

**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												
<b>1973 Total</b> .....	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
<b>1975 Total</b> .....	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
<b>1980 Total</b> .....	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
<b>1985 Total</b> .....	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
<b>1990 Total</b> .....	664	693	3,793	5,150	11,781	10,433	4,703	26,917	12,445	11,126	8,496	32,067	156,204
<b>1995 Total</b> .....	549	583	2,279	3,411	7,278	7,871	3,040	18,189	7,827	8,454	5,319	21,600	121,309
<b>1996 Total</b> .....	496	591	2,246	3,333	8,264	8,948	3,341	20,553	8,760	9,539	5,587	23,886	133,362
<b>1997 Total</b> .....	434	543	2,178	3,155	10,011	10,643	3,777	24,431	10,445	11,186	5,955	27,586	155,292
<b>1998 Total</b> .....	286	510	1,649	2,445	6,693	10,617	3,156	20,466	6,979	11,127	4,805	22,911	131,137
<b>1999 Total</b> .....	156	519	1,167	1,842	4,158	10,602	2,337	17,097	4,314	11,121	3,504	18,939	94,595
<b>2000 Total</b> .....	267	615	1,349	2,231	7,318	15,627	2,697	25,642	7,585	16,242	4,046	27,873	136,575
<b>2001 Total</b> .....	330	972	1,716	3,018	7,856	20,431	2,716	31,003	8,186	21,403	4,432	34,021	172,245
<b>2002 Total</b> .....	239	701	1,283	2,223	5,987	16,027	2,327	24,341	6,226	16,728	3,610	26,564	139,973
<b>2003 Total</b> .....	326	892	1,266	2,484	7,139	18,630	2,422	28,191	7,465	19,522	3,688	30,675	169,178
<b>2004 Total</b> .....	368	1,323	1,200	2,891	7,438	20,493	2,274	30,205	7,806	21,816	3,474	33,096	184,701
<b>2005 Total</b> .....	448	1,532	1,358	3,338	9,220	25,482	2,705	37,407	9,668	27,014	4,063	40,745	227,584
<b>2006</b> January .....	60	136	71	267	837	2,249	242	3,328	897	2,385	313	3,595	20,661
February .....	48	119	89	256	727	2,446	219	3,392	775	2,565	308	3,648	20,966
March .....	38	118	166	322	867	2,416	312	3,595	905	2,534	478	3,917	22,512
April .....	46	121	171	338	914	2,475	323	3,712	960	2,596	494	4,050	23,277
May .....	43	128	165	336	946	2,496	313	3,755	989	2,624	478	4,091	23,512
June .....	47	129	169	345	1,033	2,501	322	3,856	1,080	2,630	491	4,201	24,144
July .....	49	129	171	349	1,081	2,507	327	3,915	1,130	2,636	498	4,264	24,506
August .....	52	133	177	362	1,146	2,575	339	4,060	1,198	2,708	516	4,422	25,415
September .....	50	134	177	361	1,106	2,598	337	4,041	1,156	2,732	514	4,402	25,300
October .....	48	139	173	360	1,044	2,615	329	3,988	1,092	2,754	502	4,348	24,989
November .....	48	136	171	355	1,044	2,567	324	3,935	1,092	2,703	495	4,290	24,656
December .....	47	137	170	354	1,018	2,583	324	3,925	1,065	2,720	494	4,279	24,593
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>576</b>	<b>1,559</b>	<b>1,870</b>	<b>4,005</b>	<b>11,763</b>	<b>30,028</b>	<b>3,711</b>	<b>45,502</b>	<b>12,339</b>	<b>31,587</b>	<b>5,581</b>	<b>49,507</b>	<b>284,531</b>
<b>2007</b> January .....	48	136	170	354	1,050	2,560	324	3,934	1,098	2,696	494	4,288	27,446
February .....	47	139	172	358	1,035	2,606	327	3,968	1,082	2,745	499	4,326	27,689
March .....	50	138	174	362	1,097	2,597	332	4,026	1,147	2,735	506	4,388	28,086
April .....	51	138	174	363	1,108	2,597	334	4,039	1,159	2,735	508	4,402	28,176
May .....	50	138	175	363	1,097	2,602	333	4,032	1,147	2,740	508	4,395	28,131
June .....	51	140	176	367	1,101	2,636	336	4,073	1,152	2,776	512	4,440	28,419
July .....	51	140	177	368	1,109	2,642	337	4,088	1,160	2,782	514	4,456	28,521
August .....	55	141	181	377	1,190	2,652	345	4,187	1,245	2,793	526	4,564	29,213
September .....	54	139	179	372	1,175	2,621	341	4,137	1,229	2,760	520	4,509	28,861
October .....	57	135	177	369	1,244	2,549	340	4,133	1,301	2,684	517	4,502	28,816
November .....	60	136	181	377	1,327	2,580	351	4,258	1,387	2,716	532	4,635	29,667
December .....	60	138	183	381	1,310	2,610	352	4,272	1,370	2,748	535	4,653	29,782
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>634</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>2,119</b>	<b>4,411</b>	<b>13,843</b>	<b>31,252</b>	<b>4,052</b>	<b>49,147</b>	<b>14,477</b>	<b>32,910</b>	<b>6,171</b>	<b>53,558</b>	<b>342,807</b>
<b>2008</b> January .....	57	133	175	365	1,248	2,525	339	4,112	1,305	2,658	514	4,477	<sup>R</sup> 25,823
February .....	59	134	178	371	1,287	2,533	343	4,163	1,346	2,667	521	4,534	<sup>R</sup> 26,152
March .....	61	136	182	379	1,334	2,567	350	4,251	1,395	2,703	532	4,630	<sup>R</sup> 26,705
April .....	63	137	185	385	1,393	2,598	358	4,349	1,456	2,735	543	4,734	<sup>R</sup> 27,305
May .....	66	139	189	394	1,459	2,627	367	4,453	1,525	2,766	556	4,847	<sup>R</sup> 27,957
June .....	68	142	194	404	1,489	2,684	375	4,548	1,557	2,826	569	4,952	<sup>R</sup> 28,563
July .....	67	145	196	408	1,478	2,743	379	4,600	1,545	2,888	575	5,008	28,886
<b>7-Month Total</b> .....	<b>441</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>2,706</b>	<b>9,688</b>	<b>18,277</b>	<b>2,511</b>	<b>30,476</b>	<b>10,129</b>	<b>19,243</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>33,182</b>	<b>191,391</b>
<b>2007 7-Month Total</b> .....	<b>348</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>7,597</b>	<b>18,240</b>	<b>2,323</b>	<b>28,160</b>	<b>7,945</b>	<b>19,209</b>	<b>3,541</b>	<b>30,695</b>	<b>196,468</b>
<b>2006 7-Month Total</b> .....	<b>331</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>6,405</b>	<b>17,090</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>25,553</b>	<b>6,736</b>	<b>17,970</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>27,766</b>	<b>159,578</b>

R=Revised.

Notes: • 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

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: • **1973-1994:** Energy Information Administration (EIA) computations based on well reports submitted to the American Petroleum Institute. • **1995 forward:** EIA computations based on well reports submitted to the Information Handling Services Energy Group, Inc.