

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 8,589	R 8,436	R 4,932	R 2,491	R 19,466	R 21,957	R 41,684	R 53,352	R 26,574	R 23,101	R 98,508	R 121,609
2000 Total	R 7,942	R 11,364	R 3,881	R 2,913	R 20,274	R 23,187	R 34,789	R 75,268	R 22,690	R 24,352	R 108,396	R 132,747
2005 Total	R 10,649	R 21,191	R 4,138	R 5,992	R 29,986	R 35,978	R 49,572	R 148,782	R 22,877	R 52,967	R 168,264	R 221,231
2010 Total	R 15,437	R 14,046	R 3,856	R 12,903	R 20,436	R 33,339	R 93,195	R 129,978	R 19,128	R 137,159	R 105,142	R 242,301
2011 Total	R 21,915	R 12,807	R 3,926	R 17,198	R 21,450	R 38,648	R 154,451	R 135,727	R 18,928	R 197,038	R 112,068	R 309,107
2012 Total	R 27,848	R 10,005	R 4,335	R 19,798	R 22,390	R 42,188	R 218,264	R 111,335	R 20,675	R 233,764	R 116,510	R 350,274
2013 Total	R 28,275	R 8,459	R 3,929	R 20,461	R 20,202	R 40,663	R 235,681	R 99,737	R 19,828	R 254,431	R 100,816	R 355,247
2014 Total	R 29,753	R 7,784	R 4,343	R 22,332	R 19,548	R 41,880	R 267,611	R 95,695	R 23,184	R 292,092	R 94,398	R 386,491
2015 Total	R 17,313	R 5,363	R 2,829	R 16,019	R 9,486	R 25,505	R 177,608	R 70,826	R 16,597	R 221,406	R 43,625	R 265,030
2016 Total	R 8,488	R 3,062	R 1,627	R 9,067	R 4,110	R 13,177	R 98,418	R 43,398	R 9,469	R 134,213	R 17,072	R 151,285
2017 Total	R 11,246	R 4,067	R 1,939	R 12,642	R 4,610	R 17,252	R 139,013	R 61,126	R 12,934	R 193,627	R 19,446	R 213,073
2018 Total	R 14,482	R 4,883	R 2,016	R 16,515	R 4,866	R 21,381	R 188,541	R 77,273	R 13,789	R 260,652	R 18,951	R 279,603
2019 Total	R 13,895	R 4,269	R 1,851	R 15,808	R 4,207	R 20,015	R 191,323	R 71,439	R 13,499	R 259,556	R 16,704	R 276,260
2020 Total	R 7,111	R 2,592	R 1,042	R 8,875	R 1,870	R 10,745	R 106,852	R 47,348	R 8,111	R 155,175	R 7,137	R 162,311
2021 Total	R 9,294	R 2,970	R 1,425	R 10,785	R 2,904	R 13,689	R 141,093	R 55,101	R 9,879	R 194,974	R 11,099	R 206,073
2022 January	R 1,002	R 256	R 150	R 1,101	R 307	R 1,408	R 15,234	R 4,748	R 1,101	R 19,931	R 1,152	R 21,083
February	R 1,010	R 269	R 152	R 1,200	R 231	R 1,431	R 15,992	R 5,196	R 1,096	R 21,347	937	R 22,284
March	R 1,031	R 329	R 159	R 1,241	R 278	R 1,519	R 15,755	R 6,296	R 1,106	R 22,076	1,080	R 23,156
April	R 1,077	R 316	R 166	R 1,266	R 293	R 1,559	R 16,529	R 5,917	R 1,160	R 22,521	R 1,085	R 23,606
May	R 1,125	R 333	R 174	R 1,322	R 310	R 1,632	R 17,273	R 6,238	R 1,216	R 23,517	R 1,210	R 24,727
June	R 1,148	R 340	R 178	R 1,356	R 310	R 1,666	R 17,614	R 6,364	R 1,243	R 24,122	R 1,100	R 25,222
July	R 1,176	R 371	R 181	R 1,427	R 301	R 1,728	R 18,185	R 7,022	R 1,274	R 25,385	R 1,096	R 26,481
August	R 1,182	R 353	R 183	R 1,401	R 317	R 1,718	R 18,173	R 6,621	R 1,281	R 24,922	R 1,152	R 26,075
September	R 1,179	R 359	R 184	R 1,406	R 316	R 1,722	R 18,116	R 6,730	R 1,287	R 25,011	R 1,121	R 26,132
October	R 1,209	R 362	R 186	R 1,420	R 337	R 1,757	R 18,534	R 6,770	R 1,298	R 25,260	1,342	R 26,603
November	R 1,220	R 393	R 187	R 1,498	R 302	R 1,800	R 18,991	R 7,463	R 1,325	R 26,648	R 1,131	R 27,779
December	R 1,224	R 343	R 187	R 1,487	R 267	R 1,754	R 19,416	R 6,638	R 1,350	R 26,452	R 952	R 27,404
Total	R 13,583	R 4,024	R 2,087	R 16,125	R 3,569	R 19,694	R 209,811	R 76,003	R 14,738	R 287,192	R 13,360	R 300,552
2023 January	R 1,210	R 343	R 185	R 1,489	R 249	R 1,738	R 19,422	R 6,717	R 1,352	R 26,488	R 1,002	R 27,490
February	R 1,186	R 338	R 182	R 1,510	R 196	R 1,706	R 19,419	R 6,849	R 1,357	R 26,861	R 764	R 27,625
March	R 1,162	R 351	R 180	R 1,456	R 237	R 1,693	R 18,689	R 6,887	R 1,318	R 25,901	R 993	R 26,894
April	R 1,160	R 352	R 180	R 1,485	R 207	R 1,692	R 18,876	R 6,988	R 1,333	R 26,417	R 781	R 27,197
May	R 1,142	R 320	R 175	R 1,429	R 208	R 1,637	R 18,531	R 6,335	R 1,293	R 25,420	R 738	R 26,158
June	R 1,087	R 292	R 166	R 1,366	R 179	R 1,545	R 17,878	R 5,859	R 1,243	R 24,300	R 680	R 24,979
July	R 1,056	R 294	R 162	R 1,320	R 192	R 1,512	R 17,084	R 5,957	R 1,193	R 23,481	R 753	R 24,234
August	R 1,022	R 278	R 155	R 1,222	R 233	R 1,455	R 15,970	R 5,632	R 1,103	R 21,738	R 966	R 22,704
September	R 1,009	R 260	R 152	R 1,219	R 202	R 1,421	R 16,216	R 5,098	R 1,112	R 21,685	R 741	R 22,425
October	R 984	R 272	R 149	R 1,212	R 193	R 1,405	R 15,823	R 5,336	R 1,091	R 21,560	R 689	R 22,249
November	R 983	R 260	R 149	R 1,221	R 171	R 1,392	R 16,043	R 5,177	R 1,107	R 21,720	R 607	R 22,327
December	R 989	R 263	R 150	R 1,256	R 146	R 1,402	R 16,406	R 5,322	R 1,133	R 22,343	R 518	R 22,861
Total	R 12,990	R 3,623	R 1,985	R 16,185	R 2,413	R 18,598	R 210,354	R 72,156	R 14,634	R 287,914	R 9,231	R 297,144
2024 January	R 983	R 264	R 149	R 1,293	R 103	R 1,396	R 16,730	R 5,482	R 1,154	R 23,001	R 365	R 23,367
February	R 985	R 265	R 150	R 1,283	R 117	R 1,400	R 16,628	R 5,458	R 1,153	R 22,823	R 415	R 23,238
March	1,000	255	151	1,288	118	1,406	16,908	5,260	1,162	22,912	419	23,331
3-Month Total	2,968	784	450	3,864	338	4,202	50,267	16,199	3,470	68,736	1,199	69,936
2023 3-Month Total	3,558	1,032	547	4,455	682	5,137	57,529	20,453	4,026	79,250	2,759	82,009
2022 3-Month Total	3,043	854	461	3,542	816	4,358	46,981	16,240	3,303	63,354	3,170	66,524

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.