

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

TABLE 7.1.3 TYPICAL WASTEWATER FLOW RATES FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES

Source	Unit	Flow, gal/unit · d	
		Range	Typical
Airport	Passenger	2-4	3
Automobile service station	Vehicle served	7-13	10
	Employee	9-15	12
Bar	Customer	1-5	3
	Employee	10-16	13
Department store	Toilet room	400-600	500
	Employee	8-12	10
Hotel	Guest	40-56	48
	Employee	7-13	10
Industrial building (sanitary waste only)	Employee	7-16	13
Laundry (self-service)	Machine	450-650	550
	Wash	45-55	50
Office	Employee	7-16	13
Restaurant	Meal	2-4	3
Shopping center	Employee	7-13	10
	Parking space	1-2	2

Source: Metcalf and Eddy, Inc., 1991.
Note: 1 = gal × 3.7854.

TABLE 7.1.4 TYPICAL WASTEWATER FLOW RATES FROM INSTITUTIONAL SOURCES

Source	Unit	Flow, gal/unit · d	
		Range	Typical
Hospital, medical	Bed	125-240	165
	Employee	5-15	10
Hospital, mental	Bed	75-140	100
	Employee	5-15	10
Prison	Inmate	75-150	115
	Employee	5-15	10
Rest home	Resident	50-120	85
School, day	With cafeteria, gym, and showers	Student	15-30
		Student	10-20
	With cafeteria only	Student	5-17
	Without cafeteria and gym	Student	50-100
School, boarding	Student	50-100	75

Source: Metcalf and Eddy, Inc., 1991.
Note: 1 = gal × 3.7854.

tion, and other nondomestic sources such as industrial wastewater discharges. Environmental engineers may need to use population forecasting to project future rates of wastewater generation in the service area of a wastewater treatment plant. Some mathematical or graphical methods used to project population data to a design year include (Qasim 1985):

- arithmetic growth
- geometric growth

- decreasing rate of increase
- mathematical or logistic curve fitting
- graphical comparison with similar cities
- ratio method
- employment forecast
- birth cohort

Water usage exhibits daily, weekly, and seasonal patterns; and wastewater flow rates can also exhibit such patterns. Figures 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 show typical hourly, da