

Worldwide Wells Drilled

Area/Country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 R	2009
United States	23,649	28,424	23,980	21,829	28,468	35,353	26,767	31,522	36,538	43,650	50,528	52,726	54,195	30,210
Canada	14,557	12,305	10,200	11,531	16,529	18,000	15,026	19,622	22,020	23,790	24,700	20,431	18,661	8,010
Mexico	114	115	200	233	235	436	464	605	705	729	572	539	660	956
Total North America	38,320	40,844	34,380	33,618	45,255	53,820	42,250	51,772	59,256	68,200	75,840	73,738	73,562	39,222
Argentina	1,588	1,272	910	550	1,070	1,250	1,075	1,350	1,241	1,357	1,296	1,440	1,445	1,200
Brazil	312	346	300	240	281	568	516	483	374	461	505	510	760	1,105
Ecuador	58	61	84	9	52	72	85	93	98	121	125	128	128	105
Peru	105	90	60	21	41	36	17	30	26	43	89	178	187	135
Trinidad-Tobago	51	93	118	84	94	134	88	140	195	190	185	31	121	23
Venezuela	810	948	951	871	1,470	1,278	680	615	950	1,280	1,508	1,350	1,350	775
Other	136	195	241	145	166	214	185	217	258	363	399	232	105	105
Total Latin America(c)	3,060	3,005	2,664	1,920	3,174	3,552	2,650	2,928	3,142	3,815	4,107	4,100	4,537	3,543
Total Western Hemisphere(c)	41,311	43,849	37,044	35,538	48,429	57,372	44,930	54,700	62,428	72,015	79,947	77,838	78,099	42,765
Total North Sea	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other European	6,016	7,866	4,530	3,297	6,980	5,345	6,303	6,271	6,195	6,358	6,136	6,262	7,417	7,175
Total Europe(c)	6,016	7,866	4,530	3,297	6,980	5,345	6,303	6,271	6,195	6,358	6,136	6,262	7,417	7,175
Algeria	100	117	85	55	145	175	165	179	200	53	57	80	392	263
Gabon	30	66	21	21	28	25	31	40	28	33	34	34	80	14
Libya	131	105	123	80	85	55	112	126	128	115	130	126	179	163
Nigeria	138	160	130	85	85	110	125	107	85	95	135	140	120	140
Other	366	387	370	299	421	404	475	507	667	756	778	854	1,010	580
Total Africa(c)	765	801	774	540	764	769	908	959	1,108	1,052	1,134	1,234	1,781	1,489
United Arab Emirates	125	194	144	114	84	92	179	106	101	109	112	116	124	173
Iran	113	95	123	134	135	142	135	145	177	185	187	185	255	132
Iraq	28	20	12	14	12	NA	3	0	25	19	20	20	ND	23
Kuwait(b)	26	47	54	99	100	100	60	56	95	65	75	75	88	83
Saudi Arabia(b)	182	190	335	224	237	265	324	310	360	373	580	610	592	450
Neutral Zone(b)	48	56	55	40	30	40	45	43	43	17	15	16	ND	70
Qatar	78	102	122	70	65	75	96	74	82	95	80	84	94	73
Oman	302	360	365	280	295	345	400	450	460	405	430	439	315	350
Other	173	193	198	181	211	230	264	319	296	335	354	24	15	455
Total Middle East(c)	1,075	1,257	1,398	1,156	1,169	1,289	1,506	1,503	1,639	1,603	1,853	1,910	1,790	1,709
Far East	11,944	11,495	12,015	11,806	11,861	12,150	12,653	12,047	12,244	14,914	19,549	19,910	22,490	23,665
Other	257	261	288	203	211	244	197	282	294	322	369	428	441	210
Total Australasia(c)	12,201	11,756	12,283	12,009	12,072	12,394	12,850	12,309	12,538	15,236	19,918	20,338	22,931	23,875
Total Eastern Hemisphere(c)	20,057	21,680	18,985	17,002	20,965	19,797	20,842	20,891	21,405	24,011	29,025	29,602	32,622	33,193
TOTAL WORLD(c)	61,368	65,529	56,029	52,540	69,414	77,169	65,772	75,591	83,833	96,026	108,972	107,440	110,721	75,958

(a) Data for all countries is not available.

(b) Saudi Arabia and Kuwait share the production from the Neutral Zone on an equal basis.

(c) Totals reflect data for countries not individually listed.

(d) Includes 5,555 wells in China in 1985, 5,525 in 1986, 5,721 in 1987, 5,835 in 1988. No data was reported for China in 1989.

NA Not Available; ND No Data.

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