**4. Environmental quality of life**

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***4.2. Wastewater discharge into surface water bodies by degree of treatment***

* *Wastewater discharge into surface water bodies by degree of treatment (with / without exceeding the standards for the permissible discharges of chemical and other substances both after and without treatment at wastewater treatment plants).*

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| Name of indicator | **Wastewater discharge into surface water bodies by degree of treatment (with / without exceeding the standards for the permissible discharges of chemical and other substances both after and without treatment at wastewater treatment plants).** |
| Producer | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection |
| Data sources | State statistical survey form *1-вода (Минприроды)* «Отчет  об использовании вод» (Report on water use) |
| Definition/ calculation procedure | Wastewater discharge into surface water bodies is determined as the volume of wastewater discharge into natural or artificial reservoirs, watercourses, permanent or temporary concentration of water, which has certain boundaries and signs of a hydrological regime.  Wastewater discharge is water discharged from residential, public and industrial buildings and structures after their use in economic and other activities, as well as water formed during precipitation, snow melting, watering and washing road surfaces (watering works) in the territory of settlements , industrial facilities, construction sites and other facilities and discharged into the environment, including through the sewerage.  Wastewater discharge without exceeding the standards for the permissible discharges of chemical and other substances includes the volume of wastewater discharged into surface water bodies according to standards the content of pollutants in which does not exceed the standards for the permissible discharges of chemical and other substances in the wastewater established in permits for special water use or integrated environmental permits both after and without treatment at wastewater treatment plants;  Wastewater discharge with exceeding the standards for the permissible discharges of chemical and other substances includes the volume of wastewater discharged into surface water bodies with violation, including as a result of accidents (incidents), or the content of pollutants in which exceeds the standards for the permissible discharges of chemical and other substances in the wastewater established in permits for special water use or integrated environmental permits both after and without treatment at wastewater treatment plants. |
| Units | Million cubic metres |
| Disaggregation | Republic; regions (Minsk city) by degree of treatment: with / without exceeding the standards for the permissible discharges of chemical and other substances both after and without treatment at wastewater treatment plants |
| Supplementary information | Wastewater discharge into surface water bodies is given on the Belstat website within the framework of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS, C16 indicator, since 2005):  <https://www.belstat.gov.by/en/ofitsialnaya-statistika/macroeconomy-and-environment/okruzhayuschaya-sreda/the-shared-environmental-information-system/c-water-resources/s_polluted-non-treated-wastewaters/> |