

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	3,648	5,238	11,696	10,296	4,569	26,561	12,474	11,108	8,217	31,799	155,253
1995 Total	570	557	2,023	3,150	7,345	7,412	2,764	17,521	7,915	7,969	4,787	20,671	116,590
1996 Total	489	576	1,955	3,020	8,122	8,367	2,915	19,404	8,611	8,943	4,870	22,424	125,971
1997 Total	491	561	2,108	3,160	10,553	10,874	3,740	25,167	11,044	11,435	5,848	28,327	161,215
1998 Total	327	566	1,585	2,478	7,229	10,944	3,160	21,333	7,556	11,510	4,745	23,811	137,048
1999 Total	196	565	1,157	1,918	4,538	11,334	2,360	18,232	4,734	11,899	3,517	20,150	102,594
2000 Total	288	657	1,333	2,278	7,698	16,278	2,784	26,760	7,986	16,935	4,117	29,038	143,947
2001 Total	353	1,046	1,714	3,113	8,452	20,913	2,825	32,190	8,805	21,959	4,539	35,303	179,624
2002 Total	255	843	1,271	2,369	6,469	16,382	2,435	25,286	6,724	17,225	3,706	27,655	144,640
2003 Total	349	991	1,285	2,625	7,677	19,596	2,613	29,886	8,026	20,587	3,898	32,511	176,557
2004 Total	386	1,653	1,331	3,370	8,290	22,075	2,644	33,009	8,876	23,728	3,975	36,379	202,813
2005 Total	515	2,087	1,431	4,033	9,866	25,693	3,081	38,640	10,381	27,780	4,512	42,673	237,214
2006 January	R 65	R 176	R 95	R 336	R 952	R 2,267	R 307	R 3,526	R 1,017	R 2,443	R 402	R 3,862	R 21,910
February	51	192	112	355	852	2,192	269	3,313	903	2,384	381	3,668	20,559
March	R 42	R 209	R 96	R 347	R 955	R 2,456	R 306	R 3,717	R 997	R 2,665	R 402	R 4,064	R 23,649
April	44	167	128	339	950	2,212	299	3,461	994	2,379	427	3,800	21,796
May	R 61	R 211	R 138	R 410	R 1,018	R 2,409	R 271	R 3,698	R 1,079	R 2,620	R 409	R 4,108	R 23,801
June	R 78	217	139	434	1,106	2,571	R 336	R 4,013	R 1,184	R 2,788	R 475	R 4,447	R 25,102
July	R 37	R 223	R 134	R 394	R 1,105	R 2,332	R 301	R 3,738	R 1,142	R 2,555	R 435	R 4,132	R 22,889
August	R 62	R 277	R 142	R 481	R 1,080	R 2,854	R 317	R 4,251	R 1,142	R 3,131	R 459	R 4,732	R 26,300
September	R 57	R 226	R 139	R 422	R 1,049	R 2,553	R 289	R 3,891	R 1,106	R 2,779	R 428	R 4,313	R 24,665
October	R 61	R 250	R 129	R 440	R 1,090	R 2,674	R 336	R 4,100	R 1,151	R 2,924	R 465	R 4,540	R 26,002
November	R 60	R 285	R 119	R 464	R 1,079	R 2,466	R 338	R 3,883	R 1,139	R 2,751	R 457	R 4,347	R 25,427
December	R 35	R 251	R 156	R 442	R 1,039	R 2,314	R 273	R 3,626	R 1,074	R 2,565	R 429	R 4,068	R 23,509
Total	R 653	R 2,684	R 1,527	R 4,864	R 12,275	R 29,300	R 3,642	R 45,217	R 12,928	R 31,984	R 5,169	R 50,081	R 285,609
2007 January	R 59	R 274	R 122	R 455	R 977	R 2,253	R 295	R 3,525	R 1,036	R 2,527	R 417	R 3,980	R 23,821
February	R 62	R 242	R 100	R 404	R 893	R 2,077	R 247	R 3,217	R 955	R 2,319	R 347	R 3,621	R 22,990
March	R 66	R 313	R 117	R 496	R 990	R 2,298	R 294	R 3,582	R 1,056	R 2,611	R 411	R 4,078	R 25,965
April	R 60	R 298	R 128	R 486	R 947	R 2,143	R 250	R 3,340	R 1,007	R 2,441	R 378	R 3,826	R 24,273
May	R 58	R 331	R 153	R 542	R 1,034	R 2,370	R 309	R 3,713	R 1,092	R 2,701	R 462	R 4,255	R 27,085
June	R 84	R 290	R 118	R 492	R 1,071	R 2,555	R 274	R 3,900	R 1,155	R 2,845	R 392	R 4,392	R 26,525
July	R 83	R 335	R 133	R 551	R 1,023	R 2,424	R 311	R 3,758	R 1,106	R 2,759	R 444	R 4,309	R 27,168
August	R 66	R 322	R 123	R 511	R 1,051	R 2,688	R 359	R 4,098	R 1,117	R 3,010	R 482	R 4,609	R 29,002
September	R 80	R 302	R 141	R 523	R 958	R 2,462	R 280	R 3,700	R 1,038	R 2,764	R 421	R 4,223	R 26,449
October	R 79	R 367	R 159	R 605	R 1,132	R 2,698	R 339	R 4,169	R 1,211	R 3,065	R 498	R 4,774	R 29,383
November	R 63	R 338	R 189	R 590	R 1,032	R 2,523	R 291	R 3,846	R 1,095	R 2,861	R 480	R 4,436	R 27,956
December	R 83	R 303	R 127	R 493	R 1,043	R 2,275	R 268	R 3,586	R 1,106	R 2,578	R 395	R 4,079	R 27,205
Total	R 823	R 3,715	R 1,610	R 6,148	R 12,151	R 28,766	R 3,517	R 44,434	R 12,974	R 32,481	R 5,127	R 50,582	R 317,823
2008 January	R 85	R 299	R 145	R 529	R 1,140	R 2,320	R 275	R 3,735	R 1,225	R 2,619	R 420	R 4,264	R 26,434
February	R 85	R 293	R 100	R 478	R 1,172	R 2,197	R 274	R 3,643	R 1,257	R 2,490	R 374	R 4,121	R 25,513
March	R 78	R 267	R 137	R 482	R 1,173	R 2,293	R 310	R 3,776	R 1,251	R 2,560	R 447	R 4,258	R 27,025
April	R 74	R 215	R 142	R 431	R 1,276	R 2,311	R 310	R 3,897	R 1,350	R 2,526	R 452	R 4,328	R 27,859
May	R 106	R 233	R 124	R 463	R 1,324	R 2,443	R 305	R 4,072	R 1,430	R 2,676	R 429	R 4,535	R 28,988
June	R 66	R 253	R 145	R 464	R 1,370	R 2,522	R 322	R 4,214	R 1,436	R 2,775	R 467	R 4,678	R 29,507
July	R 82	R 261	R 143	R 486	R 1,361	R 2,630	R 323	R 4,314	R 1,443	R 2,891	R 466	R 4,800	R 29,912
August	R 84	R 265	R 157	R 506	R 1,415	R 2,775	R 347	R 4,537	R 1,499	R 3,040	R 504	R 5,043	R 31,871
September	R 99	R 256	R 156	R 511	R 1,507	R 2,722	R 350	R 4,579	R 1,606	R 2,978	R 506	R 5,090	R 32,012
October	R 101	R 251	R 154	R 506	R 1,520	R 2,686	R 344	R 4,550	R 1,621	R 2,937	R 498	R 5,056	R 31,769
November	93	241	152	486	1,543	2,574	341	4,458	1,636	2,815	493	4,944	31,051
11-Month Total ...	953	2,834	1,555	5,342	14,801	27,473	3,501	45,775	15,754	30,307	5,056	51,117	321,940
2007 11-Month Total ...	760	3,412	1,483	5,655	11,108	26,491	3,249	40,848	11,868	29,903	4,732	46,503	290,618
2006 11-Month Total ...	618	2,433	1,371	4,422	11,236	26,986	3,369	41,591	11,854	29,419	4,740	46,013	262,100

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 the Information Handling Services Energy Group, Inc.