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Data on Tank Barge Oil Spills

The table below presents the data on spill volumes, in gallons, from tank barges of petroleum and petroleum products:

Year	Minor	Medium	Major	Total	Largest
1994	12,820	37,690	905,072	955,582	750,000
1995	8,099	18,975	1,074,864	1,101,938	840,000
1996	4,863	61,181	1,097,214	1,163,258	828,000
1997	3,298	32,635	129,716	165,649	46,200
1998	6,220	10,873	230,996	248,089	154,713
1999	4,413	24,826	129,738	158,977	64,000
2000	1,219	18,821	113,500	133,540	70,100
2001	5,764	20,872	185,662	212,298	124,320
2002	5,847	5,394	24,225	35,500	13,725
2003	7,253	18,066	77,238	102,557	40,236
2004	3,808	0	209,236	213,043	151,200

Minor spills are less than 1,000 gallons.

Medium spills are more than 1,000 gallons, but less than 10,000 gallons.

Major spills are 10,000 gallons or more.

The source is the U.S. Coast Guard's Oil Spill Compendium (<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g%2Dm/nmc/response/stats/aa.htm>) and Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE) database.