Howard County, Texas: Oil Production and Top Operators

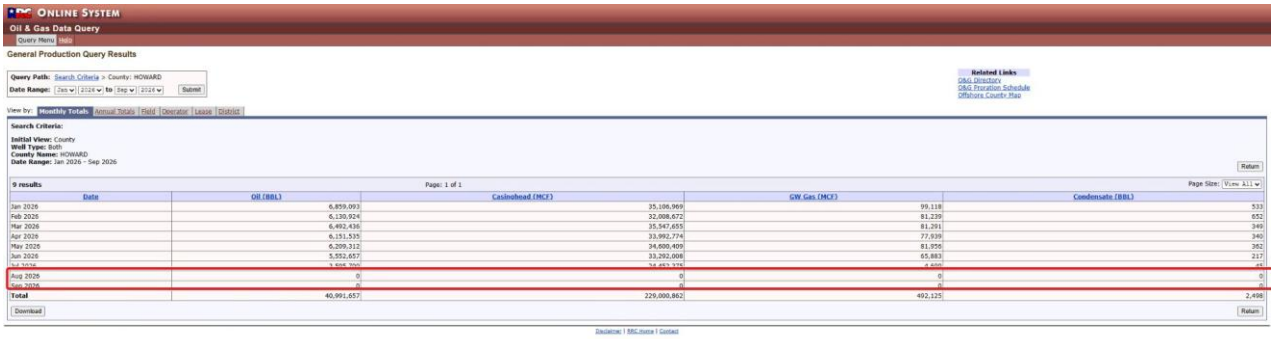
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In July 2026, Howard County produced 3,595,700 barrels of oil and 24,457,074 Mcf of gas. The RRC approved 4 new drilling permits and 8 amended permits. Operator spotlight: Ovintiv USA; also in the top 10: Diamondback E&P.

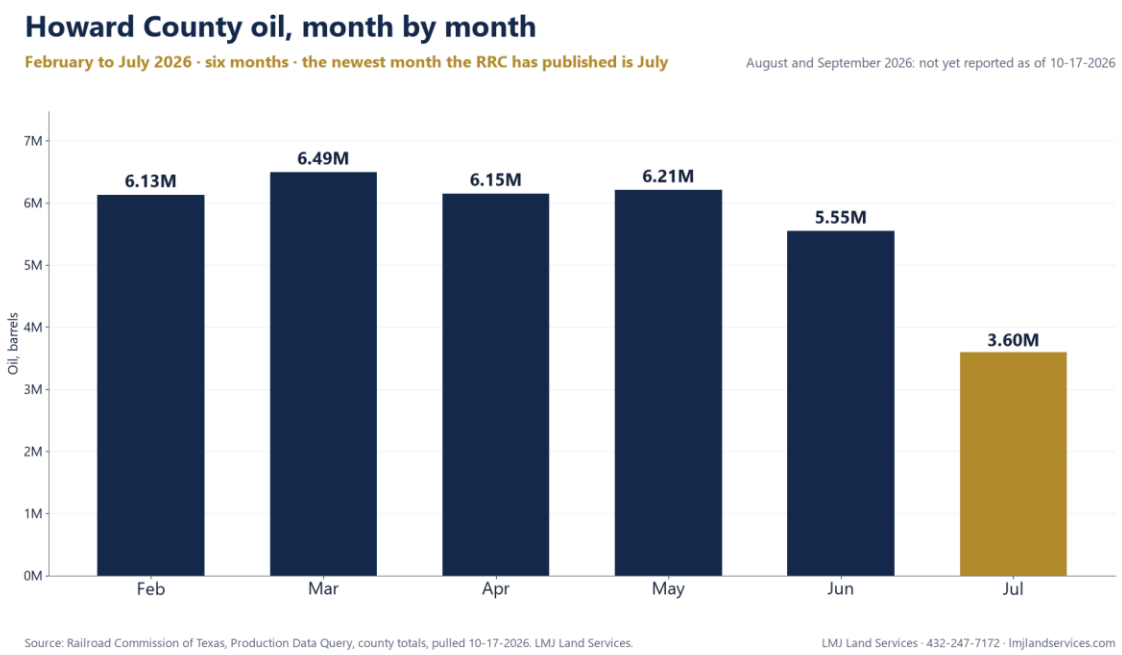
Every figure here comes from the Railroad Commission of Texas's public queries, pulled 10-17-2026, and is shown live in the video.

Step 1. See which months the RRC has published

Open the RRC Production Data Query, pick Initial View: County, County: HOWARD, and set Jan 2026 to Sep 2026. Submit. July 2026 is the newest month with numbers. August and September come back as zero because production is reported months late, not because nothing was produced.



RRC Production Data Query, Howard County, Jan-Sep 2026, pulled 10-17-2026. Aug and Sep 2026: not yet reported.



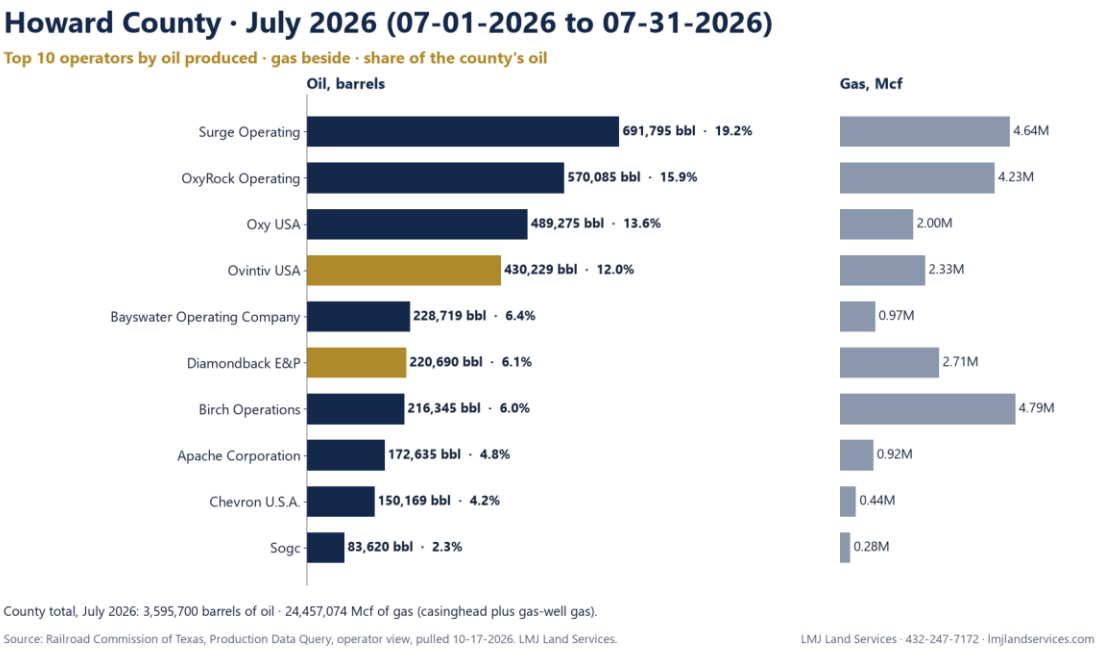
Period: Feb-Jul 2026. Source: RRC Production Data Query, county view, pulled 10-17-2026.

Step 2. Rank the operators for the newest month

Run the same query for Jul 2026 to Jul 2026, then click the Operator view and set the page size to View All. Each row is one operator's oil and gas for the county.

BIRCH OPERATIONS, INC.	071331	216,345	4,792,348	0	0
BOYD & MCWILLIAMS ENERGY GROUP	084545	174	0	0	0
BYRD OPERATING COMPANY	118748	110	1,096	0	0
CAMBRIAN MANAGEMENT, LTD.	126758	91	278	0	0
CHEVRON U. S. A. INC.	148113	150,169	441,575	0	0
CINNABAR OPERATING, LLC	153510	0	0	0	0
CITATION OIL & GAS CORP.	154235	42,502	8,336	2,404	23
CIVITAS PERMIAN OPERATING, LLC	181577	6,828	38,899	0	0
CLEAR WATER INC.	159643	131	358	0	0
CRESCENT ENERGY OPERATING, LLC	189575	0	0	0	0
CROSS CUT PETROLEUM, LLC	192975	0	0	0	0
DEEP BLUE OPERATING I LLC	191401	0	0	0	0
DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC	217012	220,690	2,709,663	0	0
DISCOVERY OPERATING, INC.	220865	130	0	0	0
DKL WATER GATHERING PERMIAN, LLC	192572	0	0	0	0
DOUBLE BARREL OIL LLC	224791	0	0	0	0
EARNEST PRODUCING CORPORATION	238708	0	0	0	0
ENERGY TRANSFER COMPANY	252017	0	0	0	0
ESCONDIDO BAY CORPORATION	101072	8	0	0	0
EXTEX OPERATING COMPANY	257062	4,308	1,118	0	0
FINLEY RESOURCES, INC.	268602	0	0	0	0
FOUNDERS SWD, LLC	280465	0	0	0	0
FREE REIN OPERATING LLC	285002	740	0	0	0
GING OPERATING LLC	311427	3	0	0	0
GOLDEN SPECIALTIES OIL & GAS	313070	0	0	0	0

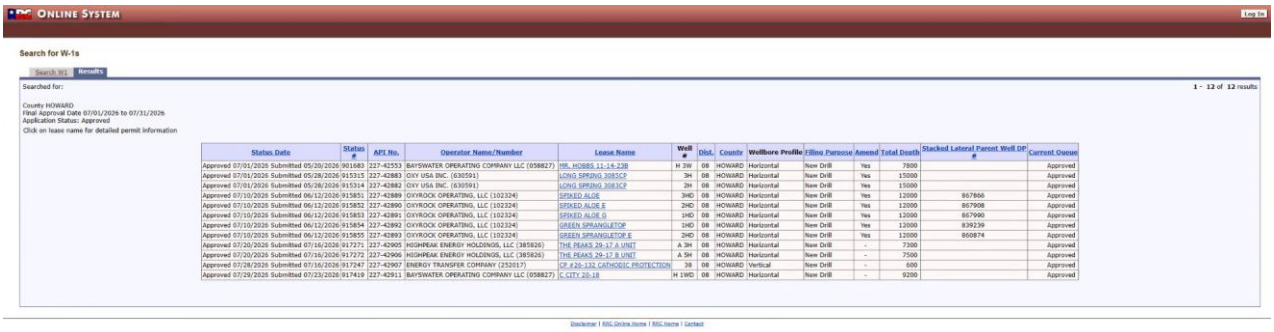
RRC operator view, Howard County, July 2026, pulled 10-17-2026.



Period: July 2026. Source: RRC Production Data Query, operator view, pulled 10-17-2026.

Step 3. Count the drilling permits

Open the RRC Drilling Permit (W-1) query. County: HOWARD, Status: Approved, approved date 07/01/2026 to 07/31/2026. Count the rows with Amend = Yes separately: those are amended permits, not new ones. July 2026: 4 new and 8 amended.



RRC W-1 query, Howard County, approved 07/01-07/31/2026, pulled 10-17-2026.

Step 4. The operator spotlight and the top leases

From the operator view, open each operator's Lease view to see its leases. Sort by oil for the top producing leases.

Operator spotlight: Ovintiv USA

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OIL PRODUCED	GAS PRODUCED
430,229 bbl	2,327,905 Mcf
12.0% of the county	casinghead plus gas-well gas

PRODUCING LEASES	DRILLING PERMITS APPROVED
188	0 new
287 wells on those leases	July 2026

Top lease for the month: Kingsley, RRC lease no. 56164 (District 08), 15,430 bbl of oil.

Source: Railroad Commission of Texas, Production Data Query and Drilling Permit (W-1) query, pulled 10-17-2026. LMJ Land Services.
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Period: July 2026. Source: RRC Production Data Query and W-1 query, pulled 10-17-2026.

Also in the top 10: Diamondback E&P

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OIL PRODUCED	GAS PRODUCED
220,690 bbl	2,709,663 Mcf
6.1% of the county	casinghead plus gas-well gas

PRODUCING LEASES	DRILLING PERMITS APPROVED
123	0 new
340 wells on those leases	July 2026

Top lease for the month: Coachwhip 17-29 Unit 1, RRC lease no. 58716 (District 08), 27,471 bbl of oil.

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Top 10 producing leases by oil

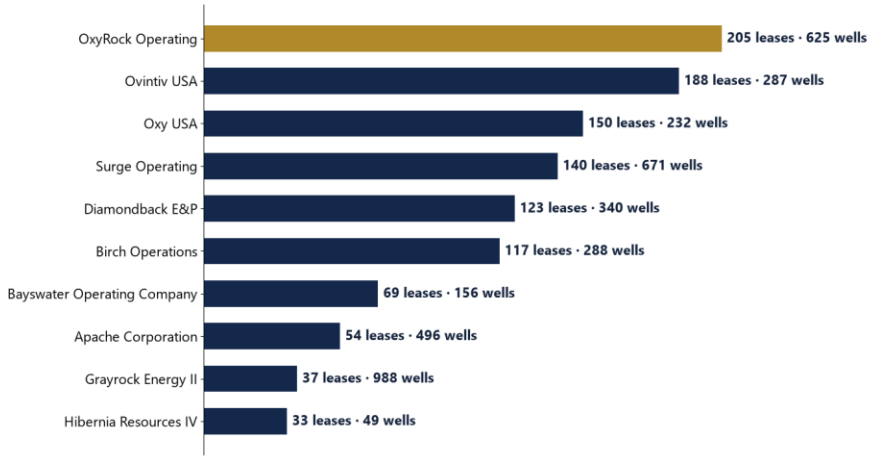
#	Lease	RRC lease no.	Operator	Wells	Oil, bbl	Gas, Mcf
1	S Wilkinson	44968 (Dist. 08)	OxyRock Operating	44	**83,064**	269,559
2	VLT Vulcan 1/13 Unit	61999 (Dist. 08)	Chevron U.S.A.	7	**29,131**	148,801
3	Coachwhip 17-29 Unit 1	58716 (Dist. 08)	Diamondback E&P	12	**27,471**	188,488
4	VLT Falcon Jayjohnson State Unit	59040 (Dist. 08)	Chevron U.S.A.	6	**23,875**	18,045
5	Direwolf Unit 16-28	62989 (Dist. 08)	Surge Operating	6	**22,514**	81,502
6	Wheatgrass	65058 (Dist. 08)	OxyRock Operating	3	**21,960**	59,749
7	Orient 1-12	59297 (Dist. 08)	Bayswater Operating Compan	5	**21,061**	32,070
8	VLT Delta 4-9 Unit	58429 (Dist. 08)	Chevron U.S.A.	6	**20,655**	6,141
9	Shroyer-Wilson Unit B 23-14	50862 (Dist. 08)	Surge Operating	10	**19,443**	73,700
10	Chevron Unit 03-56	55261 (Dist. 08)	Surge Operating	7	**18,919**	83,387

Source: Railroad Commission of Texas, Production Data Query, lease view by operator; well counts from the RRC wellbore data set of 10-02-2026, pulled 10-17-2026. LMJ Land Services.
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Period: July 2026. Source: RRC Production Data Query, lease view by operator, pulled 10-17-2026.

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Top lessee: the operator of record on the most producing leases



Operator of record as reported to the RRC. This is not a leasehold ownership figure. A producing lease reported oil or gas in July 2026.
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Period: July 2026. Operator of record as reported to the RRC, not a leasehold ownership figure. Pulled 10-17-2026.

The routine

1. Check which months are published before you name a period.
2. Operator view for the newest month; View All so nobody is cut off.
3. W-1 query by approved date; count amended permits apart from new ones.
4. Lease view by operator for the top leases.
5. Spot-check two or three leases on the RRC's own lease page.

The trap

A zero for the newest months is not a zero month. It is a month not yet reported. And a lease that crosses a county line shows only this county's share in the county query, so its lease page on the RRC will show a bigger number. Both are normal. Name the period you actually have.

Howard County records links

- **Appraisal District: Howard Appraisal District**. Mineral and surface accounts and owners on the tax roll. http://www.howardcad.org/
- **County Government: County website**. Offices, hours, fees and contacts. http://www.co.howard.tx.us/
- **Texas Comptroller: County directory**. Appraisal district and tax office contacts. https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/county-directory/howard.php
- **Railroad Commission: GIS map viewer**. Wells, surveys, abstracts and pipelines on the map. https://gis.rrc.texas.gov/GISViewer/
- **Railroad Commission: Drilling permit query**. New permits and plats by county, operator and lease. https://webapps.rrc.texas.gov/DP/initializePublicQueryAction.do
- **Railroad Commission: Wellbore query**. Completions and well records by API or lease. https://webapps2.rrc.texas.gov/EWA/wellboreQueryAction.do
- **General Land Office: Land grant database**. Original grants, abstracts and file images. https://www.glo.texas.gov/archives-heritage/search-our-collections/land-grant-search
- **Texas Courts: re:SearchTX**. District and county court filings: heirship, partition, quiet title. https://research.txcourts.gov/CourtRecordsSearch/ui/Home
- **RRC Production Data Query:** https://webapps2.rrc.texas.gov/EWA/productionQueryAction.do
- **LMJ directory, Howard County:** https://lmjlandservices.com/directory/texas/howard-county/

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