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**PUBLIC UTILITIES OF LOCAL INTEREST IN 2014**

**WATER SUPPLY**

On 31.XII.2014, the simple length of the distribution network of drinking water was of 74263.2 km, 2749.5 km longer per total country compared to that at the end of 2013.

**The simple length of the distribution network of drinking water**

	UM	Year 2013	Year 2014	Year 2014 compared to year 2013 %
<b>The simple length of the distribution network of drinking water at the end of the year - total</b>	<b>km</b>	<b>71513.7</b>	<b>74263.2</b>	<b>103.8</b>
of which:				
- municipalities and towns	km	27828.7	28321.9	101.8
<b>Drinking water distributed - total</b>	<b>Thousands mc</b>	<b>1014181</b>	<b>995491</b>	<b>98.2</b>
of which:				
- for household use	Thousands mc	690030	684451	99.2

At the end of 2014, the quantity of drinking water, distributed to the consumers all over the country, amounted to 995491 thousand mc, 18690 thousand mc less compared to 2013. Out of this quantity, the drinking water for the household use amounted to 684451 thousand mc, which is 68.8% of the total.

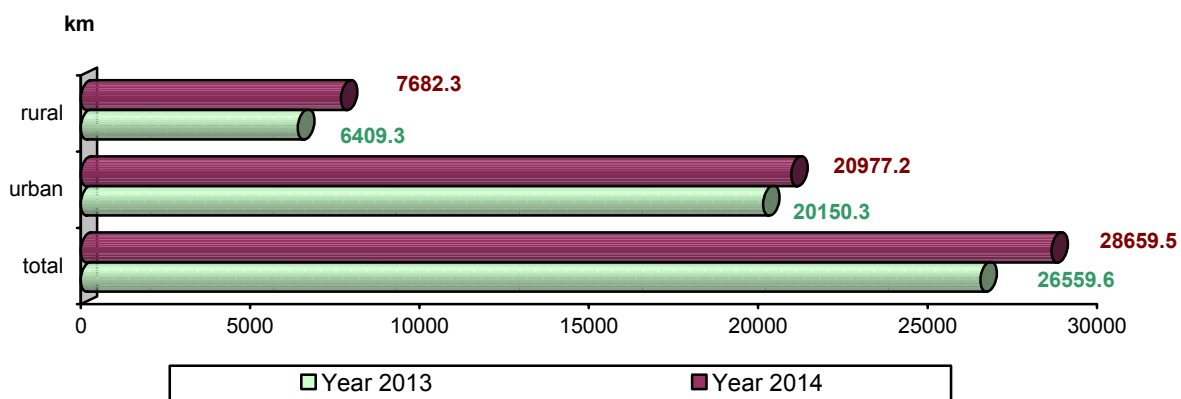
The weight of the drinking water, distributed to consumers that own water meters, is 90.7%, of the total, the rest of the drinking water distributed being registered as flat fee.

**SEWAGE NETWORK**

In 2014, the disposal of waste water from households and from social and economic units, as well as its treatment in purification plants, was done in 311 municipalities and towns and 760

communes. At the end of 2014, the total length of the sewage network of Romania was of 28659.5 km, out of which 20977.2 km in municipalities and towns.

### The length of sewage pipes by residence areas



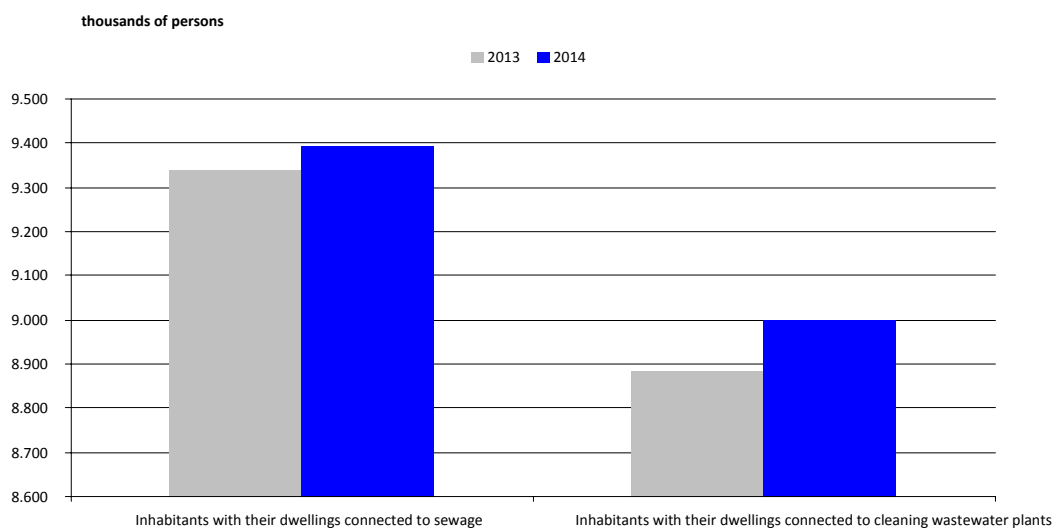
Compared to the previous year, in 2014, the length of the sewage network broadened by 2099.9 km (by 826.9 km in urban and by 1273.0 km in rural, respectively).

### The inhabitants with their dwellings connected to sewage and cleaning waste water plants in 2014

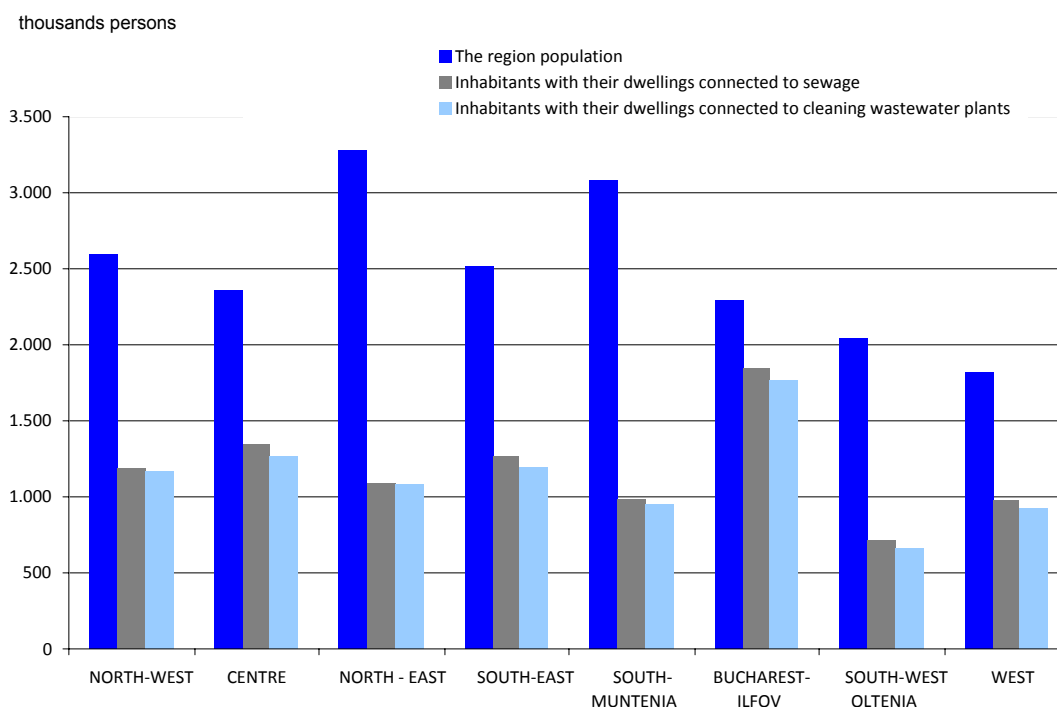
In 2014, a number of 9,391,503 inhabitants had their dwellings connected to sewage, which is 47.1% of Romania's population.

As to the treatment of waste water, the population with their dwellings connected to sewage provided with purification plants, amounted to 8,998,262 persons, representing 45.1% of the country population.

### Inhabitants with their dwellings connected to sewerage and cleaning waste water plants



## Inhabitants with their dwellings connected to sewage and cleaning waste water plants, by developing regions, in 2014



**Note:** Data are provisional till the issue of the publication “Distribution and wastewater discharge” on December 8, 2015.

**Data source:** AS-AU-POP Statistical Survey – Inhabitants with their dwellings connected to sewage.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL GAS

At the end of 2014, the total length of the pipes for distribution of natural gas was 37890.3 km, out of which 21582.2 km in municipalities and towns.

During 2014, the natural gas was distributed to 906 localities, out of which 245 municipalities and towns.

In 2014, compared to the previous year, the length of the pipes for the distribution of the natural gas broadened by 579.1 km, out of which by 262.9 km in municipalities and towns.

The volume of natural gas distributed at the end of 2014 amounted to 8154.5 million mc, 477.6 million mc less compared to the previous year. Out of the total natural gas distributed in 2014, 2690.6 million mc were for the household use, representing 33.0% of the total natural gas distributed.

## The length of the pipes and the amount of natural gas distributed in 2014

	Total	of which: municipalities and towns
<b>The length of the pipes for the natural gas distribution -km -</b>	<b>37890.3</b>	<b>21582.2</b>
<b>The amount of natural gas distributed – millions of mc -</b>	<b>8154.5</b>	<b>7462.4</b>
of which:		
- for household use	2690.6	2311.4

From the total amount of gas distributed, 91.5% was used in urban.

### **THE DISTRIBUTION OF THERMAL ENERGY**

In 2014, the thermal energy distributed was of 9845167 Gcal, (858332 Gcal less compared to 2013), out of which 7796483 Gcal for the population (694459 Gcal less compared to 2013).

It was distributed in 88 localities in Romania, out of which 75 were municipalities and towns. Compared to 2013, there was no thermal energy distribution to the following towns: Brăila, Buziaș, Caracal, Curtea de Argeș, Făget, Huși, Onești, Sânnicolau Mare, Târgoviște, Toplița și Târgu Mureș.

### **URBAN GREEN SPACES**

In the municipalities and towns, the surface of the green spaces, such as parks, public gardens, playing grounds for children and sport fields within sport clubs, was 24116 ha at the end of 2014. At the end of 2014, the surface within the built-up areas was 455566 ha, 5740 ha more compared to 2013.

#### The surface within the built-up areas, the surface of the green spaces

	Year 2013	Year 2014	Year 2014 compared to year 2013	
			(±)	(%)
The surface within the built-up areas of the town (ha)	449826	455566	+5740	101.3
The surface of the green spaces (ha)	23719	24116	+397	101.7

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

1. **The Data source** is the following annual surveys:

**A.C.** „*The supply with water, sewage, sanitation and thermal energy distribution*” – questionnaire filled in by units with public utility activities of local interest, by the public domain directorates, by the municipal, town and communal City Halls.

**G.N.** „*The distribution of natural gas*” – questionnaire filled in by the commercial companies which have the object of activity the sale of natural gas to the household and industrial consumers.

**AS-AU-POP** – The inhabitants with their dwellings connected to sewage

2. **The surveys are exhaustive** and apply to the local public administration institutions (prefectures and local councils), to public companies and commercial companies with public utility activities of local interest, about 3700 in number.

For more information, kindly see the online statistical data base TEMPO, [www.insse.ro](http://www.insse.ro) and the statistical publications: (for the period 1990-2013, information are already available and for 2014 they will be available in October 2015) “The public utility activities of local interest”, date of issue July 30, 2015 and “Water Supply and Sewage Disposal”, date of issue December 8, 2015.

**The next press release** will be issued in July 2016.