

Louisiana Energy Facts

Highlights

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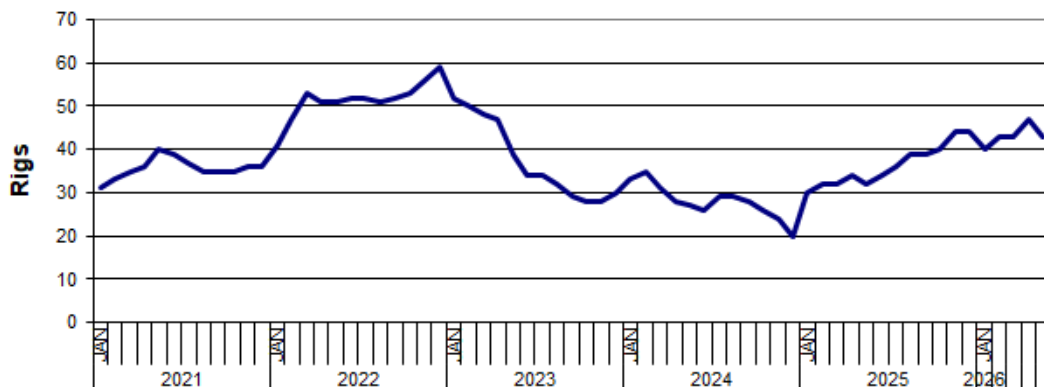
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Natural Gas NYMEX June contract price closed at \$3.04 MMBTU. It was \$0.48 higher than May, or 2.5%, and \$0.16 lower than June 2025 contract price, a decrease of 5.0%. The change of price is due to the expected higher than average temperatures during the summer months, but also coupled with the higher than expected supplies compared to the previous year. Working gas in storage was 2,578 BCF as of Friday, May 29, 2026, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 95 BCF from the previous week. Stocks were 20 BCF lower than last year at this time and 138 BCF higher than the five-year average of 2,440BCF. At 2,578 BCF, total working gas is above the five-year historical range. The May 2026, Baker Hughes report showed gas-directed rigs in the US were down by 1 from the previous month, bringing the total to 127, and 27.0% higher than May 2025.

Louisiana Average Active Rigs in Areas Under State Jurisdiction (Monthly Average)

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	% Change	
							24/25	25/26
January	31	41	52	33	30	40	-9.09%	33.33%
February	33	47	50	35	32	43	-8.57%	34.38%
March	35	53	48	31	32	43	3.23%	34.38%
April	36	51	47	28	34	47	21.43%	38.24%
May	40	51	39	27	32	43	18.52%	34.38%
June	39	52	34	26	34		30.77%	
July	37	52	34	29	36		24.14%	
August	35	51	32	29	39		34.48%	
September	35	52	29	28	39		39.29%	
October	35	53	28	26	40		53.85%	
November	36	56	28	24	44		83.33%	
December	36	59	30	20	44		120.00%	
Year Average	36	52	48	31	36	43*	34.28%	34.94%

* Partial Year



Current Oil & Gas Data

Louisiana DC&E Technology Assessment Division

PRODUCTION	DEC 25	NOV 25	OCT 25	DEC 24
GOM CENTRAL FEDERAL OFFSHORE ^F (OCS)				
Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)	29	48	51	56
Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)	59	79	87	57
THE UNITED STATES TOTAL				
Crude Oil & Condensate ^C (MMB)	423	414	429	417
Natural Gas & Casinghead ^C (BCF)	3,462	3,310 ²	3,329	3,273
IMPORTS				
U.S. Crude Oil ^C (MMB)	198	173 ²	183 ²	203
U.S. Natural Gas ^C (BCF)	328	264	233	309
BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS				
U.S. Gas ^A	128	128	121	102
U.S. Oil ^A	420	421	427	487
U.S. Offshore ^A	17	19	17	14
U.S. Total ^A	548	549	548	589
PRICES				
CRUDE OIL (\$/barrel)				
OPEC Average ^C (F.O.B.)	62.24	64.13	63.46	71.07
U.S. Imports Average ^C (F.O.B.)	50.34	52.79	53.17	63.96
U.S. Wellhead Average ^C	56.31	58.09	58.89	68.12
Gulf OCS Wellhead Average ^C	55.70	57.93	58.94	68.92
State Severance Wellhead Average ^E	59.85	61.52	60.78	67.03
NATURAL GAS (\$/MCF)				
U.S. City Gates Average ^C	5.10	4.76	4.34	5.05
U.S. Imports Average ^C (F.O.B.)	4.64	2.82	1.92	3.13
U.S. Spot Market Average ^D	5.45	3.81	3.00	4.12
State Royalty Wellhead Average	4.04	3.34	2.70	2.24
NYMEX Henry Hub End of the Month Settle Gas Price ^B (\$/MMBTU)	4.42	3.38	2.84	3.43

Key

1	Estimated	MCF	Thousand Cubic Feet
2	Revised	MMB	Million Barrels
BCF	Billion Cubic Feet	N/A	Not Available
BTU	British Thermal Unit	OCS	Outer Continental Shelf
F.O.B	Free on Board	MMBTU	Million British Thermal Units

Data Sources

A	Oil & Gas Journal	D	Natural Gas Week
B	Wall Street Journal	E	LA Dept of Revenue
C	U. S. Dept. of Energy	F	BOEM

Note: Unless otherwise specified, data is from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and excludes Federal OCS.

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Louisiana Non-Agricultural Employment

<u>Year</u>	<u>Oil & Gas Production</u>	<u>Chemical Industry</u>	<u>Oil Refining</u>	<u>Pipelines</u>	<u>Total Employment</u>
1985	77,781	28,093	12,458	1,144 *	1,550,443
1986	58,888	25,998	12,233	1,168 *	1,475,318
1987	52,117	25,345	12,225	1,051 *	1,438,793
1988	54,565	26,957	11,258	1,039 *	1,468,508
1989	52,556	28,146	11,325	1,016 *	1,494,181
1990	54,063	29,083	11,535	1,041 *	1,546,820
1991	54,412	29,412	12,268	1,073 *	1,567,139
1992	45,869	30,349	12,543	1,095 *	1,583,423
1993	44,422	30,419	12,728	1,078 *	1,613,577
1994	44,885	30,014	13,037	1,014 *	1,671,087
1995	44,279	30,168	11,603	932 *	1,721,651
1996	46,885	30,096	11,262	789 *	1,757,710
1997	51,559	29,935	11,038	792 *	1,797,225
1998	54,766	30,315	10,939	702 *	1,838,319
1999	44,684	28,877	11,070	693 *	1,847,841
2000	45,714	28,335	10,345	724 *	1,872,494
2001	47,009	27,337	10,643	2,417	1,868,902
2002	43,839	25,694	10,566	2,306	1,848,656
2003	42,339	24,558	10,395	2,334	1,851,570
2004	40,249	23,516	9,958	2,122	1,866,870
2005	41,179	23,269	10,240	2,179	1,843,237
2006	44,394	22,188	10,310	2,347	1,810,667
2007	46,764	22,612	10,764	2,454	1,869,965
2008	50,541	22,788	11,287	2,553	1,889,576
2009	46,956	22,478	11,363	2,456	1,849,395
2010	47,916	22,533	11,423	2,667	1,833,888
2011	49,239	23,141	11,163	2,771	1,844,578
2012	50,963	23,029	11,276	2,862	1,868,317
2013	50,242	23,345	11,575	2,857	1,891,851
2014	50,032	24,086	11,982	2,976	1,922,947
2015	43,492	25,025	12,048	3,122	1,929,817
2016	34,329	25,528	11,785	2,707	1,908,609
2017	31,828	25,510	11,824	2,575	1,904,609
2018	34,205	26,246	12,030	2,460	1,917,918
2019	34,921	29,847	11,372	2,622	1,921,493
2020	29,074	26,906	11,314	2,596	1,779,533
2021	27,512	26,450	10,544	2,362	1,809,289
2022	28,957	27,096	10,552	2,515	1,851,796
2023	29,246 ²	28,160 ²	10,704 ²	2,515 ²	1,886,813 ²
2024	27,512 ²	28,741 ²	10,807 ²	2,561 ²	1,915,030 ²
2025	26,250 ¹	28,871 ¹	10,664 ¹	2,591 ¹	1,917,229 ¹

^F Louisiana Workforce Commission

* Natural Gas Pipeline data was excluded

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SPOT MARKET PRICES

Louisiana Natural Gas^D (\$/MMBTU)
 NYMEX Henry Hub Last Settle Gas Price^B(\$/MMBTU)
 Louisiana Sweet Crude - St. James^B (\$/Barrel)

BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNTS

North Louisiana^A
 South Louisiana Inland Waters^A
 South Louisiana Inland^A
 Louisiana State Offshore
 Louisiana Federal OCS Offshore
 Total Louisiana^A (OCS included)

PRODUCTION (State Jurisdiction Only)

Louisiana Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)
 Louisiana Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)

DRILLING PERMITS (State Jurisdiction Only)

Total Louisiana Oil and Gas
 Louisiana Wildcats
 Louisiana Offshore (Wildcats included)

	May 26	Apr 26	May 25
Louisiana Natural Gas ^D (\$/MMBTU)	3.00	2.48	3.06
NYMEX Henry Hub Last Settle Gas Price ^B (\$/MMBTU)	2.94	2.77	2.97
Louisiana Sweet Crude - St. James ^B (\$/Barrel)	100.78	103.51	63.31
	Apr 26	Mar 26	Apr 25
North Louisiana ^A	29	27	20
South Louisiana Inland Waters ^A	2	2	2
South Louisiana Inland ^A	4	5	2
Louisiana State Offshore	1	0	0
Louisiana Federal OCS Offshore	11	8	9
Total Louisiana ^A (OCS included)	47	42	32
	Apr 26	Mar 26	Apr 25
Louisiana Crude Oil & Condensate (MMB)	2.5 ¹	2.6 ¹	2.2 ²
Louisiana Natural Gas & Casinghead (BCF)	304.6 ¹	302.0 ¹	271.2 ²
	Apr 26	Mar 26	Apr 25
Total Louisiana Oil and Gas	44	43	44
Louisiana Wildcats	0	0	0
Louisiana Offshore (Wildcats included)	0	0	0

