

Oil and Gas Statistics – FY 2021
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Table 1 – Number of Leases

This table contains the total number of leases, by state, considered in effect by the BLM at the end of each fiscal year.

Table 2 – Acreage in Effect

This table contains the total number of acres, by state, contained in leases considered in effect by the BLM at the end of each fiscal year.

Leases issued over the course of a fiscal year may or may not be leases sold during that same year. For example, a lease might have been sold but not issued pending protest resolution. Following successful resolution, that lease would have been issued, but this process may not have concluded in the same fiscal year. This figure includes parcels sold at a competitive lease sale, as well as leases issued non-competitively.

Table 3 – Number of New Leases Issued by BLM

This table contains the total number of new leases, by state, issued by the BLM during each fiscal year.

Table 4 – Acreage in New Leases Issued

This table contains the total number of acres, by state, contained in new leases issued by the BLM during each fiscal year.

Table 5 – Number of Producing Leases

This table contains the total number of producing leases by state as of the last day of the fiscal year.

Table 6 – Acreage of Producing Leases

This table contains the total number of acres by state covered by producing leases as of the last day of the fiscal year.

Table 7 – Number of Drilling Permits Approved by Fiscal Year

This table contains the total number of Federal Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs - Federal) by state approved by the BLM each fiscal year. Oil and gas operators may not begin drilling activities on a lease without an approved APD and posted bond.

Note that a single lease may have multiple APDs approved and each well pad may have one or more APDs.

Table 8 – Wells Spud

This table contains the total number of well bores started (spudded), by state, during each fiscal year. "Spudding in," or to "spud" a well bore, means to begin drilling operations, so a spudded well bore is one where drilling operations have begun.

Table 9 – Producing Well Bores

This table contains the total number of producible well bores by state as of the end of each fiscal year. A well bore is considered producible if the well bore is capable of production.

Table 10 – Producing and Service Completions

This table contains the total number of producing and service completions, by state, during each fiscal year.

Separate service completions are for the benefit of oil and gas operations, such as water disposal, salt water disposal, water injection, gas injection, water source, steam injection, or monitoring.

Table 1-10 National Totals by State, Fiscal Year 2001 – 2021

This table contains the national totals for Fiscal Years 2001- 2021 for each of the following tables. The following tables contain state-by-state breakdowns of these figures for the same time period.

Table 11 - Acreage Offered at Competitive Lease Sale Auctions Since January 1, 2009

This table shows total number of acres offered at competitive oil and gas lease sale auctions since January 1, 2009.

Table 12 – Time to complete an APD

The chart shows the average number of days to process an APD, as follows: Average number of days after initial submission that industry takes to resolve any deficiencies in an APD; Average number of days for the BLM to process the complete APD.

Table 13 – Expressions of Interest for Potential Oil and Gas Leasing

Expressions of interest identify lands sought by industry for possible oil and gas leasing. Submitting an expression of interest to the BLM does not guarantee that parcels will be offered at auction.

Table 14 – Parcels Offered, Parcels Protested and Parcels Posted on the Original Sale Notice

This chart shows the number of parcels posted on the original sale notices by fiscal year. It also shows the number of parcels offered on the day of sale, and the number of protested parcels from the original sale notice.

Table 15 – Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sales by BLM State Offices

This chart shows competitive oil and gas lease sales by BLM State Offices.

Table 16 – APD Status Report

The table shows the combined number of Federal and Indian applications for permit to drill (APDs) received, processed, and approved for FY2020, as well as the total number of pending APDs, as-of September 30, 2020, by BLM state office and field office.