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

	Wells Drilled				Successful Wells	Footage Drilled [1]				Average Footage Drilled			
	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
Year	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	12,061	10,435	4,593	27,089	83.0	R51,275	R51,288	R21,672	R124,235	R4,251	R4,915	R4,718	R4,586
1991	11,915	9,144	4,290	25,349	83.1	R51,726	R46,413	R19,701	R117,840	R4,341	R5,076	R4,592	R4,649
1992	8,831	7,650	3,478	19,959	82.6	R41,789	R41,183	R16,393	R99,365	R4,732	R5,383	R4,713	R4,978
1993	8,317	9,229	3,762	21,308	82.3	R40,664	R54,290	R17,553	R112,507	R4,889	R5,883	R4,666	R5,280
1994	6,753	8,593	2,849	18,195	84.3	R34,649	R53,219	R14,465	R102,333	R5,131	R6,193	R5,077	R5,624
1995	7,678	7,524	2,790	17,992	84.5	R37,149	R46,252	R14,422	R97,823	R4,838	R6,147	R5,169	R5,437
1996	8,347	8,451	2,934	19,732	85.1	R38,822	R52,140	R15,714	R106,676	R4,651	R6,170	R5,356	R5,406
1997	10,715	10,936	3,761	25,412	85.2	R52,425	R67,248	R20,155	R139,828	R4,893	R6,149	R5,359	R5,502
1998	7,355	11,073	3,171	21,599	85.3	R35,839	R66,031	R17,704	R119,574	R4,873	R5,963	R5,583	R5,536
1999	4,608	11,457	2,393	18,458	87.0	R20,591	R56,220	R12,921	R89,732	4,469	R4,907	R5,399	R4,861
2000	7,802	16,394	2,805	27,001	89.6	R34,642	R78,820	R14,929	R128,391	R4,440	R4,808	5,322	R4,755
2001	8,531	21,020	2,865	32,416	91.2	R40,564	R103,411	R14,763	R158,738	R4,755	R4,920	R5,153	R4,897
2002	6,517	16,498	2,472	25,487	90.3	R29,150	R87,340	R12,545	R129,035	R4,473	R5,294	R5,075	R5,063
2003	7,779	19,725	2,685	30,189	91.1	R36,142	R109,347	R13,934	R159,423	R4,646	R5,544	R5,190	R5,281
2004	8,406	22,515	2,732	33,653	91.9	R39,011	R128,461	R14,383	R181,855	R4,641	R5,706	R5,265	R5,404
2005	10,240	26,449	3,191	39,880	92.0	R47,197	R151,612	R15,685	R214,494	R4,609	R5,732	R4,915	R5,378
2006	R12,758	R30,382	R3,659	R46,799	92.2	R58,630	R177,659	R18,033	R254,322	R4,596	R5,848	R4,928	R5,434
2007	R12,555	R29,925	R3,396	R45,876	R92.6	R59,002	R193,249	R17,652	R269,903	R4,699	R6,458	R5,198	R5,883
2008	R15,753	R29,929	R3,713	R49,395	R92.5	R75,558	R208,948	R18,072	R302,578	R4,796	R6,981	R4,867	R6,126
2009	R10,649	R17,038	R2,500	R30,187	91.7	R58,060	R147,701	R14,077	R219,838	R5,452	R8,669	R5,631	R7,283
2010	R15,586	R15,929	R3,184	R34,699	R90.8	R94,583	R137,747	R15,527	R247,857	R6,068	R8,648	R4,877	R7,143

[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.
Notes: • 2011 data for this table were not available in time for publication. • Data are estimates. • 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.