

Table 5.2 Crude Oil and Natural Gas Wells and Footage Drilled

	Wells Drilled						Footage Drilled					
	By Type			By Trajectory		Total	By Type			By Trajectory		Total
	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Dry	Horizontal and Directional	Vertical		Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Dry	Horizontal and Directional	Vertical	
	Number						Thousand Feet					
1950 Total	23,812	3,439	14,799	NA	NA	42,050	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	157,358
1955 Total	30,432	4,266	20,452	NA	NA	55,150	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	226,182
1960 Total	22,258	5,149	18,212	NA	NA	45,619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	192,176
1965 Total	18,065	4,482	16,226	NA	NA	38,773	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	174,882
1970 Total	12,968	4,011	11,031	NA	NA	28,010	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	138,556
1975 Total	17,449	8,200	13,321	NA	NA	38,970	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	182,199
1980 Total	37,209	17,108	21,125	1,677	73,765	75,442	137,273	92,649	98,054	14,607	313,369	327,976
1985 Total	40,217	14,309	22,270	2,184	74,612	76,796	152,575	77,699	104,791	17,944	317,122	335,066
1990 Total	12,839	11,246	8,245	2,839	27,987	32,330	57,153	52,870	41,360	23,619	127,764	151,383
1995 Total	R 8,610	R 8,446	R 4,935	2,498	R 19,493	R 21,991	R 41,750	R 53,428	R 26,600	R 23,115	R 98,662	R 121,777
2000 Total	R 7,944	R 11,366	R 3,889	2,919	R 20,280	R 23,199	R 34,777	R 75,285	R 22,702	R 24,346	R 108,418	R 132,764
2005 Total	R 10,646	R 21,197	R 4,149	5,993	R 29,999	R 35,992	R 49,581	R 148,788	R 22,906	R 52,976	R 168,300	R 221,276
2010 Total	15,448	R 14,053	R 3,865	R 12,917	R 20,449	R 33,366	R 93,259	R 130,035	R 19,163	R 137,265	R 105,191	R 242,457
2011 Total	R 21,933	R 12,815	R 3,935	R 17,214	R 21,469	R 38,683	R 154,594	R 135,834	R 18,958	R 197,207	R 112,179	R 309,386
2012 Total	R 27,844	R 10,025	R 4,352	R 19,806	R 22,415	R 42,221	R 218,110	R 111,636	R 20,732	R 233,857	R 116,621	R 350,478
2013 Total	R 28,257	R 8,500	R 3,948	R 20,470	R 20,235	R 40,705	R 235,119	R 100,333	R 19,914	R 254,470	R 100,896	R 355,367
2014 Total	29,706	R 7,840	R 4,356	R 22,355	R 19,547	R 41,902	R 266,956	R 96,509	R 23,253	R 292,355	R 94,363	R 386,718
2015 Total	R 17,260	R 5,428	R 2,828	R 16,022	R 9,494	R 25,516	R 176,559	R 71,797	R 16,635	R 221,360	R 43,631	R 264,991
2016 Total	R 8,475	R 3,088	R 1,635	R 9,069	R 4,129	R 13,198	R 97,994	R 43,801	R 9,494	R 134,152	R 17,137	R 151,289
2017 Total	11,229	R 4,104	R 1,954	R 12,649	R 4,638	R 17,287	138,566	R 61,621	R 12,954	R 193,667	R 19,474	R 213,141
2018 Total	R 14,474	R 4,929	R 2,048	R 16,550	R 4,901	R 21,451	R 187,910	R 78,055	R 14,053	R 260,988	R 19,031	R 280,019
2019 Total	R 13,886	R 4,330	R 1,900	R 15,856	R 4,260	R 20,116	R 190,577	R 72,542	R 13,693	R 259,932	R 16,880	R 276,812
2020 Total	R 7,123	R 2,609	R 1,064	R 8,893	R 1,903	R 10,796	R 106,492	R 47,622	R 8,282	R 155,196	R 7,199	R 162,396
2021 Total	R 8,965	R 2,981	R 1,369	R 10,364	R 2,951	R 13,315	R 130,887	R 54,858	R 9,324	R 184,025	R 11,045	R 195,070
2022 January	R 904	R 317	R 140	R 1,039	R 322	R 1,361	R 13,003	R 5,792	R 1,137	R 18,689	R 1,242	R 19,931
February	R 905	R 346	R 148	R 1,099	R 300	R 1,399	R 13,067	R 6,425	R 1,070	R 19,425	R 1,137	R 20,562
March	R 925	R 385	R 154	R 1,165	R 299	R 1,464	R 13,452	R 7,201	R 1,122	R 20,591	R 1,184	R 21,775
April	R 961	R 405	R 161	R 1,219	R 308	R 1,527	R 13,969	R 7,572	R 1,172	R 21,546	R 1,167	R 22,713
May	R 999	R 425	R 167	R 1,259	R 332	R 1,591	R 14,423	R 7,892	R 1,207	R 22,253	R 1,269	R 23,522
June	R 1,026	R 437	R 172	R 1,308	R 327	R 1,635	R 14,928	R 8,177	R 1,253	R 23,119	R 1,239	R 24,358
July	R 1,055	R 440	R 176	R 1,329	R 342	R 1,671	R 15,301	R 8,207	R 1,278	R 23,490	R 1,296	R 24,786
August	R 1,059	R 455	R 178	R 1,338	R 354	R 1,692	R 15,268	R 8,437	R 1,285	R 23,649	R 1,342	R 24,991
September	R 1,053	R 462	R 178	R 1,354	R 339	R 1,693	R 15,845	R 8,441	R 1,266	R 24,250	R 1,302	R 25,552
October	R 1,071	R 448	R 179	R 1,334	R 364	R 1,698	R 15,454	R 8,273	R 1,287	R 23,578	R 1,437	R 25,015
November	R 1,094	R 444	R 181	R 1,399	R 320	R 1,719	R 16,164	R 8,437	R 1,339	R 24,727	R 1,213	R 25,940
December	R 1,097	R 441	R 182	R 1,404	R 316	R 1,720	R 16,257	R 8,406	R 1,351	R 24,816	R 1,198	R 26,013
Total	R 12,149	R 5,005	R 2,016	R 15,247	R 3,923	R 19,170	R 177,131	R 93,260	R 14,769	R 270,134	R 15,027	R 285,160
2023 January	R 1,084	R 441	R 180	R 1,405	R 300	R 1,705	R 16,167	R 8,459	R 1,344	R 24,833	R 1,137	R 25,970
February	R 1,063	R 435	R 177	R 1,445	R 230	R 1,675	R 16,408	R 8,636	R 1,368	R 25,540	R 872	R 26,412
March	R 1,041	R 452	R 175	R 1,402	R 266	R 1,668	R 15,725	R 8,781	R 1,324	R 24,780	R 1,050	R 25,830
April	R 1,039	R 453	R 175	R 1,424	R 243	R 1,667	R 16,022	R 8,752	R 1,317	R 25,169	R 921	R 26,090
May	R 1,021	R 411	R 170	R 1,356	R 246	R 1,602	R 15,585	R 8,022	R 1,292	R 23,967	R 932	R 24,900
June	R 974	R 376	R 161	R 1,282	R 229	R 1,511	R 15,458	R 6,916	R 1,153	R 22,659	R 868	R 23,527
July	R 944	R 377	R 158	R 1,242	R 237	R 1,479	R 14,709	R 6,999	R 1,142	R 21,952	R 898	R 22,851
August	R 923	R 348	R 152	R 1,155	R 268	R 1,423	R 14,812	R 6,358	R 1,081	R 21,173	R 1,078	R 22,251
September	R 906	R 335	R 148	R 1,148	R 241	R 1,389	R 14,504	R 6,121	R 1,053	R 20,744	R 934	R 21,678
October	R 940	R 351	R 147	R 1,198	R 240	R 1,438	R 15,974	R 6,506	R 1,046	R 22,603	R 923	R 23,526
November	R 881	R 335	R 145	R 1,128	R 233	R 1,361	R 13,582	R 6,195	R 1,044	R 19,937	R 883	R 20,821
December	R 886	R 340	R 145	R 1,147	R 224	R 1,371	R 13,780	R 6,297	R 1,046	R 20,273	R 849	R 21,122
Total	R 11,702	R 4,654	R 1,933	R 15,332	R 2,957	R 18,289	R 182,726	R 88,042	R 14,210	R 273,632	R 11,346	R 284,979
2024 January	R 881	R 339	R 145	R 1,216	R 149	R 1,365	R 14,026	R 6,942	R 1,156	R 21,493	R 631	R 22,124
February	R 881	R 343	R 145	R 1,201	R 168	R 1,369	R 14,782	R 6,267	R 1,032	R 21,438	R 643	R 22,081
March	R 898	R 330	R 147	R 1,191	R 184	R 1,375	R 14,490	R 6,185	R 1,073	R 21,051	R 697	R 21,748
April	R 903	R 310	R 145	R 1,162	R 196	R 1,358	R 15,307	R 5,664	R 1,032	R 21,234	R 768	R 22,002
May	R 889	R 294	R 142	R 1,114	R 211	R 1,325	R 13,963	R 5,493	R 1,033	R 19,690	R 800	R 20,490
June	R 871	R 284	R 139	R 1,061	R 233	R 1,294	R 13,431	R 5,212	R 993	R 18,753	R 883	R 19,636
July	R 857	R 294	R 138	R 1,072	R 217	R 1,289	R 14,155	R 5,371	R 982	R 19,655	R 853	R 20,508
August	R 867	R 282	R 139	R 1,092	R 196	R 1,288	R 13,765	R 5,268	R 1,011	R 19,301	R 743	R 20,044
September	R 871	R 280	R 140	R 1,109	R 182	R 1,291	R 13,582	R 5,616	R 1,093	R 19,602	R 690	R 20,291
October	R 858	R 292	R 138	R 1,098	R 190	R 1,288	R 13,257	R 5,803	R 1,068	R 19,407	R 720	R 20,127
November	R 854	R 292	R 138	R 1,082	R 202	R 1,284	R 13,080	R 5,752	R 1,058	R 19,124	R 766	R 19,890
December	861	296	139	1,126	170	1,296	13,491	5,965	1,091	19,902	644	20,546
Total	10,491	3,636	1,695	13,524	2,298	15,822	167,330	69,537	12,622	240,650	8,839	249,489

R=Revised. NA=Not available.

Notes: • Data are estimates. • For 1960–1969, data are for well completion reports received by the American Petroleum Institute during the reporting year; for all other years, data are for well completions in a given year. • Through 1989, these well counts include only the original drilling of a hole intended to discover or further develop already discovered crude oil or natural gas resources. Other drilling activities, such as drilling an old well deeper, drilling of laterals from the original well, drilling of service and injection wells, and drilling for resources other than crude oil or natural gas are excluded. Due to the methodology used to estimate ultimate well counts from the available partially reported data, the counts shown on this page are frequently revised. See Note, "Crude Oil and Natural Gas Wells," at

end of section. • 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: • **1949–1965:** Gulf Publishing Company, *World Oil*, "Forecast-Review" issue. • **1966–1969:** American Petroleum Institute (API), *Quarterly Review of Drilling Statistics for the United States*, annual summaries and monthly reports. • **1970–1989:** U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) computations based on well reports submitted to the API. • **1990 forward:** EIA computations based on well reports submitted to IHS Markit, Inc.