

# Glossary:Groundwater abstraction

Statistics Explained

**Groundwater abstraction** is the process of removing freshwater from underground sources, either temporarily or permanently. [Groundwater](#) includes springs, both concentrated and diffused, which may also be under water. Depending on the environmental legislation in the country concerned, controls may be placed on abstraction to limit the amount of water that can be legally removed.

## Further information

- [CODED term](#) (CODED - Concepts and Definitions Database)

## Related concepts

- [Groundwater](#)
- [Water abstraction](#)