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# **The Impact of Water Conservation and Reuse Codes, Standards, Regulations and Programs on Present and Future Water Supply and Cost in Texas**



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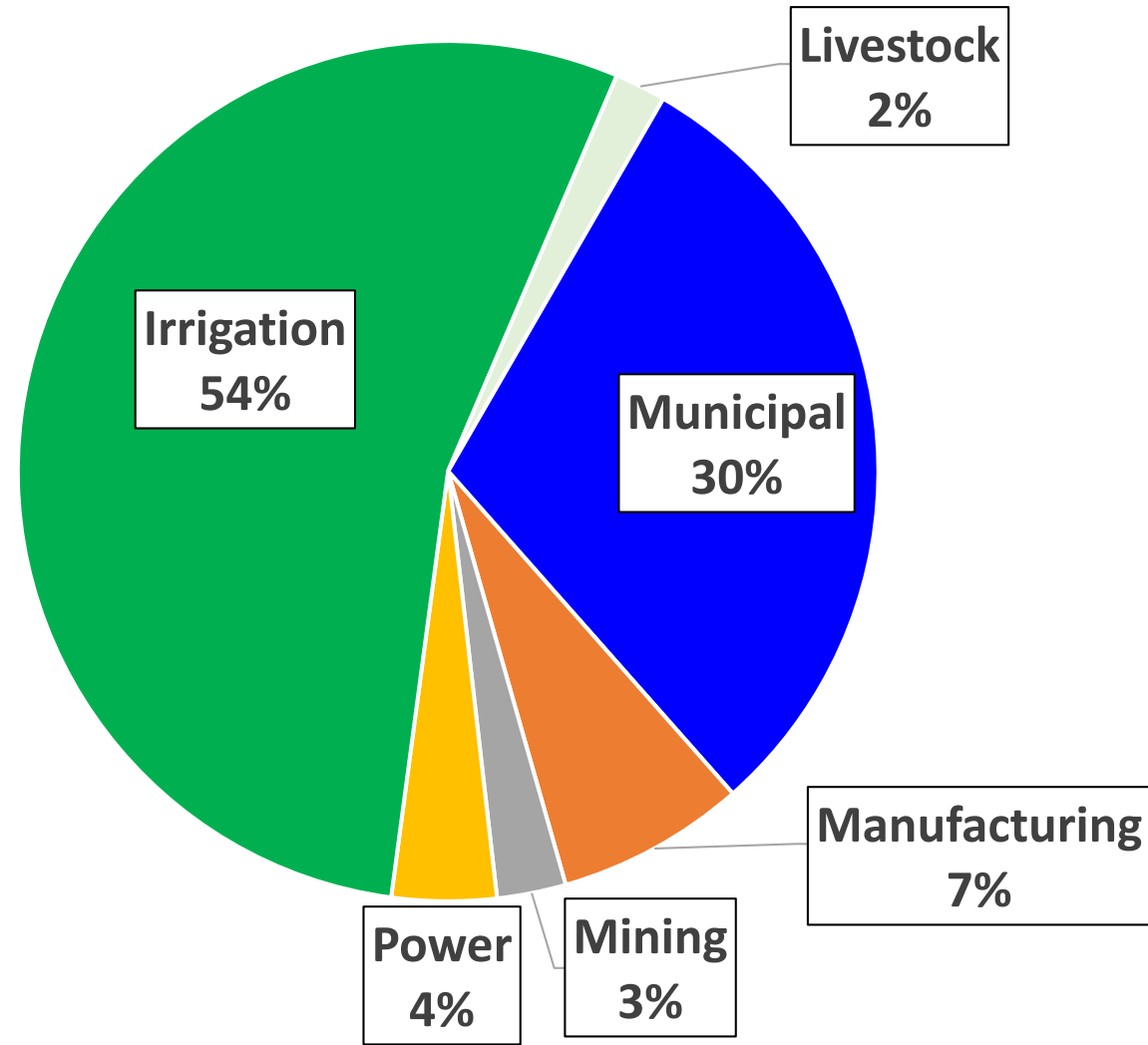
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# **A brief look at recent Texas water use**

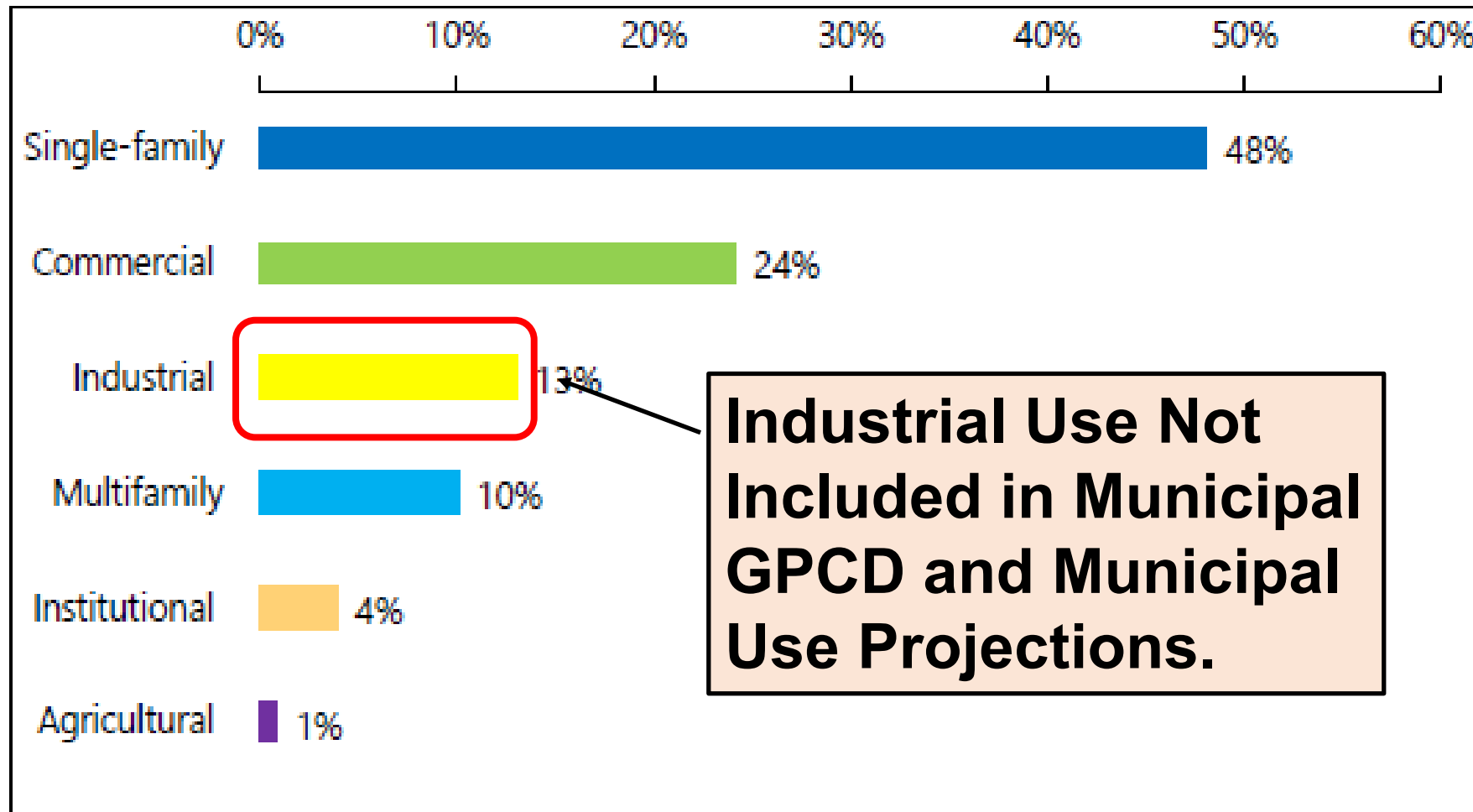
# How Texas Currently Uses Water



Municipal includes residential, multifamily, commercial, institutional use as well as leak loss.

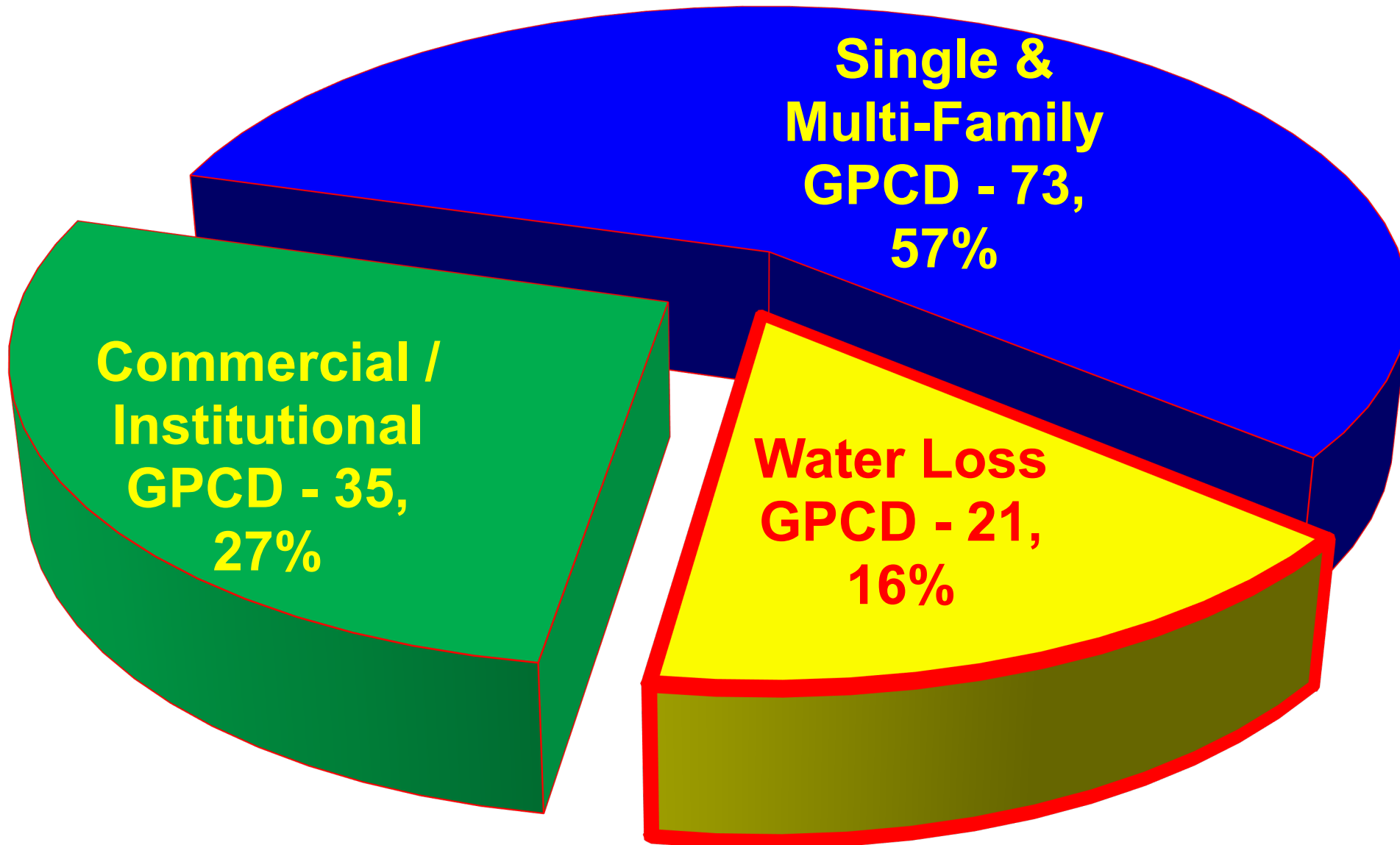
# Municipal Sales of Water by User Type in Texas in 2019

Figure 4 – Sector-based water use, 2019



Note: Sectors are shown as a percentage of total metered water by volume.

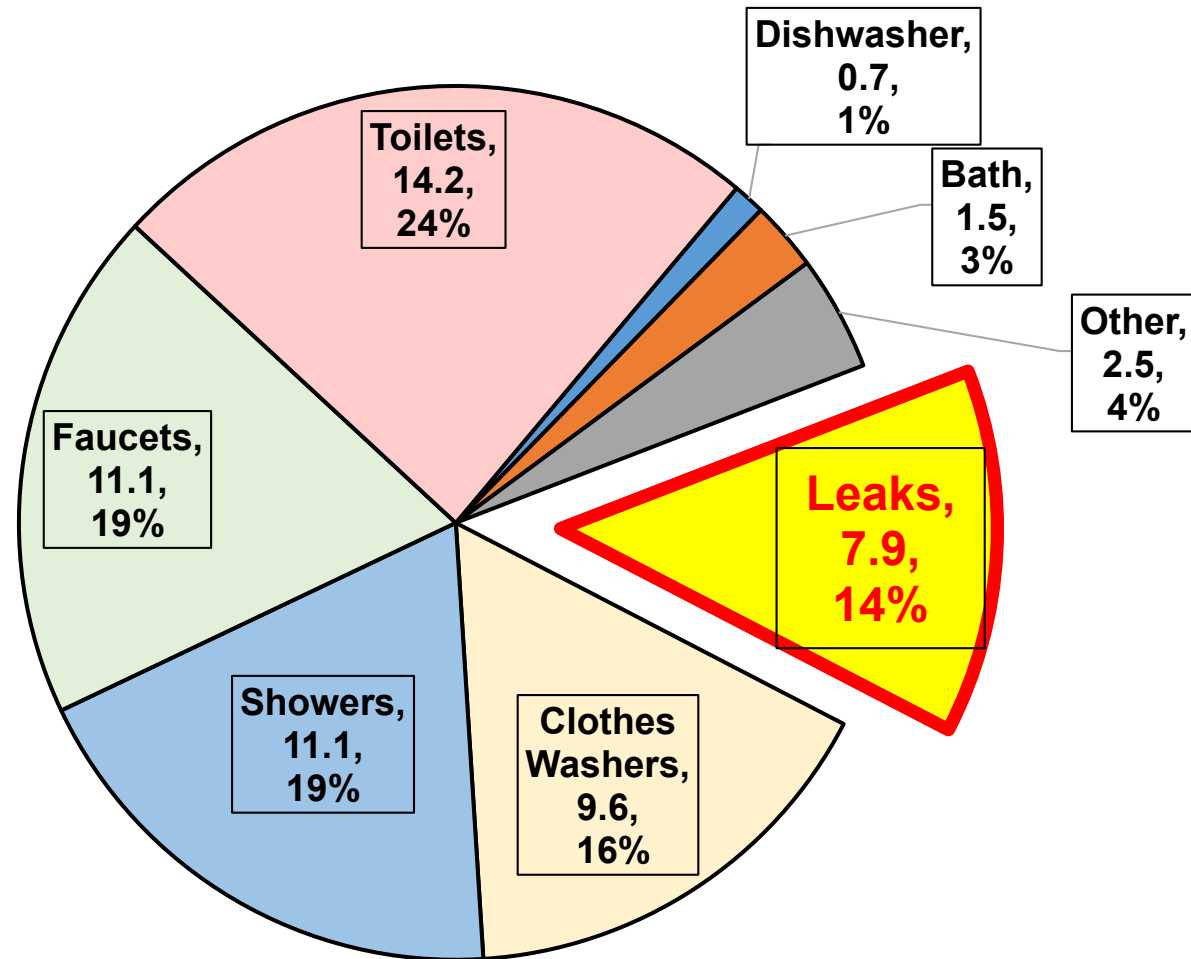
# Municipal Water Use in Texas Now



# Indoor Single Family Water Use WRF 2016 Residential End Use Study

*Values in GPCD and Percent of Total Use*

**Total Per Capita (GPCD) use from study = 58.6 GPCD**

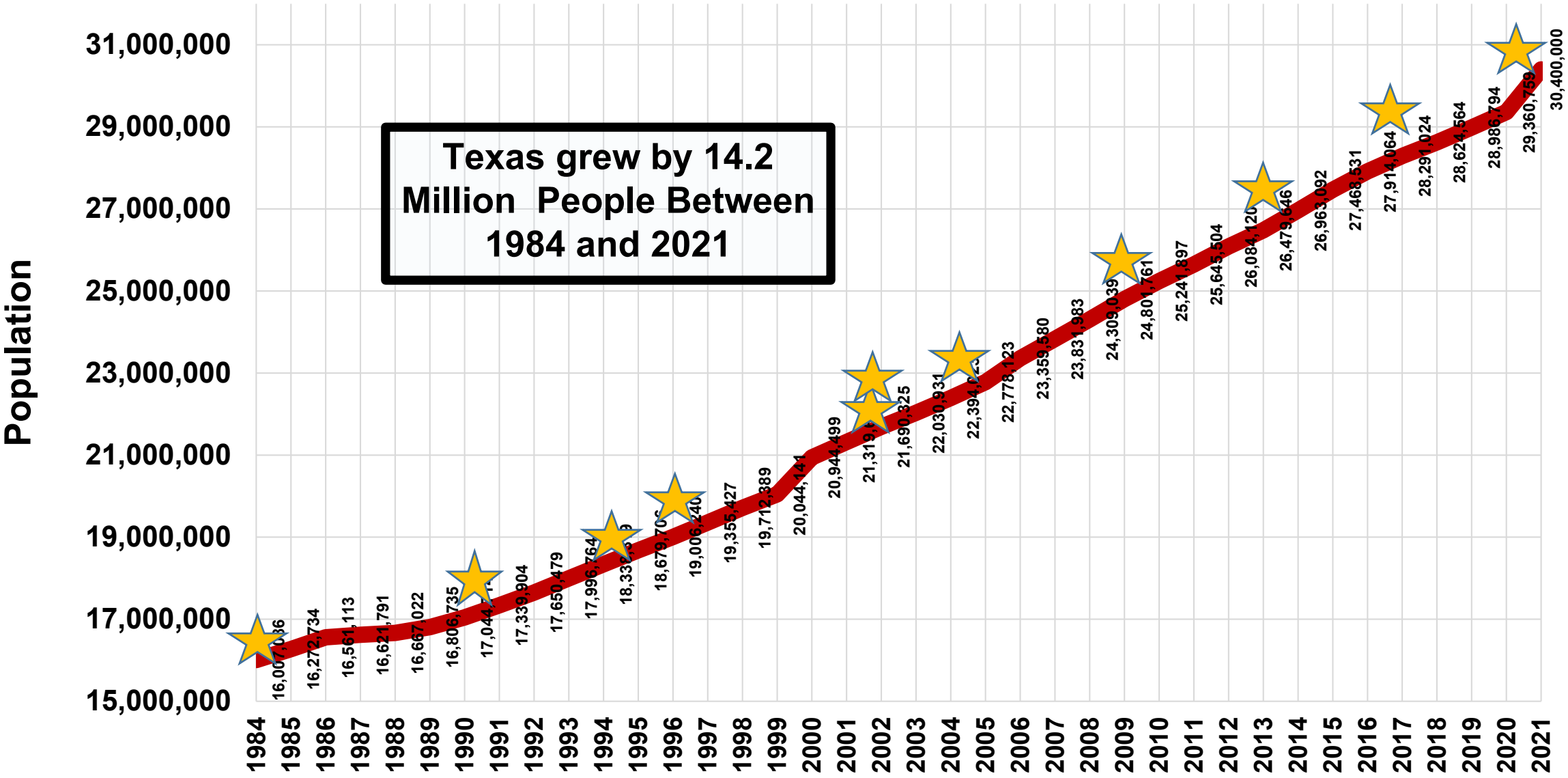


- **Texas Now Requires Annual Municipal Water Loss Audits.**
- **Most of the Future Capital Cost Projected for Municipal Conservation is Directed to Fixing Leaking Infrastructure and AMI Metering to Control Loss.**
- **Most of the Capital Costs Projected for Agricultural Conservation are directed at Controlling Water Loss.**



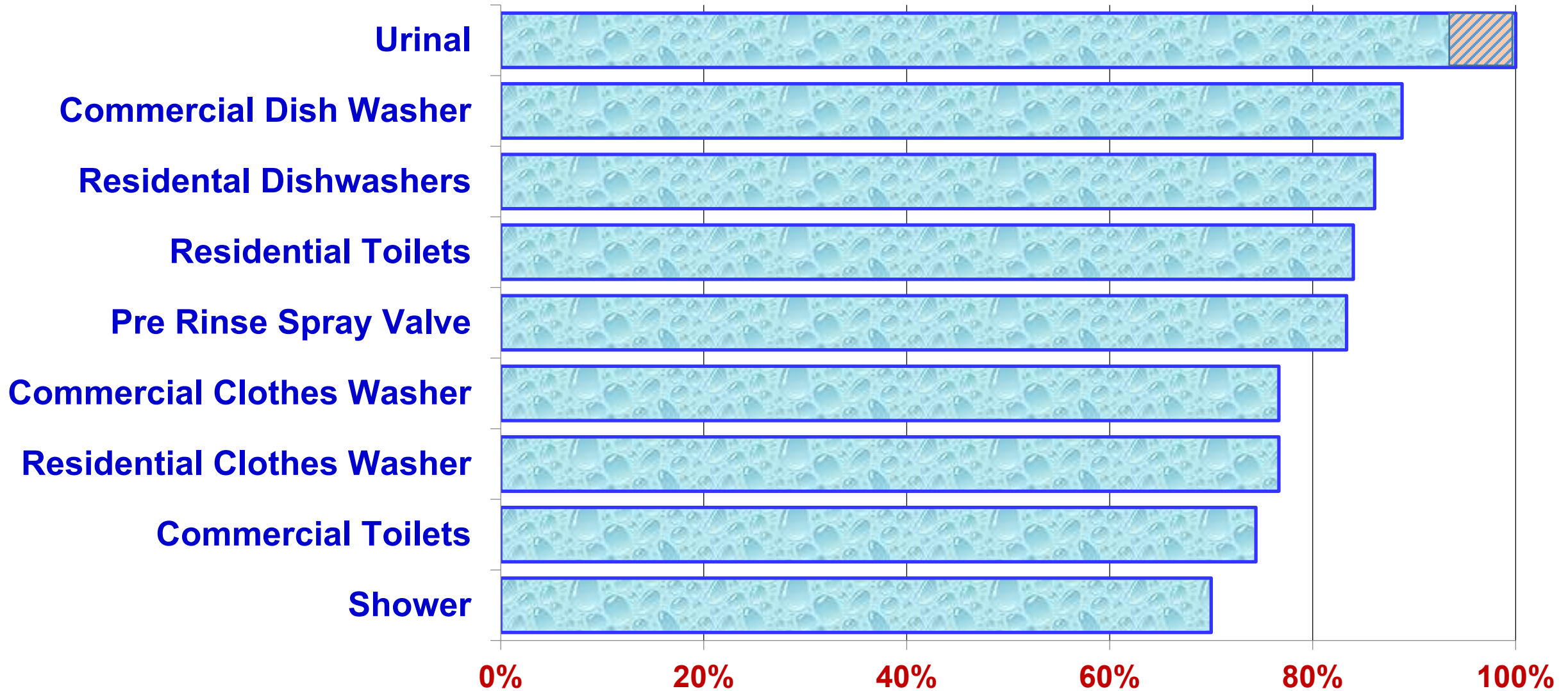
# **Where Conservation has Taken Texas**

# Texas Population - 1984 to 2021



# Potential Reduction in Water Use 1984 to Now

*After John Koeller & Bill Hoffman*



Percent Reduction in Use for **Best in Class**

# Change in Municipal Use since 1984

**1984**

- 1984 Population = 16.0 Million
- 1984 Per Capita Use = 171 GPCD

**2022**

- 2022 Population = 30.4 Million
- **Five Year Average** (2015-2019) **Per Capita Use = 131 GPCD for utilities with conservation programs** (pop. over 3,300 plus financial assistance, and water rights) (the rest about 136 gpcd)

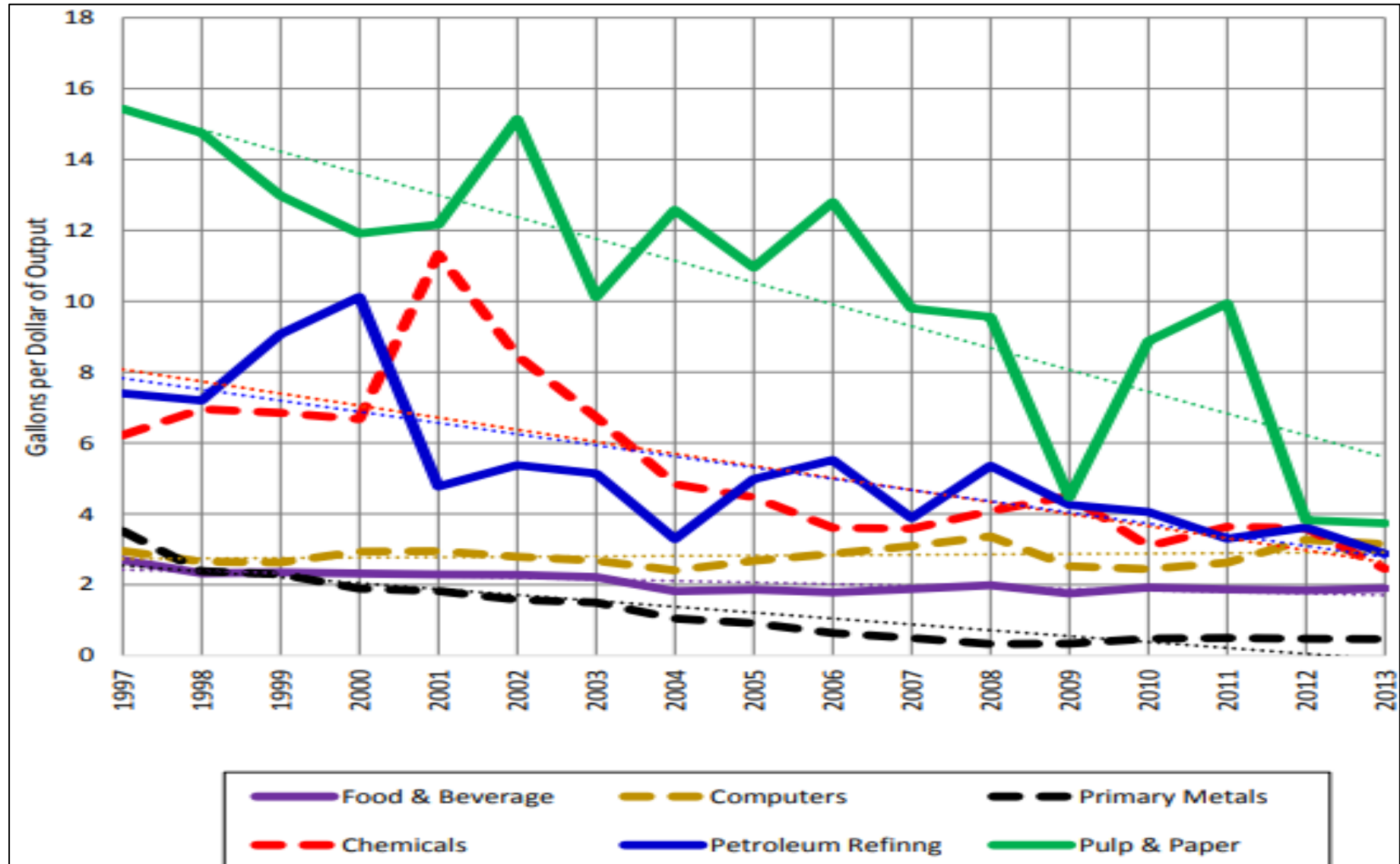
This represents a net savings of **40 GPCD** between 1984 and 2019

**In 2022, Texas population is estimated to  
be 30.4 million**

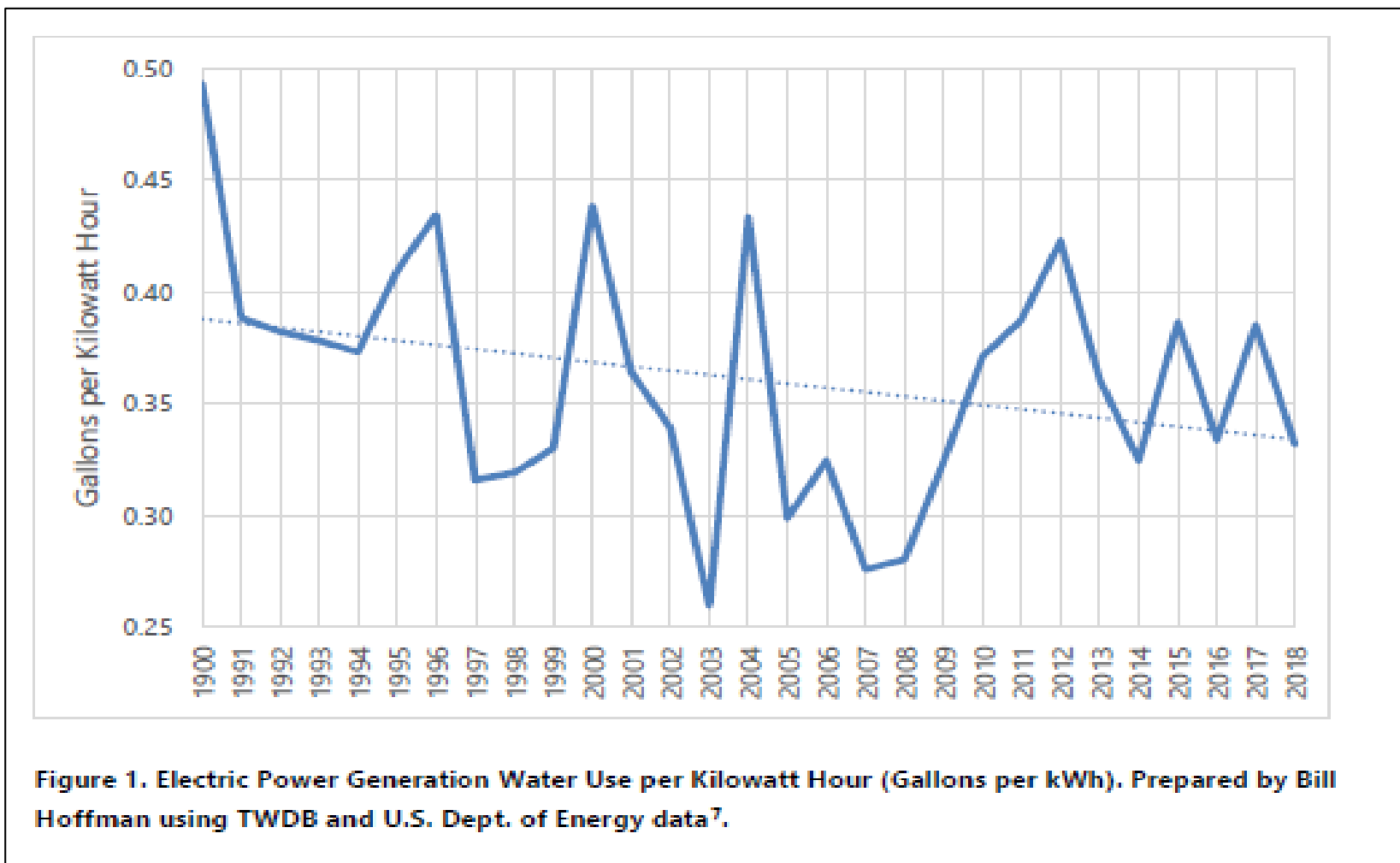
**If Texans Use the Same Amount of Water per  
Person per Day Now for Municipal Use as they did  
in 1984, Texas Water Use Would Increase by over**

**1.2 Billion Gallons a Day!**

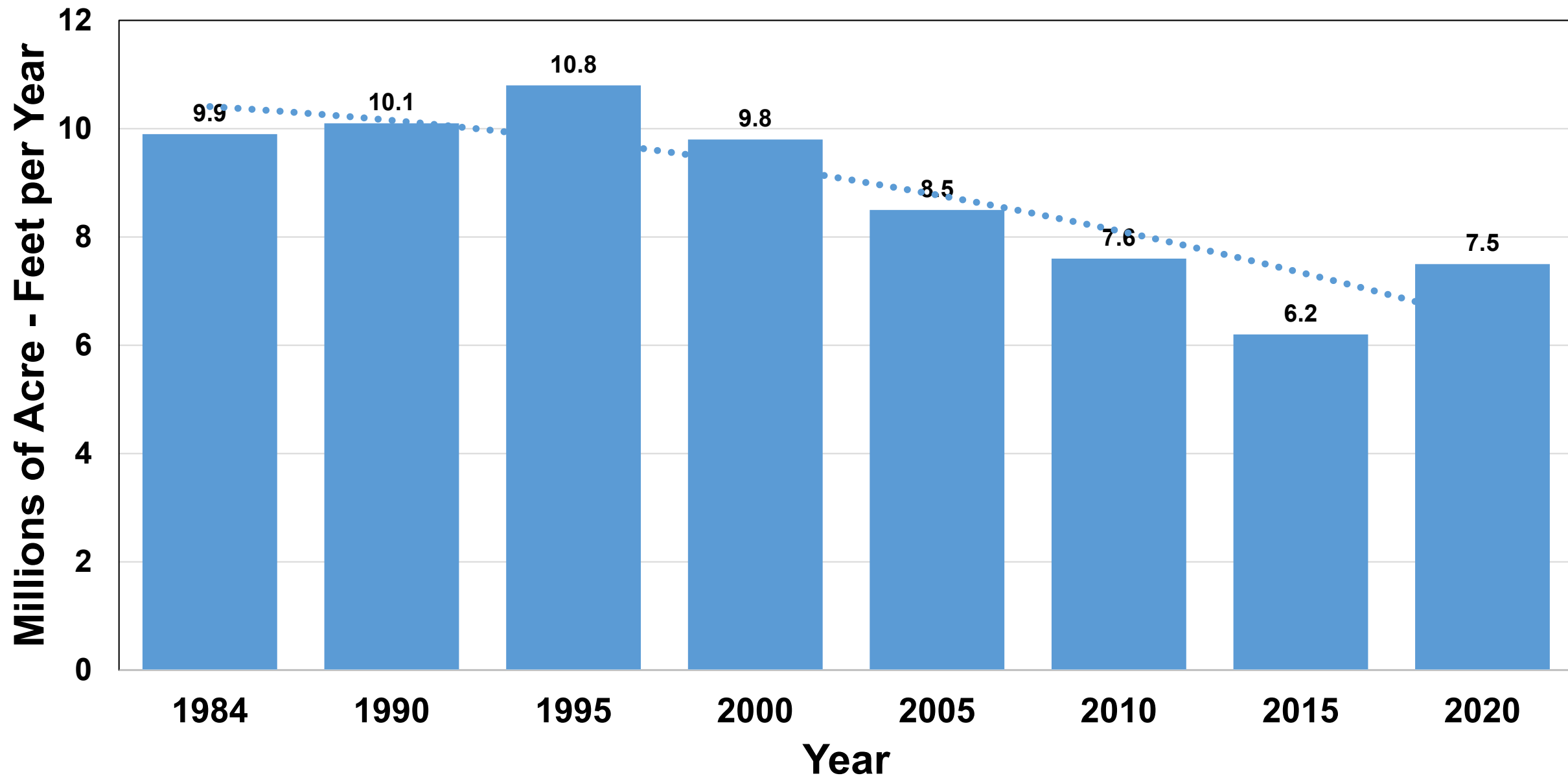
# Manufacturing Water Use per Dollar of Inflation Adjusted Output in Texas



# Water Use for Electric Power Generation per Kilowatt Hour is Decreasing as Texas Now Gets Over 25% of Its Power from Renewables



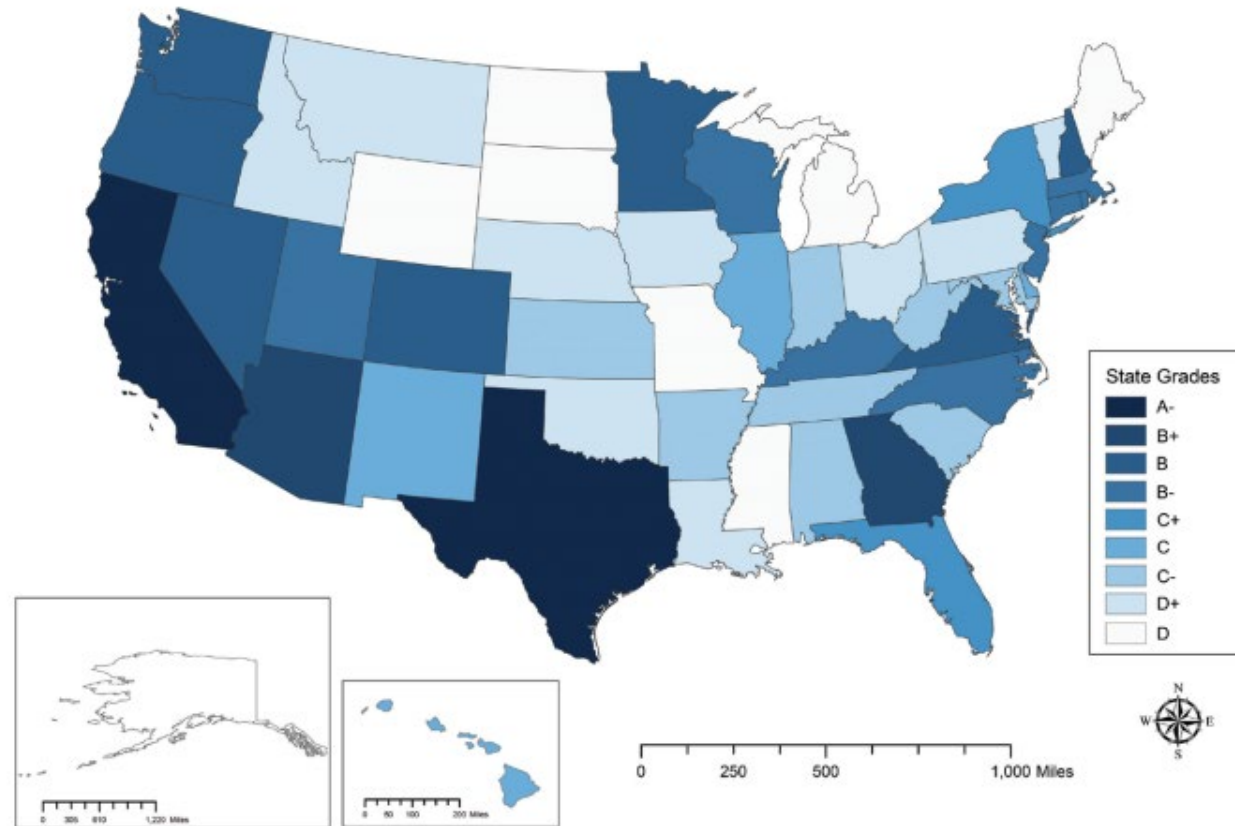
# Irrigation Water Use in Texas 1984 to 2020





# Texas and California are the only two states to make the AWE A list for water conservation.

Figure 1 – Water Efficiency and Conservation State Scorecard Grades (2017)



**Texas Future Water Sources  
Now Rely on Conservation  
Programs More than Ever!**

# Texas Water Planning

2022  
State Water Plan

WATER  
FOR  
TEXAS

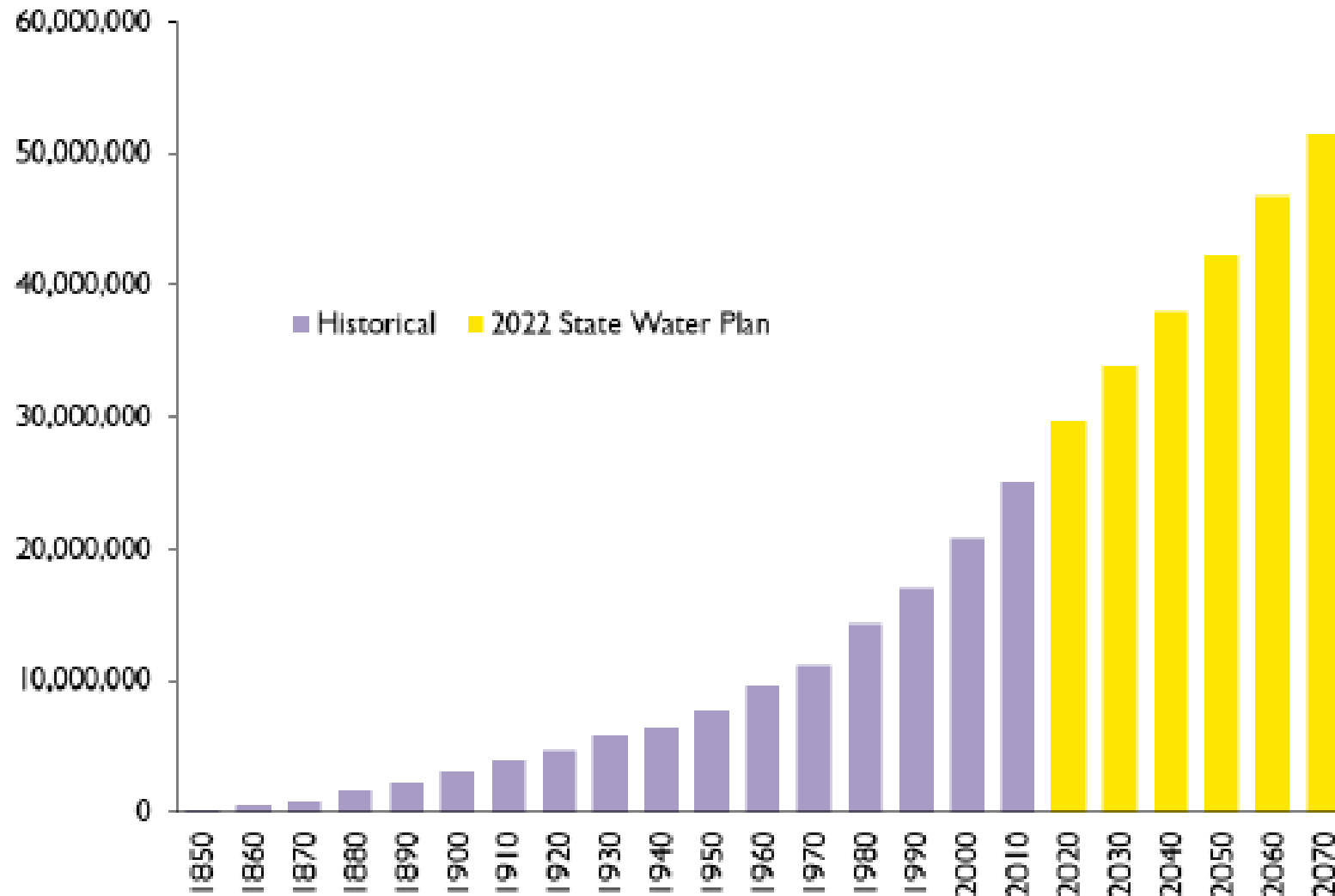
Texas Water  
Development Board



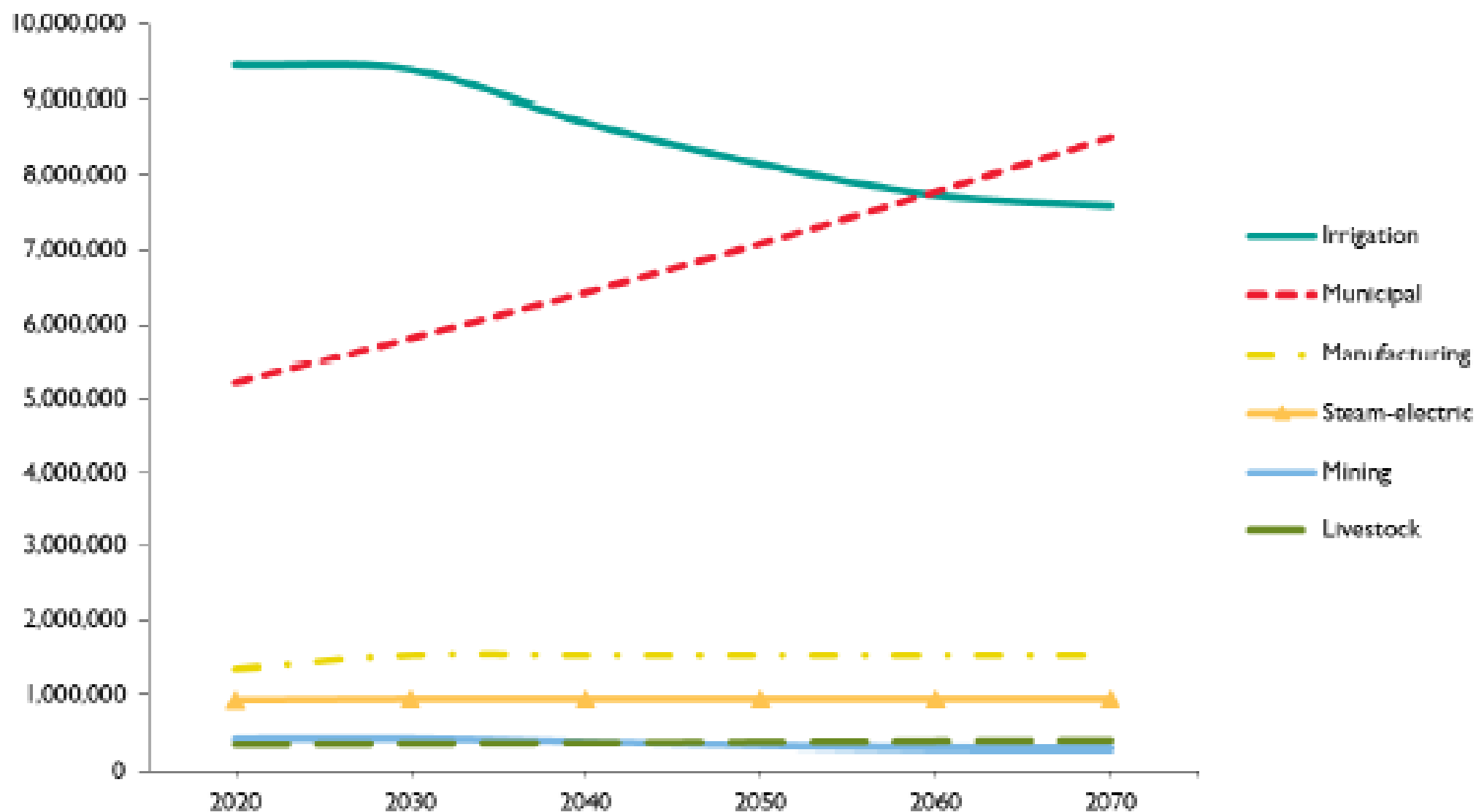
- **First Texas Water Plan in 1958**
- **Updated every 5 years**
- **Conservation savings first incorporated in 1984**
- **Planning time frame – 50 years**
- **New plan just adopted**

# Texas Population Is Projected to be 51.5 Million in 2070

Figure 4-1. Historical and projected population growth in Texas (1850–2070)



**Figure 4-5. Projected annual water demand by water use category (acre-feet)**

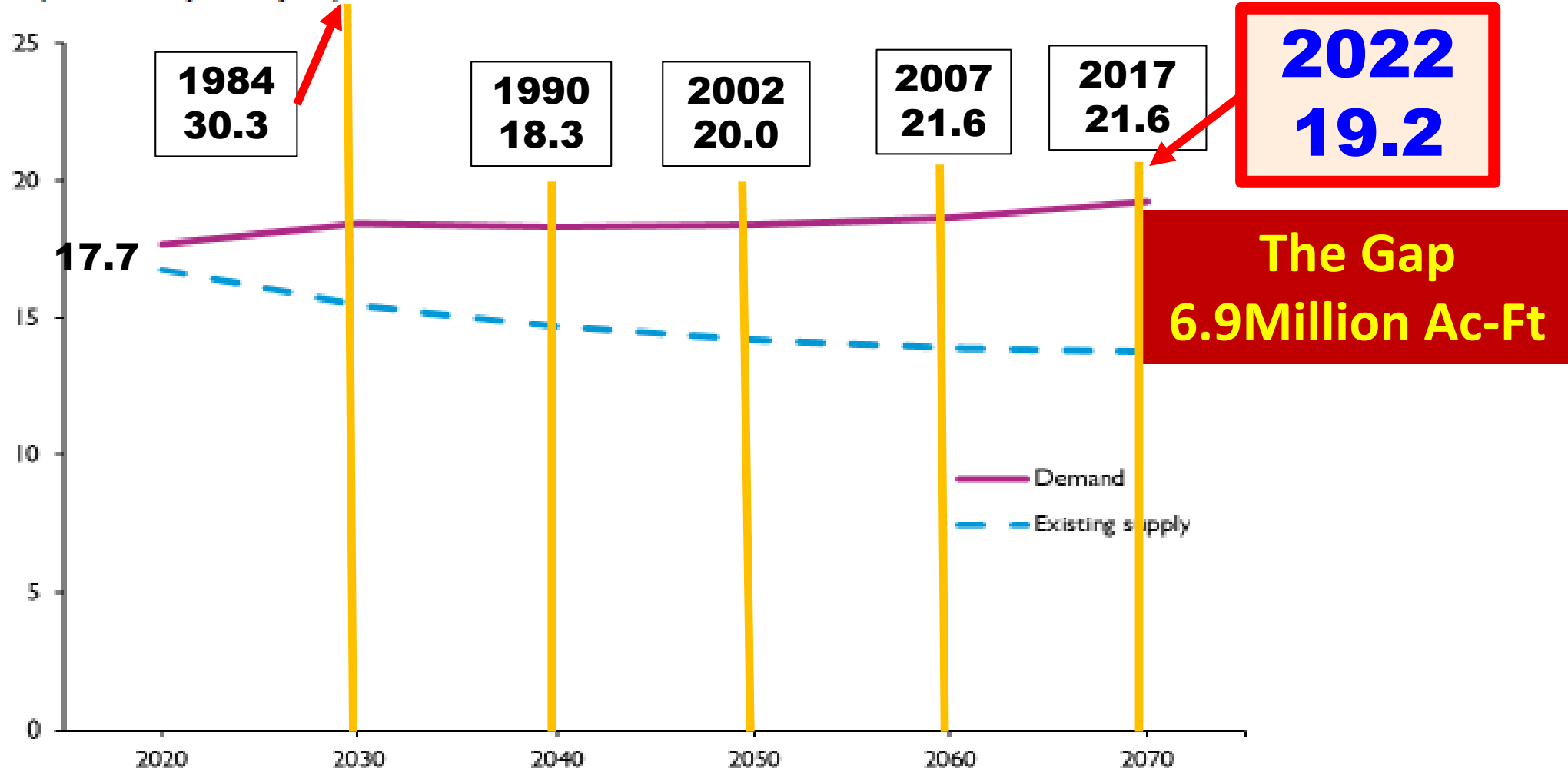


\* Water use categories are presented in the order listed in the legend.

**The gap = 6.9 million acre-feet per year  
= 6.1 billion gallons per day in 2070**

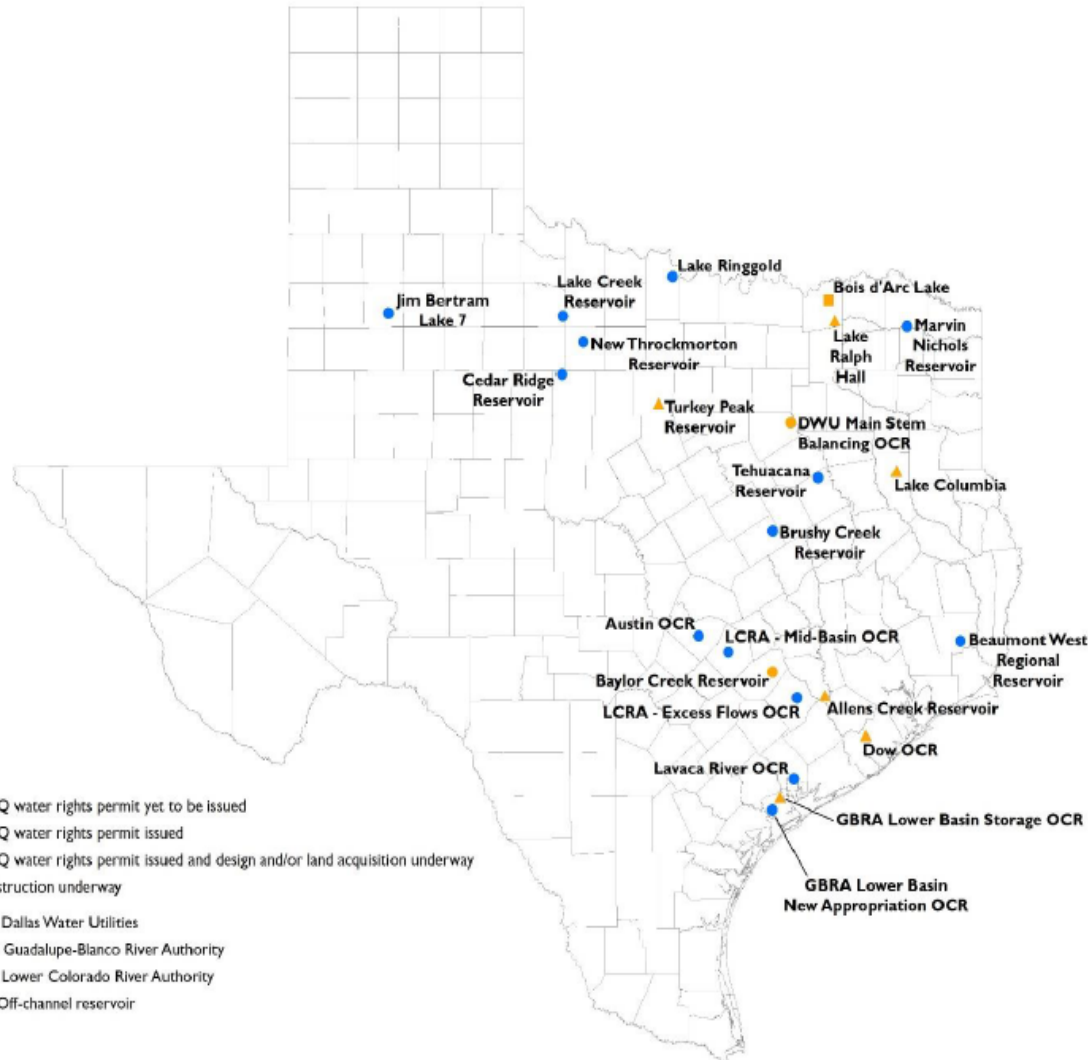
*Boxes show projection in that year.*

**Figure ES-3. Projected total annual water demand and existing water supply for all sectors in Texas (millions of acre-feet)**



The plan includes 23 **new** reservoirs

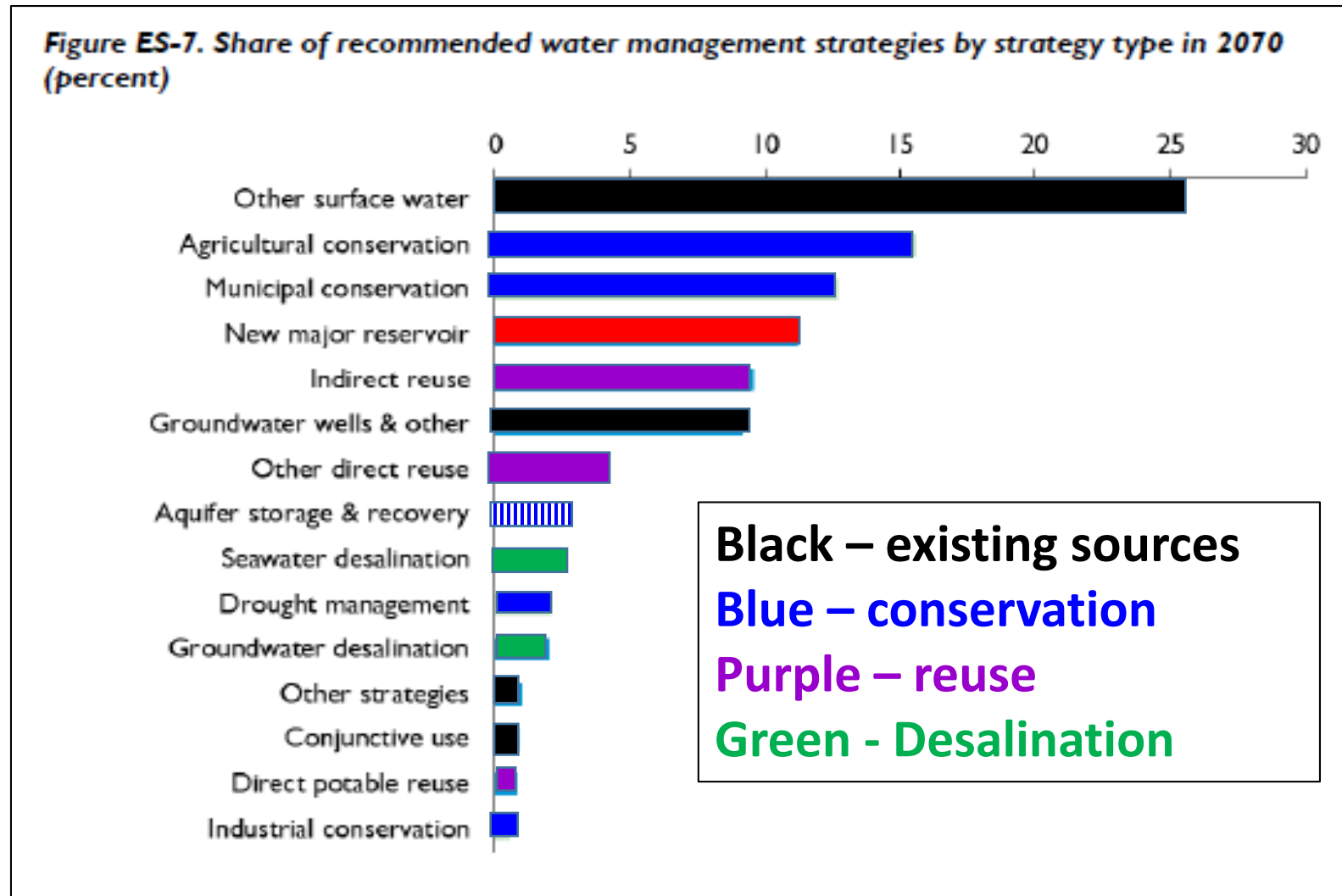
Figure 7-4. Recommended new major reservoirs



Current gross surface  
water evaporation from  
Texas lakes & other  
surfaces equals  
**6 BGD**  
and exceeds all  
municipal water use of  
about 4 BGD .

# Where Future Supplies Will Come From

***Passive conservation **not** included***



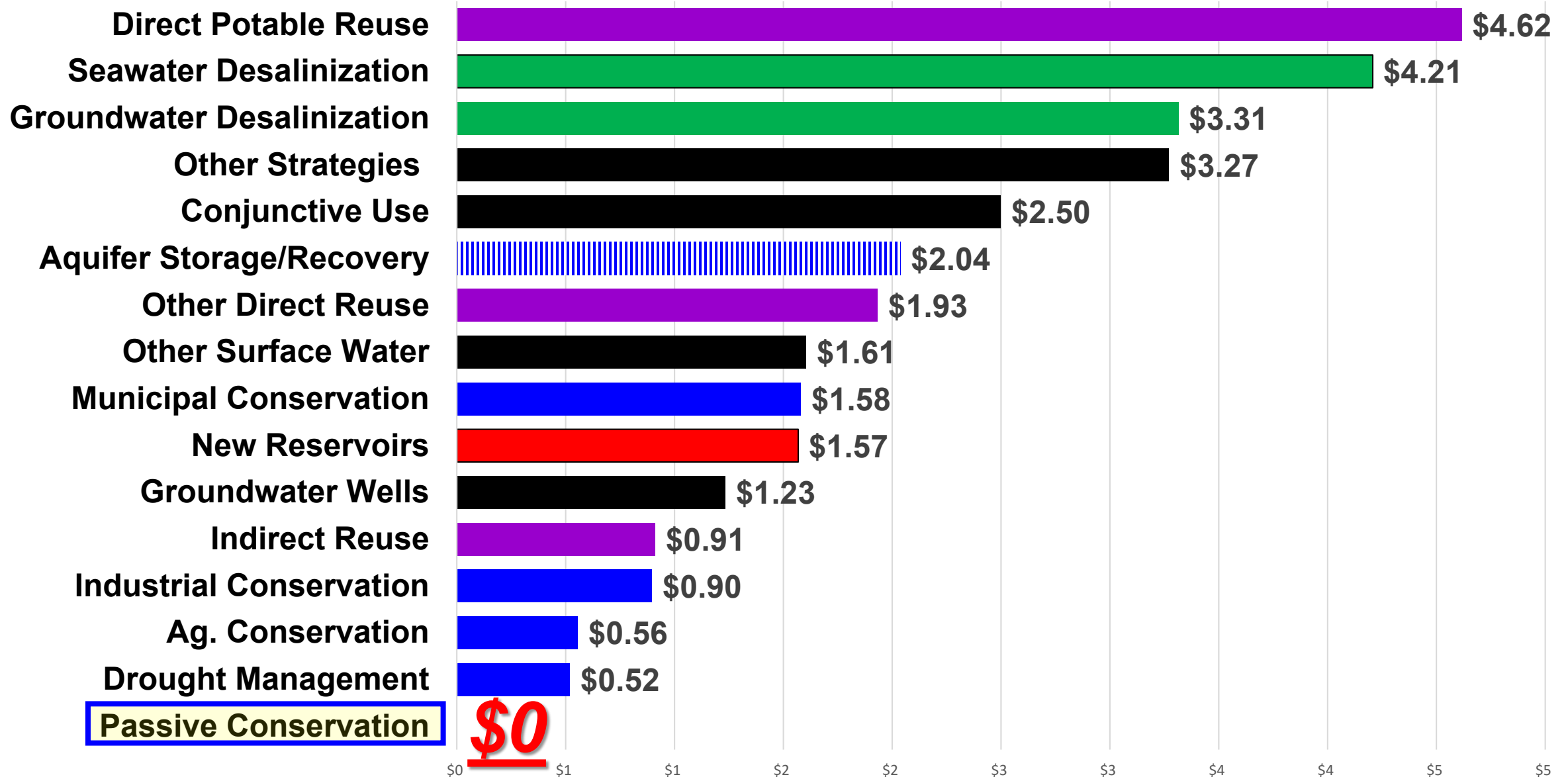


# The Importance of Passive Savings

*Plumbing Codes and Appliance Standards Will Provide 889,000  
Acre Feet (794 MGD) of Savings in 2070*

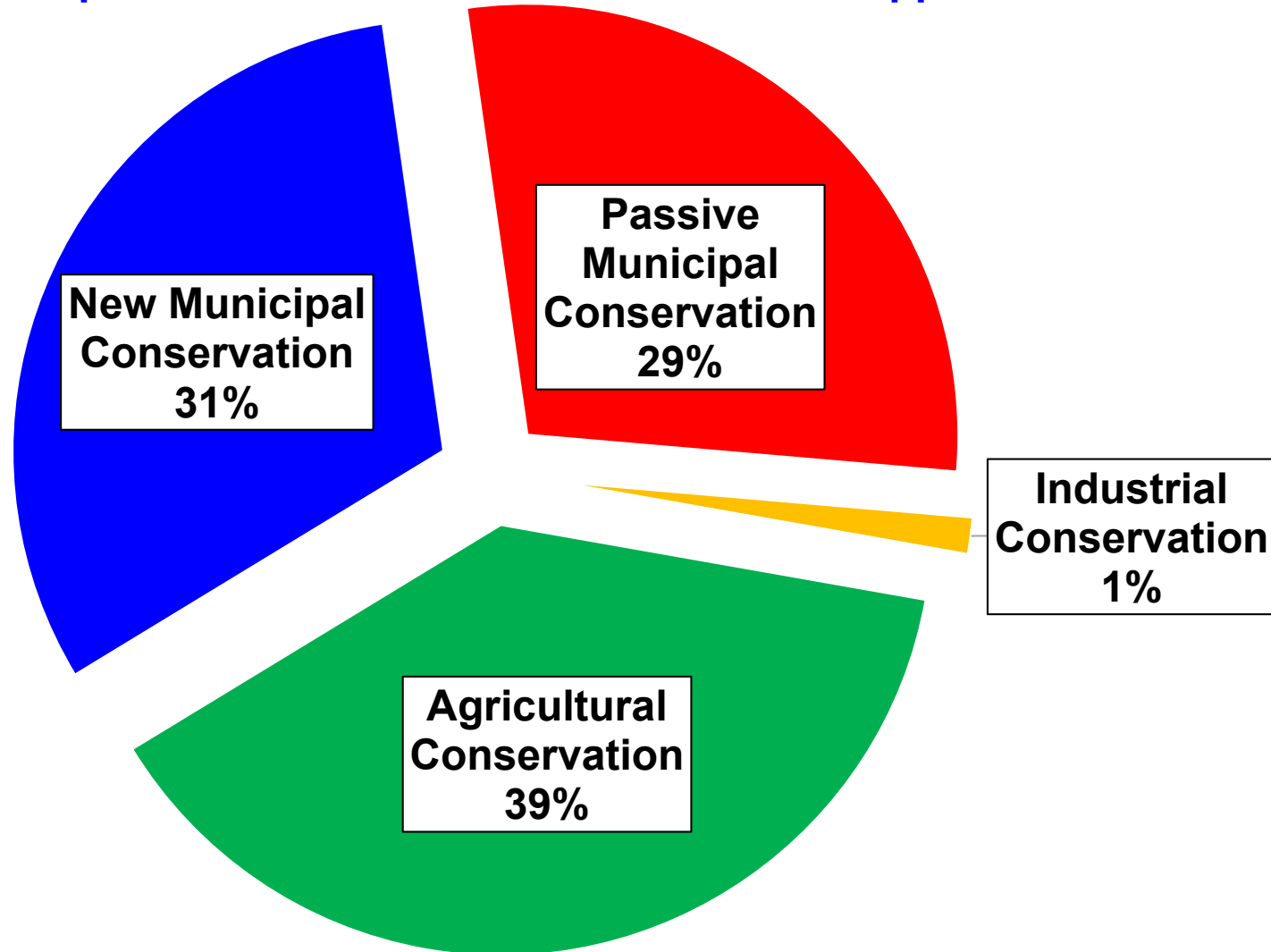


## Cost of Water in Dollars per Thousand Gallons in 2070



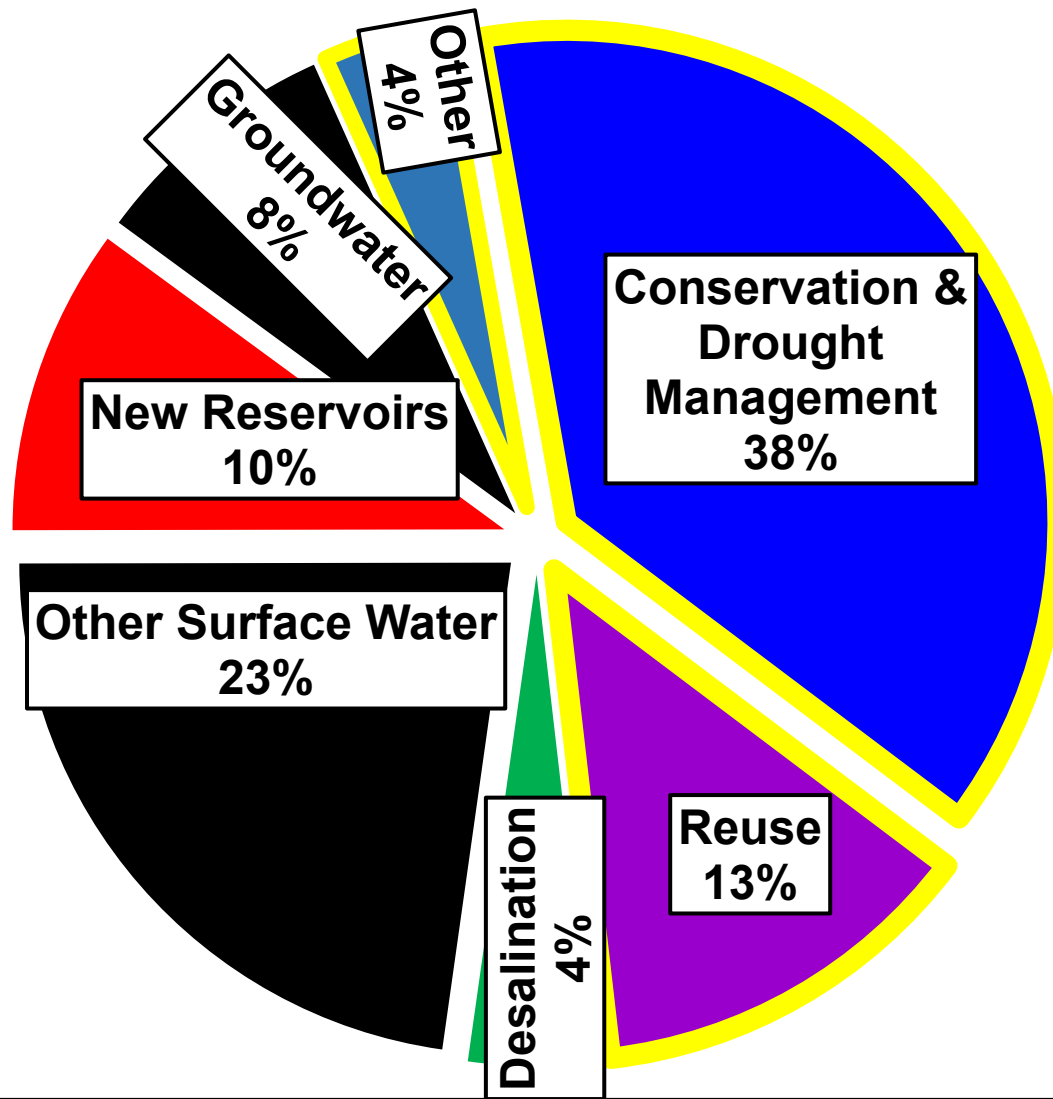
**Passive conservation** is based on current codes and standards, and is **essential** to overall reductions.

The Importance of Passive Conservation to Supplies in 2070



# Sources to Meet 2070 Water Demands in Texas

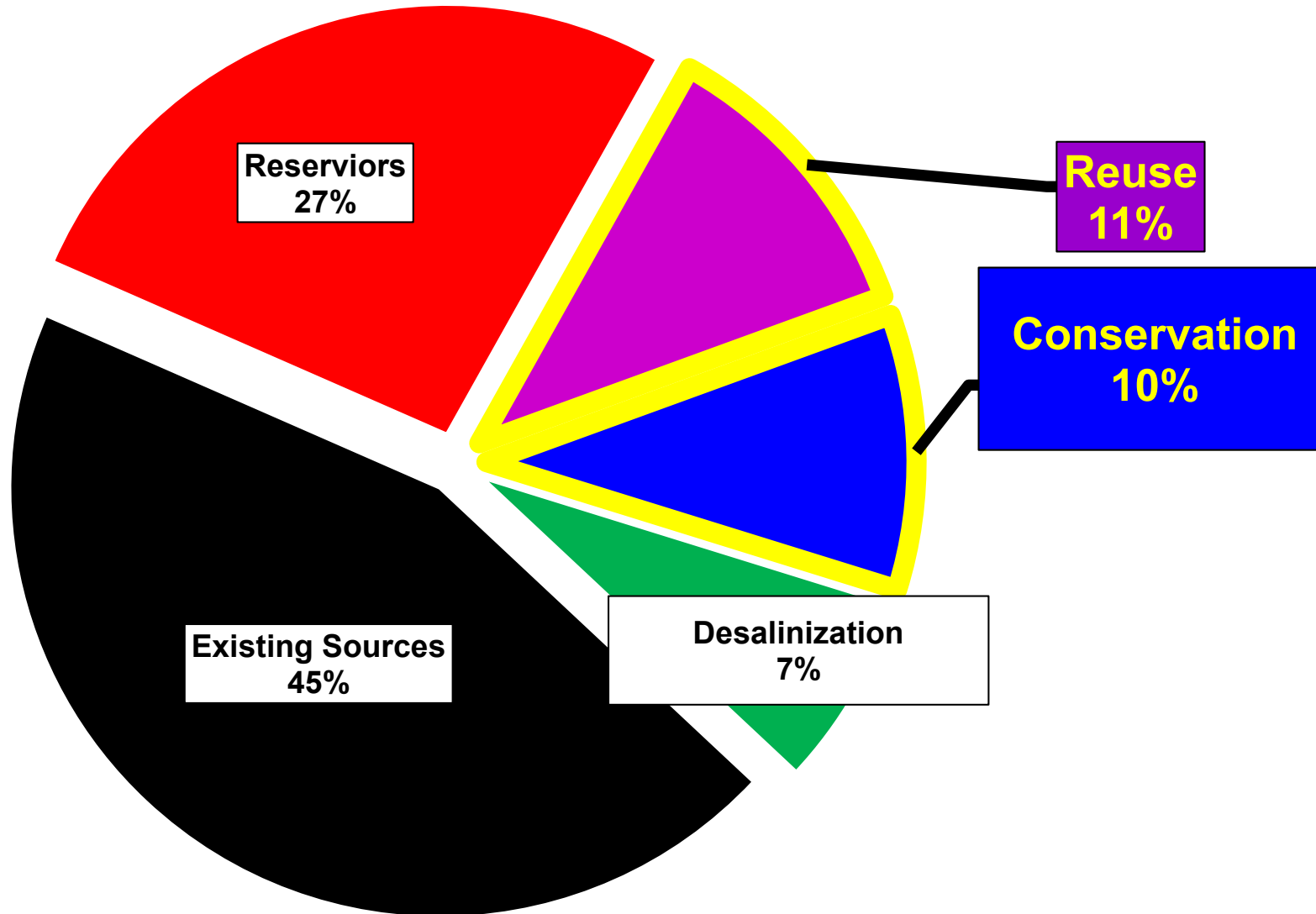
**Including Passive Conservation**



Conservation, Drought Management and Reuse Account for **55%** of Future New Sources in Texas.

The 4% other includes rainwater harvesting, graywater, onsite reuse, brush control on water sheds to reduce water loss, etc.

# Distribution of \$83.4 Billion Dollars in Capital Cost Needed in Texas by 2070



**Conservation and reuse account for only 21% of future capital cost but supply 55% of future supply.**

**The Cheapest Water  
You Will Ever Have  
Is The Water You  
Already Have!**

**Conservation  
and Reuse  
are Key to  
Texas' Water  
Future!**

**This Applies to  
All of North  
America!**



# Failure to Conserve & Reuse will leave us all hanging out there!





Remember, **YOU** are on the front line!





*No Water,*

*No Beer!*

**Napoleon said an army  
marches on its stomach.  
Our Economy and Society  
marches on its water supply!**

THANK

YOU!

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