
Water Quality & Drinking Water Trends in Utah

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Water Divisions

DEQ has four Divisions that manage water quality across the state.



**DRINKING
WATER**



**WASTE MANAGEMENT
& RADIATION CONTROL**



**WATER
QUALITY**



**ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE
& REMEDIATION**

Drinking Water Challenges

1

Ongoing drought
and extreme
weather
conditions

2

Rapid population
growth and
increased need
for infrastructure

3

Aging
infrastructure
past its useful
life

Drinking Water

Opportunities



97% public served by in-compliance system

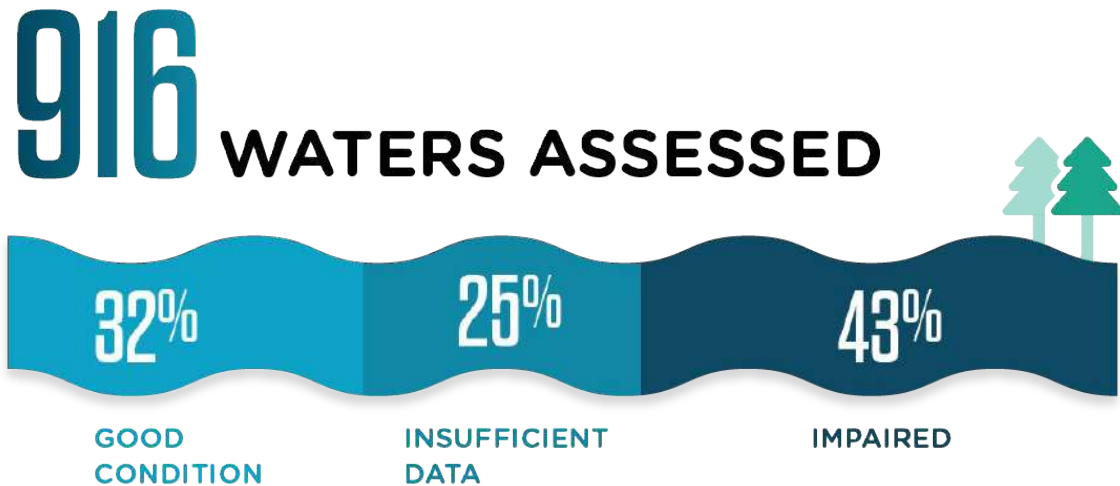


Historic investments and recognition of need to conserve and protect



New initiatives and programs for better and more resilient drinking water

Nearly half of Utah's waters do not support their beneficial uses.



UTAH'S IMPAIRED WATERS INCLUDE:

57 drinking water sources

18/24 blue ribbon fishery lakes

Waters in
3 National Parks &
8+ State Parks

3,000+ stream miles
impaired for agricultural
uses

Water Quality Challenges

1

More people
requires more
wastewater
treatment

2

Drought and
extreme weather
reduce water
quality

3

Aging
infrastructure is
less effective

Water Quality

Opportunities



Greater public awareness of the need to protect and improve



Greater innovation for long term improvements



Historic investments in water quality projects

Questions?



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