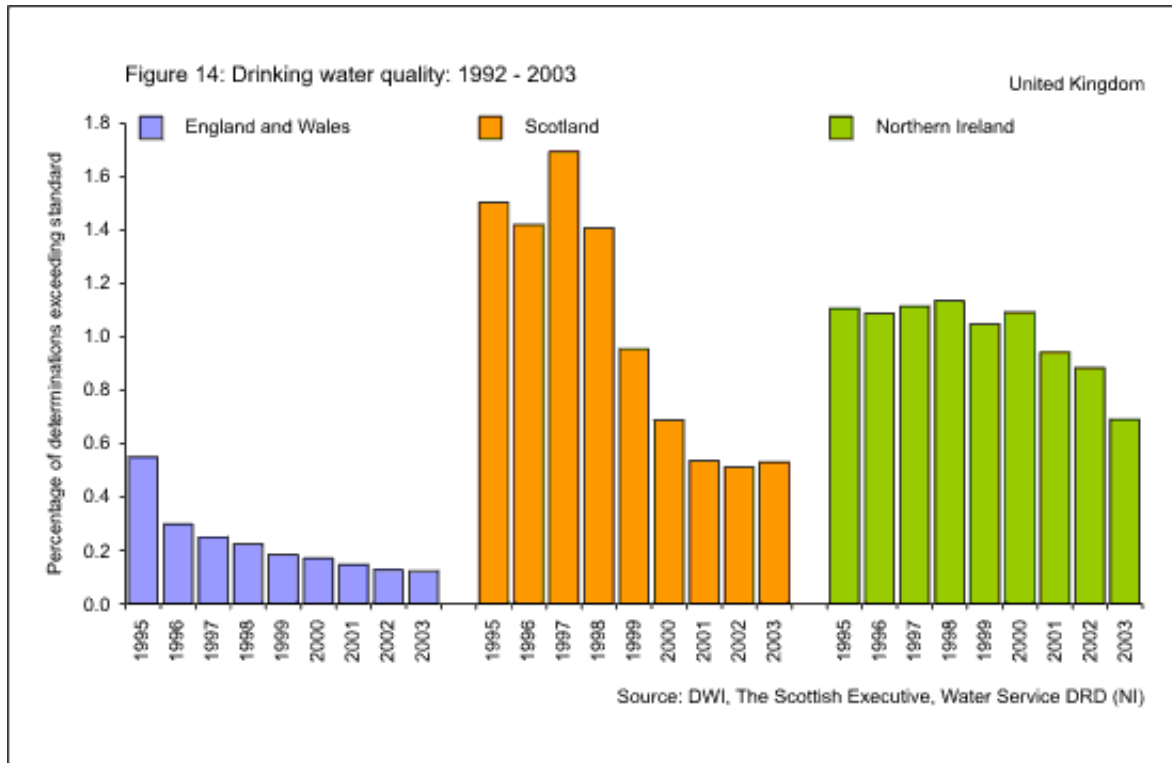


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Key Facts about: Inland Water Quality and Use

Drinking water quality: 1992-2003

United Kingdom



Percentage exceeding (ie failing to meet) standards

	1995	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003
England and Wales	0.55	0.22	0.20	0.14	0.13	0.12
Scotland	1.51	1.41	0.70	0.59	0.52	0.53
Northern Ireland	1.10	1.14	1.09	0.94	0.88	0.69

Water undertakers in the UK are required to supply wholesome water and are responsible for assessing the quality of that water through regular sampling of water treatment works, service reservoirs and discrete water supply zones.

In 2003 in England and Wales, 2.9 million determinations were made and 0.12 per cent failed to meet the standards, compared with 0.55 per cent in 1995.

In Scotland, 339 thousand determinations were made in 2003 and 0.53 per cent failed to meet the standards, compared with 1.51 per cent in 1995.

In Northern Ireland 99 thousand determinations were made in 2003 and 0.69 per cent failed,

compared with 1.1 per cent in 1995.

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Further Information:

Source:

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