The U.S. rig count is rising. January averaged 369 rigs in operation, with 284 oil rigs and 86 natural gas rigs. December had 339 rigs in operation, with 259 oil rigs and 80 natural gas rigs running.

The April 9, 2021 rig count was 432, with 339 oil and 93 natural gas, according to BakerHughes. The increase in operating rigs signals strength returning within the drilling sector in 2021, with the majority of rigs returning to the Permian Basin area of west Texas and eastern New Mexico. In addition, oil prices have been returning to pre-pandemic levels.
## Current Oil & Gas Data

### PRODUCTION

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### IMPORTS

| U.S. Crude Oil (MMB)              | 164    |
| U.S. Natural Gas (BCF)            | 199    |

### BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS

| U.S. Gas | 73 |
| U.S. Oil | 207 |
| U.S. Offshore | 14 |
| U.S. Total | 280 |

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### Key

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

### Data Sources

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

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- North Louisiana\(^A\)
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