

Oil and Gas Well Drilling on Federal Offshore Leases Since 1960

(Well and borehole are used interchangeably in these data, and no distinction is made between exploration and production well drilling in the figures.)

Year	Well Drilling Status			Completed (Wells and Boreholes)	Plugged & Aban- doned (Wells & Boreholes)	Cumulative Total
	Active	Suspended	Other ¹			
1960	58	53	N/A	1,923	686	2,720
1961	54	99	N/A	2,467	814	3,434
1962	56	107	N/A	3,091	1,002	4,256
1963	62	130	N/A	3,631	1,226	5,049
1964	73	193	102	4,313	1,372	6,053
1965	89	261	0	4,733	1,685	6,768
1966	82	0	444	3,305	1,871	5,702
1967	95	0	496	3,762	2,233	6,586
1968	133	0	592	4,258	2,592	7,575
1969	103	129	590	4,752	2,919	8,493
1970	106	115	534	5,359	3,278	9,392
1971	89	152	551	5,718	3,724	10,234
1972	79	263	537	6,032	4,168	11,079
1973	84	249	546	6,421	4,599	11,899
1974	91	292	1,006	6,218	5,108	12,715
1975	97	292	977	6,104	5,617	13,087
1976	97	362	1,117	6,461	6,088	14,125
1977	169	496	N/A	7,914	6,610	15,189
1978	117	486	N/A	8,433	7,133	16,169
1979	175	603	N/A	8,964	7,576	17,318
1980	191	739	N/A	9,638	8,057	18,625
1981	173	724	N/A	10,308	8,704	19,909
1982	166	701	N/A	11,164	8,913	20,944
1983	134	597	N/A	11,990	9,374	22,095
1984	253	313	1,151	11,861	9,903	23,481
1985	195	348	1,166	12,285	10,487	24,481
1986	95	279	1,200	12,536	11,909	26,019
1987	142	265	1,275	12,736	12,373	26,791
1988	116	289	1,402	12,827	13,164	27,798
1989	123	361	1,441	12,938	13,846	28,709
1990	120	266	1,466	13,167	14,677	29,696
1991	64	249	1,436	13,184	15,430	30,363
1992	104	180	1,465	13,209	16,348	31,306
1993	129	193	1,433	13,181	16,709	31,645
1994	117	222	1,435	12,705	16,860	31,339
1995	124	247	1,522	13,475	18,089	33,457
1996	212	151	1,615	13,583	18,817	34,378
1997	268	149	1,792	13,546	19,956	35,711
1998	175	122	1,913	13,702	21,124	37,036
1999	219	110	2,026	13,011	22,034	37,400
2000	230	146	2,166	13,096	22,735	38,373
2001	153	73	2,032	13,930	24,474	40,662
2002	143	73	2,116	13,876	25,484	41,692
2003	204	50	3,138	18,424	32,251	54,067
2004	197	58	3,296	18,260	33,746	55,557
2005	242	67	3,601	18,001	34,878	56,789
2006	209	61	3,834	17,801	36,470	58,375

¹Other kinds of wells not yet plugged and abandoned (P & A), but standing awaiting work, are not separately reported from 1960-1963 and from 1977-1983. Before 1964 and from 1977-1983, wells or boreholes are not yet P & A were listed as either completed or suspended.