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**Drinking water supply, 2017**

**More drinking water abstracted and distributed relative to the previous year**

In 2017, for the purpose of drinking water supply, quantity of abstracted water amounted to 659 million m3, which represents 4.0% more water compared to the same period in 2016. From the total volume of water, 59.3% related to underground and spring water, 31.9% was from watercourses, and 8.8% was the water from lakes and accumulations.

The total water distributed to customers amounted to 425 million m3, which is by 4.2% more water than the amount distributed in 2016.

Water distributed to households amounted to 317 million m3 and it is 74.5% of total distributed water. 44 million m3 were distributed to industrial sector (10.4%), and amount of water distributed to other users was 64 million m3 (15.1).

Relative to the previous year, 3.2% more water was distributed to households, 4.2% less water was distributed to industrial sector and 16.8% more water was distributed to other users.

Share of water losses in total water abstraction insignificantly decreased in 2017 compared to the referent value in 2016.

**More kilometres of water supply network**

Length of water supply network in 2017 amounted to 43 514 km, presenting the increase of 4.6% relative to the previous year.

Number of new users connected to water supply network increased by 0.7% if compared with 2016.

**Graph 1 – Abstracted water by source, Republic of Serbia, 2017**

**1. Water distributed to users, 2017**

 mill. m3

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|  | Total | Households | Industrial sector1) | Other users2) |
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| **REPUBLIC OF SERBIA** | **425** | **317** | **44** | **64** |
| Beogradski region | 141 | 102 | 23 | 16 |
| Region Vojvodine | 110 | 89 | 3 | 18 |
| Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije | 97 | 70 | 9 | 18 |
| Region Južne i Istočne Srbije | 77 | 56 | 9 | 12 |
| Region Kosovo i Metohija | ... | ... | ... | ... |

1) Water quantities distributed to industrial sector comprise the reporting units from the following sections: Мining and quarrying; Мanufacturing; Еlectricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply.

2) Water quantities distributed to other users comprise the reporting units from the following sections: Аgriculture, forestry and fishing; Construction and services activities.

Methodological explanations on drinking water supply can be found on SORS website: <http://www.stat.gov.rs/sr-latn/istrazivanja/methodology-and-documents/?a=25&s=2501>.

Data series on drinking water supply from the reference year 2007 are available within SORS database: <http://data.stat.gov.rs/?caller=2501&languageCode=sr-Latn>, as well as in 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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