Table 4.1 Bathing water surveys: 1997-2001

United Kingdom

	Compliance with EC Bathing Water Directive[1] coliform standards[2] during the bathing season[3]														
	Identified bathing waters					Number complying					*Percentage complying*				
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	*1997*	*1998*	*1999*	*2000*	*2001*
Coastal bathing waters															
EA Region															
North East															
Northumbrian [4, 5]	34	34	33	33	33	32	26	32	29	33	*94*	*76*	*97*	*88*	*100*
Yorkshire [4]	22	22	22	23	22	19	21	20	22	22	*86*	*95*	*91*	*96*	*100*
Anglian	35	36	36	37	37	35	36	34	37	36	*100*	*100*	*94*	*100*	*97*
Thames	3	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	5	*100*	*100*	*100*	*100*	*100*
Southern	75	77	79	79	79	67	75	74	77	78	*89*	*97*	*94*	*97*	*99*
South West															
Wessex [4]	43	43	43	47	47	39	40	41	45	47	*91*	*93*	*95*	*96*	*100*
South West [4]	137	140	141	140	140	125	127	126	134	137	*91*	*91*	*89*	*96*	*98*
North West [6]	34	34	34	34	34	17	21	23	28	30	*50*	*62*	*68*	*82*	*88*
England [5]	383	389	391	396	397	337	349	353	375	388	*88*	*90*	*90*	*95*	*98*
Wales [6]	64	68	70	75	75	60	64	69	74	70	*94*	*94*	*99*	*99*	*93*
Scotland	23	23	58	58	58	18	12	51	49	49	*78*	*52*	*88*	*84*	*84*
Northern Ireland	16	16	16	16	16	14	15	16	16	13	*88*	*94*	*100*	*100*	*81*
United Kingdom [5]	486	496	535	545	546	429	440	489	514	520	*88*	*89*	*91*	*94*	*95*
Inland bathing waters															
United Kingdom [7]	..	9	11	11	11	..	9	10	9	11	..	*100*	*91*	*82*	*100*

Source: Environment Agency; Scottish Environment Protection Agency; Environment and Heritage Service

[1] 76/160/EEC.
[2] At least 95 per cent of samples must have counts not exceeding the mandatory limit values for total and faecal coliforms.
[3] Bathing waters which are closed for a season are excluded for that year
[4] In 1993, Northumbrian and Yorkshire were amalgamated into one region, now called North East; and Wessex and South West were amalgamated into one region, now called South West. Results for the old regions are given for comparison with earlier years.
[5] Figures for 1997-1998 include Alnmouth, which was dedesignated in 1999
[6] West Kirby is included in the figures for North West region for all years. In previous Digests it was included in the Welsh region
[7] Inland bathing waters were identified for the first time in 1998.
In 2001, regions with identified inland bathing water sites were: Scotland (2), Thames (6) and North West (3)

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