

**Table 5.1 Crude Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Activity Measurements**  
(Number of Rigs)

	Rotary Rigs in Operation <sup>a</sup>					Active Well Service Rig Count <sup>c</sup>
	By Site		By Type		Total <sup>b</sup>	
	Onshore	Offshore	Crude Oil	Natural Gas		
<b>1973 Average</b> .....	1,110	84	NA	NA	1,194	2,008
<b>1975 Average</b> .....	1,554	106	NA	NA	1,660	2,486
<b>1980 Average</b> .....	2,678	231	NA	NA	2,909	4,089
<b>1985 Average</b> .....	1,774	206	NA	NA	1,980	4,716
<b>1990 Average</b> .....	902	108	532	464	1,010	3,658
<b>1995 Average</b> .....	622	101	323	385	723	3,041
<b>1996 Average</b> .....	671	108	306	464	779	3,445
<b>1997 Average</b> .....	821	122	376	564	943	3,499
<b>1998 Average</b> .....	703	123	264	560	827	3,014
<b>1999 Average</b> .....	519	106	128	496	625	2,232
<b>2000 Average</b> .....	778	140	197	720	918	2,692
<b>2001 Average</b> .....	1,003	153	217	939	1,156	2,267
<b>2002 Average</b> .....	717	113	137	691	830	1,830
<b>2003 Average</b> .....	924	108	157	872	1,032	1,967
<b>2004 Average</b> .....	1,095	97	165	1,025	1,192	2,064
<b>2005 Average</b> .....	1,287	94	194	1,184	1,381	2,222
<b>2006 Average</b> .....	1,559	90	274	1,372	1,649	2,364
<b>2007</b> January .....	1,630	84	270	1,440	1,714	2,307
February .....	1,651	85	266	1,466	1,736	2,401
March .....	1,667	81	282	1,461	1,749	2,401
April .....	1,675	75	285	1,461	1,750	2,375
May .....	1,671	77	282	1,464	1,748	2,387
June .....	1,692	79	283	1,483	1,771	2,381
July .....	1,698	79	285	1,486	1,777	2,358
August .....	1,731	73	306	1,492	1,804	2,408
September .....	1,718	65	302	1,475	1,783	2,418
October .....	1,713	49	321	1,435	1,762	2,395
November .....	1,737	61	341	1,451	1,798	2,408
December .....	1,749	62	338	1,468	1,811	2,420
<b>Average</b> .....	<b>1,695</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>2,388</b>
<b>2008</b> January .....	1,690	60	321	1,421	1,749	2,476
February .....	1,709	56	331	1,426	1,765	2,455
March .....	1,737	60	343	1,444	1,797	2,457
April .....	1,765	64	358	1,461	1,829	2,498
May .....	1,794	68	375	1,478	1,863	2,546
June .....	1,834	67	383	1,510	1,902	2,554
July .....	1,865	67	380	1,543	1,932	2,567
August .....	1,920	67	397	1,581	1,987	2,611
September .....	1,942	72	417	1,585	2,014	2,612
October .....	1,903	73	422	1,542	1,976	2,591
November .....	1,872	63	426	1,498	1,935	2,469
December .....	1,716	66	391	1,380	1,782	2,342
<b>Average</b> .....	<b>1,814</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>2,515</b>
<b>2009</b> January .....	1,487	66	328	1,215	1,553	2,152
February .....	1,263	57	271	1,037	1,320	1,947
March .....	1,059	46	225	867	1,105	1,825
April .....	947	48	209	775	995	1,718
May .....	864	54	187	723	918	1,646
<b>5-Month Average</b> .....	<b>1,129</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>1,858</b>
<b>2008 5-Month Average</b> .....	<b>1,740</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>2,486</b>
<b>2007 5-Month Average</b> .....	<b>1,659</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>2,374</b>

<sup>a</sup> Rotary rigs in operation are reported weekly. Monthly data are averages of 4- or 5-week reporting periods, not calendar months. Multi-month data are averages of the reported data over the covered months, not averages of the weekly data. Annual data are averages over 52 or 53 weeks, not calendar years. Published data are rounded to the nearest whole number.

<sup>b</sup> Sum of rigs drilling for crude oil, rigs drilling for natural gas, and other rigs (not shown) drilling for miscellaneous purposes, such as service wells, injection wells, and stratigraphic tests.

<sup>c</sup> The number of rigs doing true workovers (where tubing is pulled from the well), or doing rod string and pump repair operations, and that are, on average, crewed

and working every day of the month.

NA=Not available.

Note: Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Web Page: See <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mer/resource.html> for all available data beginning in 1973.

Sources: • **Rotary Rigs in Operation: By Site**—Baker Hughes, Inc., Houston, Texas, *Rotary Rigs Running—by State*. **By Type**—Baker Hughes, Inc., Houston, Texas, weekly phone recording. • **Active Well Service Rig Count**: Cameron International Corporation, Houston, Texas.