

Statistics for the SDGs - global indicators



Name of the indicator	6.4.2 Level of water stress freshwater withdrawal as a proportion of available freshwater resources
Sustainable Development Goal	Goal 6. Clear water and sanitation
Target	6.4 By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity
Definition	Gross abstraction as percentage of total renewable resources.
Unit	percent [%]
Available dimensions	total
Methodological explanations	The intensity of use of freshwater resources (or water stress) refers to gross abstraction of freshwater taken from ground or surfaces waters expressed in % of total available renewable freshwater resources (including water inflows from neighboring countries).
Data source	OECD
Data availability	Annual data since 2010.
Notes	
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