

Table 917. Public Drinking Water Systems by Size of Community Served and Source of Water: 2006

[As of **September**. Covers systems that provide water for human consumption through pipes and other constructed conveyances to a least 15 service connections or serve an average of at least 25 persons for at least 60 days a year. Based on reported data in the Safe Drinking Water Information System maintained by the Environmental Protection Agency]

Type of system	Total	Size of community served					Water source	
		500 or fewer persons	501 to 3,300 persons	3,301 to 10,000 persons	10,001 to 100,000	100,001 persons or more	Ground water	Surface water
Total systems	156,644	128,094	19,502	4,960	3,695	393	142,100	14,544
COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS ¹								
Number of systems	52,339	29,448	14,098	4,745	3,659	389	40,315	12,024
Percent of systems	100	56	27	9	7	1	77	23
Population served (1,000)	281,700	4,896	20,017	27,473	103,301	126,013	85,035	196,665
Percent of population	100	2	7	10	37	45	30	70
NONTRANSIENT NONCOMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM ²								
Number of systems	19,045	16,259	2,659	108	19	–	18,429	616
Percent of systems	100	85	14	1	–	–	97	3
Population served (1,000)	6,008	2,261	2,668	586	494	–	5,407	602
Percent of population	100	38	44	10	8	–	90	10
TRANSIENT NONCOMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM ³								
Number of systems	85,260	82,387	2,745	107	17	4	83,356	1,904
Percent of systems	100	97	3	–	–	–	98	2
Population served (1,000)	13,981	7,261	2,691	580	454	2,994	11,281	2,699
Percent of population	100	52	19	4	3	21	81	19

– Represents zero. ¹ A public water system that supplies water to the same population year-round. ² A public water system that regularly supplies water to at least 25 of the same people at least 6 months per year, but not year-round. Some examples are schools, factories, and office buildings which have their own water systems. ³ A public water system that provides water in a place such as a gas station or campground where people do not remain for long periods of time.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Factoids: Drinking Water and Ground Water Statistics for 2006*, annual reports. See also <<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/data/getdata.html>> (published March 2008).