



Texas Fact Sheet

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Water Systems Council's wellcare® program is the only federally-supported program protecting groundwater resources and the drinking water supply for more than 15 million households – or 43 million-plus Americans – dependent on private household water wells for their drinking water.

Water Systems Council Members' in Texas:

AUSTIN PUMP & SUPPLY COMPANY

Austin, Corpus Christi, Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, TX

GICON PUMPS & EQUIPMENT, LTD.

Abernathy, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Lubbock, Odessa, TX

GRUNDFOS PUMPS CORPORATION

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Conroe, TX

PREFERRED PUMP & EQUIPMENT, L.P.

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WHOLESALE PUMP & SUPPLY INC.

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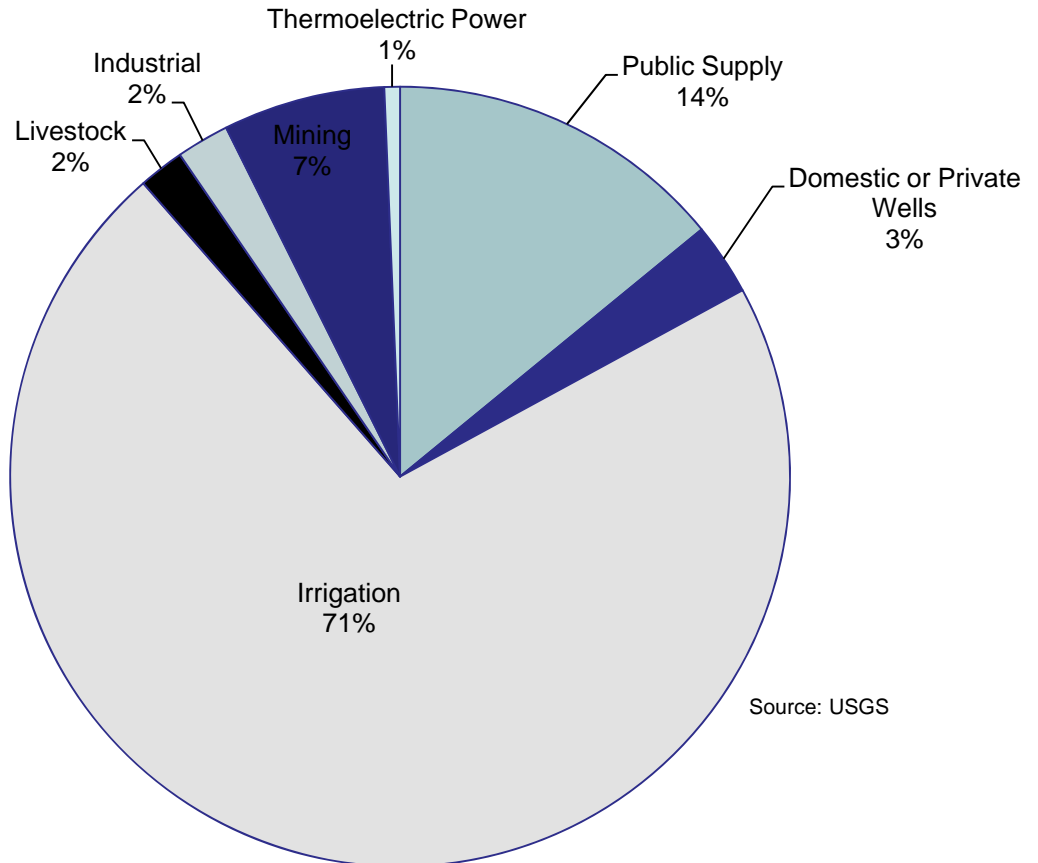
We are also proud to have the Texas Ground Water Association as a WSC member.

More than **55%** of the population in Texas depends on groundwater for its drinking water supply.

Individual, domestic wells are cost-effective, dependable safe drinking water systems for **1,983,506** people or at least **566,716 households in Texas**. Domestic wells account for **3% of the total groundwater use** in the state.

Texas is ranked #8 in the nation for the number of households on private wells.

Texas Groundwater Use



Source: USGS



Water Systems Council (WSC) is the only national, nonprofit organization with programs solely focused on wells. WSC provides important information, technical assistance, training and educational activities to ensure safe drinking water for the **43 million-plus Americans who rely on private wells and the millions more who are served by small, shared wells.**

Feedback from well owners and others in your state on WSC's wellcare® services:

"I sure do appreciate your courteous and prompt call back."
David, Well Owner from Kemp, TX

"Thanks for talking me through this."
Cheryl, Well Owner from Whitney, TX

"I thank you very much. Have a great day!"
J.D., Well Owner from Shelbyville, TX

"Thank you very much!"
Linda, Well Owner from Mansfield, TX



Texas is 1st among the 27 states experiencing history-making drought. And, is in the top 4 states for the groundwater usage. The wellcare® Hotline staff answer questions about these and other issues for well owners and others in Texas. The wellcare® Hotline also provides practical information for well owners.

Texas is #7 of all states for the greatest number of callers to the wellcare® Hotline.



WSC's wellcare® Well Owners Network includes a database of more than 30,000 well owners nationwide. Texas is among the top 10 states for members of the wellcare® Well Owners Network.

GROUNDWATER FACTS

Nearly 46% of the US population relies on groundwater as its primary water supply

Groundwater supplies nearly 25% of all fresh water used in the US

There is almost 30 times more water stored in aquifers than in all the lakes and rivers combined in the US

The economic value of groundwater in the US is \$22 billion annually

Source: GWPC

To refer well owners in your state to WSC, to request programs for your constituents, or to get information on all of the services WSC provides well owners, contact Kathleen Stanley, WSC Executive Director, at 202-625-4387.



Children's Water Festivals

Each year, WSC works with state and local organizations to host **Children's Water Festivals** for 4th & 5th graders. Tens of thousands of students, teachers and others have had fun while learning valuable information about the importance of water!



Contact us for more information on festivals or to ask WSC to help you plan a festival in **Texas.**