

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	11,702	10,299	4,578	26,579	12,480	11,111	8,228	31,819	155,279
1995 Total	570	557	2,023	3,150	7,349	7,418	2,784	17,551	7,919	7,975	4,807	20,701	116,664
1996 Total	489	576	1,955	3,020	8,125	8,368	2,922	19,415	8,614	8,944	4,877	22,435	125,995
1997 Total	491	561	2,112	3,164	10,557	10,879	3,745	25,181	11,048	11,440	5,857	28,345	161,292
1998 Total	327	566	1,588	2,481	7,232	10,946	3,166	21,344	7,559	11,512	4,754	23,825	137,100
1999 Total	196	566	1,155	1,917	4,543	11,339	2,362	18,244	4,739	11,905	3,517	20,161	102,615
2000 Total	288	658	1,339	2,285	7,705	16,282	2,792	26,779	7,993	16,940	4,131	29,064	144,168
2001 Total	356	1,051	1,715	3,122	8,456	20,924	2,832	32,212	8,812	21,975	4,547	35,334	179,724
2002 Total	257	844	1,276	2,377	6,475	16,394	2,447	25,316	6,732	17,238	3,723	27,693	144,867
2003 Total	353	997	1,288	2,638	7,701	19,633	2,640	29,974	8,054	20,630	3,928	32,612	176,912
2004 Total	386	1,682	1,342	3,410	8,321	22,311	2,686	33,318	8,707	23,993	4,028	36,728	203,716
2005 Total	534	2,139	1,473	4,146	10,111	26,084	3,228	39,423	10,645	28,223	4,701	43,569	239,829
2006 Total	R 668	R 2,550	R 1,534	R 4,752	R 12,450	R 30,100	R 3,710	R 46,260	R 13,118	R 32,650	R 5,244	R 51,012	R 286,420
2007 January	59	R 234	R 120	R 413	R 978	R 2,353	R 302	R 3,633	R 1,037	R 2,587	R 422	R 4,046	R 23,862
February	R 60	200	99	R 359	R 896	R 2,138	R 251	R 3,285	R 956	R 2,338	R 350	R 3,644	R 22,732
March	R 64	269	119	R 452	R 1,000	R 2,401	R 299	R 3,700	R 1,064	R 2,670	R 418	R 4,152	R 25,882
April	R 61	R 255	R 124	R 440	R 946	R 2,223	R 264	R 3,433	R 1,007	R 2,478	R 388	R 3,873	R 24,067
May	R 57	R 287	R 152	R 496	R 1,043	R 2,497	R 314	R 3,854	R 1,100	R 2,784	R 466	R 4,350	R 26,969
June	R 86	R 255	R 124	R 465	R 1,067	R 2,637	R 281	R 3,985	R 1,153	R 2,892	405	R 4,450	R 26,127
July	R 87	R 290	139	R 516	R 1,052	R 2,481	R 314	R 3,847	R 1,139	R 2,771	R 453	R 4,363	R 26,647
August	R 71	R 288	R 128	R 487	R 1,127	R 2,763	355	R 4,245	R 1,198	R 3,051	R 483	R 4,732	R 28,792
September	R 79	R 270	R 139	R 488	R 1,019	R 2,434	R 297	R 3,750	R 1,098	R 2,704	R 436	4,238	R 25,333
October	R 88	R 324	R 168	R 580	R 1,148	R 2,731	R 334	R 4,213	R 1,236	R 3,055	502	4,793	R 28,459
November	R 65	R 310	R 187	R 562	R 1,009	R 2,517	R 298	R 3,824	1,074	R 2,827	R 485	R 4,386	R 26,500
December	64	R 250	R 129	R 443	992	R 2,249	R 281	R 3,522	1,056	R 2,499	R 410	R 3,965	R 23,890
Total	R 841	R 3,232	R 1,628	R 5,701	R 12,277	R 29,424	R 3,590	R 45,291	R 13,118	R 32,656	R 5,218	R 50,992	R 309,260
2008 January	R 92	R 252	R 158	R 502	R 1,081	R 2,300	R 288	R 3,669	R 1,173	R 2,552	R 446	R 4,171	R 25,111
February	R 87	R 284	111	R 482	R 1,122	2,264	R 282	R 3,668	R 1,209	R 2,548	R 393	R 4,150	R 24,903
March	R 73	R 266	R 141	R 480	R 1,131	R 2,302	R 309	R 3,742	R 1,204	R 2,568	R 450	R 4,222	R 25,310
April	72	R 259	R 132	R 463	R 1,213	R 2,386	299	R 3,898	R 1,285	R 2,645	R 431	R 4,361	R 26,108
May	R 99	R 249	R 144	R 492	R 1,363	R 2,463	R 281	R 4,107	R 1,462	R 2,712	R 425	R 4,599	R 27,486
June	R 63	R 234	R 151	R 448	R 1,457	R 2,524	R 329	R 4,310	R 1,520	R 2,758	R 480	R 4,758	R 28,276
July	R 73	R 208	R 174	R 455	R 1,440	R 2,622	R 349	R 4,411	R 1,513	R 2,830	R 523	R 4,866	R 29,006
August	76	209	R 162	R 447	1,468	R 2,746	383	R 4,597	1,544	R 2,955	R 545	R 5,044	R 30,090
September	R 60	R 200	R 172	R 432	R 1,508	R 2,637	R 341	R 4,486	R 1,568	2,837	R 513	R 4,918	R 29,238
October	R 83	R 271	R 177	R 531	R 1,604	R 2,725	R 375	R 4,704	R 1,687	R 2,996	R 552	R 5,235	R 31,096
November	R 91	R 218	R 161	R 470	R 1,550	R 2,538	R 335	R 4,423	R 1,641	R 2,756	R 496	R 4,893	R 29,044
December	82	R 206	R 144	R 432	R 1,422	R 2,381	R 312	R 4,115	R 1,504	R 2,587	R 456	R 4,547	R 29,627
Total	R 951	R 2,856	R 1,827	R 5,634	R 16,359	R 29,888	R 3,883	R 50,130	R 17,310	R 32,744	R 5,710	R 55,764	R 335,295
2009 January	R 62	R 182	R 128	R 372	R 1,199	R 2,128	R 283	R 3,610	R 1,261	R 2,310	R 411	R 3,982	R 25,763
February	53	153	107	313	989	R 1,786	230	R 3,005	1,042	R 1,939	337	R 3,318	R 21,024
March	48	131	R 90	R 269	825	R 1,550	199	R 2,574	873	R 1,681	R 289	R 2,843	R 18,216
April	44	R 123	83	R 250	R 816	R 1,429	173	R 2,418	R 860	R 1,552	256	R 2,668	R 15,903
May	37	120	77	234	736	1,379	176	2,291	773	1,499	253	2,525	15,092
5-Month Total	244	709	485	1,438	4,565	8,272	1,061	13,898	4,809	8,981	1,546	15,336	95,998
2008 5-Month Total	423	1,310	686	2,419	5,910	11,715	1,459	19,084	6,333	13,025	2,145	21,503	128,918
2007 5-Month Total	301	1,245	614	2,160	4,863	11,612	1,430	17,905	5,164	12,857	2,044	20,065	123,512

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.