



short-term trend: 2006 compared to 2003, long-term trend: 2006 compared to 1996

Source: VMM

No clear picture

In the freatic (parts of) groundwater bodies a lot of level drops occur in a short time, especially when the groundwater level is fairly high at the time. In the east of Flanders this fall is moreover much more pronounced than in the west. In the long term, on the other hand, the groundwater level in most freatic bodies can still be considered to be stable. For some there is even a clearly rising trend.

In the non-freatic groundwater bodies in the short term, in the wells where high groundwater levels occur, decreasing trends also occur more frequently. In the areas with very low groundwater levels there are on the other hand stabilizations or sometimes even increases in the groundwater level in the long term. But in various other groundwater bodies with a very low groundwater level the fall goes further in the long and short term however.

sampling wells (%)	short-term trend		long-term trend	
	freatic	non-freatic	freatic	non-freatic
rising	2	28	27	40
stable	44	27	64	28
falling	54	45	9	32