

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		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 8,605	R 8,440	R 4,933	2,495	19,483	21,978	R 41,743	53,383	R 26,578	23,113	98,592	121,704	
2000 Total	R 7,942	11,362	3,883	2,916	R 20,271	R 23,187	R 34,770	75,252	R 22,682	R 24,332	R 108,372	R 132,704	
2005 Total	R 10,648	R 21,191	R 4,147	R 5,994	R 29,992	R 35,986	R 49,572	R 148,763	R 22,914	R 52,981	R 168,269	R 221,250	
2010 Total	R 15,443	R 14,049	R 3,859	R 12,912	R 20,439	R 33,351	R 93,226	R 130,017	R 19,134	R 137,221	R 105,156	R 242,377	
2011 Total	R 21,922	R 12,809	3,926	R 17,200	21,457	R 38,657	R 154,487	R 135,741	18,928	R 197,050	112,105	R 309,155	
2012 Total	R 27,840	R 10,025	4,336	R 19,805	22,396	R 42,201	R 218,105	R 111,607	20,655	R 233,831	116,536	R 350,367	
2013 Total	R 28,249	R 8,495	R 3,930	R 20,466	R 20,208	R 40,674	R 235,194	R 100,269	R 19,837	R 254,479	R 100,822	R 355,301	
2014 Total	R 29,734	R 7,822	R 4,345	R 22,350	R 19,551	R 41,901	R 267,223	R 96,237	R 23,229	R 292,300	R 94,389	R 386,689	
2015 Total	R 17,257	R 5,419	R 2,830	R 16,018	R 9,488	R 25,506	R 176,691	R 71,685	R 16,623	R 221,362	R 43,637	R 264,998	
2016 Total	R 8,479	R 3,081	R 1,626	R 9,066	R 4,120	R 13,186	R 98,084	R 43,707	R 9,459	R 134,151	R 17,099	R 151,250	
2017 Total	R 11,242	R 4,088	R 1,952	12,650	R 4,632	R 17,282	R 138,750	R 61,424	R 13,015	R 193,703	R 19,488	R 213,190	
2018 Total	R 14,469	R 4,921	R 2,035	16,537	R 4,888	R 21,425	R 187,929	R 77,933	R 13,947	R 260,827	R 18,982	R 279,810	
2019 Total	R 13,874	R 4,326	R 1,879	15,839	R 4,240	R 20,079	R 190,594	R 72,469	R 13,629	R 259,891	R 16,801	R 276,692	
2020 Total	R 7,099	R 2,612	R 1,060	R 8,884	R 1,887	R 10,771	R 106,431	R 47,703	R 8,238	R 155,202	R 7,170	R 162,372	
2021 Total	R 9,622	R 3,021	R 1,325	R 10,750	R 3,218	R 13,968	R 144,422	R 56,057	R 9,330	R 197,198	R 12,611	R 209,809	
2022 January	R 1,044	R 271	R 135	R 1,123	R 327	R 1,450	R 15,641	R 5,023	R 1,134	R 20,522	R 1,276	R 21,798	
February	R 1,109	R 298	R 145	R 1,186	R 366	R 1,552	R 16,703	R 5,553	R 1,016	R 21,834	R 1,439	R 23,272	
March	R 1,106	R 332	R 146	R 1,248	R 336	R 1,584	R 16,570	R 6,281	R 1,018	R 22,571	R 1,298	R 23,868	
April	R 1,155	R 343	R 154	R 1,294	R 358	R 1,652	R 17,330	R 6,367	R 1,075	R 23,390	R 1,382	R 24,772	
May	R 1,201	R 360	R 160	R 1,362	R 359	R 1,721	R 17,993	R 6,672	R 1,143	R 24,433	R 1,375	R 25,808	
June	R 1,233	R 371	R 164	R 1,390	R 378	R 1,768	R 18,486	R 6,881	R 1,144	R 25,056	R 1,455	R 26,511	
July	R 1,279	R 377	R 170	R 1,414	R 412	R 1,826	R 19,195	R 6,999	R 1,187	R 25,777	R 1,604	R 27,381	
August	R 1,289	R 391	R 172	R 1,426	R 426	R 1,852	R 19,321	R 7,250	R 1,200	R 26,106	R 1,665	R 27,771	
September	R 1,265	R 391	R 170	R 1,473	R 353	R 1,826	R 19,107	R 7,306	R 1,195	R 26,264	R 1,344	R 27,608	
October	R 1,287	R 380	R 171	R 1,482	R 356	R 1,838	R 19,484	R 7,117	R 1,205	R 26,425	R 1,381	R 27,806	
November	R 1,306	R 391	R 172	R 1,535	R 334	R 1,869	R 20,006	R 7,410	R 1,226	R 27,370	R 1,272	R 28,641	
December	R 1,320	R 374	R 173	R 1,489	R 378	R 1,867	R 19,834	R 6,952	R 1,210	R 26,556	R 1,440	R 27,996	
Total	R 14,594	R 4,279	R 1,932	R 16,422	R 4,383	R 20,805	R 219,670	R 79,812	R 13,752	R 296,304	R 16,930	R 313,235	
2023 January	R 1,304	R 374	R 172	R 1,501	R 349	R 1,850	R 19,837	R 7,038	R 1,217	R 26,764	R 1,329	R 28,092	
February	R 1,278	R 369	R 169	R 1,539	R 277	R 1,816	R 20,085	R 7,174	R 1,236	R 27,441	R 1,055	R 28,496	
March	R 1,252	R 383	R 167	R 1,538	R 264	R 1,802	R 19,768	R 7,481	R 1,227	R 27,423	R 1,053	R 28,476	
April	R 1,249	R 384	R 167	R 1,520	R 280	R 1,800	R 19,527	R 7,427	R 1,215	R 27,102	R 1,066	R 28,168	
May	R 1,230	R 350	R 162	R 1,456	R 286	R 1,742	R 19,140	R 6,738	R 1,173	R 25,961	R 1,089	R 27,050	
June	R 1,172	R 319	R 154	R 1,369	R 276	R 1,645	R 18,214	R 6,133	R 1,114	R 24,410	R 1,051	R 25,461	
July	R 1,137	R 321	R 151	R 1,346	R 263	R 1,609	R 17,625	R 6,287	R 1,089	R 24,000	R 1,001	R 25,001	
August	R 1,110	R 294	R 145	R 1,268	R 281	R 1,549	R 16,903	R 5,748	R 1,027	R 22,609	R 1,070	R 23,679	
September	R 1,086	R 284	R 142	R 1,276	R 236	R 1,512	R 17,084	R 5,527	R 1,039	R 22,752	R 899	R 23,650	
October	R 1,053	R 342	R 138	R 1,288	R 245	R 1,533	R 16,317	R 6,586	R 995	R 22,966	R 933	R 23,898	
November	R 1,059	R 283	R 139	R 1,259	R 222	R 1,481	R 16,738	R 5,534	R 1,022	R 22,449	R 845	R 23,294	
December	R 1,065	R 289	R 139	R 1,276	R 217	R 1,493	R 16,884	R 5,668	R 1,025	R 22,752	R 826	R 23,578	
Total	R 13,995	R 3,992	R 1,845	R 16,636	R 3,196	R 19,832	R 218,122	R 77,342	R 13,380	R 296,628	R 12,217	R 308,844	
2024 January	R 1,060	R 288	R 138	R 1,306	R 180	R 1,486	R 17,163	R 5,769	R 1,040	R 23,287	R 685	R 23,972	
February	R 1,060	R 291	R 139	R 1,286	R 204	R 1,490	R 16,926	R 5,748	R 1,033	R 22,930	R 777	R 23,707	
March	R 1,078	R 279	R 140	R 1,291	R 206	R 1,497	R 17,241	R 5,520	R 1,042	R 23,019	R 784	R 23,803	
April	R 1,079	R 261	R 138	R 1,277	R 201	R 1,478	R 17,321	R 5,183	R 1,031	R 22,770	R 765	R 23,535	
May	R 1,060	R 248	R 135	R 1,187	R 256	R 1,443	R 16,415	R 4,751	R 973	R 21,165	R 975	R 22,139	
June	R 1,038	R 239	R 132	R 1,129	R 280	R 1,409	R 15,771	R 4,492	R 933	R 20,131	R 1,066	R 21,197	
July	R 1,025	R 247	R 132	R 1,143	R 261	R 1,404	R 15,739	R 4,692	R 943	R 20,380	R 994	R 21,374	
August	1,034	237	132	1,166	237	1,403	16,153	4,580	959	20,790	902	21,693	
8-Month Total	8,434	2,090	1,086	9,785	1,825	11,610	132,729	40,737	7,954	174,471	6,949	181,420	
2023 8-Month Total	9,732	2,794	1,287	11,537	2,276	13,813	151,099	54,027	9,298	205,710	8,714	214,424	
2022 8-Month Total	9,416	2,743	1,246	10,443	2,962	13,405	141,239	51,027	8,917	189,689	11,494	201,183	

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.