

Table 4.12 Uranium Exploration and Development Drilling, Selected Years, 1949-2008

Year	Exploration ¹		Development ²		Total	
	Holes Drilled	Footage Drilled	Holes Drilled	Footage Drilled	Holes Drilled	Footage Drilled
	Thousands	Million Feet	Thousands	Million Feet	Thousands	Million Feet
1949	NA	0.36	NA	0.05	NA	0.41
1950	NA	.57	NA	.21	NA	.78
1955	NA	5.27	NA	.76	NA	6.03
1960	7.34	1.40	24.40	4.21	31.73	5.61
1965	6.23	1.16	7.33	.95	13.56	2.11
1970	43.98	17.98	14.87	5.55	58.85	23.53
1971	28.42	11.40	10.44	4.05	38.86	15.45
1972	26.91	11.82	9.71	3.61	36.62	15.42
1973	22.56	10.83	11.70	5.59	34.26	16.42
1974	27.40	14.72	12.30	6.84	39.70	21.56
1975	34.29	15.69	21.60	9.73	55.89	25.42
1976	40.41	20.36	27.23	14.44	67.64	34.80
1977	62.60	27.96	30.86	17.62	93.45	45.58
1978	75.07	28.95	29.29	19.15	104.35	48.10
1979	60.46	28.07	30.19	13.01	90.65	41.08
1980	39.61	19.60	20.19	8.59	59.80	28.19
1981	17.75	10.87	8.67	3.35	26.42	14.22
1982	6.97	4.23	3.00	1.13	9.97	5.36
1983	4.29	2.09	3.01	1.08	7.30	3.17
1984	4.80	2.26	.72	.29	5.52	2.55
1985	2.88	1.42	.77	.34	3.65	1.76
1986	1.99	1.10	1.85	.97	3.83	2.07
1987	1.82	1.11	1.99	.86	3.81	1.97
1988	2.03	1.28	3.18	1.73	5.21	3.01
1989	2.09	1.43	1.75	.80	3.84	2.23
1990	1.51	.87	1.91	.81	3.42	1.68
1991	1.62	.97	1.57	.87	3.20	1.84
1992	.94	.56	.83	.50	1.77	1.06
1993	.36	.22	1.67	.89	2.02	1.11
1994	.52	.34	.48	.32	1.00	.66
1995	.58	.40	1.73	.95	2.31	1.35
1996	1.12	.88	3.58	2.16	4.70	3.05
1997	1.94	1.33	5.86	3.56	7.79	4.88
1998	1.37	.89	5.23	3.75	6.60	4.64
1999	.27	.18	2.91	2.33	3.18	2.50
2000	W	W	W	W	1.55	1.02
2001	.00	.00	1.02	.66	1.02	.66
2002	W	W	W	W	W	W
2003	NA	NA	NA	NA	W	W
2004	W	W	W	W	2.19	1.25
2005	W	W	W	W	3.14	1.67
2006	1.47	.82	3.43	1.89	4.90	2.71
2007	4.35	2.20	5.00	2.95	9.35	5.15
2008	5.20	2.54	4.16	2.55	9.36	5.09

¹ Includes surface drilling in search of new ore deposits or extensions of known deposits and drilling at the location of a discovery up to the time the company decides sufficient ore reserves are present to justify commercial exploitation.

² Includes all surface drilling on an ore deposit to determine more precisely size, grade, and configuration subsequent to the time that commercial exploitation is deemed feasible.

NA=Not available. W=Value withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

Note: Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding.

Web Pages: • For all data beginning in 1949, see <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/aer/resource.html>.
• For related information, see <http://www.eia.doe.gov/fuelnuclear.html>.

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