The top three global crude oil producers in 2021 were Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Canada, accounting for 37.9%, 32.2%, and 32.2% of world production, respectively. California imports crude oil from these major producers and others, with the majority coming from the Middle East.

In 2021, California imported 1.7 million barrels of crude oil per day, down from a peak of 10.6 million barrels per day. This reduction was due to increased production in the U.S. and the resistance of other countries to making additional investments.

Starting on February 11, 2022, the U.S. and U.K. imposed an oil embargo on Russian crude oil imports. On February 24, 2022, Russia launched an invasion of Ukraine, indicating a potential reduction in the supply of crude oil from Russia.

The sources of crude oil to California are diverse, with the majority coming from the Middle East, followed by Latin America, Africa, and other regions.

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