FUELING PANIC

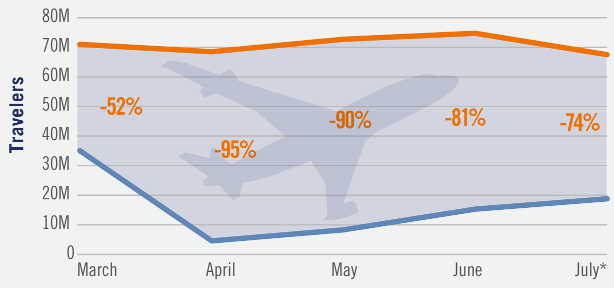
AUGUST 2020

The oil and gas industry was hit hard this spring by the COVID-19 pandemic, as demand for industry products, particularly oil and its derivative fuels, plummeted due to business closures, stay-at-home orders, and decreased air travel. In April 2020, West Texas Intermediate ("WTI") crude oil futures contracts were negative for the first time in history. In addition, drilling rig counts have fallen to consecutive record lows since May 2020.

EMPTY SKIES, TURBULENT TIMES

Air travel fell precipitously since the pandemic was declared in March 2020, as business and recreational travelers cancelled or postponed travel plans. Travel by vehicles also declined, albeit to a lesser extent. Both metrics improved over recent months, but remain well below year-ago levels, illustrating falling demand for petroleum-based fuels during a pandemic.

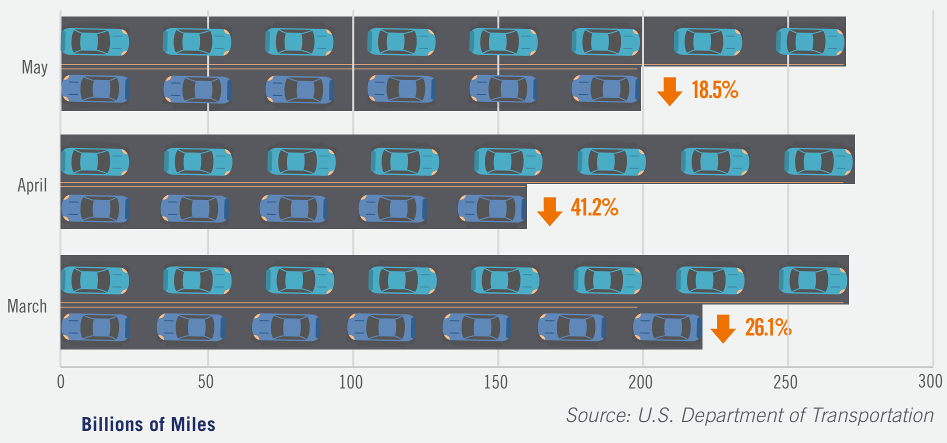
U.S. AIR TRAVEL
(Actual Travelers Passing Through Checkpoints)



*Figures for July 2020 are through July 27, 2020

Source: Transportation Security Administration

U.S. VEHICLE MILES DRIVEN

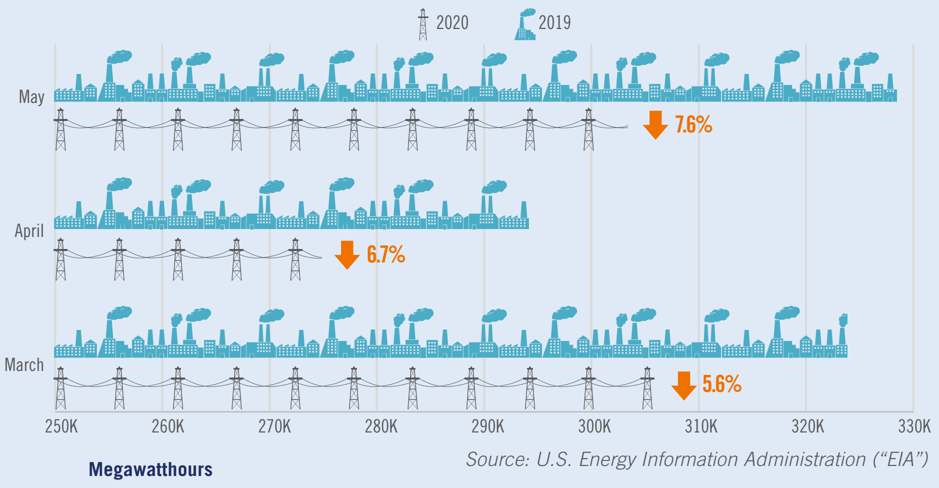


Source: U.S. Department of Transportation

RUNNING ON FUMES

Overall U.S. electricity demand has been falling as a result of the pandemic. Demand for natural gas has been relatively stable as it continues to supplant coal due to its competitive price and reputation as a cleaner-burning fuel, but its growth as an electricity fuel slowed slightly in recent months.

ELECTRICITY DEMAND



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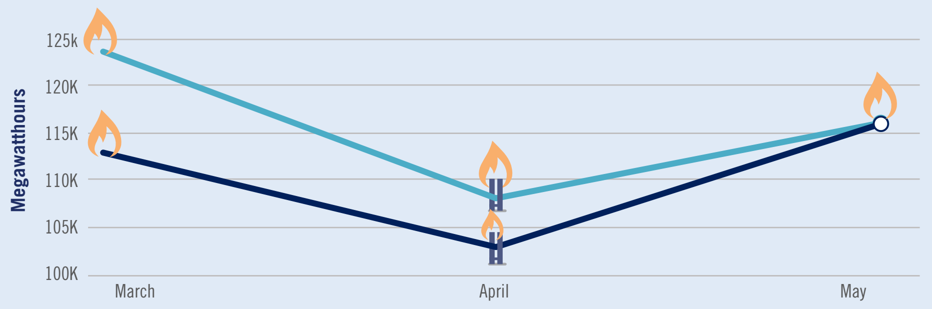
U.S. ELECTRICITY GENERATION VIA NATURAL GAS



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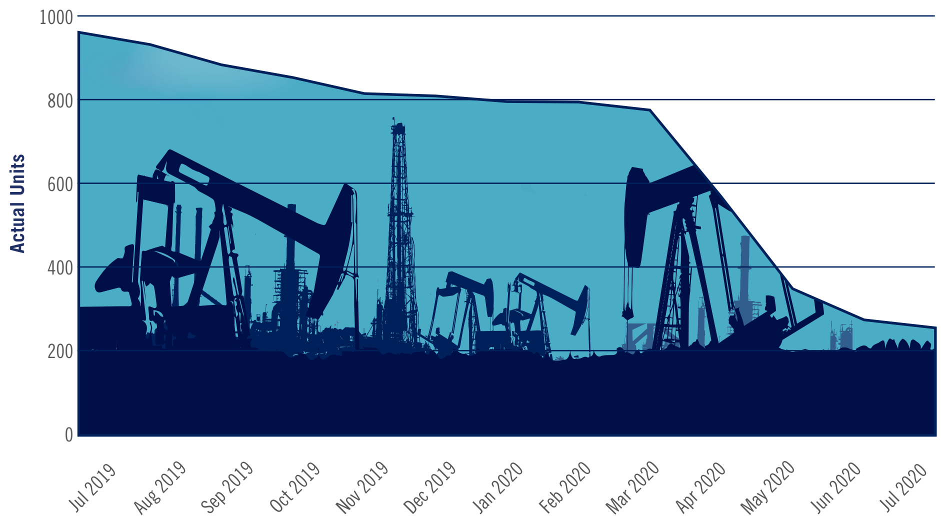
DRILLED DOWN

The number of U.S. drilling rigs fell to a record low for the week ended May 8, 2020 and continued to hit consecutive record lows through the end of July. Oil prices recovered but remain at significantly lower levels that are not supportive of operators' long-term cash-flow generation. Natural gas prices still sit below $2/MMBtu as inventory levels remain high.

AVERAGE MONTHLY U.S. DRILLING RIG COUNT



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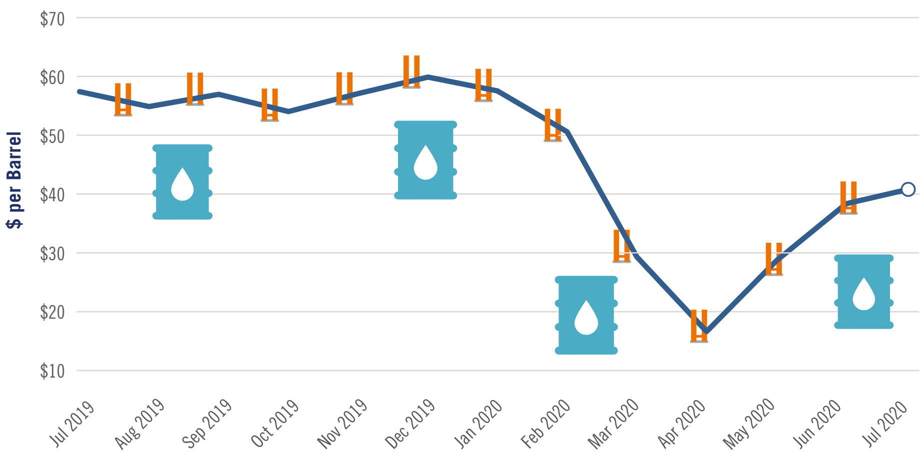
AVERAGE MONTHLY WTI CRUDE PRICES



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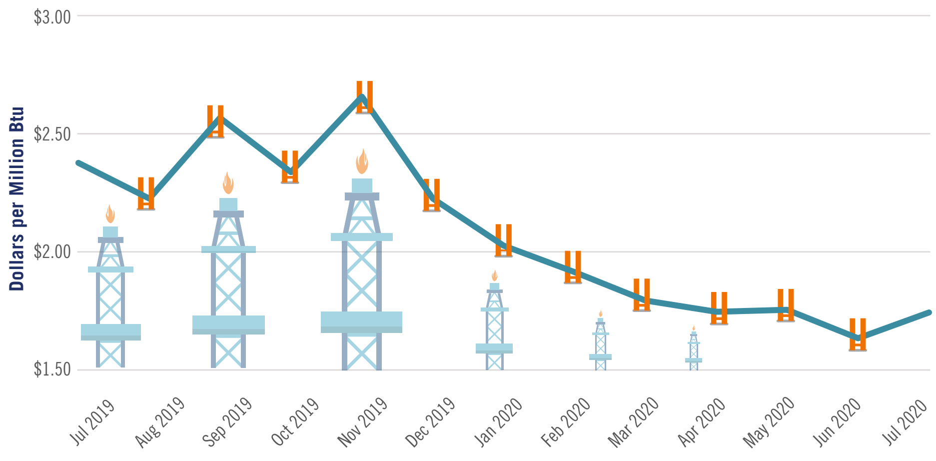
AVERAGE MONTHLY HENRY HUB NATURAL GAS PRICES



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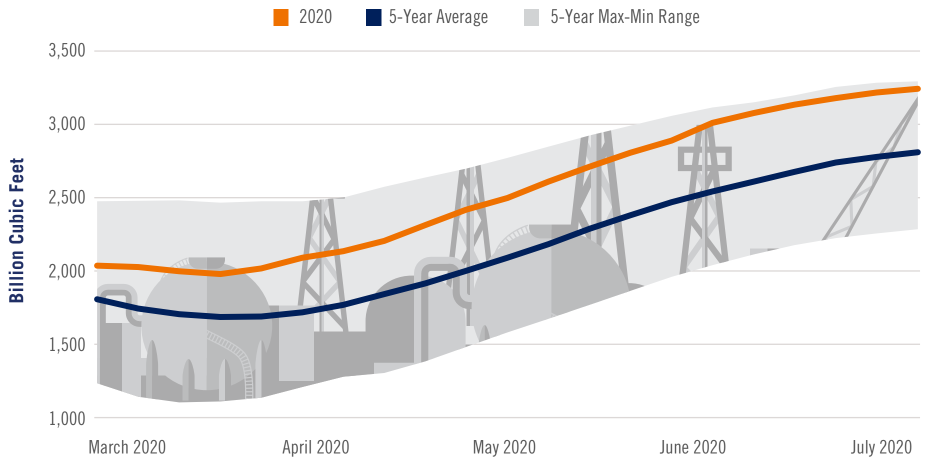
NATURAL GAS UNDERGROUND STORAGE IN THE LOWER 48 STATES



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