



Financial Review of the Global Oil and Natural Gas Industry: First-Quarter 2024

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About the analysis

This analysis focuses on the financial and operating trends of 137 global oil and natural gas companies (the energy companies). A list of the companies included and a glossary of terms begin on slide 23.

The data for the analysis come from the public financial statements each company publishes, which Evaluate Energy, a data service, aggregates.

If an energy company was acquired by another energy company in the group after first-quarter 2019, it remained in this analysis.

We collected U.S. manufacturing industry data from the U.S. Census Bureau's *Quarterly Financial Report*.

Key findings for first-quarter 2024 (1Q24)



Despite lower prices, the energy companies increased petroleum liquids and natural gas production compared with 1Q23.



Cash from operations decreased in real terms by 7% from 1Q23 because of lower prices.



Companies spent less cash on investing and financing activities in real terms in 1Q24 than in 1Q23



Distributions to shareholders via dividends and share repurchases as a share of cash from operations continues to be above pre-pandemic levels.

-0.5%

Brent crude oil price year over year (y-o-y) change

-23.6%

Henry Hub natural gas price y-o-y change

2.9%

petroleum liquids production y-o-y growth

0.6%

natural gas production y-o-y growth

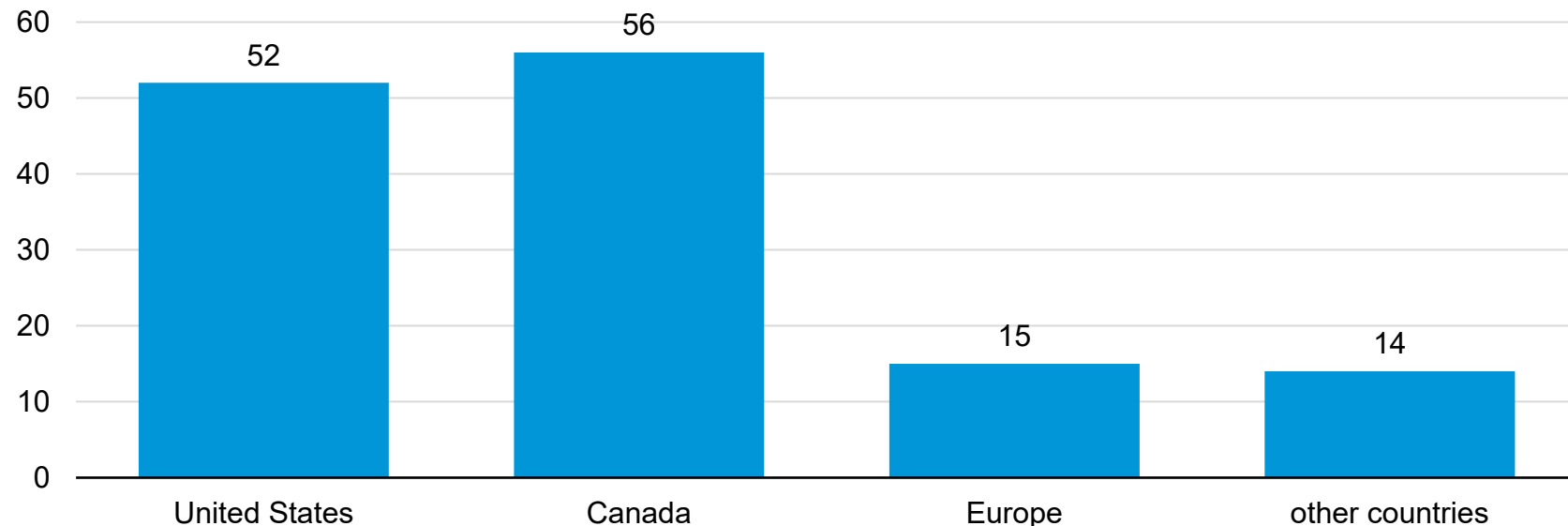
\$59.5 billion

distributions to shareholders via dividends and share repurchases, four-quarter moving average

Most of the companies included in our study are headquartered in North America

Geographic distribution of global oil and natural gas company headquarters

number of companies

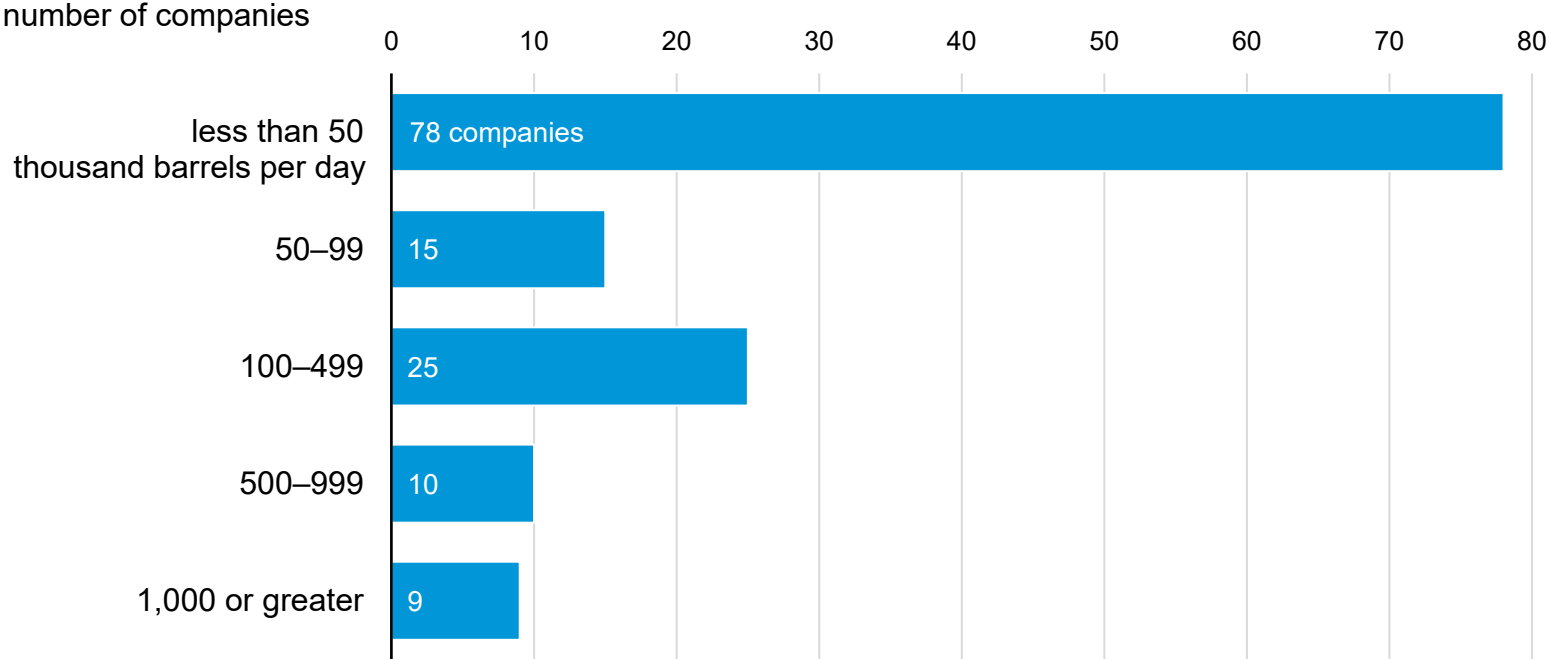


Data source: Evaluate Energy

Note: *Other countries* includes Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Tanzania, and Cayman Islands.

About 57% of the companies included in our analysis produced less than 50,000 barrels per day in 1Q24

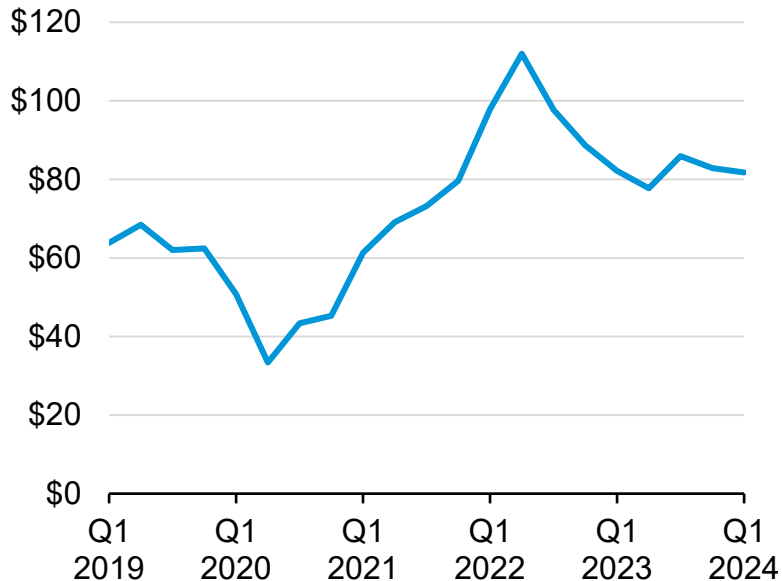
Distribution of companies by volume of petroleum liquids produced



Data source: Evaluate Energy

First-quarter 2024 crude oil prices were nearly the same, and natural gas prices were 24% lower than in 1Q23

Brent crude oil front-month futures price
dollars per barrel



Natural gas front-month futures price (Henry Hub)
dollars per million British thermal units

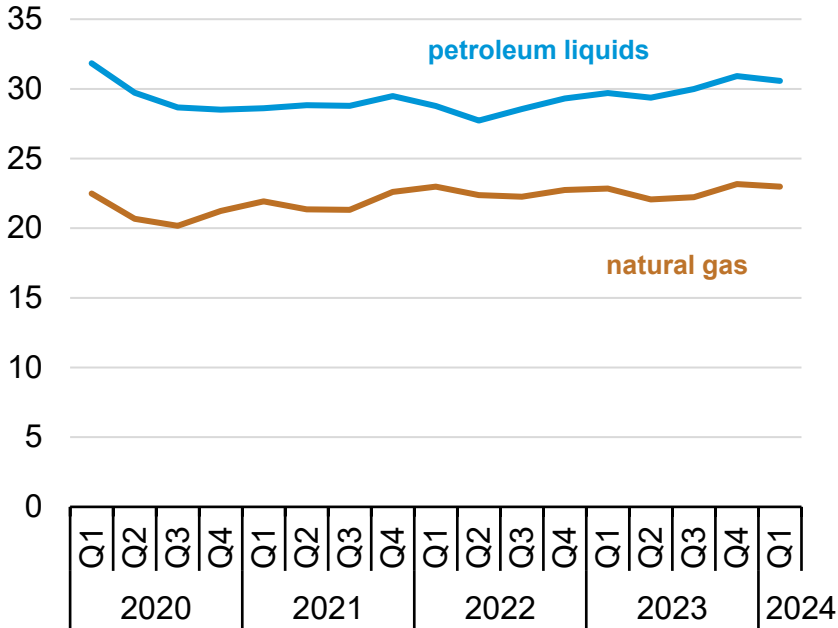


Data source: Bloomberg L.P.

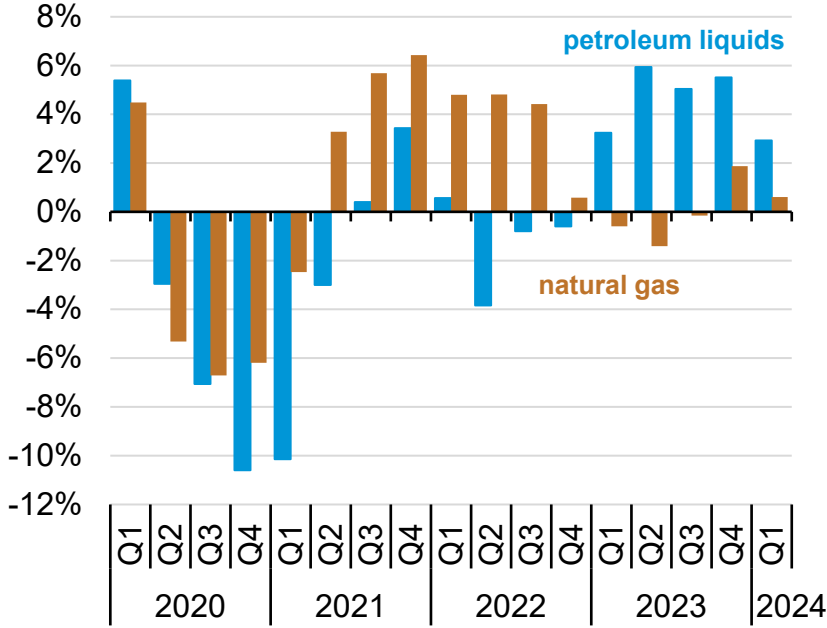
In 1Q24, the companies' global petroleum liquids production increased 2.9%, and natural gas production increased 0.6% year over year

Petroleum liquids and natural gas production, 2019–24

million barrels of oil equivalent per day



year-over-year percentage change

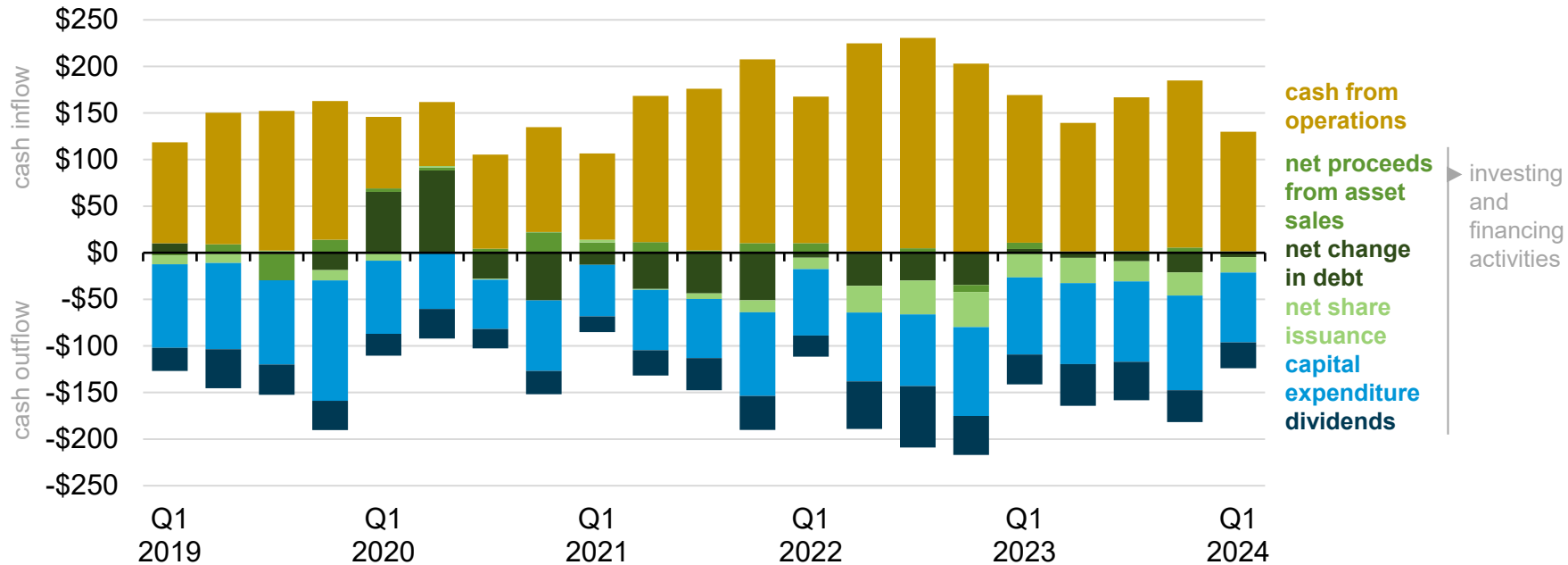


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The companies earned less cash from operations and spent less cash on investing and financing activities in real terms in 1Q24 than in 1Q23

Sources and uses of cash, 2019–24

billion real 1Q24 dollars

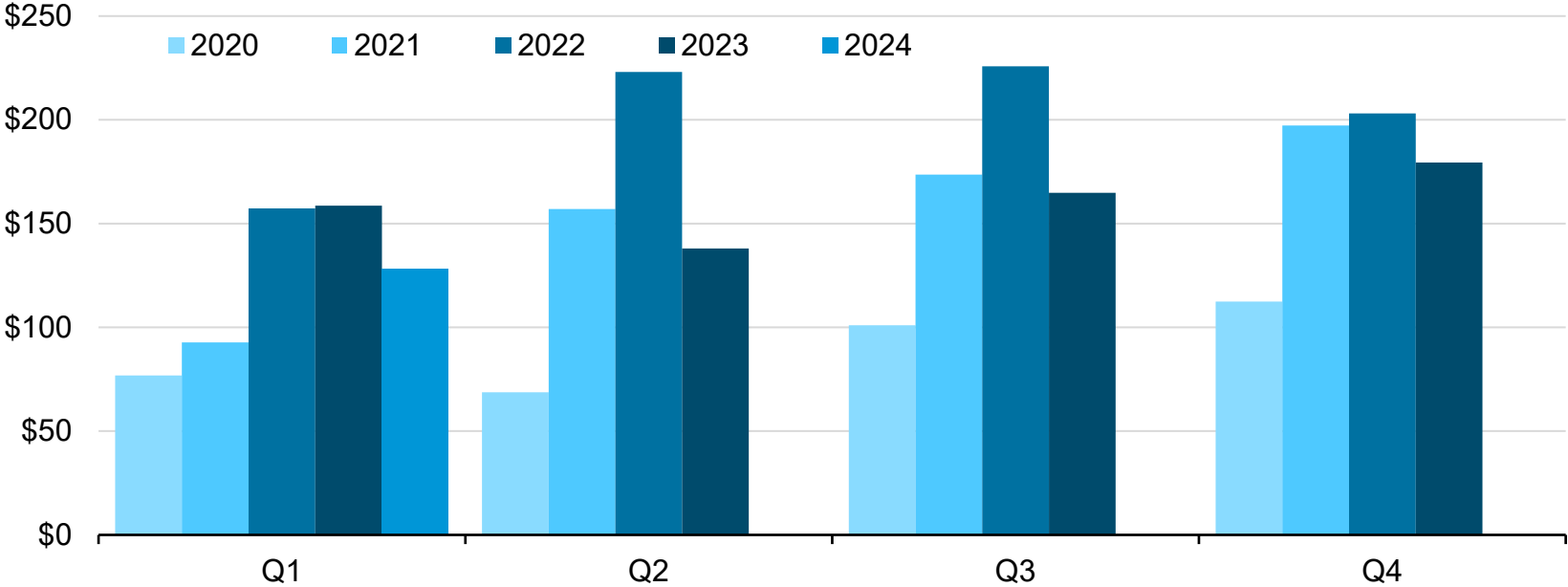


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Cash from operations in 1Q24 was \$128 billion, 16% lower in real terms than in 1Q23

Cash from operations, 2020–24

billion real 1Q2024 dollars

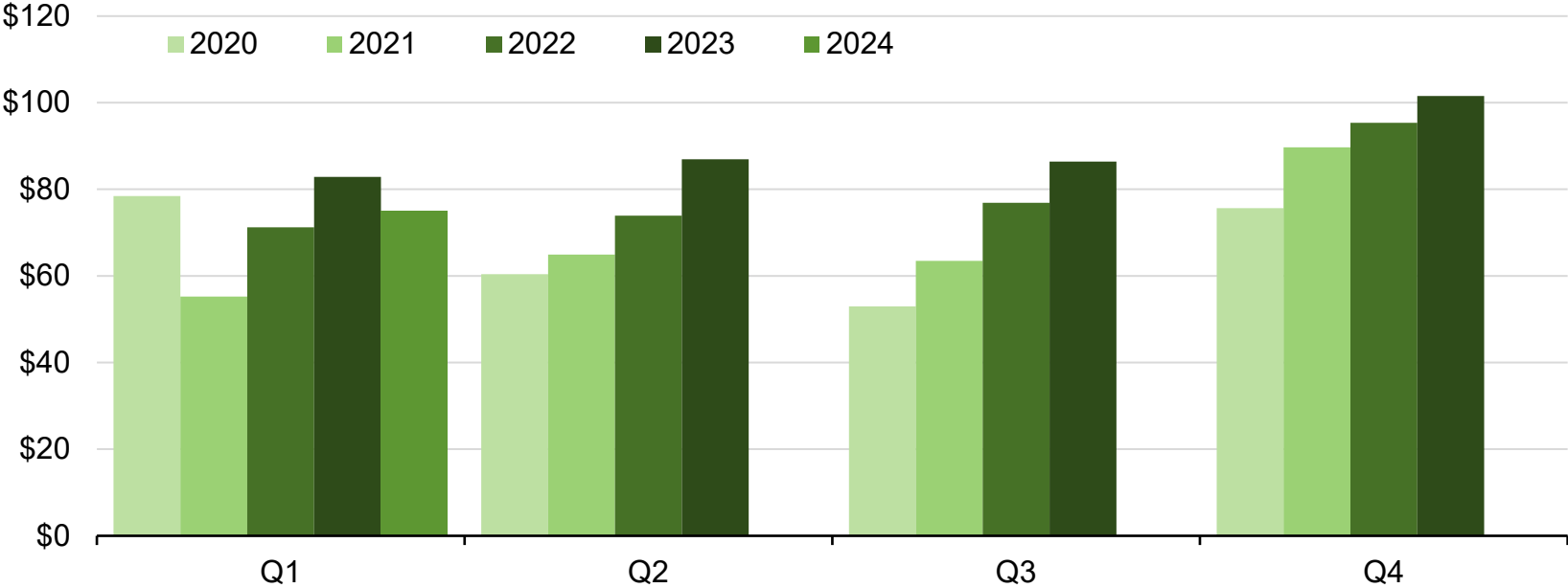


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Capital expenditure in 1Q24 was \$75 billion, 7% lower in real terms than in 1Q23

Capital expenditure, 2020–24

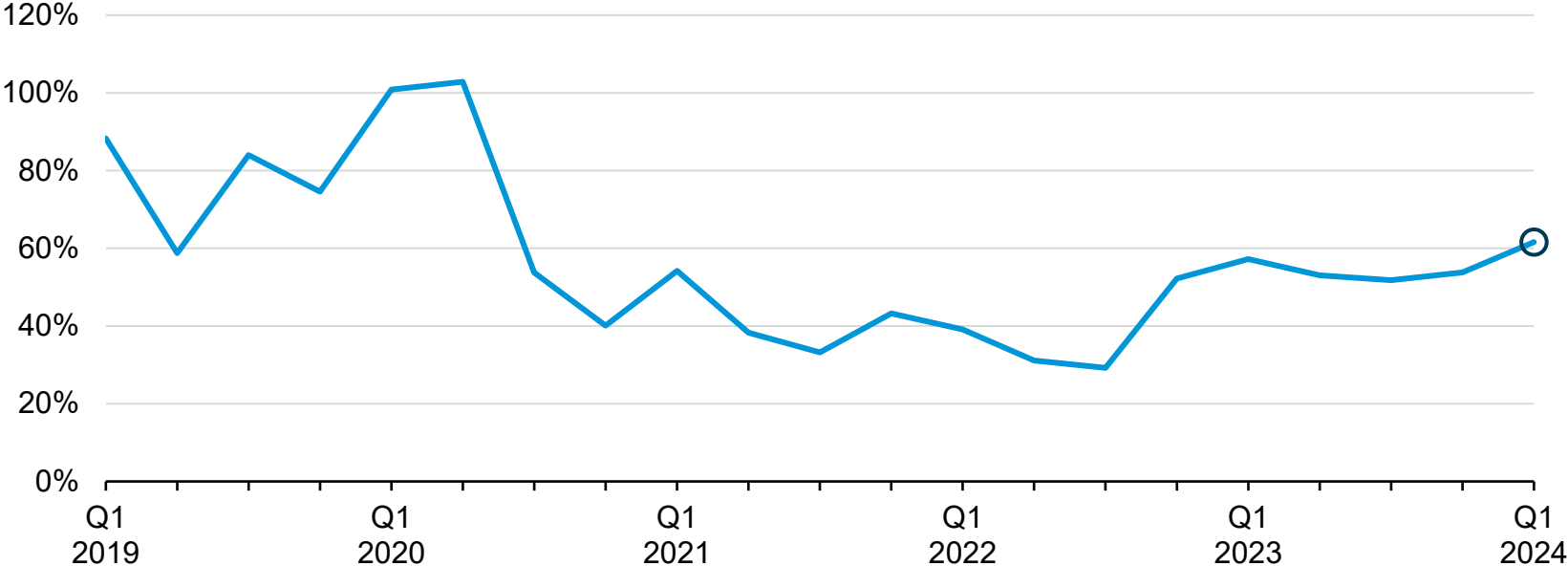
billion real 1Q2024 dollars



Data source: Evaluate Energy

Investing activities as a percentage of cash from operations increased in 1Q24 to its highest since the start of the pandemic

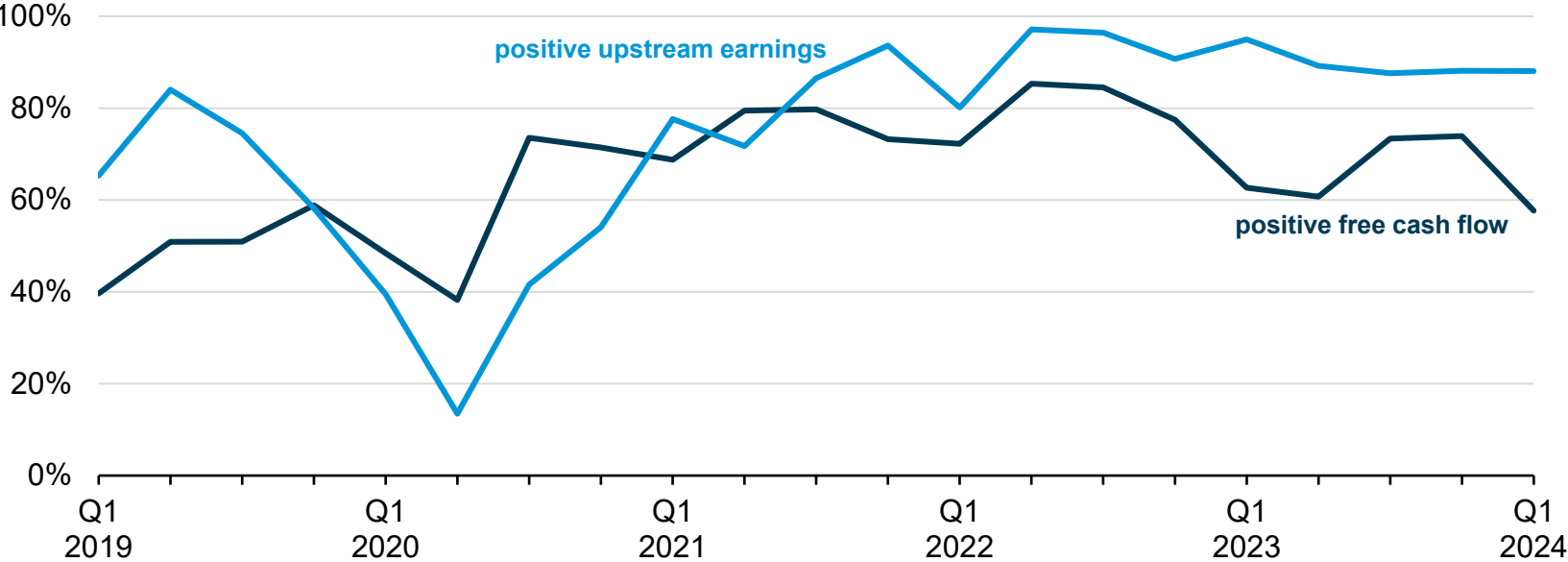
Investing activities, 2019–24
percentage of cash from operations



Data source: Evaluate Energy

About 58% of companies had positive free cash flow, and 88% of companies reported positive upstream earnings in 1Q24

Percentage of companies with positive free cash flow and with positive upstream earnings, 2019–24
percentage

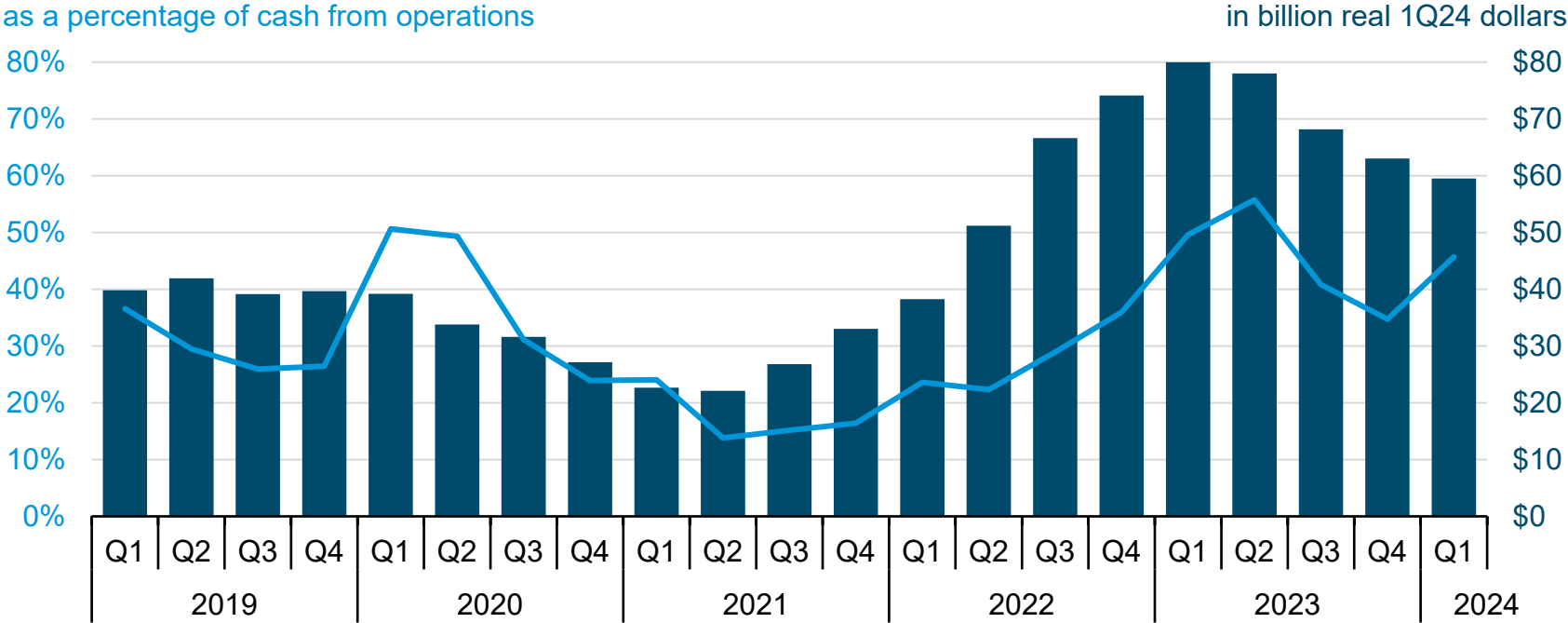


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Note: Free cash flow=cash from operations minus capital expenditures.

Distributions to shareholders via dividends and share repurchases averaged nearly \$60 billion, in real terms, over the last four quarters

Dividends plus net share repurchases, four-quarter moving average, 2019–24
as a percentage of cash from operations

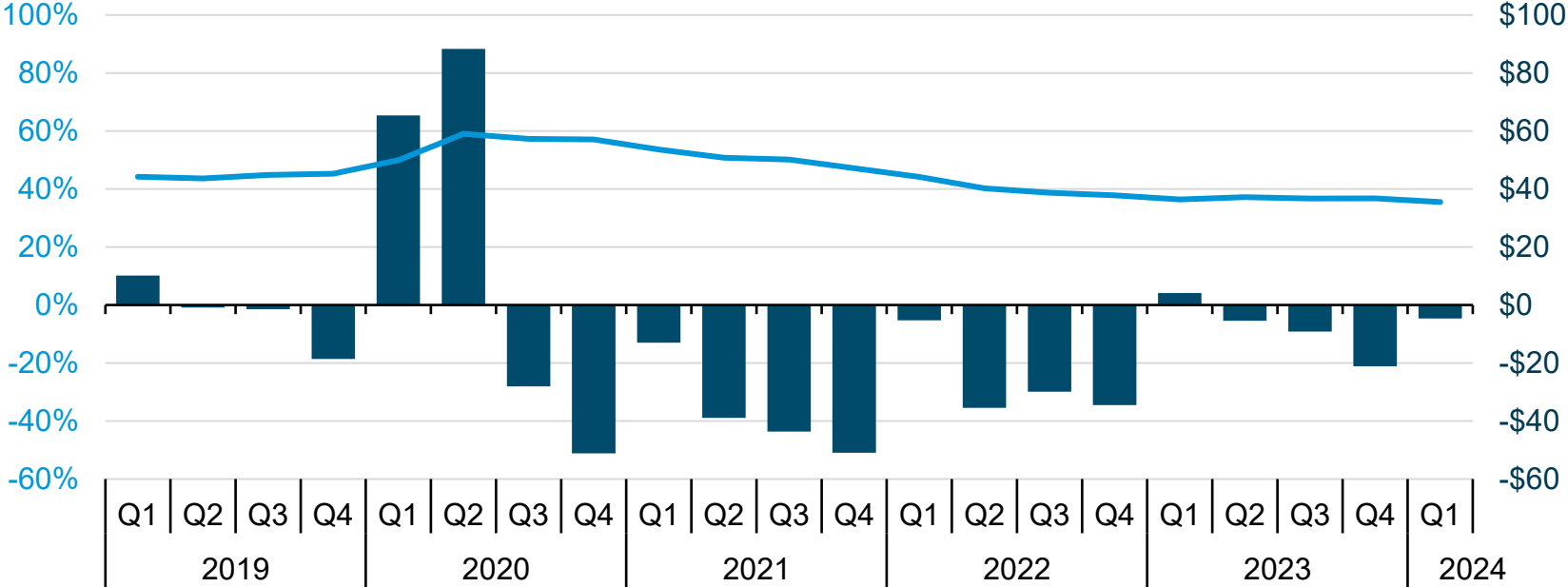


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The companies decreased debt by \$4.7 billion in 1Q24, and the long-term debt-to-equity ratio decreased to 35%

Long-term debt-to-equity ratio, 2019–24
percentage

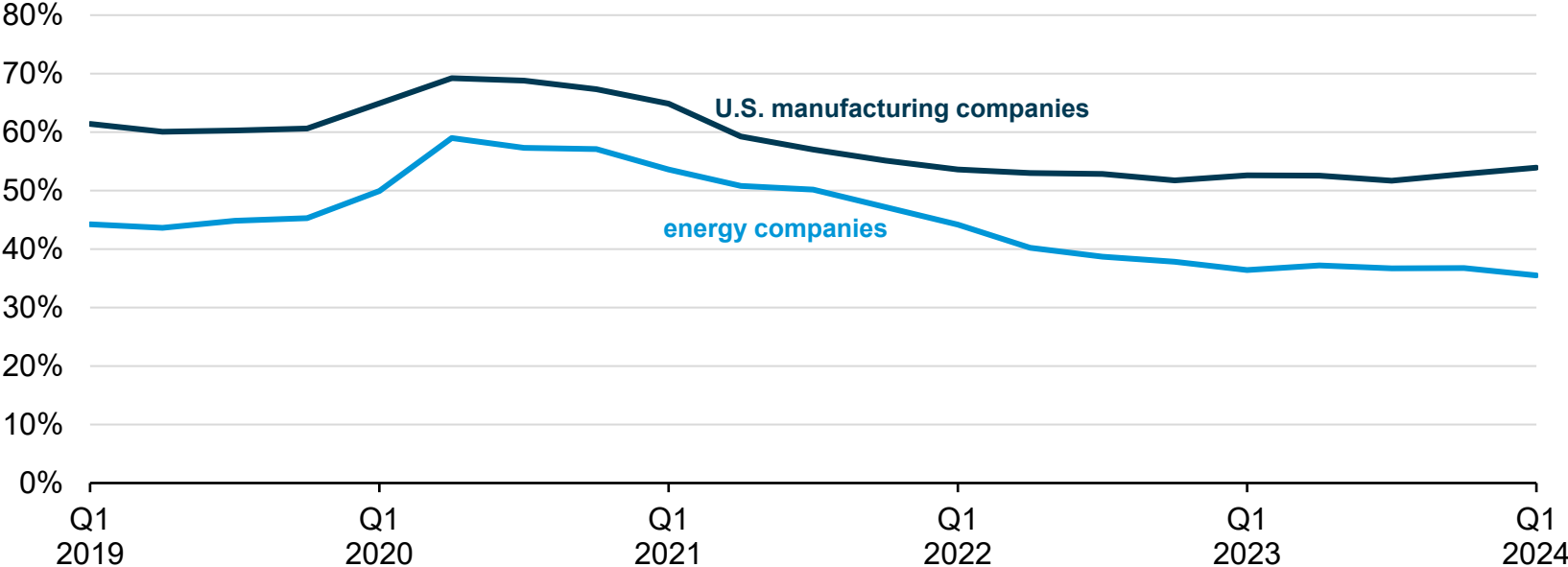
Net change in debt, 2019–24
billion real 1Q24 dollars



Data source: Evaluate Energy

In 1Q24, the long-term debt-to-equity ratio was 35% for the energy companies and 54% for U.S. manufacturing companies

Long-term debt-to-equity ratio, 2019–24
percentage

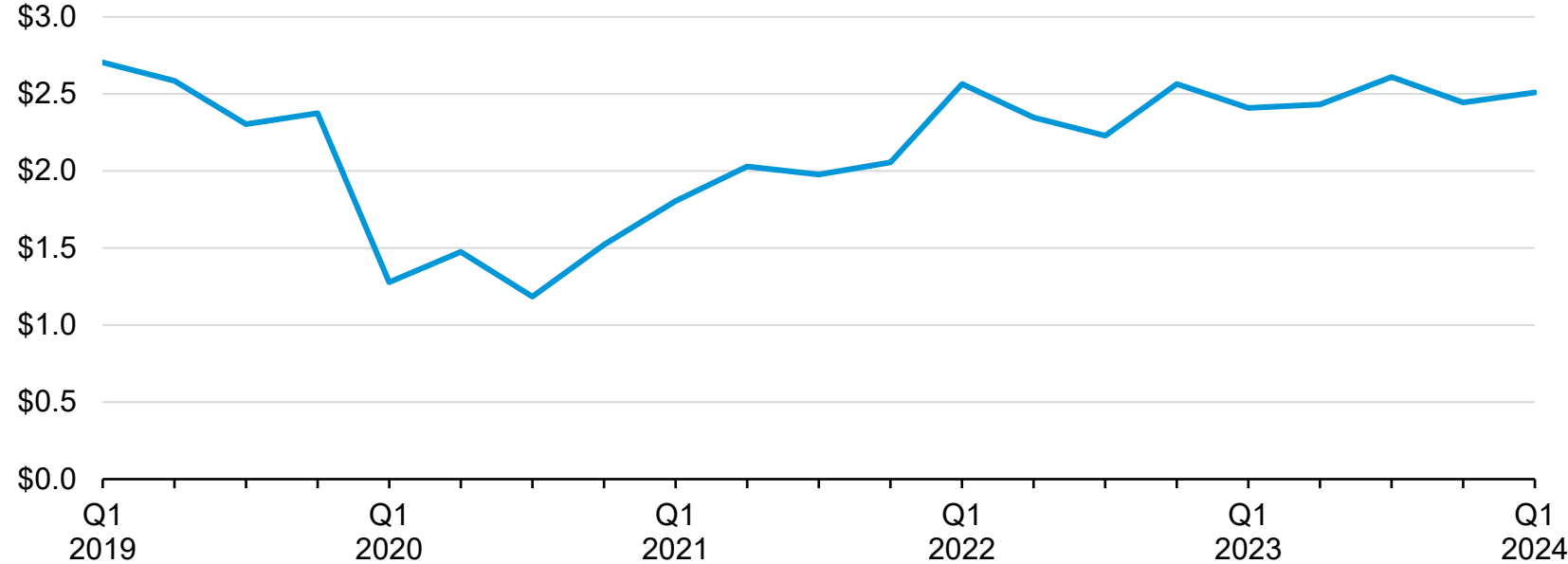


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The energy companies' combined market capitalization in 1Q24 increased 4% in real terms from 1Q23

Combined market capitalization, 2019–24

trillion real 1Q24 dollars

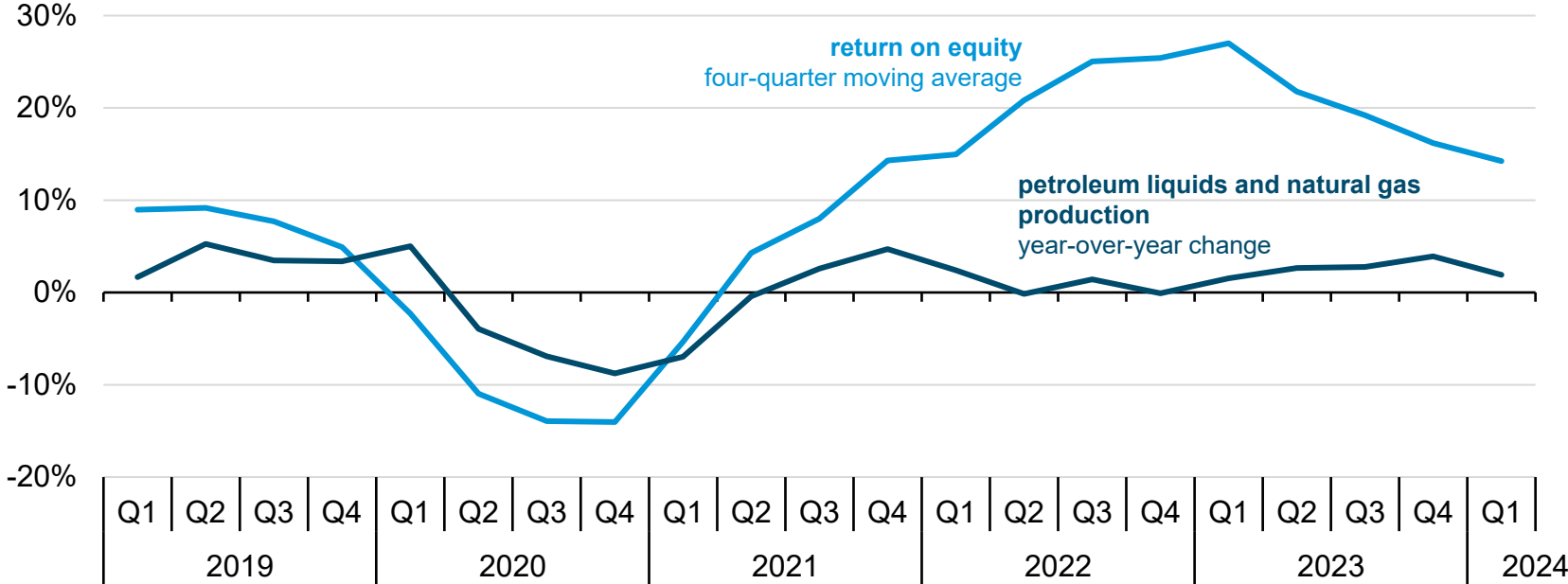


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The energy companies' return on equity averaged 14% over the last four quarters

Return on equity and production, 2019–24

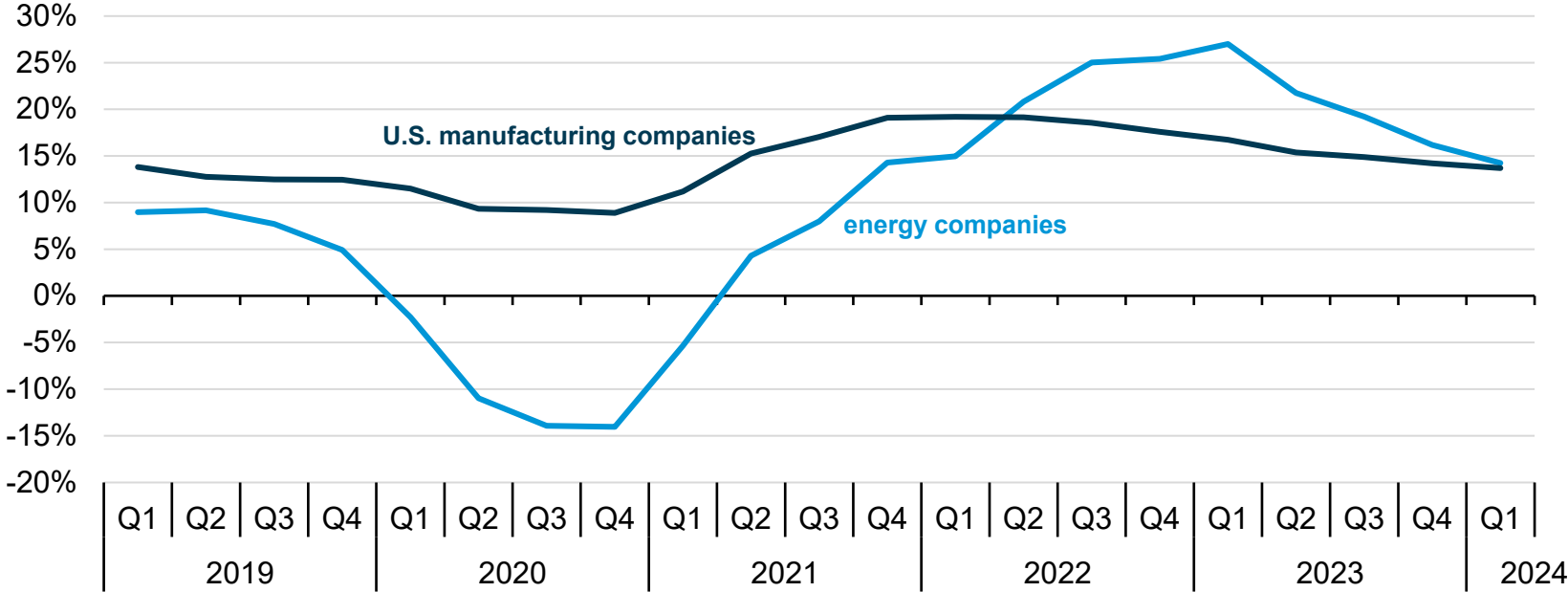
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The return on equity for the energy companies was only slightly higher than U.S. manufacturing companies' returns in 1Q24

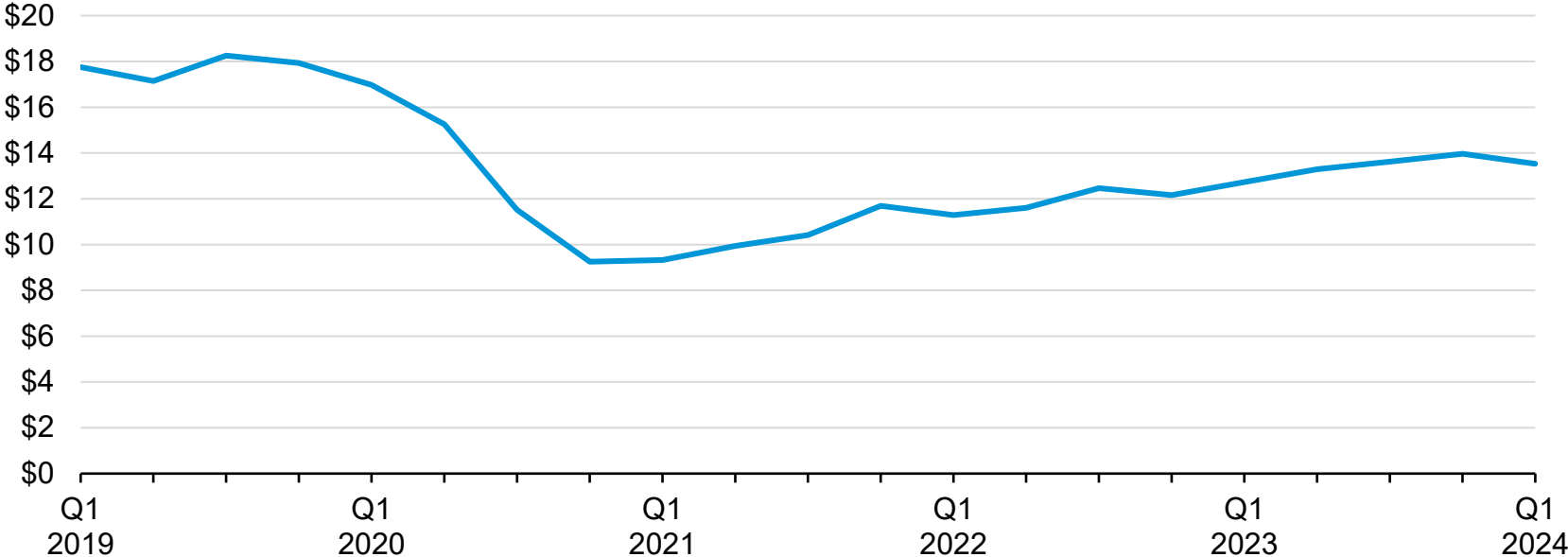
Return on equity, four-quarter moving average, 2019–24
percentage



Data source: Evaluate Energy and U.S. Census Bureau

Upstream capital expenditures on a per-barrel basis averaged \$13.53 per barrel of oil equivalent in 1Q24

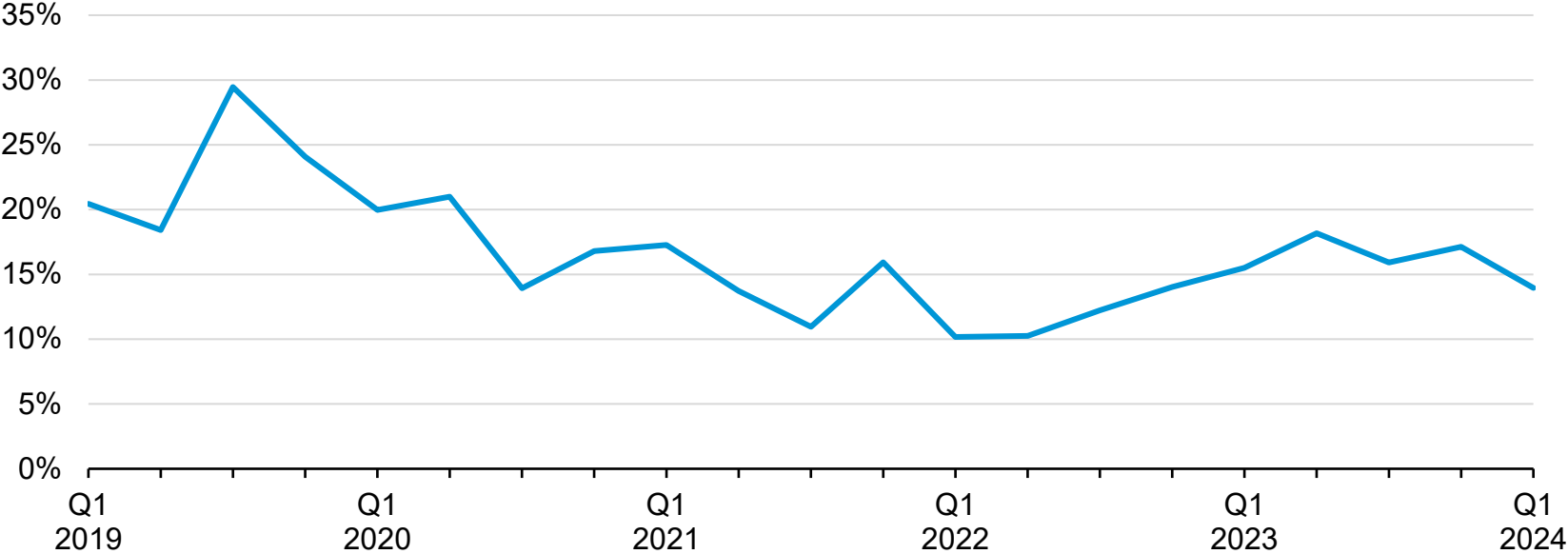
Upstream capital expenditure per BOE produced, four-quarter moving average, 2019–24
real 1Q24 dollars per BOE



Data source: Evaluate Energy
Note: BOE=barrel of oil equivalent

Upstream capital expenditures per barrel of oil equivalent were 14% of crude oil prices in 1Q24

Ratio of upstream capital expenditure per BOE to Brent price, 2019–24
percentage

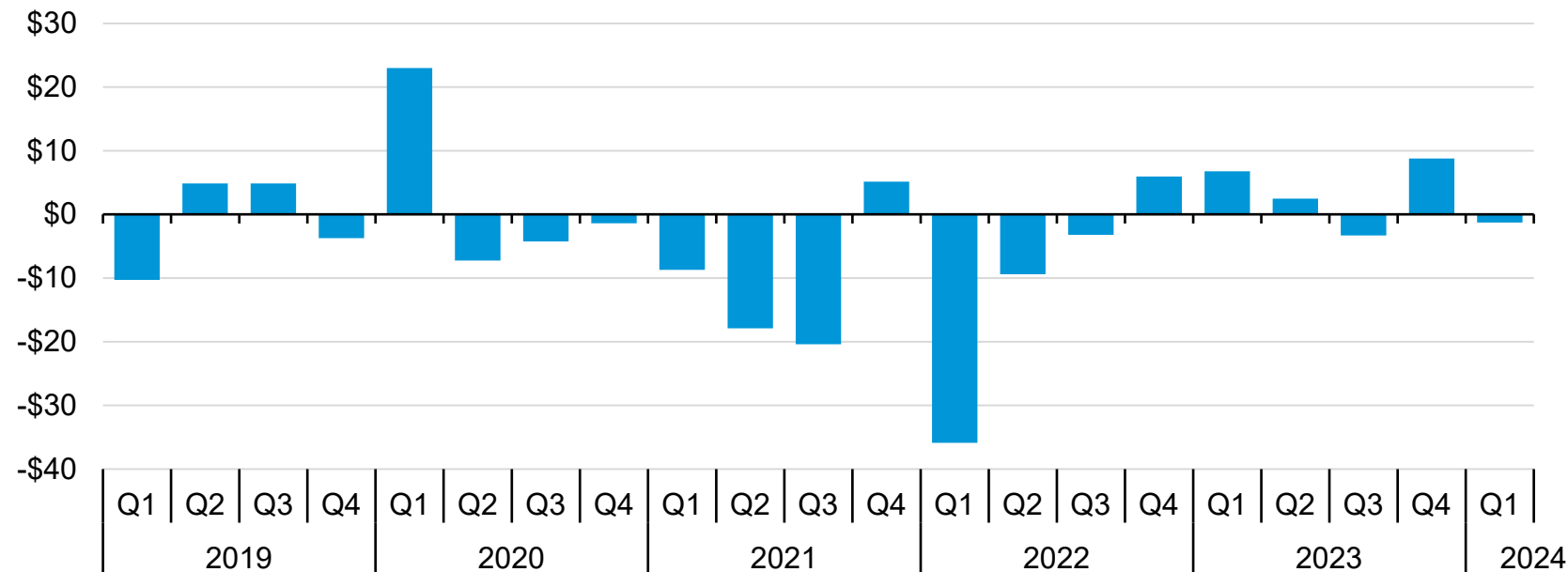


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Net losses from hedging derivatives were \$1.3 billion in 1Q24

Net gain or loss from hedging derivatives, 2019–24

billion real 1Q24 dollars



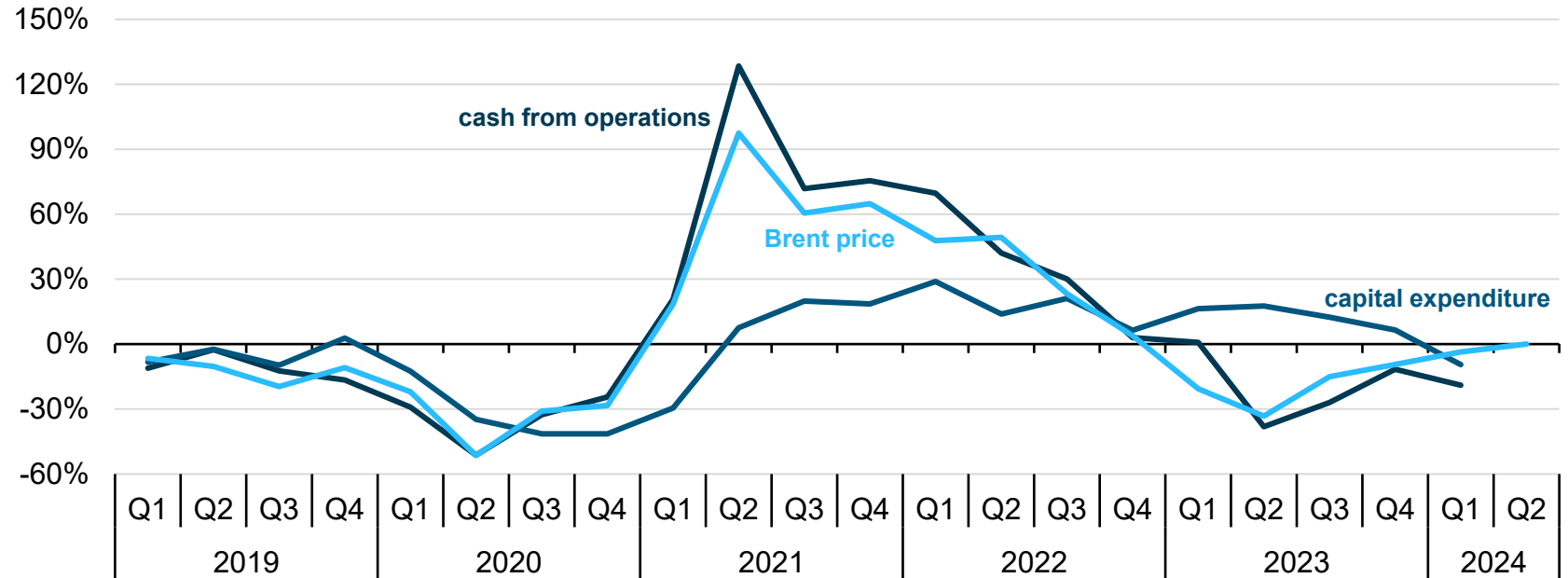
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Note: Includes realized and unrealized gain or loss.

Crude oil prices were flat year over year in 2Q24, suggesting cash from operations could continue to decline

Cash flow items and Brent crude oil price, 2019–24

year-over-year real percentage change



Data source: Evaluate Energy and Bloomberg L.P.

Appendix

Appendix: List of companies

Advantage Energy Ltd.	Cimarex Energy Co.	Gastar Exploration Inc.	Mid-Con Energy Partners, LP	Peyto Exploration & Development Corp.	Stone Energy Corporation
Africa Oil Corp.	Civitas Resources, Inc.	Gear Energy Ltd.	Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc.	PHX Minerals Inc.	Suncor Energy Inc.
Aker BP ASA	Clearview Resources Ltd.	GeoPark Limited	MOL Group	Pine Cliff Energy Ltd.	Sunshine Oilsands Ltd.
Alvopetro Energy Ltd.	CNX Resources Corporation	Gran Tierra Energy Inc.	Murphy Oil Corporation	Pioneer Natural Resources Company	Surge Energy Inc.
Amplify Energy Corp.	Comstock Resources, Inc.	Grizzly Energy LLC	National Fuel Gas Company	Prairie Provident Resources Inc.	Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd.
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	Concho Resources Inc	Gulfport Energy Corporation	Newfield Exploration Company	PrimeEnergy Resources Corporation	Tenaz Energy Corp.
Antero Resources Corporation	ConocoPhillips	Headwater Exploration Inc.	Noble Energy Inc.	PTT Public Company Limited	Tethys Oil AB
APA Corporation	Contango Oil and Gas Company	Hemisphere Energy Corporation	Northern Oil & Gas, Inc	QEP Resources Inc	Tethys Petroleum Limited
Approach Resources Inc	Continental Resources, Inc.	Hess Corporation	Nostrum Oil & Gas Plc	Questaerre Energy Corporation	TotalEnergies SE
ARC Resources Ltd.	Coterra Energy Inc.	HighPoint Resources Corporation	NuVista Energy Ltd.	Range Resources Corporation	Touchstone Exploration Inc.
Athabasca Oil Corporation	Crescent Energy Company	Husky Energy Inc.	Obsidian Energy Ltd.	Ranger Oil Corporation	Tourmaline Oil Corp.
Barnwell Industries Inc.	Crew Energy Inc.	INA Group	Occidental Petroleum Corporation	Repsol	TransAtlantic Petroleum Ltd.
Battalion Oil Corporation	Crown Point Energy Inc.	InPlay Oil Corp.	OMV Group	Resolute Energy Corporation	TransGlobe Energy Corporation
Baytex Energy Corp.	Denbury Inc.	International Petroleum Corporation	Orca Energy Group Inc.	Revenir Energy Inc.	U.S. Energy Corp.
Berry Corporation	Devon Energy Corporation	Jagged Peak Energy Inc.	Ovintiv Inc.	Ring Energy Inc	Unit Corporation
Birchcliff Energy Ltd.	Diamondback Energy Inc.	Jones Energy, Inc.	Pampa Energia SA	ROK Resources Inc.	Vaalco Energy Inc
Black Stone Minerals LP	DNO ASA	Journey Energy Inc.	Panoro Energy ASA	Rosehill Operating Company, LLC	Valeura Energy Inc.
BlueNord ASA	Earthstone Energy, Inc.	JX Energy Ltd.	Paramount Resources Ltd.	RSP Permian Inc	Veren Inc.
Bonterra Energy Corp.	Ecopetrol S.A.	Kelt Exploration Ltd.	Parex Resources Inc.	SandRidge Energy, Inc.	Vermilion Energy Inc.
BP Plc.	Energen Corporation	Kiwetinohk Energy Corp.	Parsley Energy Inc.	Saturn Oil & Gas Inc.	Vital Energy, Inc. (formerly Laredo)
Brazos Valley Longhorn, L.L.C.	Enerplus Corporation	Kosmos Energy Ltd.	PDC Energy, Inc.	Seplat Energy Plc	W & T Offshore, Inc.
California Resources Corporation	ENI S.p.A.	Lilis Energy Inc.	PEDEVCO Corp.	Seven Generations Energy Ltd.	Whitecap Resources Inc.
Callon Petroleum Company	EOG Resources, Inc.	Linn Energy, Inc.	Pengrowth Energy Corporation	ShaMaran Petroleum Corp.	Whiting Petroleum Corporation
Canacol Energy Ltd.	EP Energy Corporation	Lonestar Resources US, Inc.	Permian Resources Corporation	Shell Plc	WPX Energy, Inc.
Canadian Natural Resources Limited	Epsilon Energy Ltd.	Lucero Energy Corp.	Perpetual Energy Inc.	SilverBow Resources, Inc.	Yangarra Resources Ltd.
Cardinal Energy Ltd.	EQT Corporation	Magnolia Oil & Gas Corporation	Petrobras (IFRS US\$ Current)	Sinopec Corp.	YPF Sociedad Anonima
Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc	Equinor ASA	Marathon Oil Corp.	PetroChina Company Limited	SM Energy Company	Yuma Energy, Inc.
Cenovus Energy Inc.	Evolution Petroleum Corporation	Mataador Resources Company	Petronas	Southern Energy Corp.	
Chesapeake Energy Corporation	Extraction Oil & Gas, Inc.	Medco Energi International tbk PT	PetroQuest Energy, Inc	Southwestern Energy Company	
Chevron Corporation	ExxonMobil	MEG Energy Corp.	PetroRio S.A.	Spartan Delta Corp.	
Chord Energy Corporation	Frontera Energy Corporation	Mesquite Energy, Inc.	Petrus Resources Ltd.	SRC Energy Inc.	

Data source: Evaluate Energy

Note: Some companies merged, closed, or delisted before 1Q24. A total of 137 companies existed in 1Q24.

Brief description of terms

Cash from operations is a measure of income from regular business activities.

Investing activities include capital expenditure net of asset sales.

Capital expenditure represents cash used to purchase property, plant, and equipment.

Financing activities measure inflows and outflows in debt or equity markets, including dividends, share issuances and repurchases, and debt issuances and repayments.

Return on equity is a measure of the profit a company earns on money that shareholders have invested.

Brief description of terms

Market capitalization is the total value of all of a company's outstanding, publicly traded shares.

Net income is profits after taxes and depreciation.

Asset impairments occur when a company lowers the estimated value of a property to reflect current market value, which may result from losing production potential or declining oil prices.

Upstream activities are crude oil exploration, production, and other operations that occur before refining.

Downstream activities are refinery operations, product sales, and marketing at the wholesale and retail levels.

