

# Water consumption



In our industry, the majority of the water usage relates to the manufacturing of electronic components, rather than the day-to-day operational delivery of telecommunication 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 can affect the availability of electronic components.

Bell's direct activities only have a minor impact on water resources, as we mainly use water for drinking and sanitary purposes, vehicle cleaning and cooling buildings and server rooms. This does not prevent us from implementing programs and practices to minimize our water consumption.

Our water consumption reporting is based on a methodology that includes three sources of data: i) water meters, ii) estimation based on water-use intensity ratios and iii) utility bills; along with six site categorizations by primary water consumption type and intensity (e.g., equipment cooling, kitchen and domestic use). Together these three data sources and site characterizations permit us to calculate the volume of water our operations consume each year.

In 2021, we installed water-conserving faucet controllers and washroom features in a dozen key buildings and replaced or refurbished cooling towers at six other buildings, contributing to more efficient water use at those sites. Water usage reduction in our administrative offices during this time may be partly attributed to the majority of our office employees working from home (for most of the year) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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	TREND	2021	2020	2019
Office	^	378,417	383,247	442,617
Operations	^	805,883	935,170	925,170
<b>TOTAL</b>	^	<b>1,184,300</b>	1,318,417	1,367,787

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