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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Total U.S. domestic petroleum deliveries reached 20.3 million barrels per day (mb/d) in December. This was an increase of 1.4 percent from November and 4.9 percent from December 2022. The December increase helped to bring 2023 U.S. petroleum demand to 20.2 mb/d, the highest level since 2019.

An increase in driving and flying in December helped to boost gasoline and jet fuel demand this year compared to last year. Consumer gasoline demand, measured by motor gasoline deliveries, was 8.8 mb/d in December which was 2.0 and 2.2 percent higher than November and December 2022, respectively. K-Jet deliveries of 1.6 mb/d in December were up by 1.5 percent y/y.

Distillate deliveries of 3.7 mb/d in December was 6.9 percent lower than November and 3.0 percent lower than December 2022. Deliveries of residual fuel oil were 0.3 mb/d in December, which reflected a decrease of 16.4 percent m/m and a decrease of 1.1 percent compared with Dec. 2022.

December U.S. crude oil and natural gas liquids production reached 13.3 mb/d and 6.7 mb/d, respectively. The December domestic crude production number was up 0.2 percent m/m and up by 9.0 percent y/y. NGL production increased by 0.8 percent m/m and 19.6 percent y/y. Petroleum prices decreased at the end of 2023. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil prices decreased by 7.5 percent m/m (\$5.79 per barrel) and down by 5.9 percent (\$4.54 per barrel) and averaged at \$71.90 per barrel. Brent crude oil spot prices averaged \$77.63 per barrel, down by 6.4 percent (\$5.31 per barrel) and down by 4.1 percent (\$3.29 per barrel). This implied a Brent-WTI crude oil price differential of \$5.92 per barrel.

Refining activity also ramped up in December–throughput up 3.7 percent m/m and 5.7 percent y/y to 16.8 mb/d. Capacity utilization rates of 91.7 percent reflected increases of 3.3 percentage points compared to November and 3.7 percentage points compared with December 2022. U.S. total petroleum exports decreased by 2.2 percent m/m but increased by 7.6 percent y/y to their highest record level of 10.8 mb/d. U.S. total petroleum imports were 8.6 mb/d, up 5.6 percent m/m and 6.6 percent y/y. Consequently, the U.S. was a net exporter again in December and for the 27<sup>th</sup> straight month.

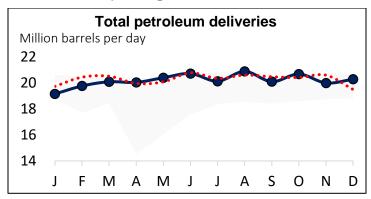
U.S. total petroleum inventories, including crude oil and refined products (but excluding the Strategic Petroleum Reserve) in December increased by 0.1 percent m/m and 3.7 percent y/y to 1.27 billion barrels. U.S. crude oil inventories in December were at their highest for the month since 2020 at 435.5 million barrels.

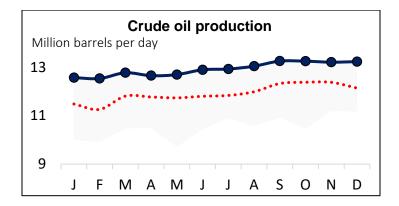
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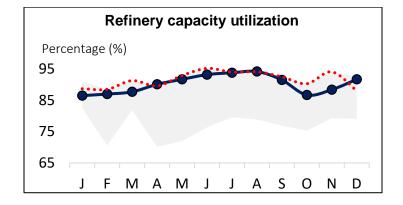
- Record high production of U.S. crude oil at 12.9 mb/d and U.S. natural gas liquids at 6.3 mb/d.
- U.S. petroleum exports of 10.2 mb/d was the highest ever recorded and surpassed 10 mb/d for the first time ever.
- The U.S. continued to be a petroleum next exporter for the fourth year in a row.
- Other oils that is, intermediate products in refining and petrochemicals which enable the manufacturing of medical plastics and sterile packaging rose in December, increased to their highest level on record since 1965 at 5.3 mb/d.

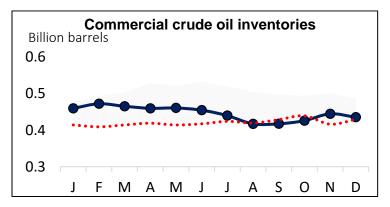
### **KEY CHARTS**











# ESTIMATED UNITED STATES PETROLEUM BALANCE<sup>1</sup> (Daily average in thousands of 42 gallon barrels)

Disposition:	(Dail	December			Year-to-Date						
Disposition:	Disposition and Supply	2023 <sup>2</sup>	2022	% Change	2023 <sup>3</sup>	2022	% Change				
Finished reformulated	Disposition:										
Finished conventional. 6,077 6,038 0,6 6,150 6,049 1.7  I,617 1,593 1.5 1,653 1,560 6.0  Distillate fuel oil	Total motor gasoline	8,787	8,596	2.2	8,920	8,810	1.2				
Kerosene-jet	Finished reformulated	2,710	2,558	5.9	2,770	2,761	0.3				
Distillate fuel oil.	Finished conventional	6,077	6,038	0.6	6,150	6,049	1.7				
≤ 500 ppm sulfur	Kerosene-jet	1,617		1.5	1,653	1,560	6.0				
≤ 15 ppm sulfur.	Distillate fuel oil	3,678	3,793	(3.0)	3,934		(2.3)				
Solid principal   Solid   So	≤ 500 ppm sulfur	3,658	3,763	(2.8)	3,906	4,006	(2.5)				
Residual fuel oil.         270         273         (1.1)         268         329         (18.5)           All other oils (including crude losses)         5,628         4,886         15.2         5,143         5,117         0.5           Reclassified*         296         186         na         268         169         na           Total domestic product supplied         20,276         19,327         4.9         20,185         20,010         0.9           Exports         10,796         10,035         7.6         10,153         9,520         6.7           Total disposition         31,072         29,362         5.8         30,338         29,530         2.7           Supply:           Domestic liquids production           Crude oil (including condensate)         13,229         12,138         9.0         12,920         11,911         8.5           Natural gas liquids         6,698         5,600         19,6         6,432         5,933         20.0           Other supply?         1,194         1,208         (1,1)         1,280         1,219         5.0           Total domestic supply         21,121         18,946         11.5         20,632         19,063 <td< td=""><td>· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·</td><td>3,649</td><td>3,755</td><td>(2.8)</td><td>3,893</td><td>3,997</td><td>(2.6)</td></td<>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3,649	3,755	(2.8)	3,893	3,997	(2.6)				
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<sup>1.</sup> Total supply, i.e., production plus imports adjusted for net stock change is equal to total disposition from primary storage. Total disposition from primary storage less exports equals total domestic products supplied. Information contained in this report is derived from information published in the API Weekly Statistical Bulletin and is based on historical analysis of the industry. All data reflect the most current information available to the API and include all previously published revisions.

<sup>2.</sup> Based on API estimated data converted to a monthly basis.

<sup>3.</sup> Data for most current two months are API estimates. Other data come from U.S. Energy Information Administration (including any adjustments).

<sup>4.</sup> An adjustment to avoid double counting resulting from differences in product classifications among different refineries and blenders.

<sup>5.</sup> Includes unaccounted-for crude oil, withdrawals from the SPR when they occur, processing gain, field production of other hydrocarbons and alcohol, and downstream blending of ethanol.

<sup>6.</sup> Represents "Input to crude oil distillation units" as a percent of "Operable capacity".

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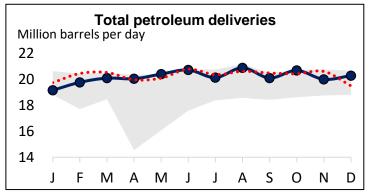
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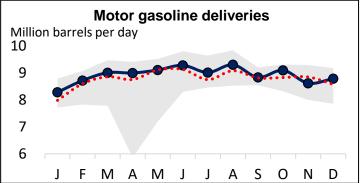
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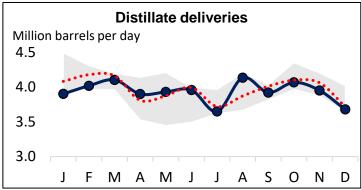
	December	November	December	% Chan	ge From					
	2023	2023	2022	Month Ago	Year Ago					
Stocks (at month-end, in millions of barrels):										
Crude oil (excluding lease & SPR stocks)	435.5	444.8 R	430.1	(2.1)	1.3					
Unfinished oils	84.5	87.1	86.4	(3.0)	(2.2)					
Total motor gasoline	236.0	221.0	224.4	6.8	5.2					
Finished reformulated	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(19.2)					
Finished conventional	16.4	16.5	17.2	(0.6)	(4.8)					
Blending components	219.6	204.5	207.2	7.4	6.0					
Kerosene-jet	38.9	37.5	35.0	3.7	11.0					
Distillate fuel oil	125.3	112.4	118.9	11.5	5.4					
≤ 500 ppm sulfur		105.6	111.2	12.7	7.0					
≤ 15 ppm sulfur	116.7	103.0	108.7	13.3	7.3					
> 500 ppm sulfur	6.3	6.8	7.7	(7.4)	(17.7)					
Residual fuel oil	25.2	26.1	30.7	(3.4)	(18.0)					
All other oils	321.9	337.0 R	297.0	(4.5)	8.4					
Total all oils	1,267.3	1,265.9 R	1,222.6	0.1	3.7					

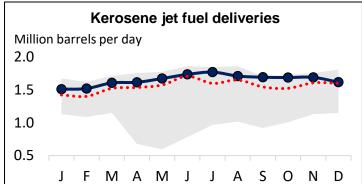


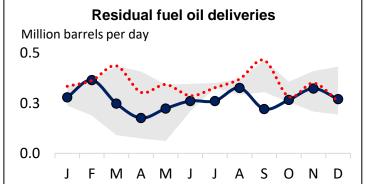
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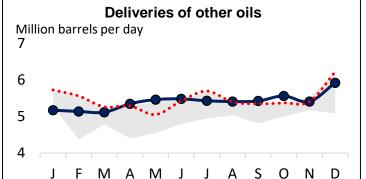






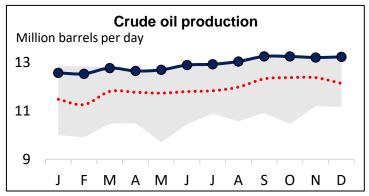


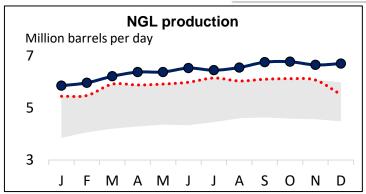


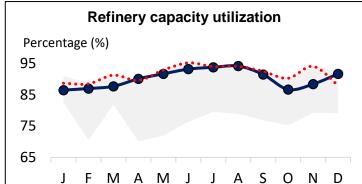


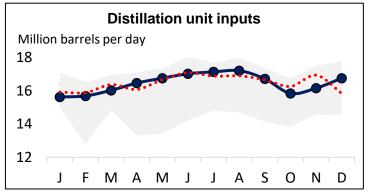


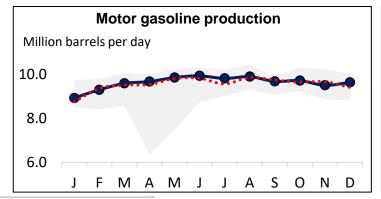
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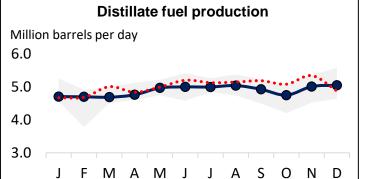






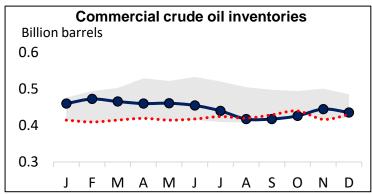


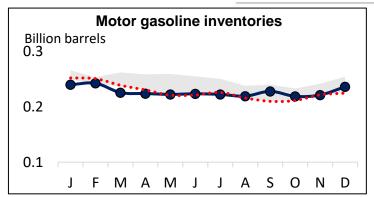




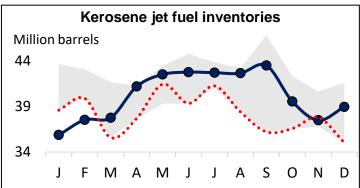


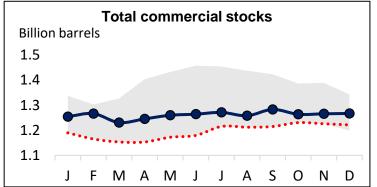
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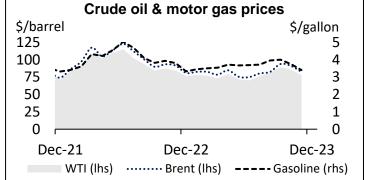














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