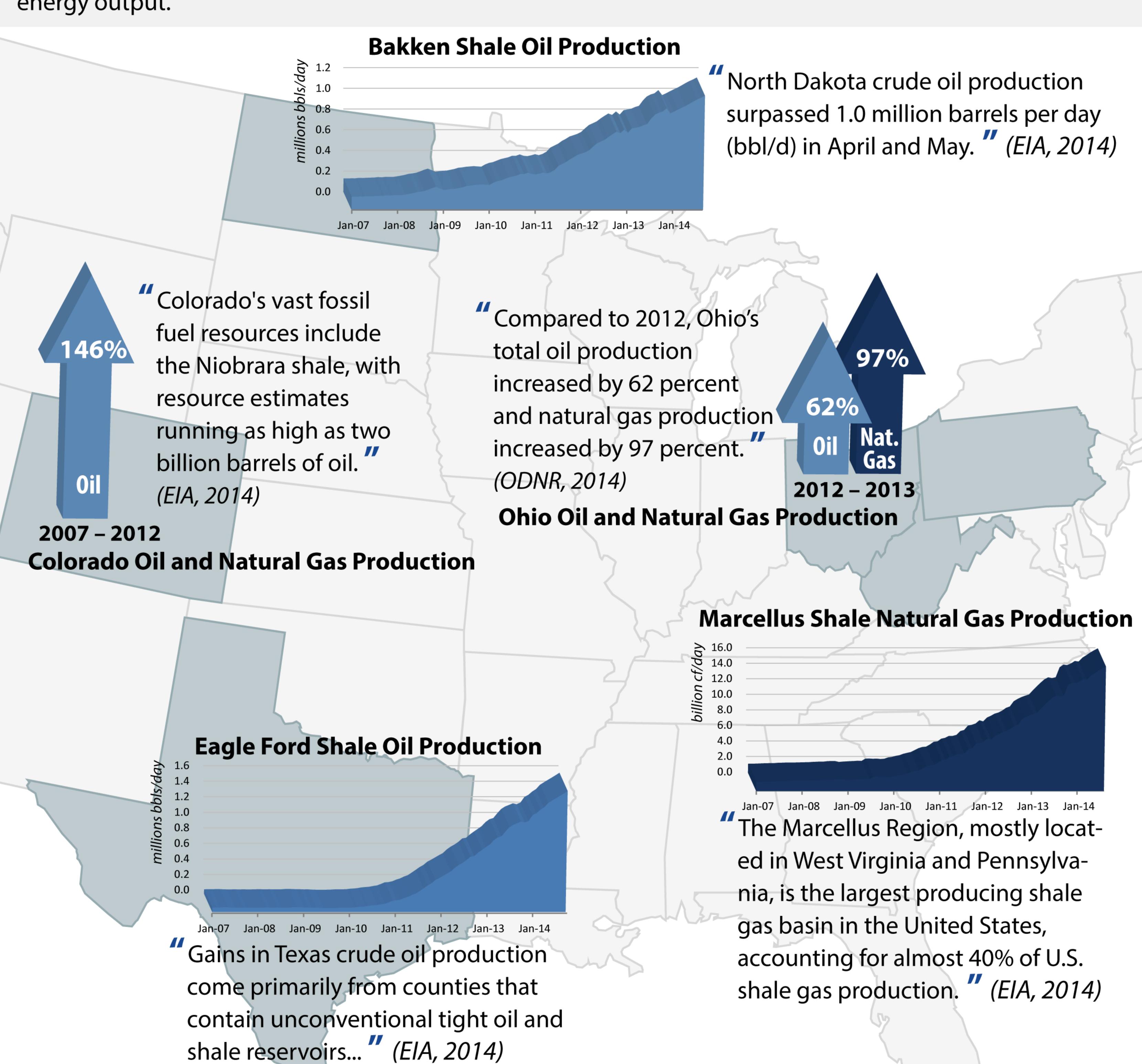


Oil and Gas Development Soars Across the Nation

Thanks to the combination of hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling, shale development continues to soar across the United States, decreasing our reliance on foreign energy and increasing our own domestic energy output.





U.S. tight oil production averaged 3.22 million barrels per day (MMbbl/d) in the fourth quarter of 2013 ... This level was enough to push overall crude oil production in the United States to an average of 7.84 MMbbl/d, more than 10% of total world production, up from 9% in the fourth quarter of 2012. (EIA, 2014)