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## Water use and protection against pollution in the industry

### 2024

The release comprises selected statistical data on captured and used water from the industry in 2024.

Of the total 5 231 931.0 thousands m<sup>3</sup> of captured water, there are 5 231 384.0 thousands m<sup>3</sup> of water from the own water supply system, and 547.0 thousands m<sup>3</sup> from the public water supply.

Of the total water used in the industry, there is 99.9% of water used in sector Electricity, gas and steam supply, air-conditioning, while there are 0.1% of water used in sectors Mining and Manufacturing.

Of the total industrial waste water, there are 37.8% from Manufacturing sector, and the rest 62.2% are from Mining and Electricity, gas and steam supply, and air-conditioning supply.

**Table 1.** Volume of water for industry by abstraction, 2024

	in thousands m <sup>3</sup>		
	From the own water supply system	From the public water supply system	Total
Mining	533.0	192.0	725.0
Manufacturing	2 912.0	284.0	3 196.0
Electricity, gas, steam and air-conditioning supply	5 227 939.0	71.0	5 228 010.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 231 384.0</b>	<b>547.0</b>	<b>5 231 931.0</b>

**Table 2.** Areas of activity with the highest capture, 2024

	in thousands m <sup>3</sup>		
	From the own water supply system	From the public water supply system	Total
Electricity, gas, steam and air-conditioning supply	5 227 939.0	71.0	5 228 010.0
Manufacture of basic metals and fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	644.0	12.0	656.0
Manufacture of food products, beverages and tobacco products	2 166.0	133.0	2 299.0
Mining	533.0	192.0	725.0

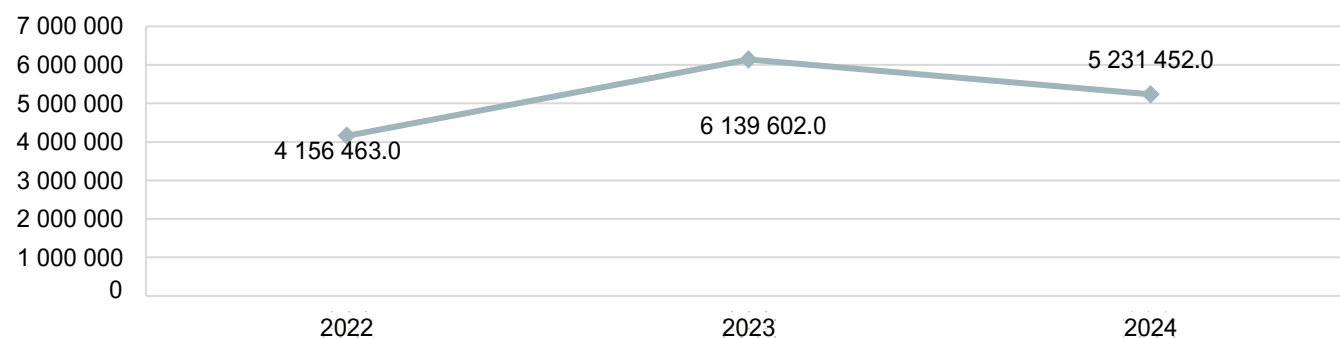
**Table 3.** Water used in industry by purpose, 2024

	in thousands m <sup>3</sup>			
	For technological process	For sanitary needs	For other purposes	Total
Mining	250.0	85.0	18.0	353.0
Manufacturing	2 779.0	195.0	168.0	3 142.0
Electricity, gas, steam and air-conditioning supply	5 227 298.0	46.0	613.0	5 227 957.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 230 327.0</b>	<b>326.0</b>	<b>799.0</b>	<b>5 231 452.0</b>

**Table 4.** Waste water from industry, 2024

	Total waste water <sup>1</sup> in thousands m <sup>3</sup>	Share of waste water by activity areas in %
Mining	199.0	9.1
Manufacturing	823.0	37.8
Electricity, gas, steam and air-conditioning supply	1 155.0	53.1
<b>Total – waste water</b>	<b>2 177.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Not included running water in hydroelectric power plants.

**Graph 1.** Use of water in industry 2022-2024 (in thousands m<sup>3</sup>)

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The report on use and protection of water against the pollution in the industry is submitted by the reporting method at the annual level.

The purpose of this survey is to collect the data on the quantities of captured, used and discharged water within the industry.

The reporting units are business entities with ten and more employees whose main activity is classified according to the Classification of Activities 2010 in sectors: Mining, Manufacturing and Electricity Supply.

Data sources are accounting and other records, and documents possessed by a reporting unit. If there are no adequate documents and records for certain data, a person with appropriate expertise performs the assessment.

**Water used** is all quantities of water supplied to reporting units, and which were used in production activity during the reporting unit.

The own water supply system is every supply of water by the side of users for their final consumption.

**Waste water** is water treated as the waste after being used, and transported to purification plants, or drained out (underground water, surface waters). Waste water quantities do not include atmospheric or running waters (used for hydroelectric power stations).

**Purified waste water** is the quantity of waste water purified during the reporting year.

**Surface water** is all water running or stagnant at the surface of Earth. It includes springs, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, etc., as well as artificially made channels for the purposes of irrigation, waterways, and similar.

**Underground water** is the water resource in underground formations.

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'Data source: Statistical Office of Montenegro - MONSTAT'

*More data and methodological notes: [Water statistics](#)*