

**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					
<b>1950 Total</b> .....	23,812	3,439	14,799	NA	NA	42,050	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	157,358
<b>1955 Total</b> .....	30,432	4,266	20,452	NA	NA	55,150	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	226,182
<b>1960 Total</b> .....	22,258	5,149	18,212	NA	NA	45,619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	192,176
<b>1965 Total</b> .....	18,065	4,482	16,226	NA	NA	38,773	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	174,882
<b>1970 Total</b> .....	12,968	4,011	11,031	NA	NA	28,010	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	138,556
<b>1975 Total</b> .....	17,449	8,200	13,321	NA	NA	38,970	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	182,199
<b>1980 Total</b> .....	37,209	17,108	21,125	1,677	73,765	75,442	137,273	92,649	98,054	14,607	313,369	327,976
<b>1985 Total</b> .....	40,217	14,309	22,270	2,184	74,612	76,796	152,575	77,699	104,791	17,944	317,122	335,066
<b>1990 Total</b> .....	12,839	11,246	8,245	2,839	27,987	32,330	57,153	52,870	41,360	23,619	127,764	151,383
<b>1995 Total</b> .....	R 8,595	R 8,435	R 4,930	R 2,493	R 19,467	R 21,960	R 41,720	R 53,343	R 26,561	R 23,109	R 98,516	R 121,624
<b>2000 Total</b> .....	7,942	11,364	3,882	2,913	20,275	23,188	34,789	75,268	22,693	24,352	108,399	132,751
<b>2005 Total</b> .....	R 10,647	R 21,192	R 4,141	R 5,992	R 29,988	R 35,980	R 49,558	R 148,781	R 22,892	R 52,965	R 168,266	R 221,231
<b>2010 Total</b> .....	R 15,442	R 14,047	R 3,857	R 12,908	R 20,438	R 33,346	R 93,226	R 129,998	R 19,130	R 137,201	R 105,153	R 242,354
<b>2011 Total</b> .....	R 21,919	12,807	3,926	R 17,200	21,452	R 38,652	R 154,475	135,727	18,929	R 197,059	R 112,073	R 309,131
<b>2012 Total</b> .....	R 27,852	R 10,005	R 4,334	R 19,797	R 22,394	R 42,191	R 218,269	R 111,344	R 20,663	R 233,747	R 116,529	R 350,276
<b>2013 Total</b> .....	R 28,280	R 8,460	3,931	R 20,464	R 20,207	R 40,671	R 235,696	R 99,763	19,842	R 254,463	100,838	R 355,301
<b>2014 Total</b> .....	R 29,764	R 7,784	R 4,346	R 22,344	R 19,550	R 41,894	R 267,710	95,684	R 23,213	R 292,215	R 94,393	R 386,607
<b>2015 Total</b> .....	R 17,296	R 5,380	R 2,829	R 16,020	9,485	R 25,505	R 177,324	R 71,081	R 16,598	R 221,371	R 43,631	R 265,002
<b>2016 Total</b> .....	R 8,491	R 3,066	R 1,623	R 9,065	R 4,115	R 13,180	R 98,342	R 43,465	R 9,449	R 134,180	R 17,076	R 151,256
<b>2017 Total</b> .....	R 11,245	R 4,075	1,939	R 12,644	4,615	R 17,259	R 138,899	R 61,259	12,923	R 193,629	19,452	R 213,081
<b>2018 Total</b> .....	14,484	R 4,900	R 2,021	R 16,523	R 4,882	R 21,405	R 188,293	R 77,567	R 13,819	R 260,700	R 18,979	R 279,679
<b>2019 Total</b> .....	R 13,886	R 4,297	R 1,861	R 15,824	R 4,220	R 20,044	R 190,951	R 71,932	R 13,552	R 259,691	R 16,743	R 276,435
<b>2020 Total</b> .....	R 7,114	R 2,598	R 1,049	R 8,881	R 1,880	R 10,761	R 106,740	R 47,427	R 8,124	R 155,143	R 7,148	R 162,290
<b>2021 Total</b> .....	R 10,020	R 3,020	R 1,405	R 11,507	R 2,938	R 14,445	R 152,915	R 56,294	R 9,668	R 207,770	R 11,108	R 218,878
<b>2022 January</b> .....	R 1,125	R 278	R 153	R 1,244	R 312	R 1,556	R 17,208	R 5,191	R 1,131	R 22,380	R 1,151	R 23,531
February .....	R 1,161	R 298	R 160	R 1,353	R 266	R 1,619	R 18,275	R 5,727	R 1,139	R 24,167	R 974	R 25,141
March .....	R 1,187	R 332	R 166	R 1,401	R 284	R 1,685	R 18,591	R 6,406	R 1,175	R 25,024	R 1,148	R 26,172
April .....	R 1,233	R 350	R 173	R 1,458	R 298	R 1,756	R 19,244	R 6,669	R 1,221	R 26,042	R 1,091	R 27,134
May .....	R 1,282	R 367	R 180	R 1,513	R 316	R 1,829	R 19,984	R 6,984	R 1,269	R 27,024	R 1,212	R 28,236
June .....	R 1,317	R 377	R 185	R 1,560	R 319	R 1,879	R 20,547	R 7,181	R 1,305	R 27,864	R 1,168	R 29,032
July .....	R 1,353	R 380	R 190	R 1,619	R 304	R 1,923	R 21,354	R 7,322	R 1,356	R 28,918	R 1,113	R 30,031
August .....	R 1,359	R 393	R 192	R 1,619	R 325	R 1,944	R 21,249	R 7,502	R 1,357	R 28,918	R 1,190	R 30,108
September .....	R 1,352	R 398	R 191	R 1,620	R 321	R 1,941	R 21,157	R 7,604	R 1,351	R 28,936	R 1,176	R 30,111
October .....	R 1,375	R 386	R 193	R 1,611	R 343	R 1,954	R 21,427	R 7,343	R 1,360	R 28,775	R 1,355	R 30,130
November .....	R 1,404	R 403	R 195	R 1,699	R 303	R 2,002	R 22,274	R 7,805	R 1,399	R 30,347	R 1,131	R 31,478
December .....	R 1,408	R 381	R 196	R 1,706	R 279	R 1,985	R 22,604	R 7,467	R 1,423	R 30,472	R 1,022	R 31,494
<b>Total</b> .....	R 15,556	R 4,343	R 2,174	R 18,403	R 3,670	R 22,073	R 243,912	R 83,201	R 15,485	R 328,865	R 13,733	R 342,598
<b>2023 January</b> .....	R 1,391	R 380	R 194	R 1,689	R 276	R 1,965	R 22,356	R 7,456	R 1,410	R 30,168	R 1,054	R 31,222
February .....	R 1,364	R 375	R 190	R 1,722	R 207	R 1,929	R 22,551	R 7,569	R 1,420	R 30,757	R 784	R 31,541
March .....	R 1,336	R 389	R 189	R 1,661	R 253	R 1,914	R 21,635	R 7,691	R 1,384	R 29,668	R 1,041	R 30,709
April .....	R 1,333	R 391	R 189	R 1,692	R 221	R 1,913	R 21,820	R 7,814	R 1,399	R 30,222	R 812	R 31,033
May .....	R 1,310	R 354	R 183	R 1,626	R 221	R 1,847	R 21,429	R 7,070	R 1,353	R 29,043	R 809	R 29,852
June .....	R 1,245	R 323	R 172	R 1,543	R 197	R 1,740	R 20,506	R 6,495	R 1,281	R 27,560	R 722	R 28,282
July .....	R 1,207	R 324	R 169	R 1,485	R 215	R 1,700	R 19,645	R 6,438	R 1,244	R 26,524	R 802	R 27,326
August .....	R 1,176	R 297	R 162	R 1,391	R 244	R 1,635	R 18,717	R 5,948	R 1,166	R 24,845	R 985	R 25,830
September .....	R 1,152	R 287	R 158	R 1,374	R 223	R 1,597	R 18,562	R 5,646	R 1,151	R 24,542	R 817	R 25,358
October .....	R 1,132	R 336	R 156	R 1,397	R 227	R 1,624	R 18,084	R 6,573	R 1,127	R 24,952	R 831	R 25,784
November .....	R 1,124	R 287	R 155	R 1,361	R 205	R 1,566	R 18,238	R 5,685	R 1,137	R 24,309	R 751	R 25,060
December .....	R 1,133	R 292	R 156	R 1,387	R 194	R 1,581	R 18,509	R 5,824	R 1,152	R 24,774	R 711	R 25,484
<b>Total</b> .....	R 14,903	R 4,035	R 2,073	R 18,328	R 2,683	R 21,011	R 242,051	R 80,208	R 15,223	R 327,365	R 10,117	R 337,483
<b>2024 January</b> .....	R 1,128	R 292	R 156	R 1,449	R 127	R 1,576	R 19,136	R 6,048	R 1,196	R 25,881	R 499	R 26,380
February .....	R 1,129	R 295	R 156	R 1,434	R 146	R 1,580	R 18,928	R 6,038	R 1,182	R 25,613	R 535	R 26,148
March .....	R 1,146	R 283	R 157	R 1,440	R 146	R 1,586	R 19,257	R 5,806	R 1,193	R 25,721	R 535	R 26,255
April .....	R 1,147	R 265	R 155	R 1,425	R 142	R 1,567	R 19,337	R 5,454	R 1,181	R 25,453	R 520	R 25,973
May .....	1,123	250	151	1,341	183	1,524	18,477	5,022	1,123	23,952	670	24,623
<b>5-Month Total</b> .....	<b>5,673</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>7,089</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>7,833</b>	<b>95,135</b>	<b>28,367</b>	<b>5,876</b>	<b>126,620</b>	<b>2,759</b>	<b>129,379</b>
<b>2023 5-Month Total</b> .....	<b>6,734</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>8,390</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>9,568</b>	<b>109,792</b>	<b>37,600</b>	<b>6,966</b>	<b>149,858</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>154,358</b>
<b>2022 5-Month Total</b> .....	<b>5,988</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>6,969</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>8,445</b>	<b>93,302</b>	<b>30,977</b>	<b>5,935</b>	<b>124,637</b>	<b>5,577</b>	<b>130,214</b>

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.