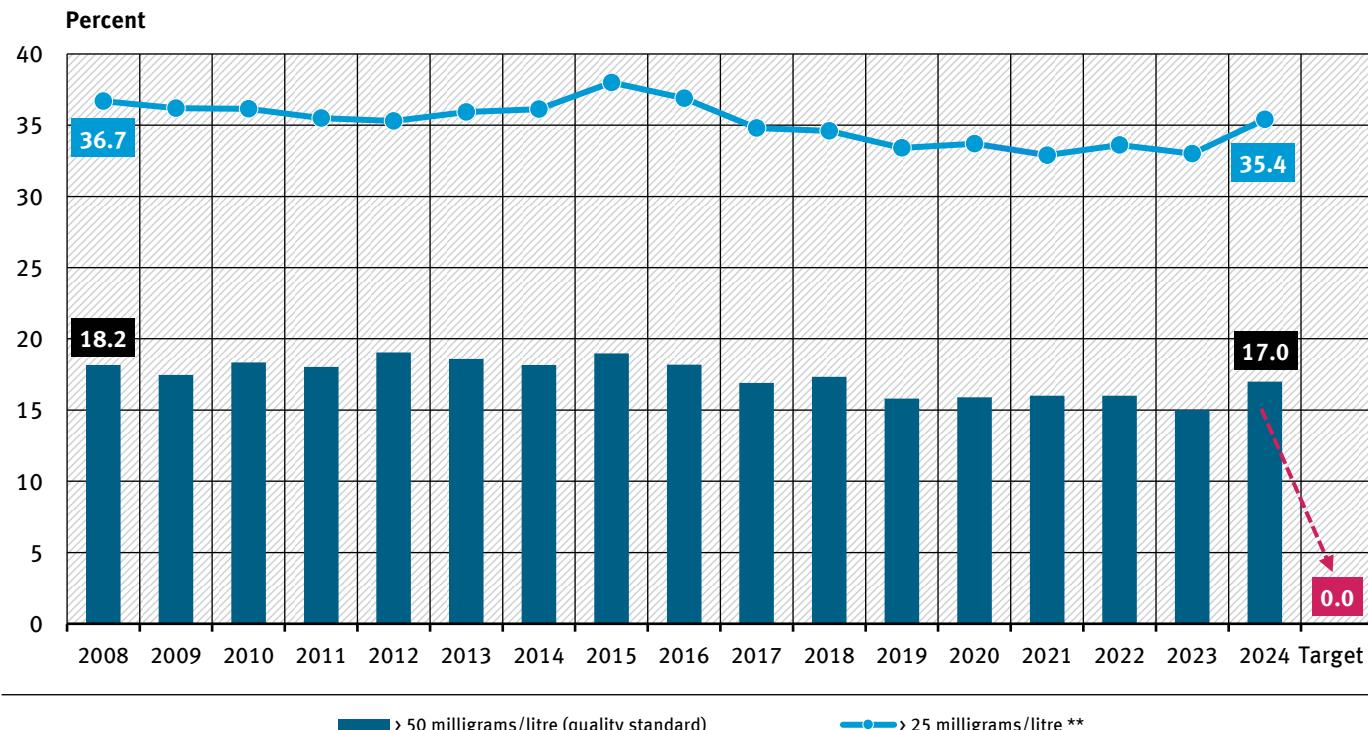


Share of monitoring sites exceeding the quality standard for nitrate in groundwater*



* Basis: EEA monitoring network; quality standard: 50 milligrams per litre annual mean value

** The value serves as an early warning threshold and includes the share of sampling sites exceeding 50 mg/l.

*** Target set by the EU-Nitrates Directive and the German Sustainable Development Strategy

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