

Total Nebraska Water Withdrawals by Water Use Category for the Year 2000



Vast quantities of surface and ground-water are used in Nebraska for a wide range of purposes. Surface water is diverted and withdrawn from streams and reservoirs for off stream uses, including hydroelectric power generation and irrigation. It is also used in streams, reservoirs, and lakes for hydroelectric power generation, fish and wildlife uses, livestock watering, and recreation. Groundwater is used for irrigation, water supply for humans and animals, and commercial and industrial uses. In some cases groundwater contributes flow to surface water, as either a deliberate or unintended result of the original use. Groundwater applied to fields for irrigation may infiltrate into aquifers or be discharged into rivers. Also, some groundwater used for public water supply is returned to streams via wastewater treatment plant discharge.

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Estimated Use of Water in the United States in 2000

