

- 478 dams are 200 feet or taller
- 18,529 dams are 15 feet or lower
- Private owners represent the largest dam owner group with more than 56,000 dams or approximately 65% of the entire inventory
- The federal government owns only 4% of the total NID, which includes approximately 40% of the tallest dams



- The average age of a NID dam is 55 years.
- Approximately 350 dams were completed in 2009-2012.
- The oldest dam in the NID is Old Oaken Bucket Pond Dam in Plymouth County, Mass., completed in 1640.



- Dams serve multiple purposes, including flood damage reduction, water supply and recreation.
- More than 27,000 (32%) of the dams have a primary purpose of recreation and more than 14,000 (17%) are primarily for flood damage reduction and storm water management.



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The National Inventory of Dams (NID) is a congressionally authorized database, which documents dams in the U.S. and its territories. The NID was most recently reauthorized in the Dam Safety Act of 2006 and republished in May 2013 with updated information from 47 states, Puerto Rico and 15 federal agencies. The NID includes all high and significant hazard potential dams and all low hazard potential dams that meet specific height and reservoir storage requirements.

The NID is maintained and published by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with the Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO), the states and territories, and federal dam-regulating agencies. The database contains information about the dam's location, size, purpose, type, last inspection, regulatory facts, and other technical data. The information contained in the NID is updated approximately every two years.

The NID can only be accessed through the internet, http://nid.usace.army.mil. To query the database, please request an account from the NID web site. After a short approval process, the user receives an email notification with a username and password. There is a short tutorial available from the Interactive Report. Using the interactive map, dams can be shown by zip code or zooming into a particular state. National and state summary information is available with no user registration. The 2013 NID includes information on approximately 87,000 dams of which 77 percent are regulated by the State Dam Safety Offices and 65 percent of the entire inventory is privately-owned dams. From the 2013 NID, 14,726 dams are classified as high hazard potential,12,406 significant, 58,956 low and 1,271 undetermined.



These dams are colored by their hazard potential classification with red indicating high hazard potential, yellow indicating significant and black indicating low hazard. Dams assigned the high hazard potential classification are those where failure or mis-operation will probably cause loss of human life. Significant hazard potential are those dams where failure or misoperation results in no probable loss of human life but can cause economic loss. Dams assigned the low hazard potential classification are those where failure or mis-operation results in no probable loss of human life and low economic and/ or environmental losses. Losses are principally limited to the owner's property. This hazard potential classification does not indicate the condition of the dam.

Total Dams by State

State	Dams	State	Dams
Alabama	2,241	Montana	3,316
Alaska	107	Nebraska	2,835
Arizona	380	Nevada	552
Arkansas	1,251	New Hampshire	641
California	1,594	New Jersey	825
Colorado	1,737	New Mexico	491
Connecticut	734	New York	1,968
Delaware	83	North Carolina	3,262
Florida	895	North Dakota	904
Georgia	5,132	Ohio	1,483
Guam	1	Oklahoma	4,925
Hawaii	138	Oregon	964
ldaho	447	Pennsylvania	1,552
Illinois	1,592	Puerto Rico	37
Indiana	927	Rhode Island	236
lowa	3,927	South Carolina	2,439
Kansas	6,374	South Dakota	2,511
Kentucky	1,114	Tennessee	1,224
Louisiana	513	Texas	7,310
Maine	611	Utah	835
Maryland	336	Vermont	363
Massachussetts	1,490	Virginia	2,063
Michigan	941	Washington	798
Minnesota	1,078	West Virginia	609
Mississippi	3,630	Wisconsin	1,185
Missouri	5,119	Wyoming	1,639

Overview of the 2013 Inventory

- 87,359 dams contained in the NID
- Oroville Dam on the Feather River in Butte County, Calif., at 770 feet tall is the tallest dam in the U.S.
- Hoover's Lake Mead on the Colorado River in Clark County, Nev., is the largest reservoir with more than 30,000,000 acre-feet of water storage

