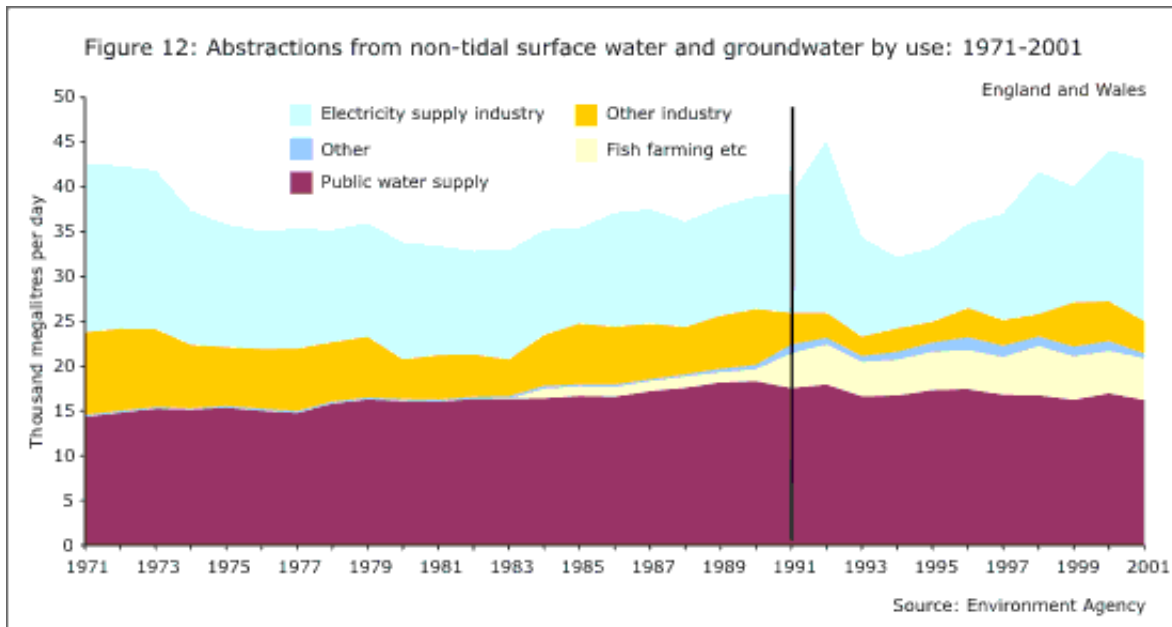


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## Key Facts about: Inland Water Quality and Use

### Abstractions from non-tidal surface water and groundwater, by use: 1971-2001

#### England and Wales



	Thousand megalitres/day				
	1991	1995	1999	2000	2001
<b>Public water supply</b>	17.56	17.35	16.25	16.99	16.23
<b>Electricity supply industry</b>	13.38	8.22	12.93	16.89	18.07
<b>Fish farming etc</b>	3.88	4.27	4.87	4.71	4.66
<b>Other industry</b>	3.52	2.33	4.94	4.44	3.59
<b>Other purposes</b>	0.98	1.03	1.08	1.10	0.56
<b>Total</b>	39.32	33.20	40.06	44.13	44.11

Water is abstracted under licences, granted on the basis of the reasonable needs of the public, industry and agriculture and availability of supplies. The amount abstracted has been generally rising since the mid-1990s. In 2001, in England and Wales total abstractions were slightly lower than in the peak year of 1992. In 2001, almost 80 per cent of water abstracted was for the public water supply and electricity supply industry.

*Note: data collected before 1991 are not strictly comparable with later years.*

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