

C-3: Total water use

Glossary, abbreviations, legends and units of measurement

- AQUASTAT: FAO's global information system on water and agriculture
- EEA: European Environment Agency
- EECCA: Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
- EU: European Union
- Eurostat: European Union Statistical Service
- FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- GDP: Gross domestic product
- Gross freshwater abstracted: Water removed from any source, either permanently or temporarily. Includes abstraction by the water supply industry (ISIC 36) and direct abstraction by other activities, and water abstracted but returned without use, such as mine water and drainage water.
- Household freshwater use: Freshwater used in the normal functioning of households (e.g., drinking and washing). It may include watering of a household garden but should not include freshwater used for commercial agriculture.
- Irrigation in agriculture: Artificial application of water on land to assist in the growing of crops and pastures.
- International dollar – Monetary unit which is being used by the World Bank for calculation of GDP in parity of purchasing power
- IRWS: International Recommendations for Water Statistics
- ISIC: International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
- OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- PPP: Parity of purchasing power
- Reused water: Water that has undergone wastewater treatment and is delivered to a user as reclaimed wastewater. This means the direct supply of treated effluent to the user. Excluded is wastewater discharged into a watercourse and used again downstream. Recycling within industrial sites is excluded
- Total freshwater use: Refers to the quantity of freshwater that is actually used in a year by end users including water delivered by the water supply industry (ISIC 36), water directly abstracted for own use and water received from other parties. Excludes freshwater returned without use. = Total freshwater available for use - Losses during transport = used by (Household + Agriculture, forestry and fishing + Manufacturing + Electricity industry + Other economic activities)
- UN: United Nations
- UNECE: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme
- UNSD: United Nations Statistics Division
- Water returned without use is water discharged into freshwaters without use, or before use. Occurs primarily during mining and construction activities. Excludes discharges into the sea.
- WHO: World Health Organisation
- WMO: World Meteorology Organization
- m³ cubic metre