

Table 3.3 Exploration and Drilling Activity (Oil and Gas) in Utah, 1960-2017

Year	Drilling Permits ¹	Well Spudded ¹	Rotary Rigs ²	Development ³	New Field Wildcat ³	Extension ³	Total ³
			Average Active Rigs				
1960	262	na	29	na	85	21	na
1961	302	na	33	na	101	46	na
1962	298	na	29	na	91	50	na
1963	270	na	22	na	100	34	na
1964	203	na	17	na	76	39	na
1965	248	na	14	na	50	29	na
1966	201	na	14	na	57	24	na
1967	173	na	15	na	59	22	na
1968	169	na	12	na	57	24	na
1969	127	na	12	na	52	15	na
1970	99	na	12	na	35	15	na
1971	137	na	17	na	55	15	na
1972	207	na	34	na	65	28	na
1973	273	na	38	na	51	44	na
1974	283	na	42	na	46	13	na
1975	200	na	26	na	61	5	na
1976	236	na	19	na	36	5	na
1977	374	na	30	na	88	15	na
1978	438	na	32	na	77	19	na
1979	393	na	29	na	70	24	na
1980	529	na	43	na	91	45	na
1981	681	na	68	na	156	81	na
1982	658	na	41	na	128	46	na
1983	588	na	36	na	120	38	na
1984	622	478	46	na	112	14	na
1985	393	319	28	na	46	16	na
1986	224	151	13	na	36	11	na
1987	195	137	8	na	33	16	na
1988	166	115	6	na	33	13	na
1989	97	96	5	na	17	9	na
1990	253	107	5	na	22	12	na
1991	402	258	11	195	11	16	222
1992	372	382	13	318	15	10	343
1993	171	137	6	187	19	2	208
1994	308	223	7	179	20	9	208
1995	307	241	8	212	13	12	237
1996	371	280	9	257	13	5	275
1997	528	431	14	388	6	4	398
1998	656	431	12	458	13	12	483
1999	339	283	9	257	6	2	265
2000	673	540	16	436	6	0	442
2001	880	632	21	619	11	7	637
2002	628	392	13	418	12	9	439
2003	838	480	14	402	8	6	416
2004	1,102	660	22	601	7	3	611
2005	1,630	890	28	762	16	9	787
2006	2,062	1,068	40	992	24	9	1,025
2007	1,553	1,138	42	900	40	22	962
2008	1,360	1,148	42	1,092	61	84	1,237
2009	1,171	515	18	559	36	41	636
2010	1,185	972	27	722	34	155	911
2011	1,515	986	28	685	62	144	891
2012	2,105	1,105	37	837	124	121	1,082
2013	1,612	1,006	29	751	118	143	1,012
2014	1,389	898	25	736	101	95	932
2015	570	155	7	253	23	37	313
2016	212	80	3	96	5	7	108
2017	371	191	12	78	10	18	106

*Preliminary

Source:

[1 - Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining](#)

2 - American Petroleum Institute, *Basic Petroleum Data Book* (1960-1986);
[and Baker-Hughes Inc. \(1987-2017\)](#)

3 - Petroleum Information Corporation, *Drilling Success Summary* for 1960-1989 data;
[and Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for 1990-2017 data](#)