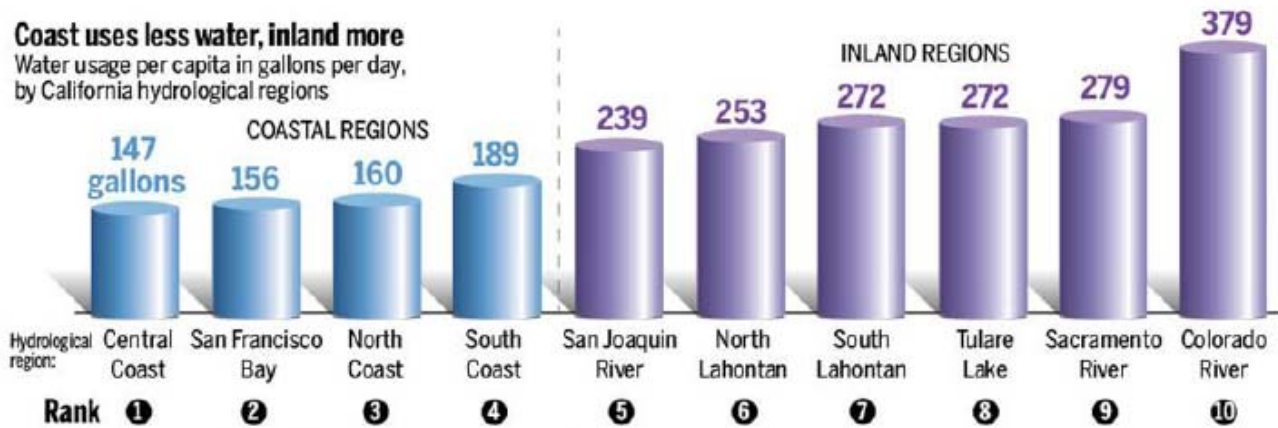


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Coast uses less water, inland more

Water usage per capita in gallons per day, by California hydrological regions



Where the water sippers and guzzlers are

Californians use 196 gallons of water per capita per day, including all businesses except agriculture. But there are wide differences by community, and the moist coast uses less water than the arid inland. A sampling:

Usage by selected cities

Water usage per capita in gallons per day

183 Contra Costa Water District
Conservation and rebate programs have kept water usage below average.

98 San Francisco
Small lawns, foggy weather keep water consumption down.

76 Westborough Water District (South San Francisco)
The state's smallest water user.

334 Hillsborough
Bay Area's largest user, with its big, thirsty lawns.

152 Los Angeles
Despite its reputation as a desert water guzzler, decades of conservation have made the City of Angels a water miser.

The worst? 94,111 gallons a day

Vernon
The state's highest usage by far is in the "exclusively industrial" city of Vernon, which boasts 1,800 businesses but only 112 inhabitants.

279

Sacramento
When 58 percent of residents don't have water meters, there's little incentive to conserve.

313

Fresno
Is typical of dry cities inland that need more water and suffer more when water is scarce.

736

Palm Springs
Usage is among the highest in the state because of hot weather, lawns, pools.

Source: California Department of Water Resources

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