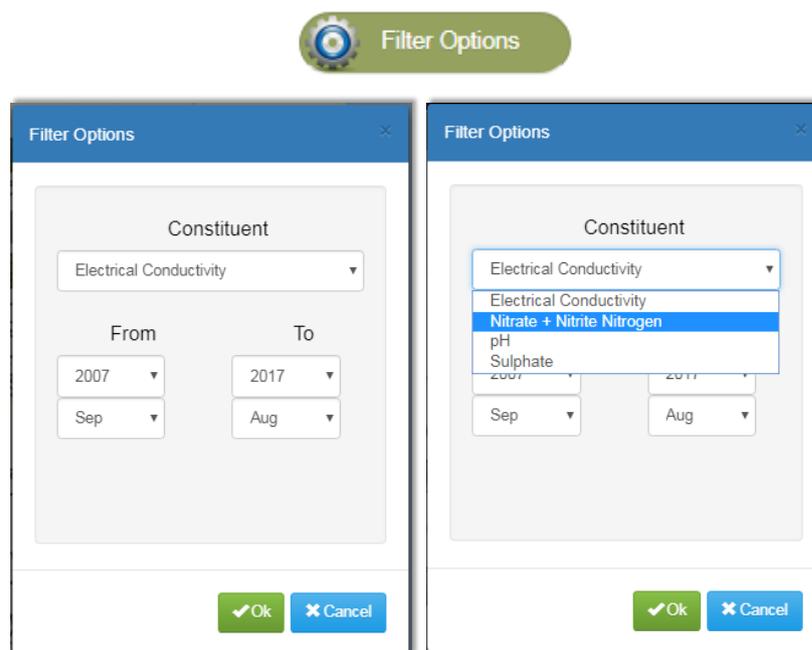


Groundwater Quality Information Page

What does this dashboard relate to?

The dashboard relates to the quality of raw groundwater in South Africa, based on water quality sample data that is stored in the DWS Water Management System (WMS) database from the National Groundwater Quality Monitoring Programme (ZQM Stations). The dashboard shows the average concentration of four different water quality constituents (pH, EC, Nitrates, and Sulphates), for a date range that is defined by the user. The point based groundwater quality data is also aggregated into the different geohydrological regions (as per Vegter (2001) Regions).

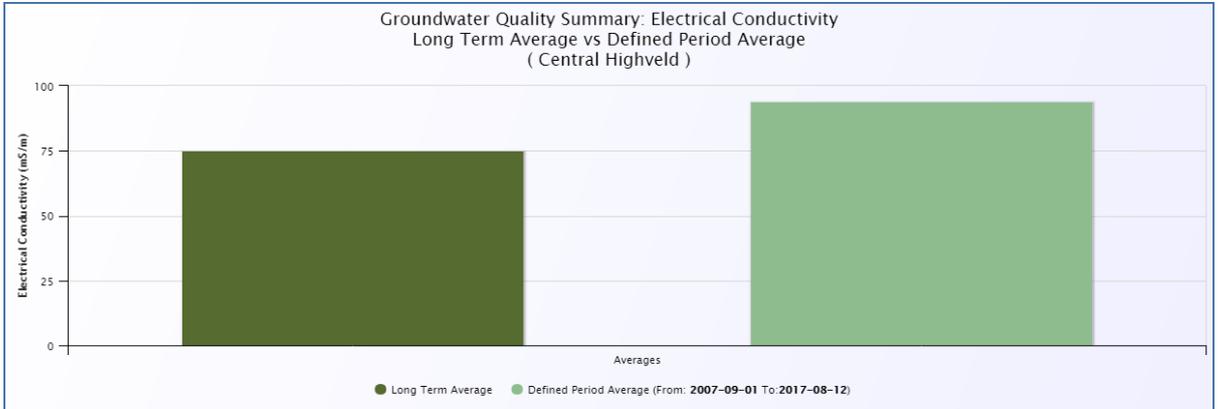
The different constituents and date periods are defined in the dashboard 'Filter Options' please see below.



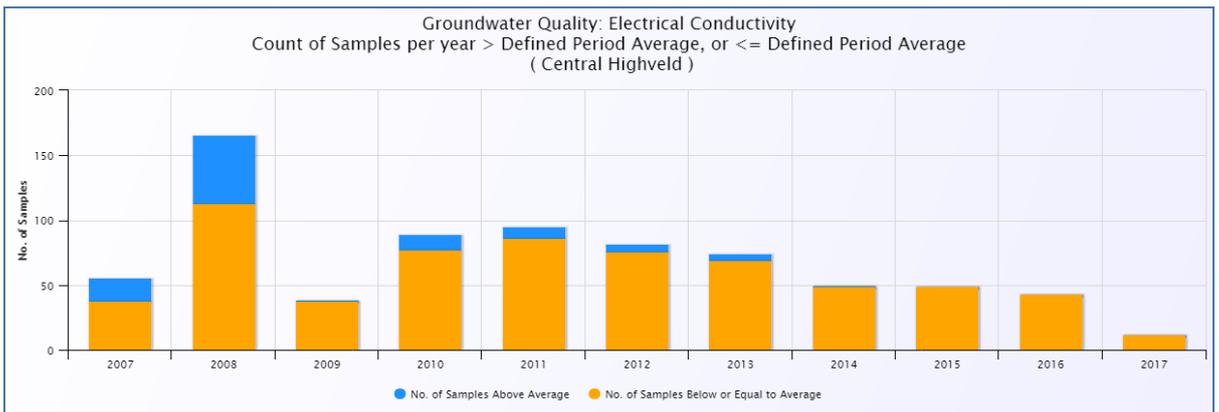
What is the main purpose of dashboard?

The purpose of the dashboard is to provide the user with the general status of Groundwater Quality in South Africa at each monitoring point and aggregated up to Vegter Region using the data from the National Groundwater Quality Monitoring Programme (ZQM stations). The data that is available in the dashboard, interpreted through data table and different charts in the dashboard are:

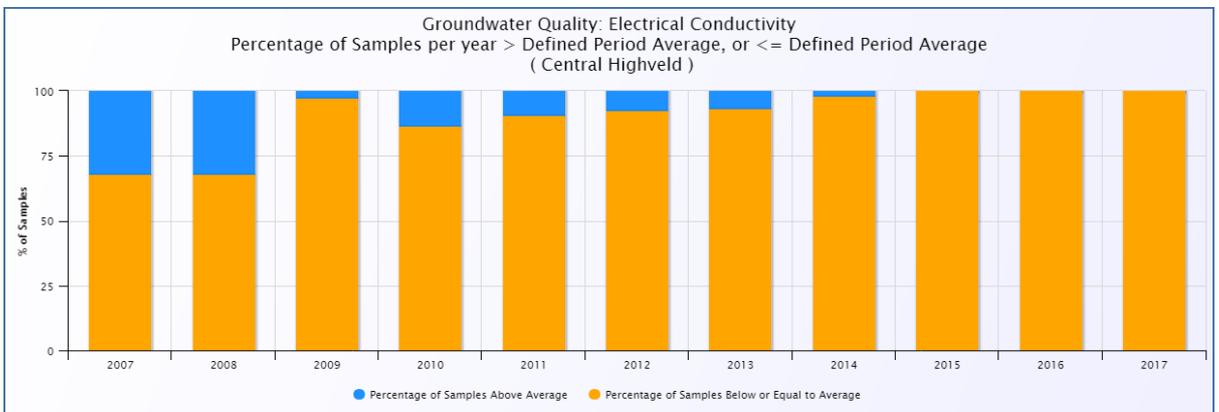
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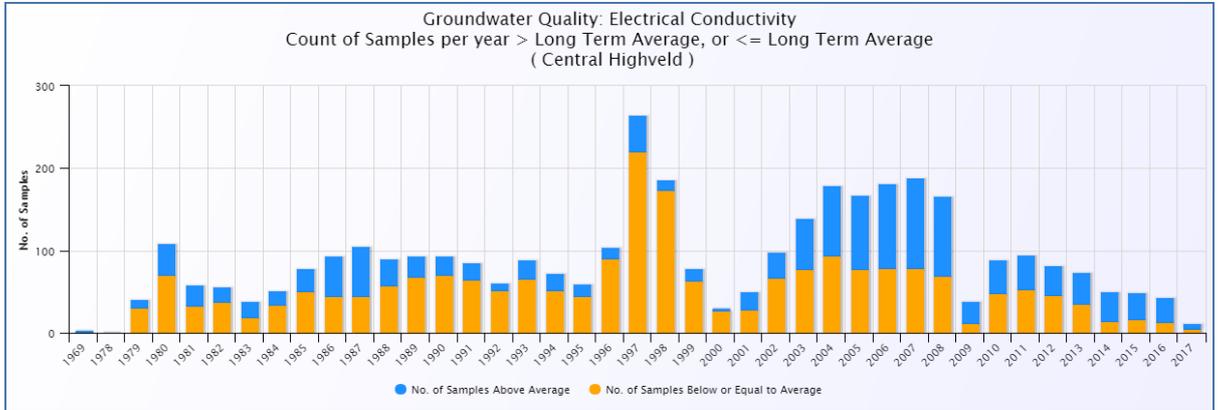
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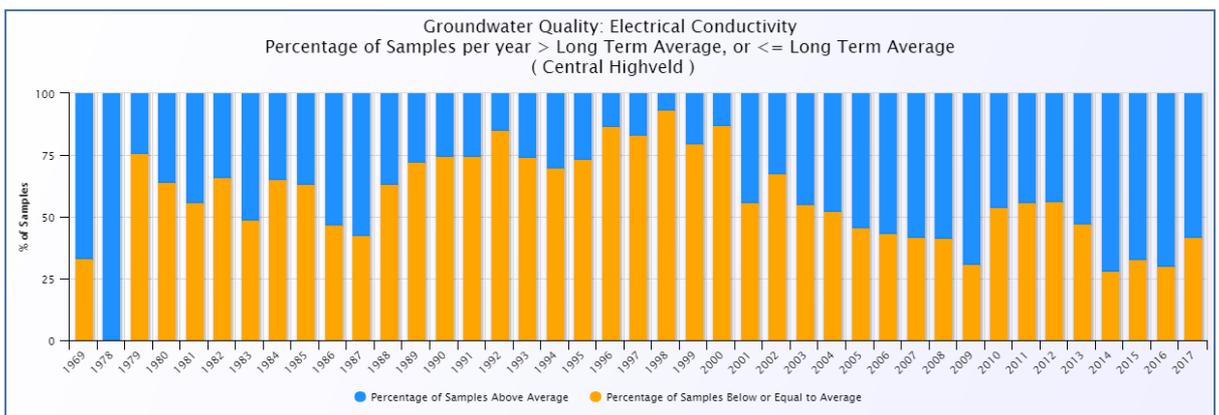
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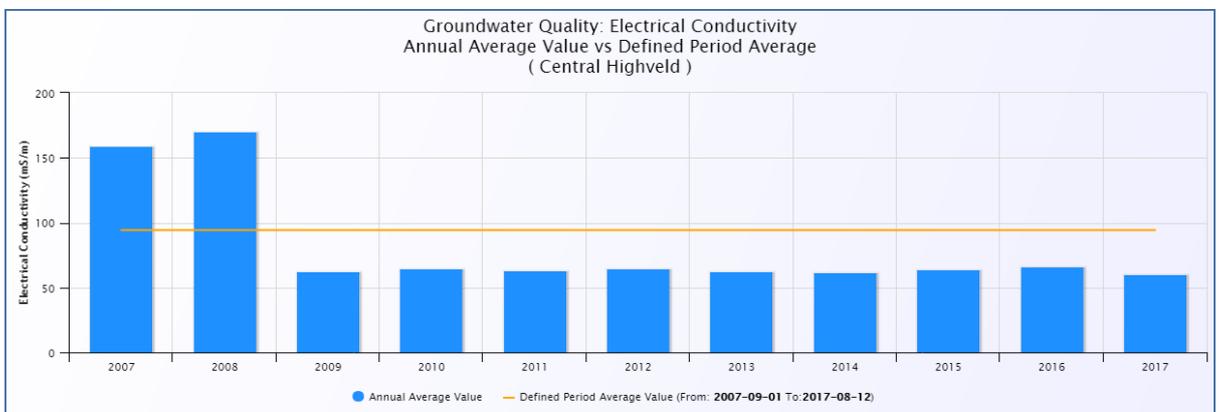
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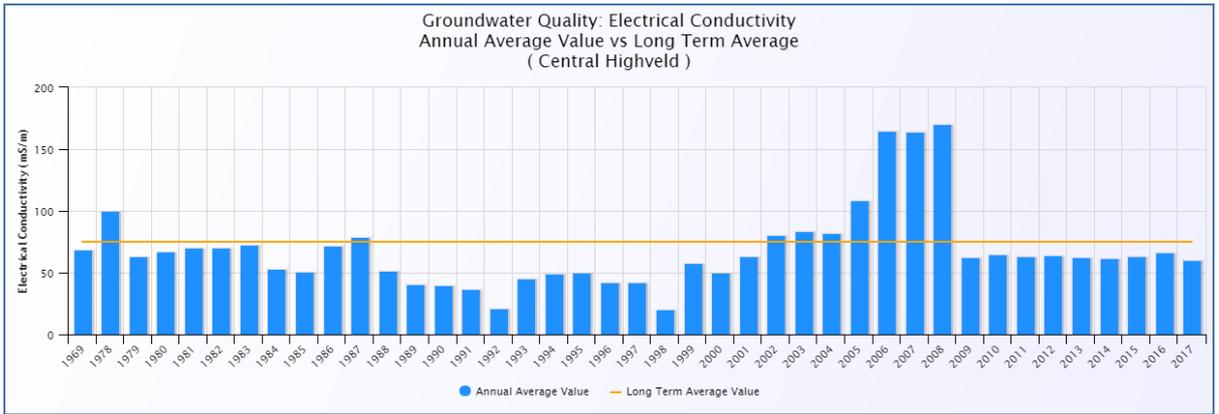
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6. Annual average per year vs. entire defined period average

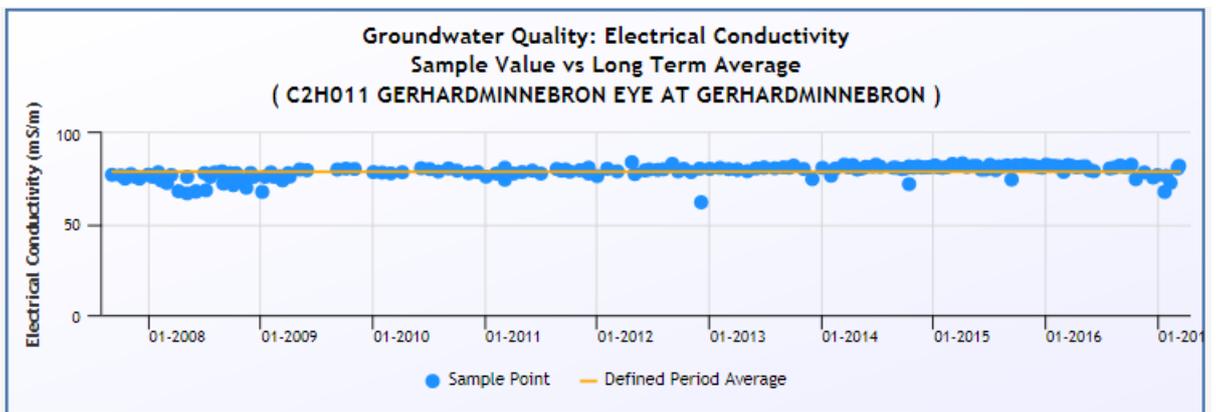


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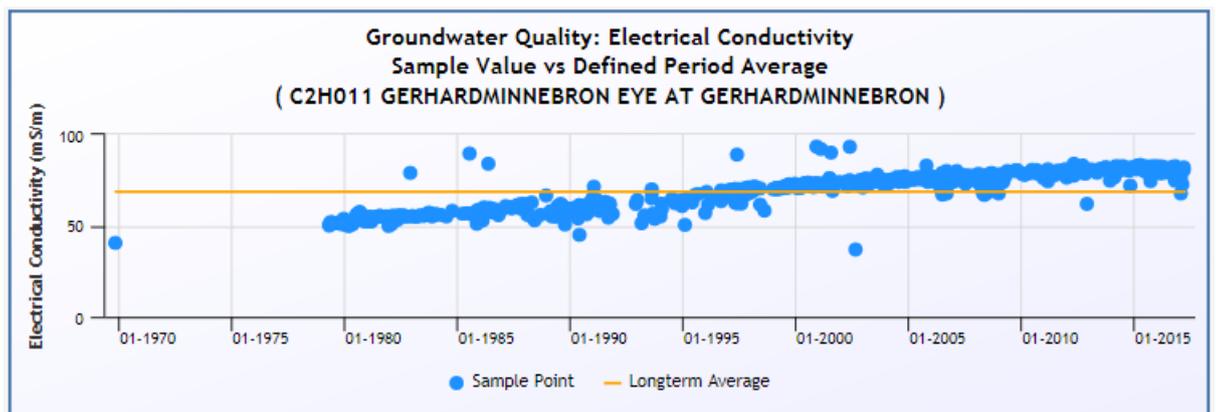


At an individual station level that actual sample data is displayed relative to the different averages (either defined period average, or long term average).

8. Sample value vs. entire defined period average



9. Sample value vs. entire long term period average



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What types of questions does the information product aim to answer?

The dashboard allows a user to check changes in annual average concentration of groundwater quality in South Africa. Either at an aggregated Vegter Region level, or at an individual site level. The dashboards also illustrates the number of groundwater quality samples that have been analysed and stored in the WMS database.

Data/Information discussion

What data is used?

Groundwater Quality data (pH, Sulphate, Electrical Conductivity and Nitrate + Nitrite Nitrogen) from the National Groundwater Quality Monitoring Programme captured on Water Management System is used and displayed for each Vegter (2001) geohydrological Region comparing the latest value with the average value over the full time period of data.

How is data extracted from the source?

The data from the WMS is extracted with a stored procedure executed on a monthly basis from NIWIS.

Data processing in NIWIS

The data for the chosen constituent at a monitoring point in a Vegter (2001) geohydrological Region is averaged and aggregated up to Vegter (2001) geohydrological Regions Level via stored procedures in the NIWIS database.

Key assumptions made

The dashboards only shows results for groundwater quality monitoring sites that are still active and continue to be monitored by DWS. There are many more groundwater quality samples available in the database, but they are not included in this dashboard.

Links to other sources of related information

Users are encouraged to access different groundwater related data that is available through the two DWS systems below.

National Groundwater Archive (NGA)

<http://www3.dwa.gov.za/NGANet/Security/WebLoginForm.aspx>

Water Management System (WMS)

<http://www.dwa.gov.za/iwqs/wms/default.aspx>

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