

Table 4.7 Crude Oil and Natural Gas Development Wells, Selected Years, 1949-2007

Year	Wells Drilled				Successful Wells	Footage Drilled ¹				Average Depth			
	Crude Oil ²	Natural Gas ³	Dry Holes ⁴	Total		Crude Oil ²	Natural Gas ³	Dry Holes ⁴	Total	Crude Oil ²	Natural Gas ³	Dry Holes ⁴	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
1971	11,194	3,501	4,357	19,052	77.1	45,323	19,850	20,186	85,358	4,049	5,670	4,633	4,480
1972	10,693	4,784	4,757	20,234	76.5	45,241	25,159	22,475	92,875	4,231	5,259	4,725	4,590
1973	9,525	5,866	4,368	19,759	77.9	40,408	31,007	21,190	92,605	4,242	5,286	4,851	4,687
1974	12,788	5,948	5,283	24,019	78.0	46,996	30,766	24,296	102,059	3,675	5,173	4,599	4,249
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	11,781	10,433	4,703	26,917	82.5	50,849	52,001	22,383	125,233	4,316	4,984	4,759	4,653
1991	11,434	9,067	4,492	24,993	82.0	51,403	47,045	20,977	119,425	4,496	5,189	4,670	4,778
1992	8,521	7,878	3,734	20,133	81.5	41,615	43,866	17,831	103,312	4,884	5,568	4,775	5,131
1993	8,255	9,633	4,004	21,892	81.7	40,687	57,909	18,819	117,415	4,929	6,012	4,700	5,363
1994	6,422	8,999	3,050	18,471	83.5	33,562	56,856	15,661	106,079	5,226	6,318	5,135	5,743
1995	7,278	7,871	3,040	18,189	83.3	35,524	49,159	15,767	100,450	4,881	6,246	5,187	5,523
1996	8,264	8,948	3,341	20,553	83.7	38,581	55,862	17,561	112,004	4,669	6,243	5,256	5,450
1997	10,011	10,643	3,777	24,431	84.5	48,020	65,612	20,128	133,760	4,797	6,165	5,329	5,475
1998	6,693	10,617	3,156	20,466	84.6	31,989	64,160	17,946	114,095	4,779	6,043	5,686	5,575
1999	4,158	10,602	2,337	17,097	86.3	17,779	52,031	12,756	82,566	4,276	4,908	5,458	4,829
2000	7,318	15,627	2,697	25,642	89.5	31,832	75,117	14,169	121,118	4,350	4,807	5,254	4,723
2001	7,856	20,431	2,716	31,003	91.2	36,293	101,528	13,882	151,703	4,620	4,969	5,111	4,893
2002	5,990	16,027	2,327	24,344	90.4	26,260	86,746	11,757	124,763	4,384	5,412	5,052	5,125
2003	7,144	18,669	2,422	28,235	91.4	32,940	107,070	12,677	152,687	4,611	5,735	5,234	5,408
2004 ^E	^R 7,438	^R 20,493	^R 2,274	^R 30,205	^R 92.5	^R 33,734	^R 119,917	^R 11,922	^R 165,573	^R 4,535	^R 5,852	^R 5,243	^R 5,482
2005 ^E	^R 9,220	^R 25,482	^R 2,705	^R 37,407	^R 92.8	^R 42,312	^R 150,587	^R 13,243	^R 206,142	^R 4,589	^R 5,910	^R 4,896	^R 5,511
2006 ^E	11,763	30,028	3,711	45,502	91.8	56,042	184,659	18,425	259,127	4,764	6,150	4,965	5,695
2007 ^E	13,843	31,252	4,052	49,147	91.8	74,850	216,978	21,699	313,527	5,407	6,943	5,355	6,379

¹ See "Footage Drilled" in Glossary.

² See "Crude Oil Well" in Glossary.

³ See "Natural Gas Well" in Glossary.

⁴ 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 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: • For all data beginning in 1949, see <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/aer/resource.html>.

• For related information, see http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/info_glance/petroleum.html.

Sources: • 1949-1965—Gulf Publishing Company, *World Oil*, "Forecast-Review" issue. • 1966-1969—American Petroleum Institute, *Quarterly Review of Drilling Statistics for the United States*, annual summaries and monthly reports. • 1970-1994—EIA computations based on well reports submitted to the American Petroleum Institute. • 1995 forward—EIA computations based on well reports submitted to the Information Handling Services Energy Group, Inc. For current data see the EIA, *Monthly Energy Review*, Table 5.2.