



Industrial Water Withdrawals in the Delaware River Basin

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Historic data for industrial withdrawals show a decline from levels in the early 1990's. The closing of the Bethlehem Steel plant in Bethlehem PA in 1995 contributed significantly to the overall decline in water use for this sector as it was the Basin's largest industrial water user. Over the past decade, industrial water use has declined slightly despite numerous facilities changing hands. Several large refineries in the Basin have seen a lot of turnover in recent years. Refineries that were idle are once again in production and have returned to more normal operations with water withdrawal data returning to previous levels.

Monthly Industrial Water Withdrawals 1990 – 2016.

