

REFERENCE

2526093

RELEASE DATE

June 2025

SUBJECT

Requesting codes used to get aggregated data relating to water abstraction and associated charges for industrial and commercial users in the SES area, broken down by category and year.

RESPONSE

Please see the attached tables at Annex A for our non-domestic billed water by volume in cubic metres (m³) by SIC (standard industrial classification) code from 2020 to the time of your request.

NI Water does not have any commercial retail or wholesale customers who abstract directly and are billed for that by NI Water. NI Water abstracts water for treatment by NI Water only, which may be different from how non-government water companies in the rest of the UK operate.

If you need to know more information about water abstraction licensing, the link to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) website may be of interest. NI Water does not hold records about water abstraction as it relates to specific industry codes.

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/abstraction-and-impoundment-licensing-requirements>

Annex A

Billed Water Volume M³:

SIC Description	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
0 Agriculture/Forestry & Fishing	8,694,000	9,543,000	9,708,000	9,844,000	9,923,000
1 Energy & Water Supply	1,128,000	1,128,000	1,149,000	1,041,000	562,000
2 Extraction of Minerals & Ores	963,000	880,000	847,000	853,000	911,000
3 Metal Goods & Engineering	709,000	719,000	704,000	639,000	614,000
4 Other Manufacturing Industry	6,581,000	7,156,000	7,089,000	7,481,000	7,843,000
5 Construction	71,000	95,000	82,000	92,000	99,000
6 Distribution/Hotel/Catering	2,470,000	2,974,000	3,619,000	3,622,000	3,455,000
7 Transport & Communication	440,000	385,000	567,000	558,000	559,000
8 Banking/Finance/Insurance	239,000	316,000	449,000	500,000	535,000
9 Other Services	6,475,000	6,925,000	7,848,000	8,050,000	7,875,000
Standard VAT Rate	1,190,000	1,572,000	1,893,000	1,973,000	2,132,000
Grand Total	28,960,000	31,693,000	33,955,000	34,653,000	34,508,000

Billed Income:

SIC Description	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
0 Agriculture/Forestry & Fishing	£12,433,000	£13,765,000	£14,344,000	£16,077,000	£17,176,000
1 Energy & Water Supply	£1,374,000	£1,404,000	£1,391,000	£1,483,000	£979,000
2 Extraction of Minerals & Ores	£2,618,000	£2,443,000	£2,560,000	£2,687,000	£3,071,000
3 Metal Goods & Engineering	£1,420,000	£1,730,000	£1,650,000	£1,666,000	£1,784,000
4 Other Manufacturing Industry	£14,528,000	£15,672,000	£16,665,000	£20,843,000	£22,171,000
5 Construction	£356,000	£354,000	£325,000	£500,000	£456,000
6 Distribution/Hotel/Catering	£9,259,000	£11,077,000	£12,058,000	£15,858,000	£15,085,000
7 Transport & Communication	£1,193,000	£1,083,000	£1,446,000	£1,739,000	£1,816,000
8 Banking/Finance/Insurance	£1,535,000	£1,903,000	£1,889,000	£3,087,000	£2,919,000
9 Other Services	£22,499,000	£24,237,000	£27,194,000	£32,782,000	£33,036,000
Standard VAT Rate	£3,248,000	£4,201,000	£4,920,000	£6,529,000	£7,440,000
Grand Total	£70,463,000	£77,869,000	£84,442,000	£103,251,000	£105,933,000