

Table 5.1 Crude Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Activity Measurements

	Rotary Rigs in Operation ^a					Total Footage Drilled ^c	Active Well Service Rig Count ^d
	By Site		By Objective		Total ^b		
	Onshore	Offshore	Crude Oil	Natural Gas			
	Average						
1973 Average	1,110	84	NA	NA	1,194	138,223	NA
1974 Average	1,378	94	NA	NA	1,472	153,374	NA
1975 Average	1,554	106	NA	NA	1,660	180,494	NA
1976 Average	1,529	129	NA	NA	1,658	186,982	NA
1977 Average	1,834	167	NA	NA	2,001	215,866	NA
1978 Average	2,074	185	NA	NA	2,259	238,669	NA
1979 Average	1,970	207	NA	NA	2,177	244,798	NA
1980 Average	2,678	231	NA	NA	2,909	314,654	NA
1981 Average	3,714	256	NA	NA	3,970	413,112	NA
1982 Average	2,862	243	NA	NA	3,105	378,295	NA
1983 Average	2,033	199	NA	NA	2,232	317,986	NA
1984 Average	2,215	213	NA	NA	2,428	371,392	NA
1985 Average	1,774	206	NA	NA	1,980	313,045	NA
1986 Average	865	99	NA	NA	964	181,856	NA
1987 Average	841	95	NA	NA	936	162,178	NA
1988 Average	813	123	554	354	936	156,354	NA
1989 Average	764	105	453	401	869	134,439	NA
1990 Average	902	108	532	464	1,010	153,701	NA
1991 Average	779	81	482	351	860	143,021	NA
1992 Average	669	52	373	331	721	121,124	NA
1993 Average	672	82	373	364	754	135,118	NA
1994 Average	673	102	335	427	775	124,809	NA
1995 Average	622	101	323	385	723	117,832	NA
1996 Average	671	108	306	464	779	129,045	NA
1997 Average	821	122	376	564	943	156,661	NA
1998 Average	703	123	264	560	827	143,454	NA
1999 Average	519	106	128	496	625	99,410	NA
2000 Average	778	140	197	720	918	141,392	NA
2001 Average	1,003	153	217	939	1,156	189,967	NA
2002 January	741	126	141	725	867	11,513	1,683
February	702	123	144	679	825	11,031	1,843
March	649	114	144	617	763	10,303	1,791
April	645	105	136	612	750	10,102	1,852
May	721	105	134	690	826	11,039	1,856
June	732	110	138	704	842	11,274	1,832
July	740	111	133	716	851	11,590	1,832
August	737	111	125	721	848	12,782	1,891
September	746	114	122	736	860	12,410	1,861
October	740	111	140	709	851	11,907	1,878
November	725	109	146	683	834	11,612	1,817
December	742	114	137	714	856	12,747	1,821
Average	717	113	137	691	830	138,310	1,830
2003 January	743	111	132	718	854	12,962	1,898
February	797	110	153	750	907	10,866	1,928
March	836	105	171	767	941	13,269	1,950
April	877	106	185	795	983	14,409	1,954
May	921	113	167	864	1,034	14,515	1,927
June	958	109	152	910	1,067	15,080	1,957
July	974	107	153	924	1,081	15,637	2,016
August	979	111	153	932	1,090	15,776	2,026
September	984	109	154	936	1,093	15,796	1,966
October	997	105	158	941	1,102	16,156	2,064
November	1,005	106	158	952	1,111	16,307	1,973
December	1,010	104	153	959	1,114	16,301	1,946
Average	924	108	157	872	1,032	177,074	1,967
2004 January	1,001	100	143	955	1,101	16,035	2,019
February	1,020	99	153	961	1,119	15,373	2,043
March	1,041	94	164	968	1,135	15,675	2,047
April	1,058	93	154	996	1,151	15,880	2,050
May	1,068	96	156	1,007	1,164	16,206	2,095
June	1,080	96	164	1,011	1,176	16,411	2,067
July	1,116	97	170	1,041	1,213	16,679	2,068
August	1,139	95	170	1,063	1,234	16,958	2,106
September	1,148	92	166	1,073	1,240	15,967	2,078
9-Month Average ...	1,075	96	160	1,009	1,171	145,184	2,064
2003 9-Month Average ...	896	109	157	844	1,004	128,310	1,958
2002 9-Month Average ...	712	113	135	688	825	102,044	1,827

^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 Values shown are totals.

^d See Glossary.

NA=Not available.

Note: Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Web Page: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mer/resource.html>.

Sources: • **Rotary Rigs in Operation:** By Site - Baker Hughes, Inc., Houston, Texas, *Rotary Rigs Running-by State*. By Type - Baker Hughes, Inc., Houston, Texas, weekly phone recording. • **Total Footage Drilled:** Energy Information Administration computations, which are based on well reports submitted to the American Petroleum Institute by the Petroleum Information Corporation, Denver, Colorado. • **Active Well Service Rig Count:** Weatherford International, Inc., Houston, Texas.