The DPR rig productivity metric *new-well oil/gas production per rig* can become unstable during periods of rapid decreases or increases in the number of active rigs and well completions. The metric uses a fixed ratio of estimated total production from new wells divided by the region's monthly rig count, lagged by two months. The metric does not represent new-well oil/natural gas production per newly completed well.

The DPR metric *legacy oil/gas production change* can become unstable during periods of rapid decreases or increases in the volume of well production curtailments or shut-ins. This effect has been observed during winter weather freeze-offs, extreme flooding events, and the 2020 global oil demand contraction. The DPR methodology involves applying smoothing techniques to most of the data series because of inherent noise in the data.
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**New-well oil production per rig**

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**New-well gas production per rig**

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**New-well oil production per rig**

barrels/day

- January-2022
- January-2023

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**Legacy oil production change**

thousand barrels/day

- January-2022
- January-2023

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**Indicated monthly change in oil production (Jan vs. Dec)**

thousand barrels/day

- January-2022
- January-2023

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**Oil production**

thousand barrels/day

- January-2022
- January-2023

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**Natural gas production**

million cubic feet/day

- January-2022
- January-2023

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**Legacy gas production change**

million cubic feet/day

- January-2022
- January-2023

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**Indicated monthly change in gas production (Jan vs. Dec)**

million cubic feet/day

- January-2022
- January-2023

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Anadarko Region
Drilling Productivity Report

Oil +1 barrels/day month over month

Gas +46 thousand cubic feet/day month over month

Anadarko Region
New-well oil production per rig
barrels/day

New-well oil production per rig

Rig count
rigs

Rig count

Anadarko Region
Legacy oil production change
thousand barrels/day

Anadarko Region
Indicated change in oil production (Jan vs. Dec)
thousand barrels/day
Dec 427 Mbd/d
Production from new wells
Legacy production change
Net change
Jan 438 Mbd/d
+45
-34
+11

Anadarko Region
Natural gas production
million cubic feet/day

Anadarko Region
Indicated change in natural gas production (Jan vs. Dec)
million cubic feet/day
Dec 6.967 MMcf/d
Production from new wells
Legacy production change
Net change
Jan 6.991 MMcf/d
+250
-226
+24

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### Oil Production

**Appalachia Region**

- **New-well oil production per rig:**
  - 2013: 6,000 barrels/day
  - 2014: 5,000 barrels/day
  - 2015: 4,000 barrels/day
  - 2016: 3,000 barrels/day
  - 2017: 2,000 barrels/day
  - 2018: 1,000 barrels/day
  - 2019: 0 barrels/day
  - 2020: 0 barrels/day
  - 2021: 0 barrels/day
  - 2022: 0 barrels/day
  - 2023: 0 barrels/day

- **Legacy oil production change:**
  - 2013: -1,400 thousand barrels/day
  - 2014: -1,200 thousand barrels/day
  - 2015: -1,000 thousand barrels/day
  - 2016: -800 thousand barrels/day
  - 2017: -600 thousand barrels/day
  - 2018: -400 thousand barrels/day
  - 2019: -200 thousand barrels/day
  - 2020: 0 thousand barrels/day
  - 2021: 0 thousand barrels/day
  - 2022: 0 thousand barrels/day
  - 2023: 0 thousand barrels/day

### Gas Production

- **New-well gas production per rig:**
  - 2013: 35,417 thousand cubic feet/day
  - 2014: 35,530 thousand cubic feet/day
  - 2015: 35,643 thousand cubic feet/day
  - 2016: 35,756 thousand cubic feet/day
  - 2017: 35,869 thousand cubic feet/day
  - 2018: 35,982 thousand cubic feet/day
  - 2019: 36,095 thousand cubic feet/day
  - 2020: 36,208 thousand cubic feet/day
  - 2021: 36,321 thousand cubic feet/day
  - 2022: 36,434 thousand cubic feet/day
  - 2023: 36,547 thousand cubic feet/day

- **Legacy gas production change:**
  - 2013: +1331 million cubic feet/day
  - 2014: +113 million cubic feet/day
  - 2015: -1218 million cubic feet/day
  - 2016: -1006 million cubic feet/day
  - 2017: -804 million cubic feet/day
  - 2018: -602 million cubic feet/day
  - 2019: -400 million cubic feet/day
  - 2020: -200 million cubic feet/day
  - 2021: -100 million cubic feet/day
  - 2022: -100 million cubic feet/day
  - 2023: -100 million cubic feet/day

### Indicated Change in Production

- **Oil production (Jan vs. Dec):**
  - January: +10 thousand barrels/day
  - December: -7 thousand barrels/day
  - January: +3 thousand barrels/day

- **Gas production (Jan vs. Dec):**
  - January: +1331 million cubic feet/day
  - December: +113 million cubic feet/day
  - January: +113 million cubic feet/day
Haynesville Region

New-well oil production per rig (thousand barrels/day)

New-well gas production per rig (thousand cubic feet/day)

Legacy oil production change (thousand barrels/day)

Legacy gas production change (million cubic feet/day)

Indicated change in oil production (Jan vs. Dec) (thousand barrels/day)

Indicated change in natural gas production (Jan vs. Dec) (million cubic feet/day)

Oil production (thousand barrels/day)

Natural gas production (million cubic feet/day)
The Drilling Productivity Report uses recent data on the total number of drilling rigs in operation along with estimates of drilling productivity and estimated changes in production from existing oil and natural gas wells to provide estimated changes in oil\(^1\) and natural gas\(^2\) production for seven key regions. EIA’s approach does not distinguish between oil-directed rigs and gas-directed rigs because once a well is completed it may produce both oil and gas; more than half of the wells do that.

### Monthly additions from one average rig
Monthly additions from one average rig represent EIA’s estimate of an average rig’s\(^3\) contribution to production of oil and natural gas from new wells.\(^4\) The estimation of new-well production per rig uses several months of recent historical data on total production from new wells for each field divided by the region’s monthly rig count, lagged by two months.\(^5\) Current- and next-month values are listed on the top header. The month-over-month change is listed alongside, with +/- signs and color-coded arrows to highlight the growth or decline in oil (brown) or natural gas (blue).

### New-well oil/gas production per rig
Charts present historical estimated monthly additions from one average rig coupled with the number of total drilling rigs as reported by Baker Hughes.

### Legacy oil and natural gas production change
Charts present EIA’s estimates of total oil and gas production changes from all the wells other than the new wells. The trend is dominated by the well depletion rates, but other circumstances can influence the direction of the change. For example, well freeze-offs or hurricanes can cause production to significantly decline in any given month, resulting in a production increase the next month when production simply returns to normal levels.

### Projected change in monthly oil/gas production
Charts present the combined effects of new-well production and changes to legacy production. Total new-well production is offset by the anticipated change in legacy production to derive the net change in production. The estimated change in production does not reflect external circumstances that can affect the actual rates, such as infrastructure constraints, bad weather, or shut-ins based on environmental or economic issues.

### Oil/gas production
Charts present all oil and natural gas production from both new and legacy wells since 2007. This production is based on all wells reported to the state oil and gas agencies. Where state data are not immediately available, EIA estimates the production based on estimated changes in new-well oil/gas production and the corresponding legacy change.

### Footnotes:
1. Oil production represents both crude and condensate production from all formations in the region. Production is not limited to tight formations. The regions are defined by all selected counties, which include areas outside of tight oil formations.
2. Gas production represents gross (before processing) gas production from all formations in the region. Production is not limited to shale formations. The regions are defined by all selected counties, which include areas outside of shale formations.
3. The monthly average rig count used in this report is calculated from weekly data on total oil and gas rigs reported by Baker Hughes.
4. A new well is defined as one that began producing for the first time in the previous month. Each well belongs to the new-well category for only one month. Reworked and recompleted wells are excluded from the calculation.
5. Rig count data lag production data because EIA has observed that the best predictor of the number of new wells beginning production in a given month is the count of rigs in operation two months earlier.
The data used in the preparation of this report come from the following sources. EIA is solely responsible for the analysis, calculations, and conclusions.

**Drilling Info** (http://www.drillinginfo.com) Source of production, permit, and spud data for counties associated with this report. Source of real-time rig location to estimate new wells spudded and completed throughout the United States.

**Baker Hughes** (http://www.bakerhughes.com) Source of rig and well counts by county, state, and basin.

**North Dakota Oil and Gas Division** (https://www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in North Dakota.

**Railroad Commission of Texas** (http://www.rrc.state.tx.us) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in Texas.

**Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection** (https://www.paoilandgasreporting.state.pa.us/publicreports/Modules/Welcome/Welcome.aspx) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in Pennsylvania.

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**Oklahoma Corporation Commission** (http://www.occeweb.com/og/oghome.htm) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in Oklahoma.