

Glossary: Surface and groundwater abstraction as share of available resources

Statistics Explained

Surface and groundwater abstraction as share of available resources (% of available [surface](#) and [groundwater](#) resources) is an indicator looking at total [water abstraction](#) as a percentage of stocks of available water resources, separated into groundwater and surface water.

Annual total gross abstraction from groundwater is presented as a percentage of Member States' renewable groundwater resources available for abstraction, which are defined as long-term annual average groundwater available for abstraction.

Annual total gross abstraction from fresh surface water is presented as a percentage of Member States' renewable surface water resources available for abstraction, which are calculated as total long-term fresh water resources ([external inflow](#) plus [precipitation](#) less [evapotranspiration](#)) less groundwater available for abstraction.

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