

GLOBAL INFORMATION AND DATA ON WATER RESOURCES

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1. Introduction

The following section presents diverse water resources data from around the world. These data provide quantitative and qualitative information on a wide variety of water demand, water and sanitation, water quality issues, and many other issues.

2. North America (USA and Canada)

	Annual internal renewable water resources		Annual withdrawals			Sectoral withdrawals (%) ^b		
	Total (km ³)	1995 Per capita (m ³)	Year of data	Percentage of water resources ^a	Per capita (m ³)	Domestic	Industry	Agriculture
Canada	2901.0	98 462	1991 ^b	2	1602	18 ^c	70 ^c	12 ^c
USA	2478.0	9413	1990	19	1870	13 ^d	45 ^d	42 ^d

^a Annual Internal Renewable Water Resources usually include river flows from other countries. ^b Data are from the early 1990s. ^c Sectoral percentages estimated for 1987. ^d Sectoral percentages date from the year of other annual withdrawal data.

Table 1. Annual internal renewable water resources and water withdrawals. Source: World Resources Institute.

	Prices of water (US dollars per 1000 liters)	Average residential use (liters per person per day)
Canada	0.29	370
France	0.60	150
Germany	0.94	150
Sweden	0.56	210
UK	0.45	220

USA	0.30	430
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Table 2. Water prices in some countries. Source: Environment Canada (1996c)

3. West Asia

Country/ Territory	Population (millions) ^a	Conventional Water Resources ($\times 10^6$ m ³)		Non-Conventional Water Resources ($\times 10^6$ m ³)		
		1994	Surface water ^b	Ground water ^c	Desalination	Wastewater reuse
Bahrain	0.55	0.20	90.00	75.00	9.50	174.70
Iraq	19.09	76 880.00	1500.00	7.40	4900.00	78 387.40
Jordan	4.06	660.00	275.00	2.50	52.00	989.50
Kuwait	1.62	0.10	182.00	240.00	83.00	505.10
Lebanon	3.48	2500.00	12 000.00	1.70	83.00	14 501.70
Oman	2.05	918.00	10 500.00	32.00	25.00	11 475.00
Qatar	0.53	1.35	2 500.00	92.00	25.00	2618.35
Saudi Arabia	18.18	2230.00	84 000.00	795.00	217.00	87 242.00
Syrian Arab	13.73	22 688.00	3 000.00	2.00	50.00	25 740.00
United Arab	2.15	125.00	20 000.00	385.00	110.00	20 620.00
West Bank and	2.24	30.00	150.00	0.00	50.00	180.00
Yemen	13.47	2000.00	13 500.00	9.00	9.10	15 518.10
Total	81.15	108 032.65	147 697.00	1641.60	580.60	257 951.85

Source: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

^a Demographic and related Socio-Economic Data Sheets for the Countries of ESCWA, No. 8, 1995.

^b The flow of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers will be reduced by upstream abstraction in Turkey.

^c Shallow aquifer ground-water reserve with varying water quality.

Table 3. Water resources.

Country/territory	Sectoral withdrawals ($\times 10^6$ m ³)			Total demand ($\times 10^6$ m ³)
	Domestic	Agriculture	Industrial	
Bahrain	86	120	17	223
Iraq	3800	40 000	5600	49 400
Jordan	190	650	43	883
Kuwait	295	80	8	383
Lebanon	310	750	60	1120
Oman	81	1150	5	1236
Qatar	76	109	9	194
Saudi Arabia	1508	14 600	192	16 300
Syrian Arab Republic	650	6930	146	7726
United Arab Emirates	513	950	27	1490
West Bank and Gaza	78	140	7	225
Yemen	168	2700	31	2899
Total	7755	68 179	6145	82 079

Table 4. Water demand, 1990. Source: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

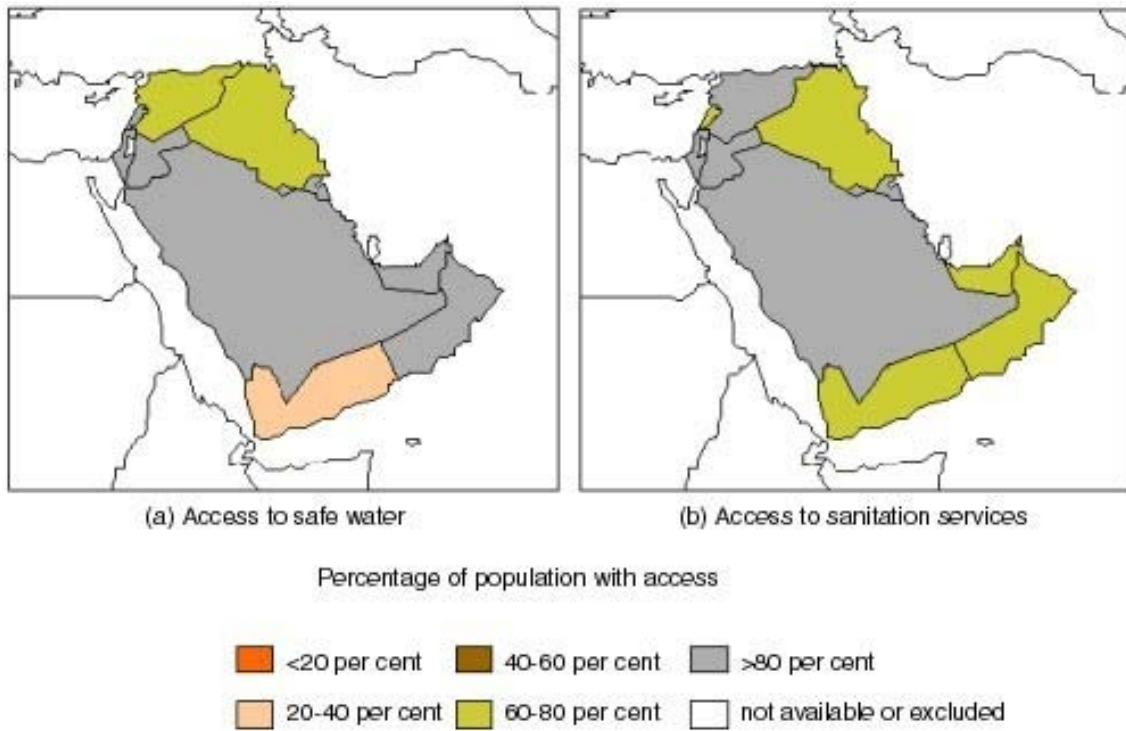


Figure 1. Water and sanitation (Source: GEO1). (a) Access to safe water. (b) Access to sanitation services.

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