

Table 5.2 Crude Oil and Natural Gas Exploratory and Development Wells

	Wells Drilled												Total Footage Drilled Thousand Feet
	Exploratory				Development				Total				
	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Dry	Total	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Dry	Total	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Dry	Total	
	Number												
1973 Total	642	1,067	5,952	7,661	9,525	5,866	4,368	19,759	10,167	6,933	10,320	27,420	138,223
1975 Total	982	1,248	7,129	9,359	15,966	6,879	6,517	29,362	16,948	8,127	13,646	38,721	180,494
1980 Total	1,777	2,099	9,081	12,957	31,182	15,362	11,704	58,248	32,959	17,461	20,785	71,205	316,943
1985 Total	1,680	1,200	8,954	11,834	33,581	13,124	12,257	58,962	35,261	14,324	21,211	70,796	314,409
1990 Total	778	812	3,650	5,240	11,704	10,299	4,578	26,581	12,482	11,111	8,228	31,821	152,621
1995 Total	570	557	2,023	3,150	7,353	7,418	2,786	17,557	7,923	7,975	4,809	20,707	116,661
1996 Total	489	576	1,955	3,020	8,133	8,369	2,925	19,427	8,622	8,945	4,880	22,447	126,022
1997 Total	491	561	2,112	3,164	10,560	10,885	3,750	25,195	11,051	11,446	5,862	28,359	161,313
1998 Total	327	566	1,588	2,481	7,231	10,950	3,167	21,348	7,558	11,516	4,755	23,829	137,105
1999 Total	196	567	1,155	1,918	4,543	11,339	2,363	18,245	4,739	11,906	3,518	20,163	102,639
2000 Total	288	658	1,339	2,285	7,707	16,284	2,792	26,783	7,995	16,942	4,131	29,068	144,188
2001 Total	356	1,052	1,719	3,127	8,456	20,928	2,834	32,218	8,812	21,980	4,553	35,345	179,728
2002 Total	257	844	1,275	2,376	6,476	16,400	2,449	25,325	6,733	17,244	3,724	27,701	144,881
2003 Total	353	997	1,292	2,642	7,702	19,637	2,650	29,989	8,055	20,634	3,942	32,631	177,037
2004 Total	386	1,683	1,349	3,418	8,324	22,337	2,692	33,353	8,710	24,020	4,041	36,771	203,832
2005 Total	536	2,159	1,490	4,185	10,103	26,136	3,250	39,489	10,639	28,295	4,740	43,674	240,193
2006 Total	670	2,567	1,584	4,821	12,578	30,391	3,742	46,711	13,248	32,958	5,326	51,532	286,526
2007 January	64	240	124	428	987	2,811	302	4,100	1,051	3,051	426	4,528	26,746
February	63	206	100	369	904	2,398	249	3,551	967	2,604	349	3,920	24,324
March	65	274	124	463	1,016	2,680	298	3,994	1,081	2,954	422	4,457	27,673
April	61	256	126	443	954	2,486	264	3,704	1,015	2,742	390	4,147	25,799
May	57	292	155	504	1,066	2,844	310	4,220	1,123	3,136	465	4,724	29,150
June	87	262	130	479	1,095	2,836	276	4,207	1,182	3,098	406	4,686	27,224
July	86	295	139	520	1,106	2,647	319	4,072	1,192	2,942	458	4,592	27,542
August	71	289	130	490	1,166	2,733	357	4,256	1,237	3,022	487	4,746	28,008
September	79	279	139	497	1,039	2,501	299	3,839	1,118	2,780	438	4,336	25,539
October	88	335	175	598	1,181	3,132	337	4,650	1,269	3,467	512	5,248	30,872
November	64	312	195	571	1,043	2,734	308	4,085	1,107	3,046	503	4,656	27,883
December	65	255	138	458	1,009	2,508	280	3,797	1,074	2,763	418	4,255	25,350
Total	850	3,295	1,675	5,820	12,566	32,310	3,599	48,475	13,416	35,605	5,274	54,295	326,112
2008 January	91	256	161	508	1,099	2,634	291	4,024	1,190	2,890	452	4,532	27,009
February	86	284	116	486	1,133	2,517	282	3,932	1,219	2,801	398	4,418	26,214
March	74	274	150	498	1,158	2,606	307	4,071	1,232	2,880	457	4,569	27,101
April	71	260	139	470	1,243	2,671	304	4,218	1,314	2,931	443	4,688	27,742
May	98	255	150	503	1,416	2,714	281	4,411	1,514	2,969	431	4,914	28,990
June	64	251	158	473	1,498	2,896	329	4,723	1,562	3,147	487	5,196	30,570
July	74	218	186	478	1,494	2,999	353	4,846	1,568	3,217	539	5,324	31,400
August	75	214	170	459	1,511	3,086	389	4,986	1,586	3,300	559	5,445	32,112
September	64	200	179	443	1,532	2,960	345	4,837	1,596	3,160	524	5,280	31,065
October	95	290	187	572	1,748	3,070	377	5,195	1,843	3,360	564	5,767	33,805
November	104	236	177	517	1,544	2,649	356	4,549	1,648	2,885	533	5,066	29,689
December	69	231	153	453	1,577	2,663	328	4,568	1,646	2,894	481	5,021	29,341
Total	965	2,969	1,926	5,860	16,953	33,465	3,942	54,360	17,918	36,434	5,868	60,220	355,038
2009 January	98	190	R 111	R 399	1,334	2,340	289	3,963	1,432	2,530	R 400	R 4,362	R 25,601
February	R 77	158	R 99	R 334	1,064	1,920	235	3,219	R 1,141	2,078	R 334	R 3,553	R 20,882
March	R 71	147	R 109	R 327	904	1,679	208	2,791	R 975	1,826	R 317	R 3,118	R 18,365
April	R 40	123	84	R 247	817	1,429	177	2,423	R 857	1,552	261	R 2,670	R 15,637
May	R 43	121	77	R 241	737	1,379	170	2,286	R 780	1,500	247	R 2,527	R 14,858
June	45	107	75	227	716	1,228	168	2,112	761	1,335	243	2,339	13,696
July	53	106	77	236	933	1,275	176	2,384	986	1,381	253	2,620	15,163
August	60	115	81	256	1,050	1,294	180	2,524	1,110	1,409	261	2,780	R 16,004
September	65	115	82	262	1,110	1,238	185	2,533	1,175	1,353	267	2,795	16,008
9-Month Total	552	1,182	794	2,528	8,665	13,782	1,788	24,235	9,217	14,964	2,582	26,763	156,215
2008 9-Month Total	697	2,212	1,409	4,318	12,084	25,083	2,881	40,048	12,781	27,295	4,290	44,366	262,204
2007 9-Month Total	633	2,393	1,167	4,193	9,333	23,936	2,674	35,943	9,966	26,329	3,841	40,136	242,006

R=Revised.

Notes: • Prior to 1990, 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. After 1990, a new well is defined as the first hole in the ground whether it is lateral or not. 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 Exploratory and Development Wells," at end of section.

• 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: • 1973-1989: Energy Information Administration (EIA) computations based on well reports submitted to the American Petroleum Institute. • 1990 forward: EIA computations based on well reports submitted to IHS, Inc., Denver, CO.