

Oil and Gas Statistics – FY 2023

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Tables 1-10 National Totals by State, Fiscal Year 2013 – 2023

This file contains the national totals for Fiscal Years 2013- 2023 for each of the following tables. The tables contain state-by-state breakdowns.

- ***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.

- ***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 producible 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 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 FY2023, as well as the total number of pending APDs, as-of September 30, 2023, by BLM state office and field office.

* Table 7 (permits approved by fiscal year) and Table 16 (details on applications for permits to drill by state and field offices) both provide information on APDs, but differ due to time of report creation, ongoing data correction efforts, and system stability efforts. Table 7 is approved permits by geographical state whereas table 16 is permitting workload by administrative state. Because of the dates on which the reports were generated, the total APDs processed differs by 1 between the 2 tables.