

Ohio's 4,664 public water systems serve 11 million people daily

Ohio's Public Water Systems by Category, 2022			
Category	Ground Water	Surface Water	Total Systems
Community Serves at least 15 water service connections used by year-round residents or regularly serves at least 25 year-round residents (e.g., cities, mobile home parks, and nursing homes)	999	298	1,297
Transient noncommunity Serves at least 25 of the same persons over six months per year (e.g., schools, hospitals, businesses, and factories)	2,725	5	2,730
Nontransient noncommunity Serves at least 25 different persons over 60 days per year (e.g., campgrounds, parks, highway rest stops, restaurants, and gas stations)	609	28	637
Total	4,333	331	4,664

Source: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

- Ohio's nearly 4,700 public water systems (PWS) provide drinking water to 11 million people daily and range in size from large municipalities to small churches and restaurants relying on a single well. The number of PWS in Ohio fluctuates from year to year.
- Of the 4,664 PWS in 2022, 4,333 (93%) are sourced from ground water (wells) and the remaining 331 (7%) are sourced from surface water (lakes and rivers).
- PWS are regulated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
- Private water systems are regulated by the Ohio Department of Health and include households and small businesses that serve fewer than 25 people per day 60 days out of the year (e.g., small bed and breakfasts, small daycares, and small churches).