Month Average	561	13	464	106	515	46	13	574	NA
2024 7-Month Average	589	21	497	109	546	48	15	609	NA

^a Data are for rigs drilling for crude oil, rigs drilling for natural gas, and other rigs (not shown separately) drilling for miscellaneous purposes, such as service wells, injection wells, and stratigraphic tests.

^b Rotary rigs in operation are reported weekly on Fridays. Monthly data are averages of 4- or 5-week reporting periods. Multi-month data are averages of the reported weekly data over the covered months. Annual data are averages of 52- or 53-week reporting periods. Published data are rounded to the nearest whole number.

^c Not shown under "By Type" are other rigs drilling for miscellaneous purposes, such as service wells, injection wells, and stratigraphic tests. Therefore, the sum of "Crude Oil" and "Natural Gas" may not equal "Total" values. In addition, for "By Location," "By Type," and "By Trajectory," the sum of the components in each category may not equal "Total" values due to independent rounding.

^d The number of rigs doing true workovers (where tubing is pulled from the well), or doing rod string and pump repair operations, and that are, on average, crewed and working every day of the month.

NA=Not available.

Note: Geographic coverage is the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Web Page: See <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/#crude> (Excel and CSV files) for all available annual data beginning in 1949 and monthly data beginning in 1973.

Sources: • **Rotary Rigs in Operation:** Baker Hughes, Inc., Houston, TX, "North America Rig Count," used with permission. See <http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=79687&p=irol-reports&other>. • **Active Well Service Rig Count:** Energy Workforce & Technology Council, Houston, TX.