

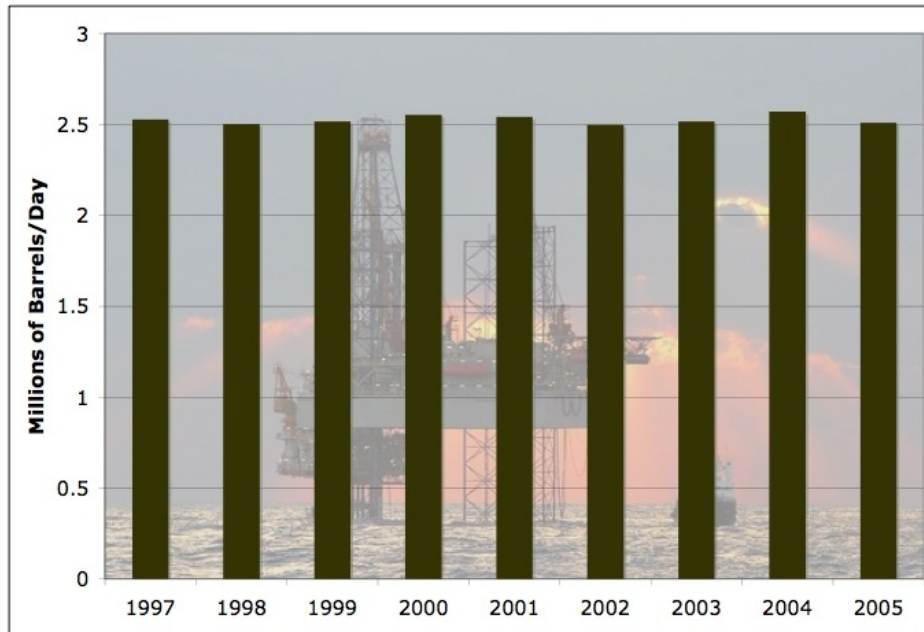


## Speaking of bumpy plateaus

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*Exxon average daily oil production, by year, 1997-2005. Click to enlarge. Believed to be all liquids. Source: Exxon annual reports and [new press release](#) for 2005 production. Hat tip to Southsider1.*

Anyone care to estimate the price elasticity of oil supply from this time series? Let's see, if you double or triple the price, and supply doesn't change at all,  $\epsilon/N = 0$ . At least as perceived by Exxon, oil supply appears to be completely inelastic - no response to price whatsoever.



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