The Baker Hughes International rig count is a monthly census of "active" drilling rigs exploring for or developing oil or natural gas outside North America (US & Canada).

- The Baker Hughes rig count defines active rigs as rigs that are actively conducting drilling operations on a given well.

- For a rig to be active the below conditions must be met:
  - The rig must be drilling (turning to the right)
  - Drilling needs to have occurred for a majority of the week (4 days out of 7)
  - The active rig must be working on a well which is a significant consumer of oilfield products and services

- Drilling Rigs that are conducting other well operations (such as cementing, logging, testing, etc) or any other non-drilling activity remedial, or otherwise, are not counted as active during that portion of the operations.

- Similarly rigs that are in transit from one well to the other, or rigs that are stacked are not included in the active rig count.

- Baker Hughes counts active rigs in each country, whether they are using Baker Hughes services or not.

- The rig count is published on a monthly basis and represents the average of the weekly counts performed by Baker Hughes personnel.