

World Water Day

An estimated 1.4 billion people live in river basin areas where water use exceeds minimum recharge levels

GLOBAL WATER STRESS

Arab region countries have highest levels of water stress, as well as major parts of Eastern China, India and the south-western U.S.

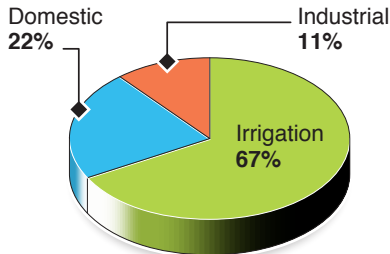


Levels of exploitation

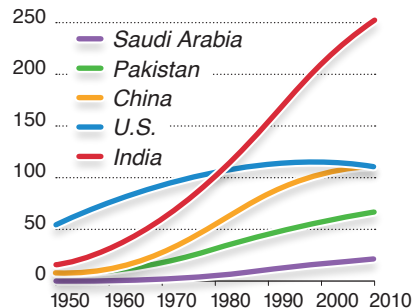


DEMAND FOR GROUNDWATER

As of 2010 world's aggregated groundwater abstraction estimated at up to 1,000 km³ per year



Trends in selected countries (km³/yr)



Sources: United Nations World Water Development Report #4 (2012), UNEP/GRID-Arendal (2008)

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