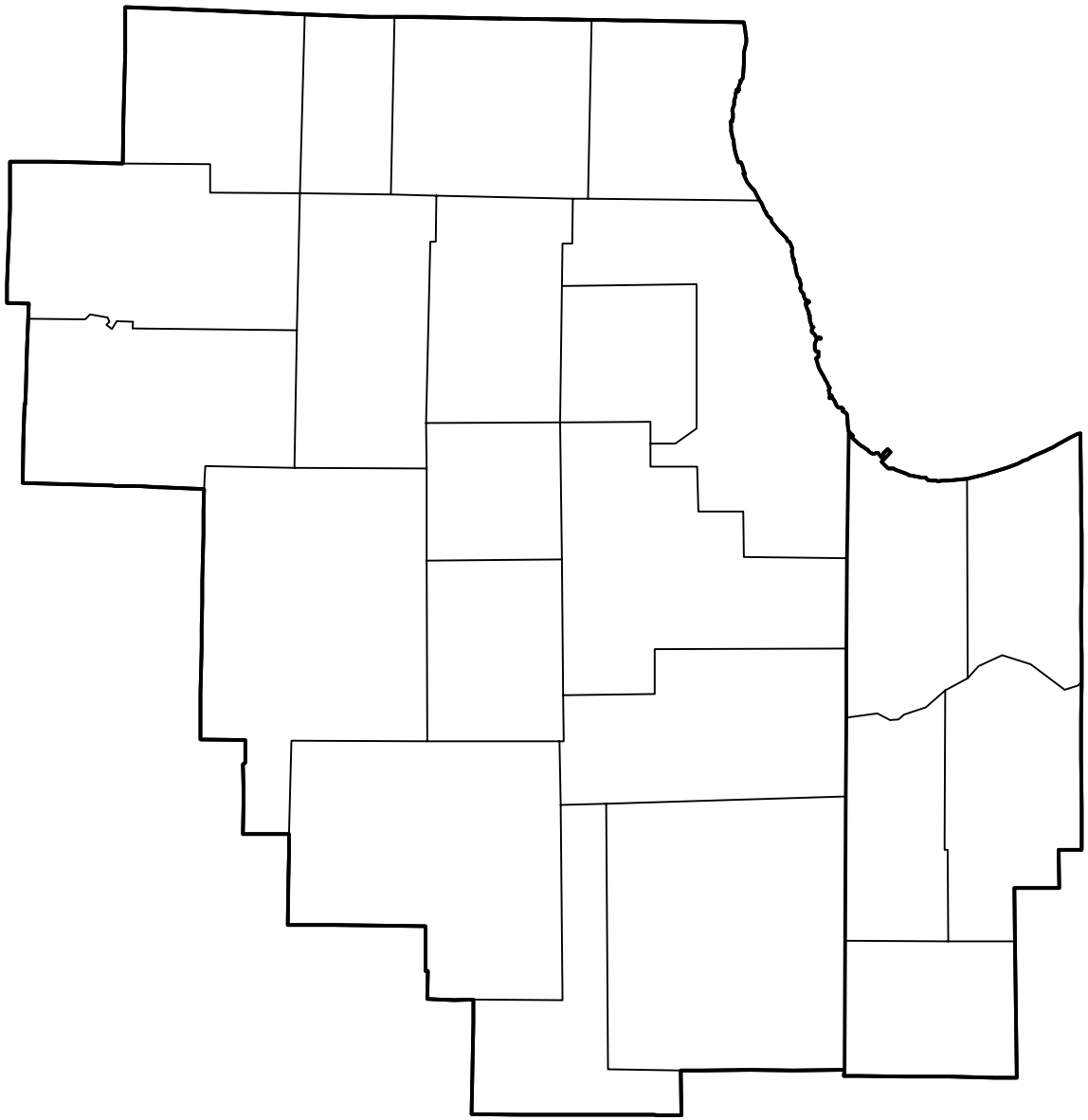
U.S. Drought Monitor

Chicago, IL WFO



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week *10-06-2026*	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	92.30	7.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	16.02	83.98	34.72	7.62	2.20	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	0.21	99.79	35.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	0.43	99.57	53.37	12.60	0.00	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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