



Country Fact Sheet Lesotho

LAND AND POPULATION	Year	Value	Unit
Area			
Country total area	2014	3 036	1 000 ha
Cultivated area (arable land + permanent crops)	2014	277.3	1 000 ha
Population			
Total population	2015	2 135	1 000
Population density	2015	70.32	inhab/km ²
Rural population	2015	1 556	1 000
Economically active population in agriculture	2014	347	1 000
As % of total economically active population	2014	37.72	%
RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES (RWR)	Year	Value	Unit
Long-term average annual precipitation			
Depth		788	mm/year
Volume		23.92	km ³ /year
Long-term average annual RWR			
Internal (IRWR)		5.23	km ³ /year
External (ERWR)		-2.208	km ³ /year
Total Actual (TRWR)		3.022	km ³ /year
Dependency ratio		0	%
TRWR per capita	2014	1 415	m ³ /year
Total dam capacity	2015	2.82	km ³
WATER WITHDRAWAL	Year	Value	Unit
By sector			
Agricultural	1999	0.0038	km ³
Municipal	2000	0.02	km ³
Industrial	2000	0.02	km ³
Total	2000	0.0438	km ³
Total water withdrawal per capita	2000	23.24	m ³
By source			
Surface water withdrawal		-	km ³
Groundwater withdrawal		-	km ³
Total freshwater withdrawal	2000	0.0438	km ³
Desalinated water produced		-	km ³
Direct use of treated municipal wastewater		-	km ³
Direct use of agricultural drainage water		-	km ³
Pressure on water resources			
Total freshwater withdrawal as % of TRWR	2000	1.449	%
Agricultural water withdrawal as % of TRWR	1999	0.1257	%
IRRIGATION AREAS	Year	Value	Unit
Area equipped for irrigation			
Full control irrigation	1999	2.637	1 000 ha
surface irrigation		1 000 ha	
sprinkler irrigation		1 000 ha	
localized irrigation		1 000 ha	
Equipped lowland areas		-	1 000 ha
Spate irrigation		-	1 000 ha
Total area equipped for irrigation	1999	2.637	1 000 ha
As % of cultivated area	1999	0.8674	%
Area actually irrigated	1999	0.067	1 000 ha
As % of area equipped for irrigation	1999	2.541	%

Notes: 1 km³ = 10⁹ m³ = 1 000 million m³; 1 ha = 1 hectare = 10 000 m²