

Water use refers to water actually used by end users (e.g. [households](#) , services, agriculture, industry) within a territory for a specific purpose such as domestic use, irrigation or industrial processing.

Water supply , in contrast, is the delivery of water to end users including abstraction for own final use.

Further information

- [Water use](#) (CODED - Concepts and Definitions Database)

Related concepts

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

Statistical data

- [Water statistics](#)

Source

- Joint OECD/Eurostat Questionnaire 2002 on the State of the Environment, section on Inland Waters - [xls](#)