

# Louisiana Energy Facts

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## Highlights

The U.S. rig count is staying declining. January averaged 582 rigs in operation, with 483 oil rigs and 99 natural gas rigs. December had 589 rigs in operation, with 487 oil rigs and 102 natural gas rigs running.

The April 11, 2025 rig count was 583, with 486 oil and 97 natural gas, according to Baker Hughes. The steady state of operating rigs signals uncertainty within the drilling sector in 2025, with the majority of rigs

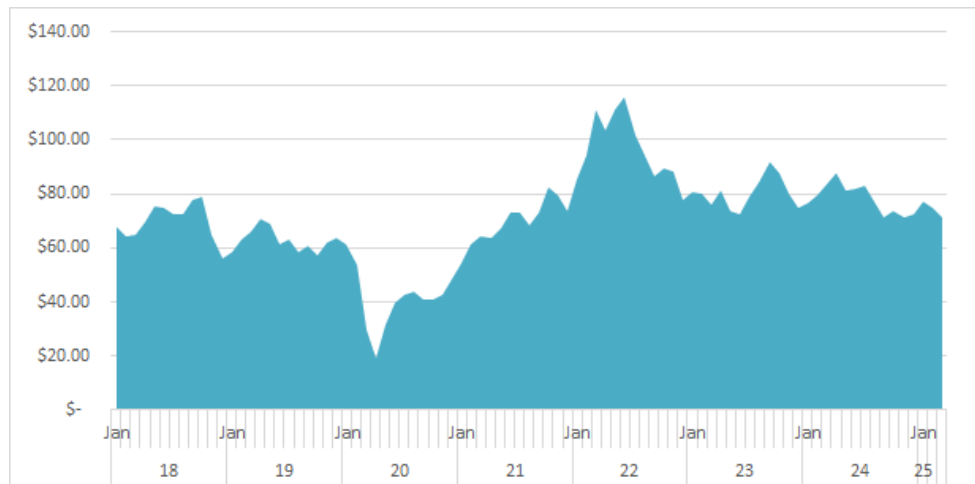
running the Permian Basin area of west Texas and eastern New Mexico. In addition, oil prices have been decreasing due to the oil cuts from the OPEC+ nations, signaling yet more uncertainty for US production to increase for 2025 and beyond.

## April 2025

### Light Louisiana Sweet Crude Oil Average Spot Price at St. James

(Dollars per Barrel)

Month							% Change	
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	23/24	24/25
January	61.38	54.20	85.29	80.76	76.48	77.37	-5.30%	1.16%
February	53.96	61.17	94.11	80.37	79.48	74.53	-1.11%	-6.23%
March	29.55	64.51	110.93	76.08	83.36	71.25	9.57%	-14.53%
April	19.27	63.73	103.50	81.31	87.61		7.75%	
May	31.44	67.25	111.22	73.62	81.48		10.68%	
June	39.48	72.91	115.91	72.55	81.59		12.46%	
July	42.35	73.05	102.02	79.01	83.02		5.08%	
August	44.00	68.51	94.17	84.04	77.33		-7.98%	
September	41.04	72.95	86.26	91.60	71.52		-21.92%	
October	40.79	82.29	89.72	87.61	73.66		-15.92%	
November	42.43	79.42	88.41	80.13	71.54		-10.72%	
December	48.49	73.54	77.87	75.00	72.39		-3.48%	
Year Average	41.18	69.46	96.62	80.17	78.29	74.38 **		



## Current Oil &amp; Gas Data

Louisiana DNR Technology Assessment Division

**PRODUCTION**GOM CENTRAL FEDERAL OFFSHORE <sup>F</sup> (OCS)

Crude Oil &amp; Condensate (MMB)

Natural Gas &amp; Casinghead (BCF)

THE UNITED STATES TOTAL

Crude Oil & Condensate <sup>C</sup> (MMB)Natural Gas & Casinghead <sup>C</sup> (BCF)**IMPORTS**U.S. Crude Oil <sup>C</sup> (MMB)U.S. Natural Gas <sup>C</sup> (BCF)**BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS**U.S. Gas <sup>A</sup>U.S. Oil <sup>A</sup>U.S. Offshore <sup>A</sup>U.S. Total <sup>A</sup>**PRICES**

CRUDE OIL (\$/barrel)

OPEC Average <sup>C</sup> (F.O.B.)U.S. Imports Average <sup>C</sup> (F.O.B.)U.S. Wellhead Average <sup>C</sup>Gulf OCS Wellhead Average <sup>C</sup>State Severance Wellhead Average <sup>E</sup>

NATURAL GAS (\$/MCF)

U.S. City Gates Average <sup>C</sup>U.S. Imports Average <sup>C</sup> (F.O.B.)U.S. Spot Market Average <sup>D</sup>

State Royalty Wellhead Average

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

OCT 24

SEP 24

AUG 24

OCT 23

53

46

54

57

56

46

57

57

416

395

414

409

3,189

3,056

3,196

3,234

197

193

196

190

254

247

261

231

101

97

97

118

485

490

489

505

18

20

16

23

586

587

586

623

71.44

70.59

81.18

84.87

65.17

63.80

69.38

76.04

70.39

68.70

74.97

84.65

70.52

71.19

77.93

86.33

77.31

N/A

80.99

77.31

4.08

4.20

4.21

4.16

1.60

1.35

1.29

2.36

2.32

2.12

1.97

2.49

1.79

1.39

1.35

2.50

2.59

1.93

1.91

2.76

**Key****Data Sources**

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

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

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

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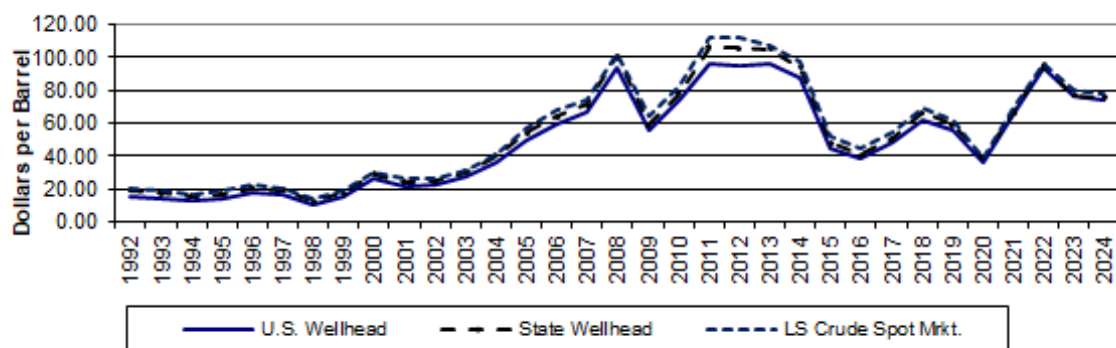
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## Average Crude Oil Prices (Dollars/Barrel)

YEAR	UNITED STATES			LOUISIANA			
	IMPORTS F.O.B. <sup>c</sup>	REFINERY		DOE WELLHEAD <sup>c</sup>	STATE WELLHEAD <sup>d</sup>	FEDERAL OCS <sup>c</sup>	SPOT MARKET
		DOMESTIC ACQUISITION <sup>c</sup>	U.S. WELLHEAD <sup>c</sup>				
2000	26.27	28.26	26.72	29.03	28.10	27.59	30.29
2001	20.46	22.95	21.84	24.51	26.23	23.29	25.84
2002	22.63	24.10	22.51	24.84	25.17	23.49	26.18
2003	25.86	28.53	27.56	30.52	30.28	28.72	31.20
2004	33.75	36.98	36.77	40.48	38.34	37.07	41.47
2005	47.60	50.24	50.28	54.05	54.62	49.78	56.86
2006	57.03	60.24	59.69	64.23	63.55	60.80	67.44
2007	66.36	67.94	66.52	71.63	64.14	67.40	74.60
2008	90.32	94.74	94.04	100.89	104.86	99.10	102.29
2009	57.78	59.29	56.35	59.18	52.78	58.22	64.28
2010	74.19	76.69	74.71	78.25	75.24	77.06	82.72
2011	101.66	101.87	95.73	106.20	101.40	105.65	112.24
2012	99.78	100.93	94.52	105.97	107.46	105.95	111.79
2013	96.56	100.49	95.99	105.18	106.75	103.29	107.35
2014	85.65	92.02	87.39	94.13	96.84	93.33	96.83
2015	41.91	48.39	44.39	48.43	55.93	47.67	52.36
2016	36.37	40.66	38.29	41.08	38.92	38.63	44.89
2017	45.58	50.68	48.05	50.37	50.44	48.46	54.10
2018	56.31	64.38	61.40	66.65	68.54	65.97	69.69
2019	54.15	59.33	55.55	59.47	61.22	59.46	62.69
2020	32.79	40.41	36.74	38.04	39.99	38.10	38.72
2021	62.03	68.87	65.73	66.83	61.28	65.80	69.46
2022	85.97	97.44	93.97	95.24	95.30	93.12	96.62
2023	67.71	74.41	76.08	77.19	77.01	76.99	80.17
2024	68.50	78.06	74.46	75.77	75.34	75.87	78.29



## Quick Facts

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### SPOT MARKET PRICES

Louisiana Natural Gas<sup>D</sup> (\$/MMBTU)

NYMEX Henry Hub Last Settle Gas Price<sup>B</sup> (\$/MMBTU)

Louisiana Sweet Crude - St. James<sup>B</sup> (\$/Barrel)

### BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS

North Louisiana<sup>A</sup>

South Louisiana Inland Waters<sup>A</sup>

South Louisiana Inland<sup>A</sup>

Louisiana State Offshore

Louisiana Federal OCS Offshore

Total Louisiana<sup>A</sup> (OCS included)

### PRODUCTION (State Jurisdiction Only)

Louisiana Crude Oil &amp; Condensate (MMB)

Louisiana Natural Gas &amp; Casinghead (BCF)

### DRILLING PERMITS (State Jurisdiction Only)

Total Louisiana Oil and Gas

Louisiana Wildcats

Louisiana Offshore (Wildcats included)

Mar 25	Feb 25	Mar 24
4.04	4.26	1.45
4.13	4.23	1.49
71.25	74.53	83.36
Feb 25	Jan 25	Feb 24
18	18	30
2	1	1
2	2	4
0	0	0
10	10	14
32	31	49
Feb 25	Jan 25	Feb 24
2.4 <sup>1</sup>	2.5 <sup>1</sup>	2.5
278.6 <sup>1</sup>	2.8 <sup>1</sup>	336.9
Feb 25	Jan 25	Feb 24
41	27	39
2	0	0
0	0	0

