

**Table 4.7 Crude Oil and Natural Gas Development Wells, Selected Years, 1949-2010**

Year	Wells Drilled				Successful Wells	Footage Drilled <sup>1</sup>				Average Footage Drilled			
	Crude Oil <sup>2</sup>	Natural Gas <sup>3</sup>	Dry Holes <sup>4</sup>	Total		Crude Oil <sup>2</sup>	Natural Gas <sup>3</sup>	Dry Holes <sup>4</sup>	Total	Crude Oil <sup>2</sup>	Natural Gas <sup>3</sup>	Dry Holes <sup>4</sup>	Total
	Number					Percent	Thousand Feet				Feet per Well		
1949	19,946	2,939	5,369	28,254	81.0	73,478	10,028	17,315	100,821	3,684	3,412	3,225	3,568
1950	22,229	3,008	6,507	31,744	79.5	85,833	11,329	20,020	117,183	3,861	3,766	3,077	3,691
1955	28,196	3,392	8,620	40,208	78.6	110,374	14,718	31,883	156,976	3,915	4,339	3,699	3,904
1960	20,937	4,281	8,697	33,915	74.4	79,739	22,780	33,826	136,345	3,809	5,321	3,889	4,020
1965	17,119	3,967	8,221	29,307	71.9	67,956	21,174	36,548	125,678	3,970	5,337	4,446	4,288
1970	12,211	3,534	4,869	20,614	76.4	52,130	19,945	22,951	95,026	4,269	5,644	4,714	4,610
1975	15,966	6,879	6,517	29,362	77.8	61,013	36,032	28,772	125,817	3,821	5,238	4,415	4,285
1976	16,602	8,063	6,986	31,651	77.9	62,365	39,992	31,008	133,365	3,756	4,960	4,439	4,214
1977	17,581	10,574	7,702	35,857	78.5	68,581	53,431	35,905	157,917	3,901	5,053	4,662	4,404
1978	18,010	12,642	8,586	39,238	78.1	69,936	64,043	39,493	173,472	3,883	5,066	4,600	4,421
1979	19,530	13,347	8,662	41,539	79.1	74,747	67,825	39,130	181,702	3,827	5,082	4,517	4,374
1980	31,182	15,362	11,704	58,248	79.9	115,085	78,244	49,326	242,655	3,691	5,093	4,214	4,166
1981	41,236	17,728	15,553	74,517	79.1	156,652	91,274	65,720	313,646	3,799	5,149	4,226	4,209
1982	37,022	16,943	15,072	69,037	78.2	136,261	92,386	63,066	291,713	3,681	5,453	4,184	4,225
1983	35,336	13,079	14,149	62,564	77.4	126,412	67,844	56,233	250,489	3,577	5,187	3,974	4,004
1984	40,697	15,810	14,563	71,070	79.5	150,359	81,545	61,236	293,140	3,695	5,158	4,205	4,125
1985	33,581	13,124	12,257	58,962	79.2	127,874	68,149	52,784	248,807	3,808	5,193	4,306	4,220
1986	18,129	7,802	7,232	33,163	78.2	70,246	39,638	30,636	140,520	3,875	5,080	4,236	4,237
1987	15,284	7,340	6,115	28,739	78.7	60,706	37,520	26,842	125,068	3,972	5,112	4,390	4,352
1988	12,791	7,831	5,408	26,030	79.2	53,353	40,371	25,438	119,162	4,171	5,155	4,704	4,578
1989	9,623	8,816	4,302	22,741	81.1	39,607	44,417	20,152	104,176	4,116	5,038	4,684	4,581
1990	R12,061	R10,435	R4,593	R27,089	83.0	R51,290	R51,317	R21,781	R124,388	R4,253	R4,918	R4,742	R4,592
1991	R11,915	R9,144	R4,290	R25,349	R83.1	R51,789	R46,461	R19,808	R118,058	R4,347	R5,081	R4,617	R4,657
1992	R8,831	R7,650	R3,478	R19,959	82.6	R41,859	R41,269	R16,419	R99,547	R4,740	R5,395	R4,721	R4,987
1993	R8,317	R9,229	R3,762	R21,308	82.3	R40,751	R54,424	R17,645	R112,820	R4,900	5,897	R4,690	R5,294
1994	R6,753	R8,593	R2,849	R18,195	84.3	R34,704	R53,310	R14,521	R102,535	R5,139	R6,204	5,097	R5,635
1995	R7,678	R7,524	2,790	R17,992	84.5	R37,213	R46,343	R14,469	R98,025	R4,847	R6,159	R5,186	R5,448
1996	R8,347	R8,451	2,934	R19,732	85.1	R38,863	R52,349	R15,747	R106,959	R4,656	R6,194	R5,367	R5,420
1997	R10,715	R10,936	3,761	R25,412	85.2	R52,504	R67,515	R20,251	R140,270	R4,900	R6,174	R5,384	R5,520
1998	R7,355	R11,073	R3,171	R21,599	85.3	R35,943	R66,282	R17,743	R119,968	R4,887	R5,986	R5,595	R5,554
1999	R4,608	R11,457	R2,393	R18,458	87.0	R20,592	R56,390	R12,972	R89,954	R4,469	R4,922	R5,421	R4,873
2000	7,802	R16,394	R2,805	R27,001	89.6	R34,695	R78,885	R14,928	R128,508	R4,447	R4,812	R5,322	R4,759
2001	R8,531	R21,020	R2,865	R32,416	91.2	R40,595	R103,460	R14,809	R158,864	R4,759	R4,922	R5,169	R4,901
2002	R6,517	R16,498	R2,472	R25,487	R90.3	R29,238	R87,443	R12,526	R129,207	R4,486	R5,300	R5,067	R5,069
2003	R7,779	R19,725	R2,685	R30,189	91.1	R36,242	R109,556	R13,945	R159,743	R4,659	R5,554	R5,194	R5,291
2004	R8,406	R22,515	R2,732	R33,653	91.9	R39,166	R128,785	R14,416	R182,367	R4,659	R5,720	R5,277	R5,419
2005	R10,240	R26,449	R3,191	R39,880	92.0	R47,402	R151,986	R15,674	R215,062	R4,629	R5,746	R4,912	R5,393
2006 <sup>E</sup>	R12,580	R30,310	R3,609	R46,499	92.2	R58,325	R177,713	R17,922	R253,960	R4,636	R5,863	R4,966	R5,461
2007 <sup>E</sup>	R12,516	R30,075	R3,355	R45,946	R92.7	R59,361	R194,702	R17,496	R271,559	R4,743	R6,474	R5,215	R5,910
2008 <sup>E</sup>	R15,870	R30,872	R3,634	R50,376	R92.8	R77,787	R216,695	R18,023	R312,505	R4,902	R7,019	R4,960	R6,203
2009 <sup>E</sup>	R10,992	R17,764	R2,591	R31,347	R91.7	R56,995	R138,251	R12,962	R208,208	R5,185	R7,783	R5,003	R6,642
2010 <sup>E</sup>	18,597	17,790	3,548	39,935	91.1	104,087	149,406	17,364	270,857	5,597	8,398	4,894	6,782

<sup>1</sup> See "Footage Drilled" in Glossary.

<sup>2</sup> See "Crude Oil Well" in Glossary.

<sup>3</sup> See "Natural Gas Well" in Glossary.

<sup>4</sup> See "Dry Hole" in Glossary.

R=Revised. E=Estimate.

Notes: • Data are for development wells only; see Table 4.5 for exploratory and development wells combined, and Table 4.6 for exploratory wells only. • Service wells, stratigraphic tests, and core tests are excluded. • For 1949-1959, data represent wells completed in a given year. For 1960-1969, data are for well completion reports received by the American Petroleum Institute during the reporting year. For 1970 forward, the data represent wells completed in a given year. The as-received well completion data for recent years are incomplete due to delays in the reporting of wells drilled. The U.S. Energy Information

Administration (EIA) therefore statistically imputes the missing data. • Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. Average depth may not equal average of components due to independent rounding.

Web Pages: • See <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/#resources> for all data beginning in 1949. • For related information, see <http://www.eia.gov/petroleum/>.

Sources: • 1949-1965—Gulf Publishing Company, *World Oil*, "Forecast-Review" issue. • 1966-1969—American Petroleum Institute (API), *Quarterly Review of Drilling Statistics for the United States*, annual summaries and monthly reports. • 1970-1989—EIA computations based on well reports submitted to the API. • 1990 forward—EIA computations based on well reports submitted to IHS, Inc., Denver, CO. For current data see the EIA, *Monthly Energy Review*, Table 5.2.