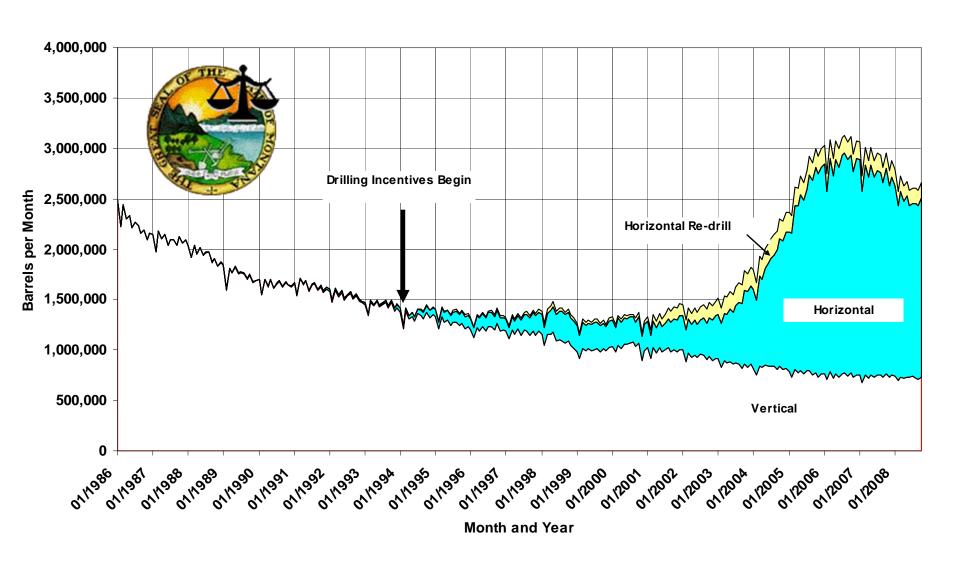
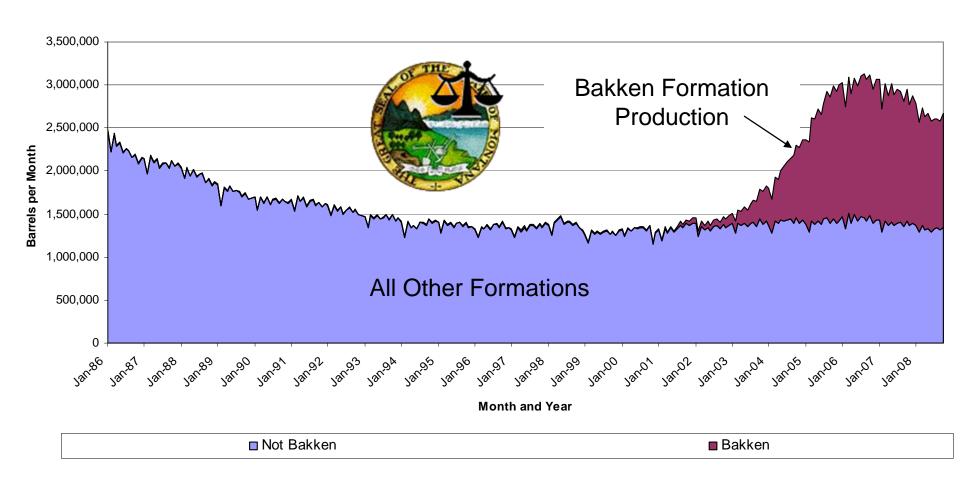


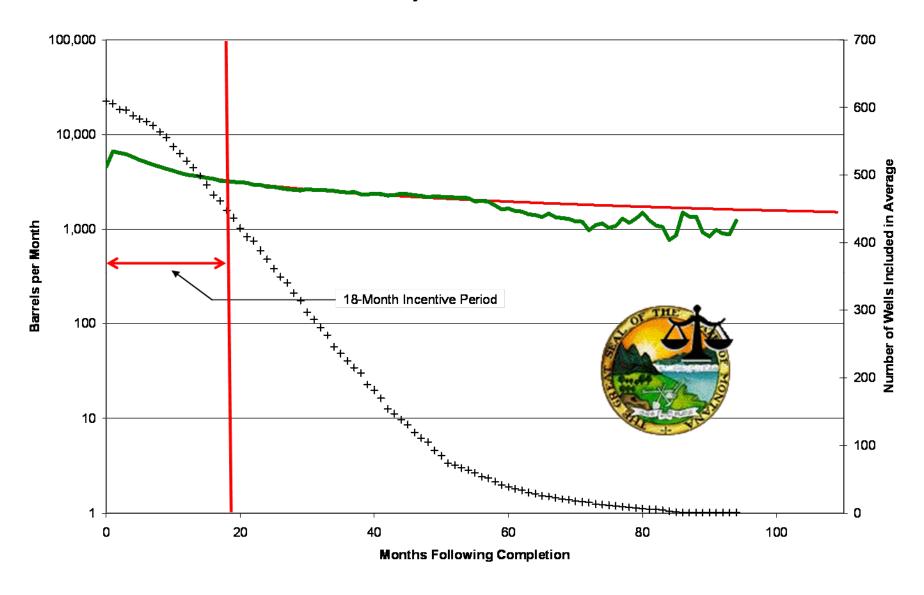
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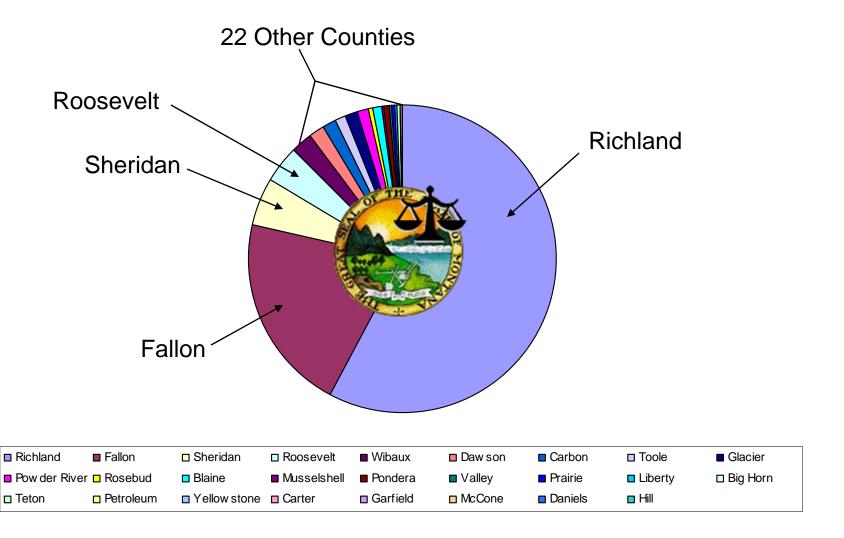
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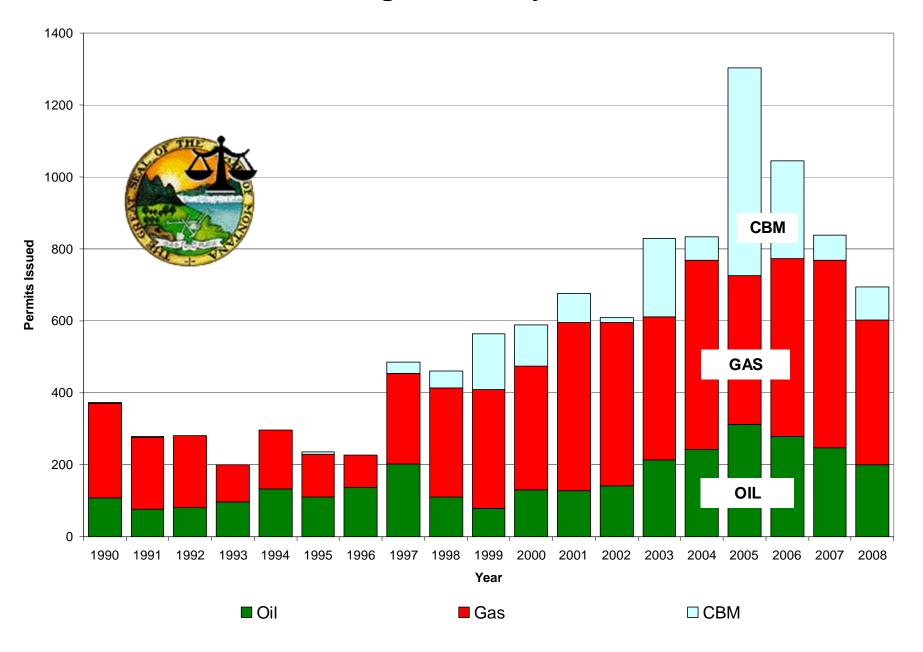
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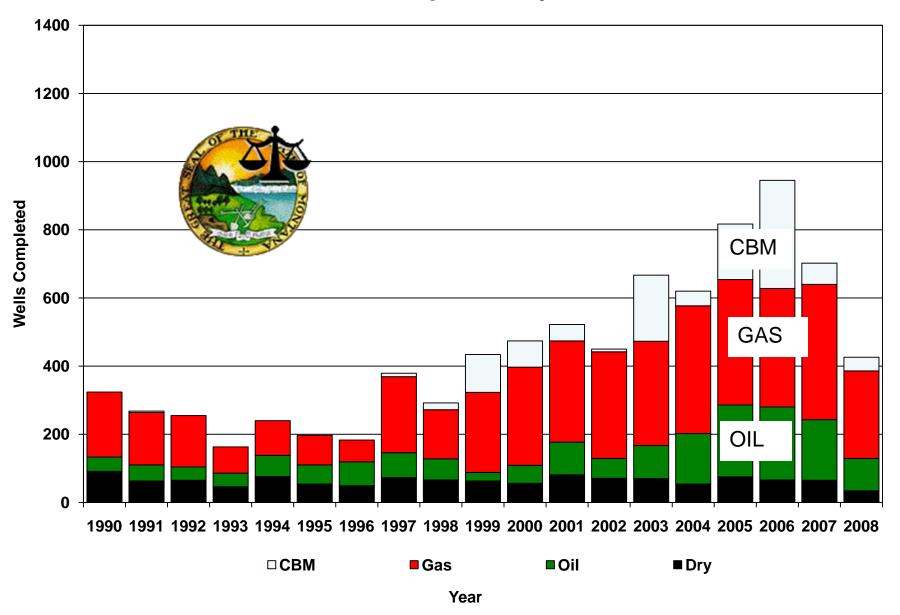
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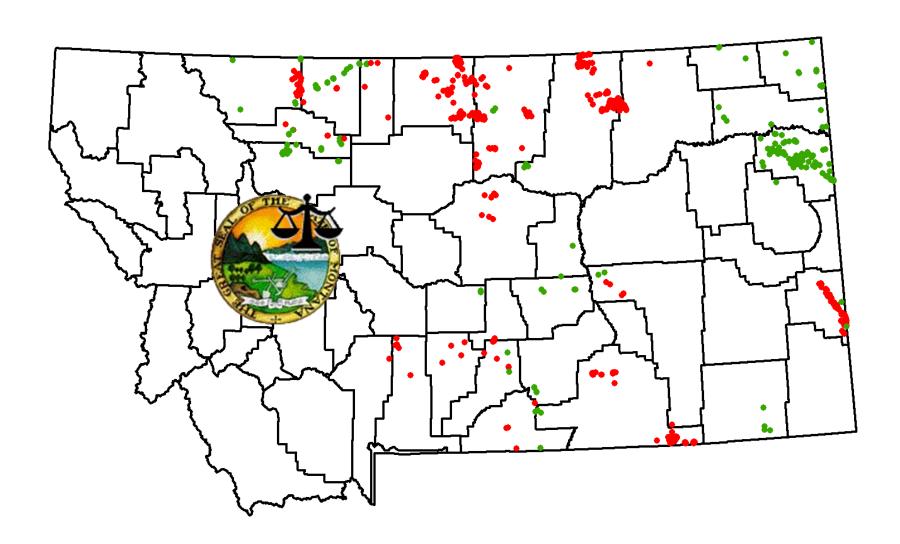
Drilling Permits, by Year



Wells Completed, by Year



Oil and Gas Drilling Permits Issued During 2008





- Elm Coulee Field has produced approximately 79 million barrels of oil and 57 BCF of gas through 2008 and production from the Bakken Formation comprises one half of the state's oil production.
- Richland County maintains its position as top producing county.
- Permitting activity in Montana for both oil and gas wells peaked during 2005.
- Elevated product prices during the early part of 2008 led to increased drilling activity throughout the state.
- 80 drilling permits were issued between January 1 and April 15, 2009 compared to 159 permits for the same period of time during 2008.