

**Table 924. Public Drinking Water Systems by Size of Community Served and Source of Water: 2008**

[As of **September**. Covers systems that provide water for human consumption through pipes and other constructed conveyances to at 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 <sup>1</sup>	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 persons	100,001 persons or more	Ground water	Surface water
<b>Total systems . . . . .</b>	<b>154,879</b>	<b>126,438</b>	<b>19,204</b>	<b>5,069</b>	<b>3,761</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>140,468</b>	<b>14,369</b>
<b>COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS <sup>2</sup></b>								
Number of systems . . . . .	51,988	29,160	13,858	4,838	3,728	404	40,301	11,671
Percent of systems . . . . .	100	56	27	9	7	1	78	22
Population served (1,000) . . . . .	292,300	4,857	19,869	28,135	106,311	133,129	88,039	204,095
Percent of population . . . . .	100	2	7	10	36	46	30	70
<b>NONTRANSIENT NONCOMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM <sup>3</sup></b>								
Number of systems . . . . .	18,742	15,954	2,641	130	16	1	18,041	688
Percent of systems . . . . .	100	85	14	1	—	—	96	4
Population served (1,000) . . . . .	6,254	2,235	2,702	702	412	203	5,462	788
Percent of population . . . . .	100	36	43	11	7	3	87	13
<b>TRANSIENT NONCOMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM <sup>4</sup></b>								
Number of systems . . . . .	84,149	81,324	2,705	101	17	2	82,126	2,010
Percent of systems . . . . .	100	97	3	—	—	—	98	2
Population served (1,000) . . . . .	13,573	7,197	2,626	542	482	2,725	11,037	2,535
Percent of population . . . . .	100	53	19	4	4	20	81	19

— Represents zero. <sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of systems for which the water source (ground vs. surface) is unknown.

<sup>2</sup> A public water system that supplies water to the same population year-round. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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 and is open at least 60 day per year.

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