

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	811	3,652	5,241	12,061	10,435	4,593	27,089	12,839	11,246	8,245	32,330	156,044
1995 Total	570	558	2,024	3,152	7,678	7,524	2,790	17,992	8,248	8,082	4,814	21,144	117,156
1996 Total	489	576	1,956	3,021	8,347	8,451	2,934	19,732	8,836	9,027	4,890	22,753	126,365
1997 Total	491	562	2,113	3,166	10,715	10,936	3,761	25,412	11,206	11,498	5,874	28,578	161,249
1998 Total	327	566	1,590	2,483	7,355	11,073	3,171	21,599	7,682	11,639	4,761	24,082	137,202
1999 Total	197	570	1,157	1,924	4,608	11,457	2,393	18,458	4,805	12,027	3,550	20,382	102,861
2000 Total	288	657	1,341	2,286	7,802	16,394	2,805	27,001	8,090	17,051	4,146	29,287	144,425
2001 Total	357	1,052	1,733	3,142	8,531	21,020	2,865	32,416	8,888	22,072	4,598	35,558	180,141
2002 Total	258	844	1,282	2,384	6,517	16,498	2,472	25,487	6,775	17,342	3,754	27,871	145,159
2003 Total	350	997	1,297	2,644	7,779	19,725	2,685	30,189	8,129	20,722	3,982	32,833	177,239
2004 Total	383	1,671	1,350	3,404	8,406	22,515	2,732	33,653	8,789	24,186	4,082	37,057	204,279
2005 Total	539	2,141	1,462	4,142	10,240	26,449	3,191	39,880	10,779	28,590	4,653	44,022	240,307
2006 Total	646	2,456	1,547	4,649	12,739	30,382	3,659	46,780	13,385	32,838	5,206	51,429	282,675
2007 Total	R 808	R 2,794	R 1,582	R 5,184	R 12,563	R 29,925	R 3,399	R 45,887	R 13,371	R 32,719	R 4,981	R 51,071	R 301,515
2008 Total	R 897	R 2,345	R 1,715	R 4,957	R 15,736	R 29,901	R 3,708	R 49,345	R 16,633	R 32,246	R 5,423	R 54,302	R 334,141
2009 Total	R 605	R 1,206	R 1,055	R 2,866	R 10,585	R 16,882	R 2,470	R 29,937	R 11,190	R 18,088	R 3,525	R 32,803	R 231,562
2010													
January	R 55	R 91	R 81	R 227	R 898	R 1,264	R 169	R 2,331	R 953	R 1,355	R 250	R 2,558	R 15,304
February	R 44	R 71	R 67	R 182	R 871	R 1,096	R 144	R 2,111	R 915	R 1,167	R 211	R 2,293	R 16,862
March	R 59	R 85	R 88	R 232	R 1,062	R 1,224	R 216	R 2,502	R 1,121	R 1,309	R 304	R 2,734	R 15,102
April	R 49	R 78	R 77	R 204	R 1,173	R 1,152	R 249	R 2,574	R 1,222	R 1,230	R 326	R 2,778	R 17,904
May	R 48	R 107	R 86	R 241	R 1,282	R 1,208	R 255	R 2,745	R 1,330	R 1,315	R 341	R 2,986	R 17,987
June	R 61	R 100	R 90	R 251	R 1,385	R 1,250	R 302	R 2,937	R 1,446	R 1,350	R 392	R 3,188	R 19,408
July	R 46	R 103	R 105	R 254	R 1,386	R 1,443	R 390	R 3,219	R 1,432	R 1,546	R 495	R 3,473	R 20,847
August	R 56	R 104	R 94	R 254	R 1,434	R 1,402	R 314	R 3,150	R 1,490	R 1,506	R 408	R 3,404	R 22,923
September	R 57	R 73	R 88	R 218	R 1,374	R 1,358	R 268	R 3,000	R 1,431	R 1,431	R 356	R 3,218	R 23,037
October	R 75	R 87	R 117	R 279	R 1,502	R 1,463	R 283	R 3,248	R 1,577	R 1,550	R 400	R 3,527	R 22,123
November	R 62	R 114	R 103	R 279	R 1,400	R 1,352	R 263	R 3,015	R 1,462	R 1,466	R 366	R 3,294	R 24,561
December	R 57	R 92	R 70	R 219	R 1,317	R 1,379	R 243	R 2,939	R 1,374	R 1,471	R 313	R 3,158	R 23,189
Total	R 669	R 1,105	R 1,066	R 2,840	R 15,084	R 15,591	R 3,096	R 33,771	R 15,753	R 16,696	R 4,162	R 36,611	R 239,247
2011													
January	R 66	R 73	R 79	R 218	R 1,408	R 1,126	R 235	R 2,769	R 1,474	R 1,199	R 314	R 2,987	R 21,306
February	R 59	R 57	R 56	R 172	R 1,261	R 1,025	R 183	R 2,469	R 1,320	R 1,082	R 239	R 2,641	R 19,243
March	R 63	R 75	R 63	R 201	R 1,481	R 1,145	R 251	R 2,877	R 1,544	R 1,220	R 314	R 3,078	R 22,524
April	R 68	R 68	R 62	R 198	R 1,470	R 1,108	R 248	R 2,826	R 1,538	R 1,176	R 310	R 3,024	R 22,474
May	R 80	R 83	R 79	R 242	R 1,596	R 1,046	R 287	R 2,929	R 1,676	R 1,129	R 366	R 3,171	R 23,619
June	R 80	R 90	R 73	R 243	R 1,698	R 1,120	R 281	R 3,099	R 1,778	R 1,210	R 354	R 3,342	R 25,148
July	R 85	R 70	R 101	R 256	R 1,662	R 1,001	R 277	R 2,940	R 1,747	R 1,071	R 378	R 3,196	R 24,175
August	R 72	R 69	R 73	R 214	R 1,742	R 1,084	R 300	R 3,126	R 1,814	R 1,153	R 373	R 3,340	R 25,810
September	R 82	R 53	R 73	R 208	R 1,561	R 1,094	R 270	R 2,925	R 1,643	R 1,147	R 343	R 3,133	R 24,689
October	R 72	R 52	R 97	R 221	R 1,548	R 957	R 282	R 2,787	R 1,620	R 1,009	R 379	R 3,008	R 23,857
November	R 85	R 54	R 99	R 238	R 1,627	R 941	R 296	R 2,864	R 1,712	R 995	R 395	R 3,102	R 24,867
December	R 71	R 41	R 86	R 198	R 1,531	R 788	R 230	R 2,549	R 1,602	R 829	R 316	R 2,747	R 22,253
Total	R 883	R 785	R 941	R 2,609	R 18,585	R 12,435	R 3,140	R 34,160	R 19,468	R 13,220	R 4,081	R 36,769	R 279,965
2012													
January	R 82	R 40	R 82	R 204	R 1,567	R 809	R 260	R 2,636	R 1,649	R 849	R 342	R 2,840	R 23,257
February	R 89	R 15	R 93	R 197	R 1,731	R 687	R 280	R 2,698	R 1,820	R 702	R 373	R 2,895	R 23,590
March	R 92	R 7	R 91	R 190	R 1,867	R 561	R 339	R 2,767	R 1,959	R 568	R 430	R 2,957	R 23,592
April	R 93	R 7	R 95	R 195	R 1,875	R 504	R 340	R 2,719	R 1,968	R 511	R 435	R 2,914	R 23,444
May	112	0	97	209	2,219	433	341	2,993	2,331	433	438	3,202	24,304
June	113	0	100	213	2,220	396	342	2,958	2,333	396	442	3,171	24,592
6-Month Total	581	69	558	1,208	11,479	3,390	1,902	16,771	12,060	3,459	2,460	17,979	142,778
2011 6-Month Total	416	446	412	1,274	8,914	6,570	1,485	16,969	9,330	7,016	1,897	18,243	134,314
2010 6-Month Total	316	532	489	1,337	6,671	7,194	1,335	15,200	6,987	7,726	1,824	16,537	102,567

R=Revised.

Notes: • Data are estimates. • 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.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/#crude> for all available data beginning in 1973.

Sources: • **1973-1989:** U.S. 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.