

Water consumption



In our industry, the majority of the water footprint relates to the manufacturing of electronic components, rather than from the day-to-day operational delivery of telecommunications services.

Bell acknowledges that the availability of water is a growing concern in many communities around the world and that many of our suppliers face water stress, which could in turn affect the availability of electronics components.

Bell's direct activities have only a minor impact on water resources, as we mainly use water for drinking and sanitary functions, cleaning our fleet vehicles, and to cool buildings and server rooms. This does not prevent us to implement programs and practices to minimize our water consumption.

In 2020, we replaced or refurbished cooling towers at six buildings, contributing to more efficient water use at those sites. Water reduction in our administrative offices may be attributed to the fact that the majority of our employees worked from home most of 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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WATER CONSUMPTION BY TYPE (in m³)

	TREND	2020	2019	2018
Office	↓	383,247	442,617	509,080
Operations	↑	935,170	925,170	1,076,099
TOTAL	↓	1,318,417	1,367,787	1,585,179

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