

Table 357. U.S. Water Withdrawals and Consumptive Use Per Day by End Use: 1940 to 2000

[In billions of gallons, except as indicated. (140 represents 140,000,000,000). Includes the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands. Withdrawal signifies water physically withdrawn from a source. Includes fresh and saline water; excludes water used for hydroelectric power]

| Year | Total (bil. gal.) | Per capita ¹ (gal.) | Irrigation (bil. gal.) | Public supply ² (bil. gal.) | Rural ³ (bil. gal.) | Industrial and misc. ⁴ (bil. gal.) | Steam electric utilities (bil. gal.) |
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| WITHDRAWALS | | | | | | | |
| 1940 | 140 | 1,027 | 71 | 10 | 3.1 | 29 | 23 |
| 1950 | 180 | 1,185 | 89 | 14 | 3.6 | 37 | 40 |
| 1955 | 240 | 1,454 | 110 | 17 | 3.6 | 39 | 72 |
| 1960 | 270 | 1,500 | 110 | 21 | 3.6 | 38 | 100 |
| 1965 | 310 | 1,602 | 120 | 24 | 4.0 | 46 | 130 |
| 1970 | 370 | 1,815 | 130 | 27 | 4.5 | 47 | 170 |
| 1975 | 420 | 1,972 | 140 | 29 | 4.9 | 45 | 200 |
| 1980 | 440 | 1,953 | 150 | 34 | 5.6 | 45 | 210 |
| 1985 | 399 | 1,650 | 137 | 38 | 7.8 | 31 | 187 |
| 1990 | 408 | 1,620 | 137 | 41 | 7.9 | 30 | 195 |
| 1995 | 402 | 1,500 | 134 | 40 | 8.9 | 29 | 190 |
| 2000 | 408 | 1,430 | 137 | 43 | 9.2 | 23 | 196 |
| CONSUMPTIVE USE | | | | | | | |
| 1960 | 61 | 339 | 52 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 0.2 |
| 1965 | 77 | 403 | 66 | 5.2 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 0.4 |
| 1970 | 87 | 427 | 73 | 5.9 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 0.8 |
| 1975 | 96 | 451 | 80 | 6.7 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 1.9 |
| 1980 | 100 | 440 | 83 | 7.1 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 3.2 |
| 1985 | 92 | 380 | 74 | (⁵) | 9.2 | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| 1990 | 94 | 370 | 76 | (⁵) | 8.9 | 6.7 | 4.0 |
| 1995 | 100 | 374 | 81 | (⁵) | 9.9 | 4.8 | 3.7 |
| 2000 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |

NA Not available. ¹ Based on U.S. Census Bureau resident population as of July 1. ² Includes commercial water withdrawals. ³ Rural farm and nonfarm household and garden use, and water for farm stock and dairies. ⁴ For 1940 to 1960, includes manufacturing and mineral industries, rural commercial industries, air-conditioning, resorts, hotels, motels, military and other state and federal agencies, and miscellaneous; thereafter, includes manufacturing, mining and mineral processing, ordnance, construction, and miscellaneous. ⁵ Public supply consumptive use included in end-use categories.

Source: 1940–1960, U.S. Bureau of Domestic Business Development, based principally on committee prints, *Water Resources Activities in the United States*, for the Senate Committee on National Water Resources, U.S. Senate, thereafter, U.S. Geological Survey, *Estimated Use of Water in the United States in 2000*, circular 1268. See also <<http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/circ/2004/circ1268/>> (released 12 March 2004).