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## IADC study: Offshore workers call 68% of Congressional Districts home

*Editors: Maps detailing population concentration by Congressional District in JPG format are attached. High-resolution PDF versions are available at [www.IADC.org/Population & Cong District Maps](http://www.IADC.org/Population_&_Cong_District_Maps)*

(Houston – 12 July) Offshore rig workers live throughout the United States, not only along the Gulf Coast, a new study conducted by the International Association of Drilling Contractors demonstrates. The study illustrates that job losses and dislocations caused by the ongoing deepwater drilling moratorium and the de facto shallow-water moratorium have a national economic impact.

The data on residences of 11,875 offshore employees showed that these workers call 68% of all US Congressional Districts home.

The study drew data from nine offshore drilling contractors and one boat company supporting the offshore industry. Residences of these workers are spread across 296 Congressional Districts. There are 435 Congressional Districts in the United States.

This study does not include the thousands of workers at oilfield service companies, large and small; equipment manufacturers, whether “mom and pop” operations or publicly traded firms; nor at oil-producing companies.

“Each direct rig job is supported by four to five support personnel, whether working offshore or on the beach,” Dr Hunt said. “Beyond that, as this study shows, communities across the United States depend on the wages of offshore workers.

“The economic trauma that this deepwater moratorium is causing spans the entire United States,” Dr Hunt warned. “Offshore workers call all of America home.”

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