

Table 5.2 Crude Oil and Natural Gas Wells and Footage Drilled

	Wells Drilled						Footage Drilled					
	By Type			By Trajectory			By Type			By Trajectory		
	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Dry	Horizontal and Directional	Vertical	Total	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Dry	Horizontal and Directional	Vertical	Total
	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 8,577	R 8,421	R 4,925	R 2,480	R 19,443	R 21,923	R 41,651	R 53,276	R 26,507	R 23,013	R 98,421	R 121,434
2000 Total	R 7,920	R 11,344	R 3,873	R 2,894	R 20,243	R 23,137	R 34,710	R 75,133	R 22,694	R 24,264	R 108,272	R 132,536
2005 Total	R 10,634	R 21,151	R 4,132	R 6,016	R 29,901	R 35,917	R 49,519	R 148,666	R 22,933	R 53,228	R 167,890	R 221,117
2006 Total	R 13,059	R 24,989	R 4,789	R 7,762	R 35,075	R 42,837	R 61,048	R 175,858	R 25,413	R 67,815	R 194,504	R 262,319
2007 Total	R 13,019	R 26,913	R 4,672	R 10,120	R 34,484	R 44,604	R 62,708	R 197,714	R 25,691	R 90,216	R 195,896	R 286,112
2008 Total	R 16,487	R 27,480	R 5,062	R 12,988	R 36,041	R 49,029	R 80,369	R 213,227	R 26,282	R 121,316	R 198,562	R 319,877
2009 Total	R 10,962	R 15,739	R 3,368	R 10,051	R 20,018	R 30,069	R 56,362	R 131,156	R 17,327	R 99,916	R 104,929	R 204,845
2010 Total	R 15,409	R 14,042	R 3,795	R 12,913	R 20,333	R 33,246	R 93,097	R 129,965	R 19,135	R 137,245	R 104,952	R 242,196
2011 Total	R 21,861	R 12,795	R 3,774	R 17,186	R 21,244	R 38,430	R 154,226	R 135,635	R 18,884	R 196,974	R 111,771	R 308,745
2012 Total	R 27,856	R 9,990	R 4,324	R 19,789	R 22,381	R 42,170	R 218,384	R 111,211	R 20,768	R 233,636	R 116,727	R 350,363
2013 Total	R 28,260	R 8,431	R 3,910	R 20,432	R 20,169	R 40,601	R 235,703	R 99,414	R 19,941	R 254,196	R 100,863	R 355,508
2014 Total	R 29,737	R 7,759	R 4,294	R 22,269	R 19,521	R 41,790	R 267,589	R 95,419	R 23,092	R 291,577	R 94,523	R 386,100
2015 Total	R 17,299	R 5,348	R 2,819	R 16,006	R 9,460	R 25,466	R 177,764	R 70,675	R 16,603	R 221,280	R 43,763	R 265,043
2016 Total	R 8,484	R 3,050	R 1,656	R 9,075	R 4,115	R 13,190	R 98,506	R 43,207	R 9,787	R 134,328	R 17,172	R 151,501
2017 Total	R 11,236	R 4,032	R 1,915	R 12,621	R 4,562	R 17,183	R 139,336	R 60,512	R 13,038	R 193,466	R 19,420	R 212,885
2018 Total	R 14,313	R 4,835	R 1,970	R 16,356	R 4,762	R 21,118	R 188,729	R 76,496	R 13,866	R 260,292	R 18,798	R 279,090
2019 Total	R 13,572	R 4,204	R 1,827	R 15,556	R 4,047	R 19,603	R 191,267	R 70,325	R 13,937	R 258,663	R 16,866	R 275,529
2020 January	R 999	279	R 134	R 1,155	R 257	R 1,412	R 14,951	4,877	R 1,303	R 20,052	R 1,080	R 21,132
February	R 998	273	R 130	R 1,177	R 224	R 1,401	R 15,264	4,911	R 978	R 20,239	R 915	R 21,153
March	R 891	260	R 118	R 1,096	R 173	R 1,269	R 14,112	4,835	R 887	R 19,089	R 745	R 19,834
April	R 595	270	R 83	R 830	R 118	R 948	R 8,566	R 5,081	R 661	R 13,829	R 479	R 14,308
May	R 337	R 173	52	R 503	59	R 562	R 5,302	R 3,188	R 391	R 8,641	R 240	R 8,882
June	R 342	161	55	R 455	103	R 558	R 5,097	2,733	R 414	R 7,822	R 422	R 8,244
July	382	179	61	R 502	R 120	622	R 5,368	R 3,385	R 510	R 8,776	R 487	R 9,263
August	447	140	64	R 505	R 146	651	R 6,779	2,509	R 484	R 9,180	R 593	R 9,773
September	R 474	R 226	73	R 632	R 141	R 773	R 7,383	R 4,296	R 549	R 11,656	R 572	R 12,229
October	534	172	R 76	R 615	167	R 782	R 7,952	R 3,009	600	R 10,883	R 678	R 11,561
November	552	R 184	R 77	R 668	145	R 813	R 8,752	R 3,284	R 579	R 12,026	R 589	R 12,615
December	487	R 248	R 77	672	140	812	R 7,314	R 4,608	R 579	R 11,931	R 571	R 12,501
Total	R 7,038	R 2,565	R 1,000	R 8,810	1,793	R 10,603	R 106,843	R 46,716	R 7,935	R 154,124	R 7,370	R 161,494
2021 January	R 598	196	R 89	676	R 207	R 883	R 8,824	3,460	R 726	R 12,146	R 864	R 13,010
February	R 506	188	71	R 638	127	R 765	R 7,944	3,555	R 534	R 11,514	R 519	R 12,033
March	R 683	216	R 92	R 833	R 158	R 991	R 10,650	R 4,016	R 692	R 14,712	R 645	R 15,358
April	R 798	R 208	R 101	R 926	R 181	R 1,107	R 12,617	R 3,803	R 760	R 16,435	R 744	R 17,179
May	R 696	R 285	104	R 903	R 182	R 1,085	R 11,027	R 5,309	R 782	R 16,379	R 739	R 17,118
June	R 649	R 232	R 92	R 764	209	R 973	R 9,951	R 4,435	R 692	R 14,214	R 865	R 15,078
July	R 707	R 200	93	R 815	R 185	R 1,000	R 10,808	R 3,796	R 699	R 14,521	R 782	R 15,303
August	R 843	R 223	R 112	R 948	R 230	R 1,178	R 13,281	R 4,143	R 842	R 17,332	R 935	R 18,267
September	R 670	R 239	R 96	R 761	R 244	R 1,005	R 9,721	R 4,310	R 725	R 13,765	R 990	R 14,756
October	R 675	225	R 97	R 775	R 222	R 997	R 9,969	R 4,109	R 733	R 13,910	R 901	R 14,811
November	R 586	R 202	R 81	R 670	R 199	R 869	R 8,103	R 3,609	R 611	R 11,515	R 808	R 12,323
December	R 600	R 180	82	R 694	R 168	R 862	R 8,296	R 2,980	R 629	R 11,224	R 682	R 11,906
Total	R 8,011	R 2,594	R 1,110	R 9,403	R 2,312	R 11,715	R 121,191	R 47,526	R 8,425	R 167,667	R 9,475	R 177,142
2022 January	R 619	R 191	85	R 754	R 141	R 895	R 8,850	R 3,242	R 674	R 12,194	R 572	R 12,767
February	R 650	R 208	R 89	R 805	R 142	R 947	R 9,338	R 3,548	R 709	R 13,019	R 576	R 13,595
March	664	232	93	858	131	989	9,653	4,004	750	13,876	532	14,408
3-Month Total	1,933	631	267	2,417	414	2,831	27,842	10,794	2,134	39,090	1,680	40,770
2021 3-Month Total	1,787	600	252	2,147	492	2,639	27,417	11,032	1,952	38,373	2,028	40,401
2020 3-Month Total	2,888	812	382	3,428	654	4,082	44,328	14,623	3,168	59,380	2,740	62,119

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.