

# Per-Capita Bottled Water Consumption by Top Countries, 1999-2010 (Liters per Person per Year)

## Description

Per-capita bottled water consumption is reported by the top 20 consuming countries for the years from 1997 to 2010, with data gaps. Data through 2007 and for 2010 come from the Beverage Marketing Corporation (BMC). Units are in liters per person per year. The greatest per-capita consumption occurs in the United Arab Emirates, Mexico, and Italy—all at over 200 liters per person per year. Data from 2009 for a subset of European Union (EU) countries are also provided, courtesy of the European Federation of Bottled Waters and Canadean, as noted below. These data often agree, but sometimes disagree substantially, with the BMC data. Care should be taken in comparing them.

## Limitations

Data earlier than 1997 are not currently or consistently available. No distinction among types of bottled water is provided, and such definitions may vary from country to country. As noted above, data through 2007 and for 2010 are provided by the BMC; the 2009 data for EU countries come from Canadean, through the European Federation of Bottled Waters. These two data sets are similar but have some notable differences, such as for Belgium, France, and Germany.

## SOURCE

Data provided by the BMC are used with permission. Canadean data come from <http://efbw.eu/bwf.php?classement=07>.

**DATA TABLE 19** Per-Capita Bottled Water Consumption by Top Countries, 1999–2010 (liters per person per year)

Countries	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 (BMC)	2007 (BMC)	2009 (Canadean)	2010 (BMC)
Mexico	117	124	130	143	157	169	179	205		243
Italy	155	160	164	167	179	184	191	202	189	187
United Arab Emirates	110	114	119	133	145	164	181	260		153
Belgium- Luxembourg	122	118	118	124	133	148	160	150	120	148
Germany	101	102	103	105	121	125	128	126	165	134
France	118	126	131	141	148	142	139	136	112	132
Spain	102	105	109	112	127	137	146	120	124	124
Lebanon	68	77	85	94	96	102	107	111		121
Thailand	67	70	73	76	77	77	77	89		114
Hungary	30	39	46	51	62	66	70	108	109	111
Switzerland	90	90	90	92	96	100	104	107		108
United States	64	67	74	82	85	91	99	111		107
Slovenia	48	56	64	71	78	80	81	95	56	107
Croatia	42	47	52	56	62	69	78	92		101
Cyprus	67	72	76	81	86	92	98	91		98
Qatar							81			95
Saudi Arabia	76	80	85	90	88	88	93	91		95
China/ Hong Kong							69			95
Czech Republic	62	68	74	80	84	87	90	93	77	92
Austria	75	75	78	79	86	82	81	95	95	91
Israel	23	29	38	47	56	61		88		
Portugal	70	72	73	76	78	80	83	85		

Source: <http://efbw.eu/bwf.php?classement=07> (European Federation of Bottled Waters) and the Beverage Marketing Corporation.