

Table 3.3 Exploration and Drilling Activity (Oil and Gas) in Utah, 1960-2018

Year	Drilling Permits ¹	Well Spudded ¹	Rotary Rigs ²	Average Active Rigs	Development ³	New Field Wildcat ³	Extension ³	Total ³
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	152	13		na	36	11	na
1987	195	137	8		na	33	16	na
1988	166	114	6		na	33	13	na
1989	97	96	5		na	17	9	na
1990	253	107	5		na	22	12	na
1991	401	257	11		195	11	16	222
1992	372	382	13		318	15	10	343
1993	171	137	6		187	19	2	208
1994	306	222	7		179	20	9	208
1995	305	239	8		212	13	12	237
1996	371	280	9		257	13	5	275
1997	527	430	14		388	6	4	398
1998	655	430	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	889	28		762	16	9	787
2006	2,060	1,065	40		992	24	9	1,025
2007	1,553	1,140	42		900	40	22	962
2008	1,360	1,144	42		1,092	61	84	1,237
2009	1,171	515	18		559	36	41	636
2010	1,185	973	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	1,613	1,005	29		751	118	143	1,012
2014	1,389	899	25		736	101	95	932
2015	570	155	7		253	24	37	314
2016	212	84	3		96	5	7	108
2017	374	199	9		117	12	26	155
2018*	290	205	7		110	12	20	142

*Preliminary

Source:

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

2 - American Petroleum Institute, *Basic Petroleum Data Book* (1960-1986);
[and Baker-Hughes Inc. \(1987-2018\)](#)

3 - Petroleum Information Corporation, *Drilling Success Summary* for 1960-1989 data;
[and Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for 1990-2018 data](#)