Groundwater provides an estimated*

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*From the United States Geological Survey, the National Ground Water Association, the Texas Water Development Board, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

In addition:
- Ninety percent of Texans depend on public drinking water supplies. Twenty percent of that supply, 1,210 million gallons per day, is from groundwater, serving over 5,398,000 Texans.
- There are 14,051 active public water supply wells in Texas ranging in depth from 18 to 5,407 feet.
- Nine major aquifers and 21 minor aquifers supply 62% of all the water used in the state.
- Also, 2,230,000 Texans rely on groundwater from their own wells for their drinking water and use 257 million gallons per day.
- The quality of Texas’ groundwater is generally good, and after the required disinfection, meets the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s safe drinking water standards without additional treatment.

Only 2.5% of the water on the earth is fresh. Of this small amount, 68.9% is glaciers, 30.8% is groundwater, and lakes and rivers make up only 0.3% (http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Study/WeighingWater/).

For more information on groundwater visit:
- The Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) at http://www.tgpc.texas.gov
  - TGPC Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at http://tgpc.texas.gov/frequently-asked-questions-faqs/
- The Ground Water Protection Council at http://www.gwpc.org/
- The Groundwater Foundation at http://www.groundwater.org
- The National Ground Water Association (NGWA) National Groundwater Awareness Week at http://www.ngwa.org/Events-Education/awareness/Pages/default.aspx