

Table 5.1 Crude Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Activity Measurements
(Number of Rigs)

	Rotary Rigs in Operation ^a					Active Well Service Rig Count ^c
	By Site		By Type		Total ^b	
	Onshore	Offshore	Crude Oil	Natural Gas		
1973 Average	1,110	84	NA	NA	1,194	2,008
1975 Average	1,554	106	NA	NA	1,660	2,486
1980 Average	2,678	231	NA	NA	2,909	4,089
1985 Average	1,774	206	NA	NA	1,980	4,716
1990 Average	902	108	532	464	1,010	3,658
1995 Average	622	101	323	385	723	3,041
1996 Average	671	108	306	464	779	3,445
1997 Average	821	122	376	564	943	3,499
1998 Average	703	123	264	560	827	3,014
1999 Average	519	106	128	496	625	2,232
2000 Average	778	140	197	720	918	2,692
2001 Average	1,003	153	217	939	1,156	2,267
2002 Average	717	113	137	691	830	1,830
2003 Average	924	108	157	872	1,032	1,967
2004 Average	1,095	97	165	1,025	1,192	2,064
2005 Average	1,287	94	194	1,184	1,381	2,222
2006 Average	1,559	90	274	1,372	1,649	2,364
2007 Average	1,695	72	297	1,466	1,768	2,388
2008 Average	1,814	65	379	1,491	1,879	2,515
2009 Average	1,046	44	278	801	1,089	1,722
2010						
January	1,225	42	433	822	1,267	1,706
February	1,305	45	446	892	1,350	1,726
March	1,368	51	471	933	1,419	1,754
April	1,426	53	508	959	1,479	1,816
May	1,464	49	541	960	1,513	1,818
June	1,511	20	566	953	1,531	1,857
July	1,558	15	591	971	1,573	1,852
August	1,619	20	644	983	1,638	1,900
September	1,635	19	668	977	1,655	1,918
October	1,647	21	693	966	1,668	1,965
November	1,662	22	723	950	1,683	1,971
December	1,687	24	759	940	1,711	1,968
Average	1,514	31	591	943	1,546	1,854
2011						
January	1,686	26	793	909	1,711	2,004
February	1,692	26	801	907	1,718	1,990
March	1,694	26	830	884	1,720	2,044
April	1,762	28	896	885	1,790	2,052
May	1,804	32	948	878	1,836	2,047
June	1,829	34	979	877	1,863	2,069
July	1,865	35	1,014	880	1,900	2,116
August	1,923	35	1,055	894	1,957	2,136
September	1,946	32	1,063	907	1,978	2,115
October	1,982	35	1,077	933	2,017	2,100
November	1,974	37	1,125	880	2,011	2,100
December	1,961	42	1,177	824	2,002	2,131
Average	1,846	32	984	887	1,879	2,075
2012						
January	1,961	42	1,208	790	2,003	2,154
February	1,949	42	1,261	723	1,990	2,135
March	1,935	43	1,307	667	1,979	2,143
April	1,917	44	1,329	629	1,961	2,157
May	1,931	46	1,373	600	1,977	2,153
June	1,923	49	1,409	558	1,972	2,139
July	1,894	51	1,419	522	1,944	2,140
August	1,863	51	1,423	487	1,913	NA
8-Month Average	1,920	46	1,345	617	1,966	NA
2011 8-Month Average	1,784	30	917	889	1,814	2,057
2010 8-Month Average	1,438	36	526	936	1,474	1,804

^a Rotary rigs in operation are reported weekly. Monthly data are averages of 4- or 5-week reporting periods, not calendar months. Multi-month data are averages of the reported data over the covered months, not averages of the weekly data. Annual data are averages over 52 or 53 weeks, not calendar years. Published data are rounded to the nearest whole number.

^b 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.

^c The number of rigs doing true workovers (where tubing is pulled from the well), or doing rod string and pump repair operations, and that are, on average, crewed and working every day of the month.

NA=Not available.

Note: 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: • **Rotary Rigs in Operation:** Baker Hughes, Inc., Houston, TX, *Rotary Rigs Running—by State*, used with permission. See http://investor.shareholder.com/bhi/rig_counts/rc_index.cfm. • **Active Well Service Rig Count:** Cameron International Corporation, Houston, TX. See <http://www.c-a-m.com/Forms/Product.aspx?prodID=cdc209c4-79a3-47e5-99c2-fdeda6d4aad6>.