



Frequently Asked Questions

When was the last refinery built in the United States?

There were a total of 143 operable petroleum refineries in the United States as of January 1, 2013.

The "newest" refinery in the United States began operating in 2008 in Douglas, Wyoming. However, the newest refinery with atmospheric distillation capacity greater than 100,000 barrels per day began operating in 1977 in Garyville, Louisiana.

Ground was broken in March 2013 for construction of a new refinery in North Dakota. The 20,000-barrel-per-day (bbl/d) Dakota Prairie facility is scheduled to be built in 20 months.

Capacity has also been added to existing refineries through upgrades or new construction. The most recent examples include:

- In 2012, Motiva upgraded its refinery in Port Arthur, Texas, making it the largest refinery in the U.S. with a capacity of 600,250 barrels per calendar day.
- In 2009, Marathon upgraded its Garyville, Louisiana refinery. As of January 1, 2013, the capacity is more than double its original 1977 capacity.

The newest refineries currently operating in the United States are as follows:

Year Built	First Operated	Location	Original Owner	Original Capacity	Current Owner	2011 Capacity	Type
2008	2008	Douglas, WY	Interline Resources	3,000	Antelope Refining	3,800	Simple
1998	1998	Atmore, AL	Goodway	4,100	Goodway	4,100	Simple
1993	1993	Valdez, AK	Petro Star	26,300	Petro Star	55,000	Simple
1991	1992	Ely, NV	Petro Source	7,000	Foreland	2,000	Simple
1986	1987	North Pole, AK	Petro Star	6,700	Petro Star	19,700	Simple
1985	1986	Anchorage, AK	ARCO	12,000	ConocoPhillips	15,000	Simple
1981	1982	Thomas, OK	OK Refining	10,700	Ventura	12,000	Simple
1979	1980	Wilmington, CA	Huntway	5,400	Valero	6,300	Simple
1978	1979	Vicksburg, MS	Ergon	10,000	Ergon	23,000	Simple
1978	1979	North Slope, AK	ARCO	13,000	BP Exp AK	10,500	Simple
1978	1978	North Pole, AK	Earth Resources	22,600	Flint Hills	127,987	Simple
1977	1978	Lake Charles, LA	Calcasieu	6,500	Calcasieu	78,000	Simple
1976	1977	Garyville, LA	Marathon	200,000	Marathon	522,000	Complex
1976	1977	Krotz Springs, LA	Gold King	5,000	Alon	80,000	Complex
1975	1975	Corpus Christi, TX	Saber	15,000	Valero	200,000	Complex
1967	1967	Good Hope, LA	Kirby Industries	6,500	Valero	205,000	Complex

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