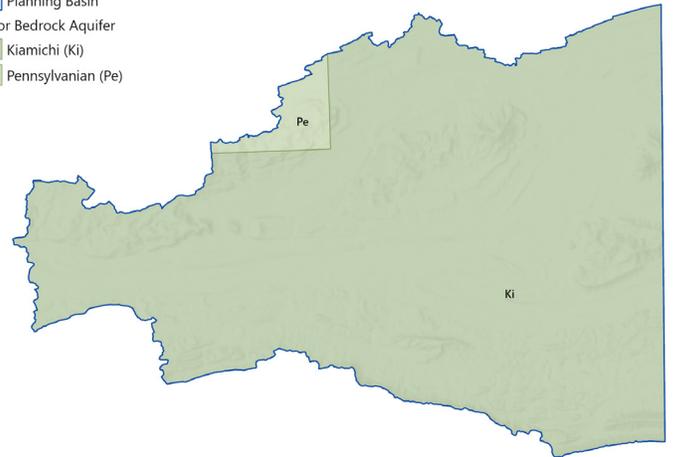
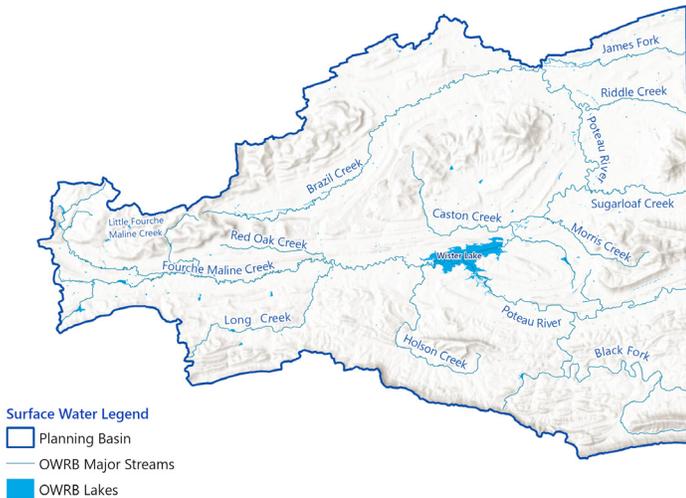


# BASIN 45

## Poteau River - 2 / Lower Arkansas Region



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## SUMMARY

- Basin 45 - Poteau River - 2 demands are supplied by a combination of surface water, groundwater, and out-of-basin supplies.
- Water demand (withdrawal) is projected to increase by 662 acre-feet per year (6%) between 2020 and 2075.
- No surface water gaps are projected.
- There are no alluvial groundwater demands in this basin.
- Physical bedrock groundwater depletions are projected in Basin 45 as early as 2030 and will continue through 2075.
- Basin 45 is projected to have surface water available for appropriation through 2075, but its permitting may be subject to provisions of the 2016 Water Settlement Agreement.
- Basin 45 is projected to have groundwater available for appropriation through 2075.
- To mitigate projected water supply shortages in this basin, the following strategies will typically be most effective:
  - Reduce water demand through conservation, water loss reduction, and other activities (PS, SSI, OG, TE). **WSS**
  - Reduce water demands through agricultural water saving options (CI, LS). **WSS**
  - Continue/increase reliance on in-basin surface water (all sectors). **WSS** **WDI**
  - Stormwater capture and use (PS, SSI). **WM** **WSS**
  - Water reuse (PS, SSI). **WM** **WSS**
  - Water transfers (all sectors). **WM** **WSS**



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Refer to the “**Guide to Region and Basin Fact Sheets**” for a description of the types of information detailed in this fact sheet.

**Water Demand Sectors:** PS = Public Supply, SSI = Self-supplied Industrial, OG = Oil & Gas, TE = Thermoelectric Power, CI = Crop Irrigation, LS = Livestock, SSD = Self-supplied Domestic

**OCWP Statewide Recommendations** are designed to address current and anticipated water supply challenges and are noted throughout this fact sheet with the following icons: **WIW** Water Infrastructure & Workforce, **WM** Water Management, **WSS** Water Supplies & Storage, and **WDI** Water Data & Information

## Population

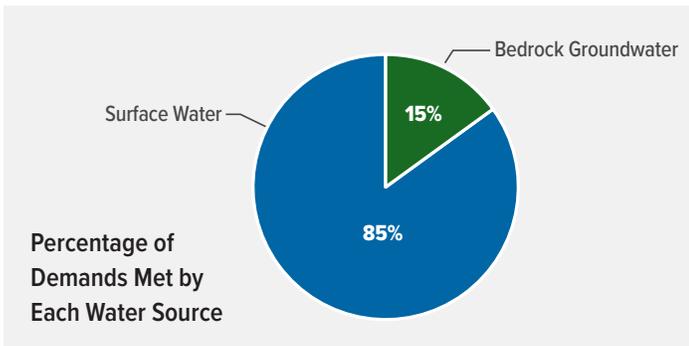
How is the population expected to change in the future?

2020	2030	2035	2045	2060	2075
31,871	32,240	31,419	30,195	28,628	27,075

## Water Demand Projections

How much water is needed to meet Oklahomans' needs?

Basin 45 accounts for approximately 12% of the overall water demands of the Lower Arkansas Region.



### Total Demand by Sector (AFY)

	2020	2030	2035	2045	2060	2075
Self-supplied Domestic	85	89	87	83	77	71
Self-supplied Industrial	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crop Irrigation	1,932	2,943	3,476	3,779	3,779	3,779
Livestock	1,542	1,590	1,614	1,605	1,581	1,568
Oil & Gas	26	26	26	26	26	26
Public Supply	8,165	8,256	8,048	7,744	7,354	6,967
Thermoelectric Power	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,749</b>	<b>12,903</b>	<b>13,251</b>	<b>13,236</b>	<b>12,816</b>	<b>12,411</b>

AFY = acre-feet per year; Small differences may result due to rounding.

## Physical Water Shortages

Will there be enough "wet water" physically available to meet anticipated needs?

WIW WM WSS

	Magnitude (AFY)					Frequency <sup>1</sup>
	2030	2035	2045	2060	2075	2075
Surface Water Gap	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Alluvial Groundwater Depletion	-	-	-	-	-	No AGW Demand
Bedrock Groundwater Depletion	1,528	1,737	1,848	1,837	1,829	N/A

1. Probability of a water shortage occurring in at least one month of the year.

## Legal Water Availability

Will there be water available for permitting after meeting 2075 demands?

WM WSS

Estimated Surface Water available for appropriation in 2075 (AFY)	Inside 2016 Water Settlement Area? <sup>1</sup>	Is there a downstream mainstem restriction? <sup>2</sup>	Estimated Groundwater available for appropriation in 2075 (AFY)
1,120,900	Yes	No	1,675,570

1. Yes – basin wholly or partially subject to the provisions of the 2016 Water Settlement Agreement.

2. Yes – mainstem restriction may impact water available for appropriation within the basin.

## Water Management Strategies

What approaches are most viable for meeting future needs and mitigating shortages?

WSS WDI WIW WM

Water Management Category	Demand Sector	Basin 45 Evaluation
Demand Management	PS, SSI, OG, TE	Partially Effective - Shortages Remain
Agriculture Options	CI, LS	Partially Effective - Shortages Remain
Increase Reliance on In-Basin Surface Water	All sectors	Effective at Meeting Future Demands
Increase Reliance on In-Basin Groundwater	All sectors	May Increase Shortages - Use with Other Strategies
Stormwater Capture & Use	PS, SSI	Partially Effective - Shortages Remain
Reuse	PS, SSI	Potentially Effective with Local Variability
Water Transfers	All sectors	Effective at Meeting Future Demands

In addition to the water management strategies, water users need:

- Options to address water quality concerns, which could include expanding source water protection programs and expanding water quality studies.
- Ways to address infrastructure limitations, which could include additional water funding from the State, Federal, and/or public-private partnerships, and by providers setting water rates that fully fund system operation and maintenance.