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Year	Drilling Permits Issued	Oil Wells Completed	Gas Wells Completed	Total Holes Drilled*	Total Holes Plugged	Average Rotary Rig Count
1960	15,601	9,666	2,011	17,342	8,889	604
1965	14,227	7,207	2,383	14,433	8,836	425
1970	11,034	4,987	1,796	9,438	8,310	302
1975	20,293	7,004	3,396	14,393	10,960	638
1976	22,693	7,348	4,108	15,378	8,232	653
1977	25,189	8,121	4,399	16,577	8,129	778
1978	26,050	8,132	5,383	17,189	7,396	855
1979	29,241	8,487	5,319	17,509	6,658	770
1980	39,442	12,322	5,331	21,427	6,673	989
1981	47,940	15,627	5,454	26,209	9,054	1,318
1982	41,224	16,296	6,273	27,648	10,435	990
1983	45,550	15,941	5,027	26,882	11,661	796
1984	37,507	18,716	5,489	30,898	13,393	849
1985	30,878	16,543	4,605	27,124	14,479	677
1986	15,894	10,373	3,034	18,707	15,451	311
1987	15,297	7,327	2,542	13,121	13,186	293
1988	13,493	6,441	2,665	12,261	12,566	277
1989	12,756	4,914	2,760	10,054	11,229	206
1990	14,033	5,593	2,894	11,231	10,290	348
1991	12,494	6,025	2,755	11,295	13,089	315
1992	12,089	5,031	2,537	9,498	11,423	251
1993	11,612	4,646	3,295	9,969	11,552	263
1994	11,248	3,962	3,553	9,299	13,657	274
1995	11,244	4,334	3,778	9,785	11,081	251
1996	12,669	4,061	4,060	9,747	10,901	283
1997	13,933	4,482	4,594	10,778	9,336	358
1998	9,385	4,509	4,907	11,057	8,951	302
1999	8,430	2,049	3,566	10,005	7,011	226
2000	12,021	3,111	4,580	8,854	7,219	343
2001	12,227	3,082	5,787	10,005	8,023	462
2002	9,716	3,268	5,474	9,877	8,343	338
2003	12,664	3,111	6,336	10,420	8,720	448
2004	14,700	3,446	7,118	11,587	8,391	506
2005	16,914	3,454	7,197	11,726	7,191	662
2006	18,952	4,761	8,534	13,854	7,504	746
2007	19,994	5,084	8,643	13,778	6,892	834
2008	24,073	6,208	10,361	16,615	6,046	898
2009	12,212	5,860	8,706	14,585	6,390	432
2010	18,029	5,392	4,071	9,477	6,028	659
2011	22,480	5,380	3,008	8,391	5,564	910
2012	22,479	10,936	3,580	14,535	8,395	899
2013	21,471	19,249	4,917	24,166	2,206	835
2014	25,792	24,999	3,585	28,585	6,956	835
2015	10,549	15,578	2,787	20,659	7,211	430
2016	8,113	7,813	2,129	11,019	10,345	236
2017	12,600	5,394	1,022	7,435	9,439	430
2018	13,307	8,588	1,813	11,584	7,566	514

*includes oil & gas wells & dry holes; does not include service wells.

