

Chart 2: U.S. Land Rig Count by State Top 18 States by Rig Activity, Weekly (1/3/1997-5/27/2011)

Source: Rig Counts: Baker Hughes. The 18 states shown here were selected based on having an average weekly drilling rate greater than 5 for the period 1/3/1997 to 5/27/2011. They are displayed on the chart in order, with Texas having the greatest average weekly drilling rate and Kentucky the lowest for the period noted.

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Rig counts in 18 states for 14 years - discuss chart and history
Companies knew 10-year history at time of 2007 hearings
Witnesses obligated to tell <u>whole truth</u> about known history
Economics is key in rule-making and regulatory campaigns
Table of economic numbers exists for every well drilled
Dollars for disposal are <u>income</u>, <u>profit</u>, <u>wages</u> in NM companies
Economic data in context are vital for sound rule-making