

Water Words Dictionary—Appendix C–5
UNITED STATES PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS—1993
Persons Served by Ground Water and Surface Water Systems[†]

Public Water System Size (Number of persons served)	Number of Public Water Systems	Number of Persons Served	Number of System Households[‡]	Average Number of Persons per System
Ground Water Systems				
25–100	16,140	934,000	311,000	59
101–500	15,950	3,906,000	1,302,000	245
501–1,000	4,980	3,651,000	1,217,000	733
1,001–3,300	5,814	10,774,000	3,591,000	1,853
3,301–10,000	2,374	13,769,000	4,590,000	5,800
10,001–25,000	914	14,482,000	4,827,000	15,845
25,001–50,000	361	12,882,000	4,294,000	35,684
50,001–75,000	99	5,954,000	1,985,000	60,141
75,001–100,000	45	3,871,000	1,290,000	86,022
100,001–500,000	81	15,382,000	5,128,000	189,901
500,001–1,000,000	7	5,079,000	1,693,000	725,571
More than 1,000,000	1	1,705,000	568,000	1,705,000
TOTAL	46,766	92,389,000	30,796,000	1,976
Surface Water Systems				
25–100	1,160	69,000	23,000	59
101–500	2,261	657,000	219,000	291
501–1,000	1,227	925,000	308,000	754
1,001–3,300	2,504	4,924,000	1,641,000	1,966
3,301–10,000	1,711	10,262,000	3,421,000	5,998
10,001–25,000	939	15,117,000	5,039,000	16,099
25,001–50,000	446	15,945,000	5,315,000	35,751
50,001–75,000	161	9,900,000	3,300,000	61,491
75,001–100,000	76	6,552,000	2,184,000	86,211
100,001–500,000	186	38,437,000	12,812,000	206,651
500,001–1,000,000	27	18,395,000	6,132,000	681,296

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More than 1,000,000	13	27,344,000	9,115,000	2,105,923
TOTAL	10,711	148,527,000	49,509,000	13,867
Total For Both Ground and Surface Water Systems	57,477	240,916,000	80,305,000	—

† Active community water systems as of August 31, 1993.

‡ Number of households equals the number of persons divided by three.

Sources: Federal Reporting Data System and Jan Auerbach, "Cost and Benefits of Current SDWA Regulations," *JOURNAL*, American Water Works Association, Volume 86, No. 2, February, 1994.