

Despite Industry Fears, Biden Climate Policies Have Done No Harm To Oil Industry Jobs – The Industry Has Posted Steady Increases And Is Actively Recruiting More

SUMMARY: The oil and gas industry has gained jobs during the first four months of the Biden administration despite cries that the new president's pro-climate policies will "eliminate" the industry. Data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics shows a steady rise in O&G industry since January 2021. The rising job numbers represent over \$8.4B in wages for employees returning to work.

The American Petroleum Institute (API) has even boasted about redeployed rigs and crewmembers across the industry while its board member companies have 1,226 jobs openings currently listed on their websites.

While jobs are currently rising, oil and gas jobs have been on a decline since 2014. Despite four years of pro-oil policies under the Trump administration, the oil and gas industry had an average of 47,200 fewer jobs under Trump than the last four years of the Obama administration.

The American Petroleum Institute Complains About President Biden's Climate Policies Hurting Jobs--

But Data Shows API Is Wrong — Oil Jobs Have Steadily Grown Since Biden Took Office, And The Industry Is Actively Recruiting For Many More

The American Petroleum Institute Said President Biden's Public Lands Leasing Policies Would Hurt The Oil Industry

Big Oil Says A Pause On Leasing Could "Eliminate" The Industry And "Kill" Jobs

The American Petroleum Institute Said A Temporary Pause On New Leases Was A "Step Backwards" That Would "Cost Thousands Of Jobs." "Today's executive action to halt leasing is a step backwards both for our nation's economic recovery and environmental progress, threatening to cost thousands of jobs and much-needed revenue while increasing emissions by slowing the transition to cleaner fuels," Mike Sommers, API president and CEO, said in a statement. 'Limiting domestic energy production is nothing more than an 'import more oil' policy that runs counter to our shared goal of emissions reductions and will make it harder for local communities to recover from the pandemic,' Sommers said." [The Hill, [01/27/21](#)]

- **The American Petroleum Institute Says Joe Biden's Climate Policies Will "Undermine" The Oil Industry.** "The oil lobby group is also skeptical of proposals by Biden and Democrats to help affected fossil fuel workers transition to jobs in cleaner energy or to compensate state and counties for the hit on revenues from a leasing ban. 'The idea that you are going to seek to undermine or eliminate an industry and then

provide them with government jobs in a New Deal-type of fashion is pretty insulting to U.S. oil and gas workers.” [Washington Examiner, [01/13/21](#)]

API Called The Pause On New Leases A “Penalty” That Would “Kill Jobs. “Penalizing the oil and gas industry kills good-paying American jobs, hurts our already struggling economy, makes our country more reliant on foreign energy sources, and impacts those who rely on affordable and reliable energy,” Anne Bradbury, president of the American Exploration and Production Council, said in a statement. [CNBC, [01/27/21](#)]

But The Oil And Gas Industry Has Added Jobs Every Month Under The Biden Administration

Employment In The Oil And Gas Sector Has Increased Monthly Under The Biden Administration. Data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that oil and gas industry employees have increased steadily since January 2021, from about 133,000 jobs to 137,200 jobs.

Employment					
Data series	Back data	Jan. 2021	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021
Employment (in thousands)					
Employment, all employees (seasonally adjusted)		133.0	133.3	(P) 135.7	(P) 137.2
Employment, production and nonsupervisory employees		77.7	78.3	(P) 80.2	
Footnotes					
(P) Preliminary					

[Bureau Of Labor Statistics, Oil And Gas Extraction, accessed [05/27/21](#)]

The American Petroleum Institute Noted Rigs And Crews Have Already Begun To Be Redeployed In 2021.

Oil And Gas Companies Have Redeployed Idle Rigs And Crews During The First Quarter Of 2021. “EIA reported solid well productivity even as companies have begun to re-deploy rigs and crews that were idled” [API, Industry Outlook First Quarter 2021, [03/18/21](#)]

Oil And Gas Jobs That Have Returned Under The Biden Administration Have Brought Back Over \$8.4B In Wages For Workers.

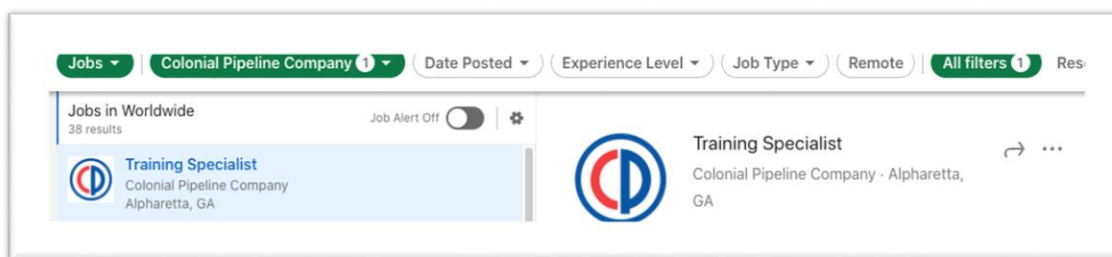
The Restored Jobs In The Oil And Gas Industry In The First Four Months Of 2021 Equal Over \$8.4B In Annual Wages For Workers. “In total, oil-field services companies have restored about 28,000 positions, reducing the pandemic-related job cuts to 74,000 jobs and more than \$8.4 billion in annual wages.” [Houston Chronicle, [05/10/21](#)]

And API’s Board Members Are Hiring—With Over A Thousand Active Job Postings At The Beginning Of June

29 Oil And Gas Corporations On The American Petroleum Institute's Board Have 1,226 US Job Openings Listed Online As Of June 2, 2021.

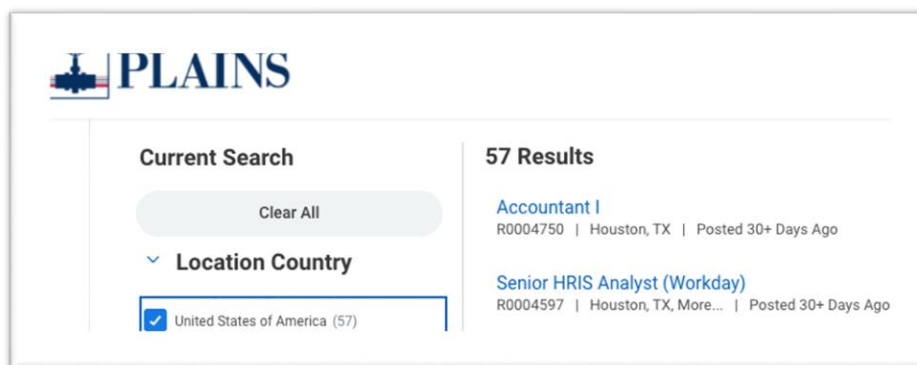
As Of The American Petroleum Institute's 2019 IRS 990 Form, API's Board Includes Executives From Colonial Pipeline, Plains All American, Motiva, Cabot Oil & Gas, BP America, Pioneer Natural Resources, Cheniere, Phillips 66, TC Energy, Devon Energy, Marathon Petroleum, Fluor Corp, Hess Corp, Occidental, Newpark Resources, Cimarex, ConocoPhillips, Oceaneering, Halliburton, Enbridge, TechnipFMC, Noble Corp, Baker Hughes, Orintiv, Marathon Oil, Shell, Chevron, Southwestern Energy, And ExxonMobil.
[American Petroleum Institute IRS Form 990, 2019, [11/16/20](#)]

Colonial Pipeline Has 38 Job Openings Listed On LinkedIn, With Positions Listed As Recently As 1 Week Ago.



[LinkedIn, Colonial Pipeline Company Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Plains All American Has 57 Job Openings Listed On Its Website, With Positions Listed As Recently As June 2, 2021.



[Plains All American, Search For Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Motiva Posted Four Job Openings To Its Website On June 1, 2021.

4 Results

Master Mechanic - Boiler Maker/Pipefitter
Port Arthur, TX | 1714 | Posted Yesterday

Master Mechanic - Critical Equipment Group
Port Arthur, TX | 1713 | Posted Yesterday

Master Mechanic - Inside Machinist
Port Arthur, TX | 1712 | Posted Yesterday

Master Mechanic - Pump Mechanic
Port Arthur, TX | 1715 | Posted Yesterday

[Motiva, Search For Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Cabot Oil And Gas Had Six Job Postings On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021. [Cabot Oil And Gas, Job Postings, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

BP Has 70 US Job Openings On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021. [BP, Search And Apply, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Pioneer Natural Resources Has 17 Job Openings In The United States As Of June 2, 2021.

Current Search

Clear All

▼ **Functional Area**

Information Technology, IF (4)

17 Results

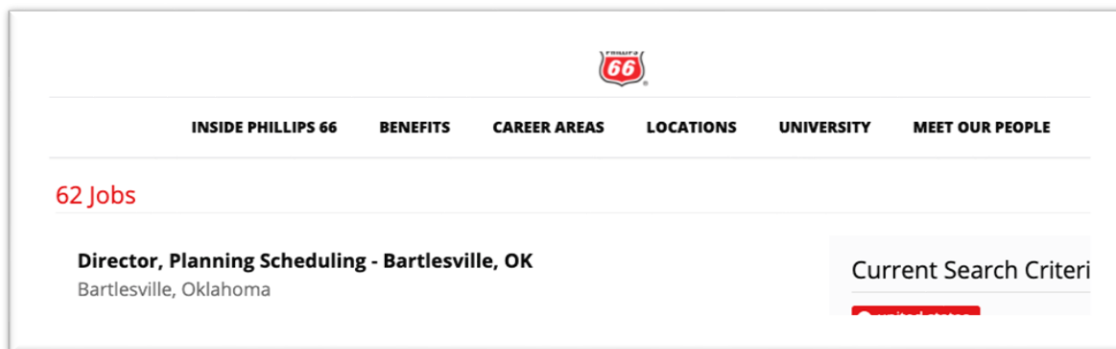
Production Operator III - II (Multiple Openings)
REQ-6886 | Big Lake | Posted Today

Category Specialist I-II
REQ-6970 | Irving | Posted Yesterday

[Pioneer Natural Resources, Search For Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Cheniere Has Nine US-Based Job Openings On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021. [Cheniere, Open Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Phillips 66 Has 62 US Job Openings On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021.

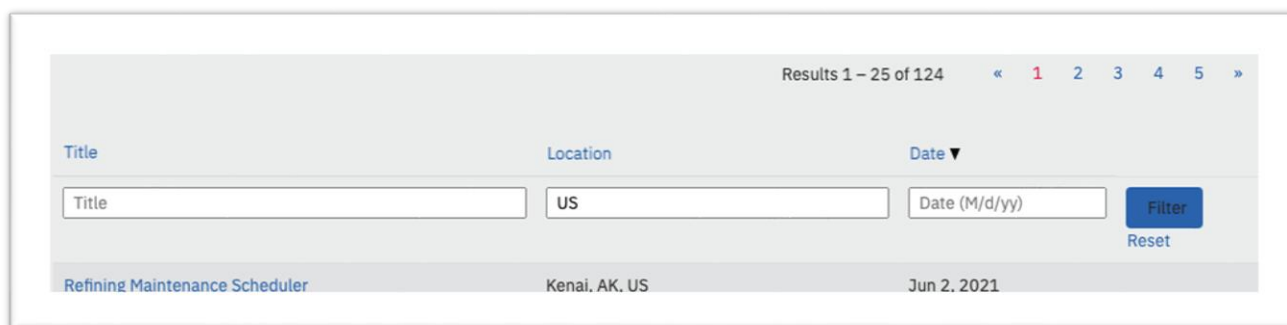


[Phillips 66, Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

TC Energy Has 23 Trade And Operating Jobs In The United States As Of June 2, 2021. [TC Energy, Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Devon Energy Has Nine US-Based Job Openings Listed On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021. [Devon Energy, Careers, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Marathon Petroleum Has 124 US-Based Job Openings, With Positions Listed As Recently As June 2, 2021.



[Marathon Petroleum, Careers, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Fluor Corp Has 164 Job Openings In The United States Posted To Its Website As Of June 2, 2021. [Fluor, Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Hess Corp Has Six Job Openings In The US On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021. [Hess Corp, Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Occidental Petroleum Has 108 Job Openings Based In The US, With Positions Listed As Recently As June 2, 2021.

▼ Location

Relevancy Descending English (108)

Country

United States (108)

State

Requisition Title	Location	Posting Date	Actions
Offshore Operator II	Multiple Locations	Jun 2, 2021	Apply

[Oxy, Job Search, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Newpark Resources Has 48 US-Based Craft, Manufacturing, Engineering, Technical, Logistics, And Services Positions Listed On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021.

Select Jobs: [ADD TO BASKET](#) | ***

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Name	Job Title	Division Name	Job Function	Brief Description	Location	Date Posted	Apply Now
IRC6836	General Laborer	Newpark Mats and Integrated Services <small>Newpark Mats and Integrated Services</small>	Craft/Manufacturing	Under direct supervision in operations, loads and unloads materials, parts, or products manually or by mechanized means. Transfers finished products and raw materials about plant and warehouse, using hand truck. Delivers production items to designated work areas for processing. Delivers processed units to storage or for the next stage of processing. Stacks processed items in warehouse. Packs products in containers. Cleans around work areas. Assists other production workers in production activities. Handles special	Towanda, PA, US	30-Mar-2021	Apply

[Newpark Resources, Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Cimarex Has 13 Open Job Postings Based In The US, With Six Of The Positions Listed As Recently As June 1, 2021.

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Job Title	Location	Date
Pipeline Operator	Carlsbad, NM	Jun 1, 2021
Pumper	Monahans, TX	Jun 1, 2021
Pumper	Carlsbad, NM	Jun 1, 2021
Pumper	Pecos, TX	Jun 1, 2021
Automation Technician	Carlsbad, NM	Jun 1, 2021

[Cimarex, Careers, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

ConocoPhillips Has 21 US-Based Job Openings Listed On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021.

[ConocoPhillips, Careers, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Oceanering Has 87 Onshore/ Offshore Operations Positions On Its Website US As Of June 2, 2021.



Onshore/Offshore Operations

87 Jobs

[Oceanering, Careers, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

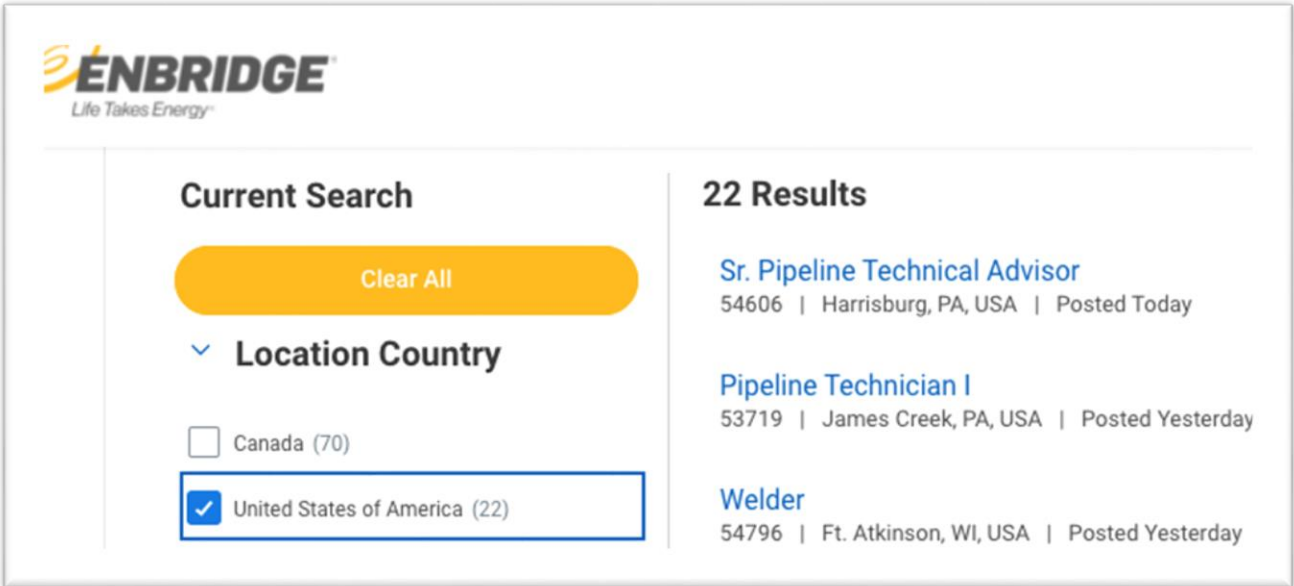
Halliburton Has 96 Open US-Based Field Operation Positions Listed Its Their Website With Positions Listed As Recently As June 2, 2021.

Results 1 - 25 of 96 « 1 2 3 4 »

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Cementine Bulk Material Operator I-III	Bossier Citv. LA. US. 71111	Jun 2, 2021

[Halliburton, Jobs, Field Operations, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Enbridge Has 22 Open Job Opportunities In The US Listed On Its Website, With Positions Posted As Recently As June 2, 2021.



ENBRIDGE
Life Takes Energy

Current Search

Clear All

Location Country

Canada (70)

United States of America (22)

22 Results

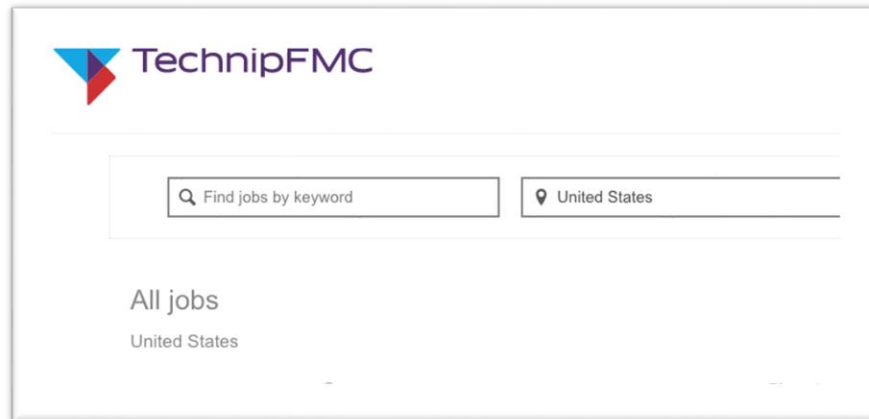
Sr. Pipeline Technical Advisor
54606 | Harrisburg, PA, USA | Posted Today

Pipeline Technician I
53719 | James Creek, PA, USA | Posted Yesterday

Welder
54796 | Ft. Atkinson, WI, USA | Posted Yesterday

[Enbridge, Search For Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

TechnipFMC Has 78 Job Openings In The US Listed On Their Its As Of June 2, 2021.



TechnipFMC

Find jobs by keyword

United States

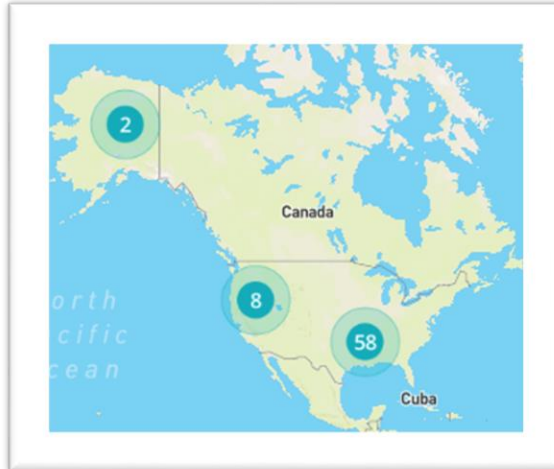
All jobs

United States

[TechnipFMC, All Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Noble Corp Has 25 Job Openings Listed On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021. [Noble Corp, Search For Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Baker Hughes Has Over 68 US-Based Job Openings Listed On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021.



[Baker Hughes, Careers, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Ovintiv Has Five US-Based Job Openings Listed On Its Website, With A Position Posted As Recently As June 2, 2021.

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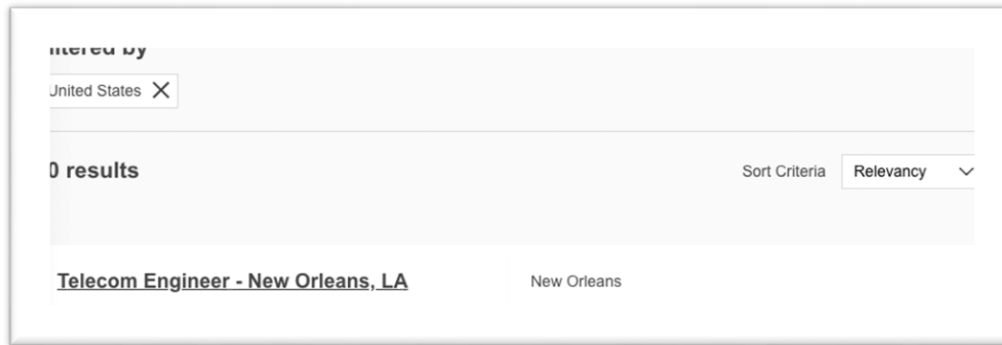
- Infrastructure Architect**
Denver, CO, US, More... | R839 | Posted Today
- Workover Coordinator**
Okarche, OK, US | R831 | Posted 9 Days Ago
- Senior Automation Technician**
Midland, TX, US | R827 | Posted 13 Days Ago
- Data Analytics Specialist**
Denver, CO, US, More... | R796 | Posted 14 Days Ago
- Lease Operator**
Midland, TX, US | R804 | Posted 22 Days Ago

[Ovintiv, Search For Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Marathon Oil Has Six Open Job Postings Listed On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021.

[Marathon Oil, Careers, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Shell Oil Has Ten US-Based Job Openings Listed On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021.



[Shell, Search Results, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Southwestern Energy Has 13 US-Based Job Openings Listed On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021. [Southwestern Energy, Job Openings, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

Chevron Has 27 US-Based Job Openings Listed On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021. [Chevron, Search For Jobs, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

ExxonMobil Has Ten Job Openings Based In The US Listed On Its Website As Of June 2, 2021. [ExxonMobil, Careers, accessed [06/02/21](#)]

The Uptick In Oil Jobs Comes Amidst A Larger Trend Of Dropping Oil Jobs-- The Oil And Gas Industry Has Been Shedding Jobs For Years, Dropping Preparation To Lose More As Corporations Turn To Automation.

The Oil And Gas Industry Has Been In A Long-Term Job Decline Since 2014...

The Oil And Gas Industry Increased Its Hiring During The Shale Boom But Begin Laying People Off In As Oil Prices Fell, Leading To 200,000 Layoffs From 2014 To 2019. "Then came the shale boom a decade ago and the industry ramped up its hiring. But problems started appearing in 2014 when the boom triggered a collapse in oil prices to US\$50/bbl, and the talent narrative shifted to mass layoffs.² From July 2014 to June 2016, the industry laid off 200,000 people (figure 1)." [Deloitte, [10/05/20](#)]

Oil And Gas Jobs Are Heavily Subject To The Industry's Boom And Bust Cycles, Resulting In Jobs That Can Quickly Disappear.

Oil And Gas Jobs Are Susceptible To A "Boom And Bust" Cycle That Can Create High Paying Jobs That Are Quick To Disappear. "But he started to get weary of the repeated rounds of layoffs as the industry went through its boom and bust cycles. [...] Oil and gas jobs are lucrative but volatile. They can create incredible opportunities, particularly for workers without college degrees, but they can disappear at the drop of a spot price." [NPR, [10/21/20](#)]

...With Fewer Jobs Under The Pro-Industry Trump Administration Than The Last Four Years Of The Obama Administration.

Oil And Gas Jobs Significantly Declined Under The Trump Administration With 47,200 Less Jobs On Average Across Trump's First Four Years Compared To Obama's Last Four Years.

Year	Average Oil & Gas Jobs (in thousands)	Four Year Average
2013	193.4	
2014	197.5	
2015	193.5	Obama 2 nd Term:
2016	169.9	188.6
2017	143.8	
2018	142.2	
2019	143.5	Trump 1 st Term:
2020	136.2	141.4

[Bureau Of Labor Statistics, Database Tables & Calculators, Oil & Gas Extraction, accessed [06/01/21](#)]

Trump Labeled Himself A "Protector" Of Oil And Gas Jobs While Pushing Policies That Increased Fossil Fuel Production. "President Trump, the Republican incumbent, rejects the concept of any ban and has championed himself as a protector of oil, gas and coal jobs. Mr. Trump challenges the science of climate change and has tried to support policies that boost the production of fossil fuels." [*Wall Street Journal*, [10/23/20](#)]

There Was A 5% Loss In Oil And Gas Jobs From Late-2018 To Late-2019 Under The Trump Administration.

From Late 2018 To Late 2019, Oil And Gas Support Jobs Had Fallen 5% And The Number Of Drilling Rigs Dropped By 20%. "Employment in oil and gas support activities, subsector 213112 in the North American Industry Classification System, had fallen by 14,000 or 5% between its cyclical peak in October 2018 and August 2019. [...] Since November 2018, the number of rigs drilling for oil has fallen by 176 (20%) and for gas by 51 (26%), according to Baker Hughes." [*Reuters*, [10/15/19](#)]

The Pandemic Accelerated The Preexisting Decline In Oil And Gas Jobs, With Projections That 70% Of Oil And Gas Jobs Would Not Return By The End Of 2021 Prior To The November Election.

Oil Jobs And Production Were On The Decline Before Coronavirus Hit. "U.S. oil and gas employment has started to fall as the sector contracts in response to lower prices over the last year - and further job losses are likely in the next few months as the rate of well drilling declines further. [...] But the persistent slump in oil prices since the start of October 2018 has brought job creation to a halt and replaced it with a gradual but steady trickle of layoffs." [*Reuters*, [10/15/19](#)]

70% Of The 107,000 Oil, Gas, And Chemical Industry Jobs Lost From March To August Of 2020 Were Not Expected To Return Anytime Soon As Of October 2020. "A staggering 107,000 jobs vanished from the US oil, gas and chemicals industry between March and August 2020, according to an analysis published this week by Deloitte. That's the fastest rate of layoffs in the industry's history -- and it doesn't even include the untold number of people on furlough

or taking pay cuts. The vast majority of those energy jobs are unlikely to return anytime soon. Even if US oil prices stay at \$45 a barrel until the end of 2021, 70% of the jobs lost during the pandemic in the oil, gas and chemicals industry may not come back by the end of next year, the Deloitte analysis found." [CNN, [10/08/20](#)]

- **The 70% Sustained Job Loss Assumes The Oil And Gas Industry Would Return To "Business-As-Usual."** "In a linear business-as-usual scenario for 2021, where oil and natural gas prices are projected to recover to US\$45/bbl and US\$2.5/MMBtu, respectively, along with the associated uptick in industry fundamentals, 70% of OG&C jobs lost during the pandemic (107,000) may not come back by the end of 2021 (figure 3)." [Deloitte, [10/05/20](#)]

Chevron's CEO Has Praised The Oil And Gas Industry's Move Towards Automation That Was Accelerated During The Pandemic And Could Result In The Permanent Loss Of 140,000 Jobs.

Automation In The Oil And Gas Industry Could Result In The Permanent Loss Of 140,000 Jobs In The US. "A recent analysis from the Norwegian research firm Rystad Energy, published last week, finds that "robotic drilling systems can potentially reduce the number of roughnecks required on a drilling rig" by 20 to 30 percent over the next decade, translating to hundreds of thousands of jobs lost and billions of dollars saved worldwide. In the United States, Rystad Energy predicts that could mean the permanent loss of 140,000 jobs." [The New Republic, [04/05/21](#)]

Chevron CEO Mike Wirth Boasted About Automation In The Oil And Gas Industry, Describing The Accelerated Transition To Automation Due To COVID-19 As "Very Positive." "In March, at CERAWEEK – an annual conference for the oil and gas industry – Chevron CEO Mike Wirth excitedly described how Covid-19 had accelerated the company's workforce shrinkage. "We had directional drilling going on in people's homes, where just a couple of years ago we had to have somebody on a rig that was controlling the drill bit. That had been moved to a drilling support center centralized in Houston, and we were able to quickly move that actually to individual employees' homes," he said. "There's been a great acceleration of technologies that had begun to be available to our business, but there was perhaps a bit of reluctance to see them accelerate into use. And now we had no choice.... That will be one of the lasting impacts that I think will be very positive."" [The New Republic, [04/05/21](#)]