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In 2019, the Gulf of Mexico offshore oil and gas industry supported 345,000 jobs located throughout the country. The following tables show the jobs and investment associated with each phase of offshore oil and gas projects in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico

Project Activity Timeline

DEEPWATER	Year Range	Average Annual Spending (Millions)	Average Annual Employment
Pre-Drilling	1-2	$8	80
Exploration	2-3	$161	1,650
Appraisal	3-4	$135	1,400
Design	5	$160	2,320
Development Drilling & Completion	7-9	$558	6,260
Hardware Manufacturing	6-8	$375	4,010
Facilities Fabrication	6-8	$418	4,530
Installation	9-10	$225	3,020
OPEX	10-29	$124	1,900
Infill drilling & Tiebacks	20-22	$328	3,690
Abandonment & Decommissioning	30	$370	4,650

SHALLOW WATER	Year Range	Average Annual Spending (Millions)	Average Annual Employment
Pre-Drilling	1-2	$1	10
Exploration	2-3	$23	250
Appraisal	3-4	$17	180
Design	5	$33	470
Development Drilling & Completion	7-9	$48	570
Hardware Manufacturing	6-8	$44	470
Facilities Fabrication	6-8	$80	880
Installation	9-10	$4	320
OPEX	10-29	$27	430
Infill drilling & Tiebacks	20-22	$39	600
Abandonment & Decommissioning	30	$143	1,670