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Water You Wouldn't Use to Wash a Barnyard Animal

Long before Flint Michigan's water problems became a national news story, a substantial 9 million American households identified their primary source of water as unsafe to drink.

Even here in Ithaca, N.Y., news of tiny spheres of plastic, trace amounts of medical waste and, scariest to date, PCBs in the city's drinking water, are so routine the super intelligent citizens of the this top-rated tiny town barely take notice.

Thanks to the American Housing Survey, which asks respondents whether their primary source of water is safe for drinking. This is the percentage of households with water not safe to drink (excluding households whose primary source is commercial bottled water) ...

Primary source of water is unsafe to drink

Total households: 8%

Owners: 6%

Renters: 11%

Blacks: 10%

Hispanics: 20%

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Below poverty: 12%

Northeast: 6%

Midwest: 4%

South: 8%

West: 12%

Central city: 9%

Suburb: 7%

Nonmetropolitan: 6%

Source: Census Bureau, 2013 American Housing Survey



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