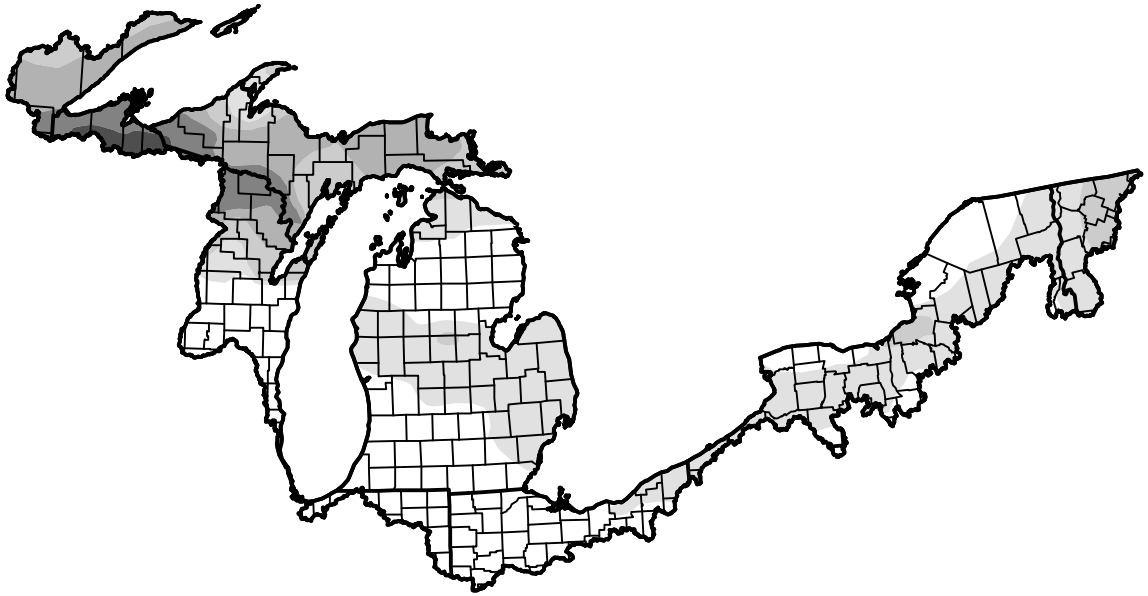
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# Great Lakes Watershed



## October 13, 2026

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**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 40.65 | 32.62 | 9.40 | 11.31 | 4.92 | 1.09 |
| **Last Week** *10-06-2026* | 45.25 | 30.82 | 10.71 | 8.76 | 3.36 | 1.09 |
| **3 Months Ago** *07-14-2026* | 78.92 | 15.77 | 5.32 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Calendar Year** *01-06-2026* | 28.65 | 28.64 | 33.06 | 6.79 | 2.86 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Water Year** *09-30-2025* | 30.41 | 25.77 | 28.01 | 13.83 | 1.98 | 0.00 |
| **One Year Ago** *10-14-2025* | 17.79 | 28.45 | 31.25 | 15.78 | 6.73 | 0.00 |

*Intensity:*

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx*

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