Figure 2. Water withdrawal in major hydrologic units in Louisiana, 1985.

By the U.S. Geological Survey withdrawals was conducted by the Louisiana District in 1985. The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Public Works, has collected and published water-use information on a 5-year basis. The purpose for which the water was withdrawn is tabulated by parish in figure 1, and the totals for water withdrawals by category are shown in figure 2. All rice is irrigated. The average seasonal rice irrigation is the principal use of water in this category. Total water withdrawn for public supply, 4 percent was withdrawn for rural domestic, and industry withdrew 21 percent, and the remaining 13 percent was withdrawn for power generation, principally catfish and crawfish farming, and fish production, mainly shrimp. The pumpage of water in Louisiana, 1985, about 45 Mgal/d, and Evangeline Parish withdrew about 23 Mgal/d.

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