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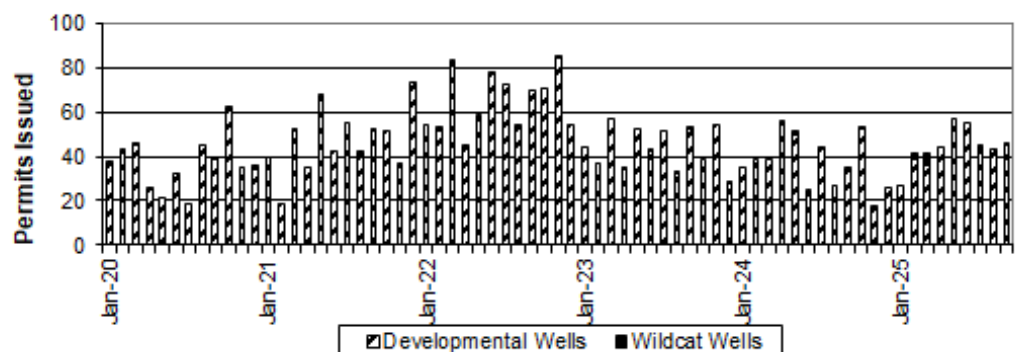
The average number of active drilling rigs in the U.S. is decreasing year-over-year, according to Baker Hughes Inc. data. In November 2025, the average active drilling rig count in the U.S. was 549, a 6.0% decrease from November 2024; while in Louisiana State lands and water, the average active drilling rigs count was 34, a 3.0% increase from November 2024. The national decrease occurred can be attributed to lower overall oil prices combined with elevated oil production as compared to 2024. The November average spot price for Louisiana Light Sweet crude oil was \$60.82 per barrel, a 17.6% decrease from November 2024, when it was \$71.54 per barrel. The November average gas spot price was \$3.79 per MMBTU in Louisiana, 79.6% higher than in November 2024, when it was \$2.11 per MMBTU. An increased demand for natural gas for liquefaction and increasing electrical demands are seen as the main contributors for increasing prices.

December 2025

Oil and Gas Drilling Permits Issued by the State of Louisiana

							% Change	
Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	23/24	24/25
January	38	40	54	44	35	27		-22.86%
February	43	16	53	37	39	41		5.13%
March	45	52	83	57	39	41		5.13%
April	26	35	45	35	56	44		-21.43%
May	21	68	86	52	51	57		11.76%
June	32	42	78	43	25	55		120.00%
July	19	55	72	51	44	45		2.27%
August	45	42	54	33	27	43		59.26%
September	40	52	70	53	35	46		31.43%
October	62	51	71	39	53	36	35.90%	-32.08%
November	35	37	85	54	18		-66.67%	-100.00%
December	36	79	54	29	26		-10.34%	
Year Average	37	47	67	44	37	44 *		

* Partial Year



Current Oil & Gas Data

Louisiana DE&C Office of Energy

PRODUCTION

GOM CENTRAL FEDERAL OFFSHORE ^F (OCS)

Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)

Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)

THE UNITED STATES TOTAL

Crude Oil & Condensate ^C (MMB)Natural Gas & Casinghead ^C (BCF)

IMPORTS

U.S. Crude Oil ^C (MMB)U.S. Natural Gas ^C (BCF)

BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS

U.S. Gas ^AU.S. Oil ^AU.S. Offshore ^AU.S. Total ^A

PRICES

CRUDE OIL (\$/barrel)

OPEC Average ^C (F.O.B.)U.S. Imports Average ^C (F.O.B.)U.S. Wellhead Average ^CGulf OCS Wellhead Average ^CState Severance Wellhead Average ^E

NATURAL GAS (\$/MCF)

U.S. City Gates Average ^CU.S. Imports Average ^C (F.O.B.)U.S. Spot Market Average ^D

State Royalty Wellhead Average

NYMEX Henry Hub End of the Month Settle Gas Price ^B (\$/MMBTU)

JUN 25

MAY 25

APR 25

JUN 24

53

52

51

52

55

54

53

53

405

416

404

397

3,218

3,306

3,211

3,085

185

194

181

199

246

241

236

247

112

101

98

98

442

474

489

491

12

12

13

21

554

573

586

588

71.12

67.16

67.41

83.04

57.96

57.96

57.96

73.05

65.33

59.91

62.01

77.45

64.40

62.94

66.20

79.67

48.96 *

57.27 *

72.25

81.27 *

4.79

4.63

4.48

4.36

1.93

2.02

2.21

1.45

1.96

2.10

2.33

2.32

1.96

2.91

3.41

2.36

3.02

3.17

3.95

2.49

Key

1	Estimated	MCF	Thousand Cubic Feet
2	Revised	MMB	Million Barrels
BCF	Billion Cubic Feet	N/A	Not Available
BTU	British Thermal Unit	OCS	Outer Continental Shelf
F.O.B	Free on Board	MMBTU	Million British Thermal Units

Data Sources

A	Oil & Gas Journal	D	Natural Gas Week
B	Wall Street Journal	E	LA Dept of Revenue
C	U. S. Dept. of Energy	F	BOEM

Note: Unless otherwise specified, data is from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and excludes Federal OCS.

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SPOT MARKET PRICES

Louisiana Natural Gas^D (\$/MMBTU)

NYMEX Henry Hub Last Settle Gas Price^B (\$/MMBTU)

Louisiana Sweet Crude - St. James^B (\$/Barrel)

BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS

North Louisiana^A

South Louisiana Inland Waters^A

South Louisiana Inland^A

Louisiana State Offshore

Louisiana Federal OCS Offshore

Total Louisiana^A (OCS included)

PRODUCTION (State Jurisdiction Only)

Louisiana Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)

Louisiana Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)

DRILLING PERMITS (State Jurisdiction Only)

Total Louisiana Oil and Gas

Louisiana Wildcats

Louisiana Offshore (Wildcats included)

	Nov 25	Oct 25	Nov 24
Louisiana Natural Gas ^D (\$/MMBTU)	3.62	3.19	2.17
NYMEX Henry Hub Last Settle Gas Price ^B (\$/MMBTU)	3.79	3.20	2.11
Louisiana Sweet Crude - St. James ^B (\$/Barrel)	60.82	61.71	71.54
	Oct 25	Sep 25	Oct 24
North Louisiana ^A	25	25	23
South Louisiana Inland Waters ^A	1	3	1
South Louisiana Inland ^A	3	3	3
Louisiana State Offshore	1	0	1
Louisiana Federal OCS Offshore	10	9	14
Total Louisiana ^A (OCS included)	40	39	42
	Oct 25	Sep 25	Oct 24
Louisiana Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)	2.4 ¹	2.3 ¹	2.5 ²
Louisiana Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)	316.8 ¹	308.4 ¹	276.2 ²
	Oct 25	Sep 25	Oct 24
Total Louisiana Oil and Gas	36	46	53
Louisiana Wildcats	0	1	1
Louisiana Offshore (Wildcats included)	2	1	1