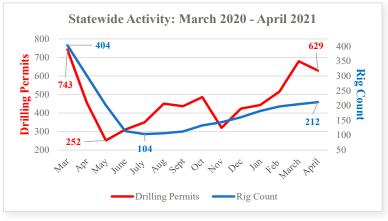
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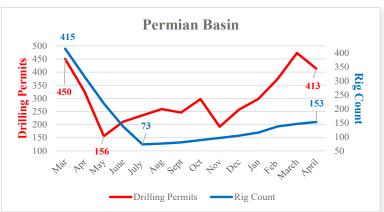
Statewide Update

Texas' oil and gas industry continues to recover from the declines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Both the statewide number of drilling permits issued by RRC and the Baker Hughes rig count have more than doubled since the lows observed in late spring and early summer 2020. As of April 2021, RRC issued 629 drilling permits and the statewide rig count expanded from a low of 104 in July 2020 to 212.



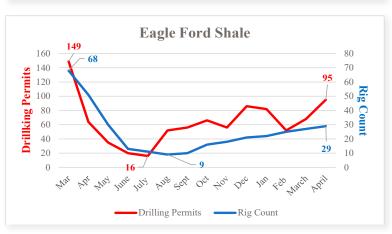
Permian Basin Update

The Permian Basin is Texas' most prolific energy basin. Between July 2020 and April 2021, the total number of drilling rigs in the Permian (including Texas and New Mexico) grew from 73 to 153 according to Baker Hughes' rig count. The number of RRC drilling permits for the Permian increased from a low of 156 in May 2020, to 413 as of April 2021.



Eagle Ford Shale Update

The Eagle Ford Shale is Texas' second-most prolific energy basin. After a sharp decline in spring 2020, the number of drilling permits issued by RRC has increased from a low of 16 in July 2020, to 95 as of April 2021. In the meantime, the Eagle Ford rig count has increased to 29 rigs as of April.



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