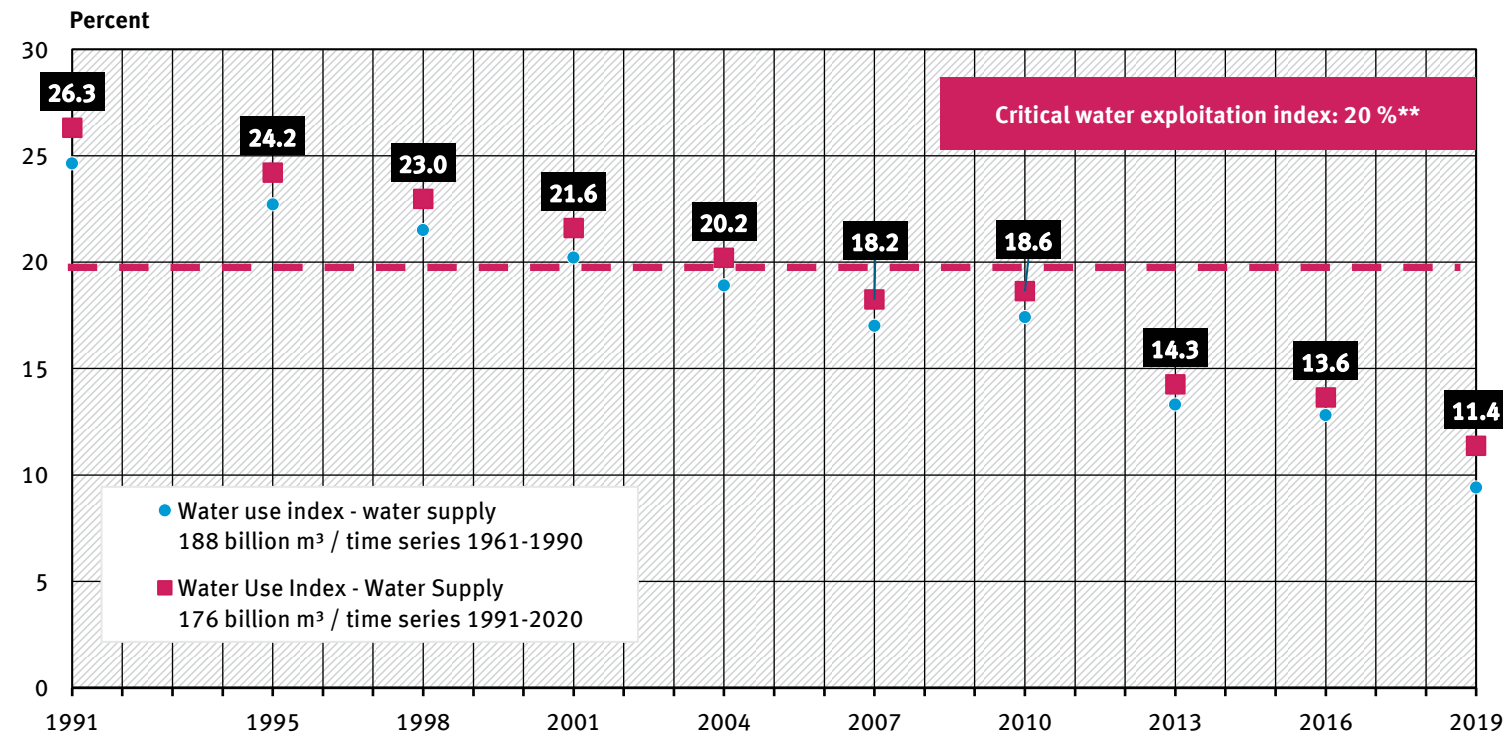


# Water exploitation index

Proportion of water abstraction to water resources\*



\* The water exploitation index is derived from the ratio of total water abstraction of the given year (since 2007 including irrigation) to the long-term potential water resources in Germany (176 billion m<sup>3</sup>).

\*\* A water exploitation index of 20 % is considered as threshold for water stress.

Source: Federal Statistical Office of Germany; Fachserie 19, R. 2.1 and 2.2, Wiesbaden, various years; German Federal Institute of Hydrology, Koblenz, release dated 30.09.2022