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**Urban wastewater, 2017**

**More discharged and treated wastewater**

Total quantity of wastewater in 2017 increased by 4.0%, relative to the referent period 2016, of which the amount of wastewater discharged into wastewater collecting system increased by 3.8% relative to 2016. The amount of wastewater discharged into septic tanks increased by 4.5% compared to 2016.

Regarding wastewater discharge into public sewerage system in 2017, compared to 2016, households discharged by 3.3% more wastewater, wastewater discharged from the industrial sector[[1]](#footnote-1) noted the decrease of 4.5%, while other users[[2]](#footnote-2) discharged by 14.1% more wastewater.

In 2017, treated wastewater increased by 4.4% compared to 2016 and the most frequently applied method was secondary treatment.

**More kilometres of wastewater collecting system**

Wastewater collecting system in 2017 is by 3.4% longer relative to 2016, while the number of new connections to the system increased by 1.0% compared to 2016.

**Graph 1 Wastewater discharged in the wastewater system in the Republic of Serbia, by origin, mill m3**

1. **Wastewater discharged into wastewater collecting system**

 mill. m3

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|  | 2016 | 2017 |
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| Wastewater – total  | 283 | 294 |
| Treated wastewater  | 47 | 49  |
|  Primary treatment | 5 | 5 |
|  Secondary treatment | 33 | 35 |
|  Tertiary treatment  | 9 | 9 |
|  Untreated wastewater  | 236 | 245 |

Methodological explanations on wastewater discharged from settlements can be found on the website of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia: <http://www.stat.gov.rs/sr-latn/istrazivanja/methodology-and-documents/?a=25&s=2501>.

Data series on wastewater discharged from settlements from the reference year 2007 are available within the SORS database: <http://data.stat.gov.rs/?caller=2501&languageCode=sr-Latn>, and as a part of the SORS publications: <http://www.stat.gov.rs/sr-latn/oblasti/zivotna-sredina/>.

Starting from 1999 the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has not at disposal and may not provide available certain data relative to AP Kosovo and Metohija and therefore these data are not included in the coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total).

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1. Discharged quantities of wastewater from industrial sector include the following CA sectors: Mining and quarrying, Manufacturing, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Discharged quantities of wastewater from other users encompass the following CA sectors: Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Construction and Other service activities. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)