

Table 25**LOUISIANA STATE PRODUCING NATURAL GAS WELLS
Excluding OCS**

DATE	NORTH	SOUTH	OFFSHORE	TOTAL
1957	3,182	1,717	0	4,899
1958	3,269	1,935	0	5,204
1959	3,398	2,306	0	5,704
1960	3,449	2,714	0	6,163
1961	3,611	2,996	0	6,607
1962	3,843	3,304	0	7,148
1963	4,103	3,545	0	7,648
1964	4,336	3,502	187	8,025
1965	4,477	3,227	618	8,321
1966	4,566	3,381	748	8,694
1967	4,548	3,448	882	8,878
1968	4,563	3,582	1,048	9,194
1969	4,558	3,451	1,297	9,306
1970	4,511	3,438	311	8,260
1971	4,449	3,389	327	8,164
1972	4,664	3,397	316	8,378
1973	4,927	3,449	332	8,707
1974	5,159	3,458	313	8,929
1975	5,373	3,331	308	9,012
1976	5,851	3,289	362	9,502
1977	6,343	3,331	449	10,123
1978	6,915	3,253	472	10,640
1979	7,372	3,214	514	11,100
1980	8,360	3,277	551	12,188
1981	9,479	3,226	557	13,262
1982	10,154	3,136	564	13,855
1983	10,502	3,065	549	14,115
1984	10,812	2,955	532	14,299
1985	11,026	2,887	511	14,424
1986	11,049	2,730	436	14,216
1987	10,726	2,635	413	13,774
1988	10,813	2,539	445	13,796
1989	10,861	2,474	501	13,836
1990	10,802	2,407	512	13,721
1991	10,702	2,261	496	13,459
1992	10,498	2,149	496	13,143
1993	10,506	2,192	490	13,189
1994	10,596	2,260	473	13,329
1995	10,452	2,200	335	12,987
1996	10,376	2,148	274	12,799
1997	10,446	2,149	296	12,891
1998	10,579	1,995	259	12,833
1999	10,581	2,010	262	12,853
2000*	13,704	3,194	333	17,231
2001*	13,054	3,369	311	16,734
2002*	13,438	3,309	344	17,092
2003*	13,607	2,952	384	16,944

2004*	13,924	3,005	398	17,327
2005*	13,996	2,977	258	17,231
2006*	14,478	3,066	204	17,748
2007*	14,707	3,211	227	18,145
2008*	N/A	N/A	N/A	18,984
2009*	N/A	N/A	N/A	19,009
2010*	N/A	N/A	N/A	19,384
2011*	18,542	1,851	159	20,552
2012*	19,125	1,734	144	21,003
2013*	18,184	1,295	104	19,583
2014*	16,114	1,003	72	17,189
2015*	19,273	1,424	87	20,784
2016*	18,929	1,116	54	20,099
2017*	19,054	989	53	20,096
2018*	20,406	2,940	209	23,555
2019*	20,391	2,810	206	20,826
2020*	20,360	2,652	170	20,452
2021*	20,555	2,549	170	23,274
2022*	20,643	2,496	162	23,301
2023*	20,790	2,331	164	23,285

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* Producing oil and gas well data since 2000 reflect changes due to modifications in the reporting system by the Department of Natural Resources Office of Conservation.

The new data for oil and natural gas producing wells count them as productive if they had any production in the month, previous system counted only the producing wells at the end of the month. The new reporting system should produce more accurate and timely data.

The Technology Assessment Division is not the source of these data sets, but merely reports data provided to us by the Office of Conservation. However, we understand that users of our time series data need consistency over time, but due to lack of accurate information the time series has been adjusted only backwards to 2000 using the new system.

Other factors that affected the big increase on wells numbers are the big jump on energy prices around 2000, and the inactive wells