

**Table 4.4 Crude Oil and Natural Gas Rotary Rigs in Operation, Selected Years, 1949-2011**  
(Number of Rigs)

Year	By Site		By Type		Total <sup>1</sup>
	Onshore	Offshore	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	
1949	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,017
1950	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,154
1955	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,686
1960	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,748
1965	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,388
1970	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,028
1975	1,554	106	NA	NA	1,660
1976	1,529	129	NA	NA	1,658
1977	1,834	167	NA	NA	2,001
1978	2,074	185	NA	NA	2,259
1979	1,970	207	NA	NA	2,177
1980	2,678	231	NA	NA	2,909
1981	3,714	256	NA	NA	3,970
1982	2,862	243	NA	NA	3,105
1983	2,033	199	NA	NA	2,232
1984	2,215	213	NA	NA	2,428
1985	1,774	206	NA	NA	1,980
1986	865	99	NA	NA	964
1987	841	95	NA	NA	936
1988	813	123	554	354	936
1989	764	105	453	401	869
1990	902	108	532	464	1,010
1991	779	81	482	351	860
1992	669	52	373	331	721
1993	672	82	373	364	754
1994	673	102	335	427	775
1995	622	101	323	385	723
1996	671	108	306	464	779
1997	821	122	376	564	943
1998	703	123	264	560	827
1999	519	106	128	496	625
2000	778	140	197	720	918
2001	1,003	153	217	939	1,156
2002	717	113	137	691	830
2003	924	108	157	872	1,032
2004	1,095	97	165	1,025	1,192
2005	1,287	94	194	1,184	1,381
2006	1,559	90	274	1,372	1,649
2007	1,695	72	297	1,466	1,768
2008	1,814	65	379	1,491	1,879
2009	1,046	44	278	801	1,089
2010	1,514	31	591	943	1,546
2011	1,846	32	984	887	1,879

<sup>1</sup> Sum of rigs drilling for crude oil, rigs drilling for natural gas, and other rigs (not shown) drilling for miscellaneous purposes, such as service wells, injection wells, and stratigraphic tests.  
NA=Not available.

Notes: • Data are not for the exact calendar year but are an average for the 52 or 53 consecutive whole weeks that most nearly coincide with the calendar year. • Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the

District of Columbia. • Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding.

Web Pages: • See <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/#crude> for updated monthly and annual data. • See <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/#resources> for all annual data beginning in 1949.

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