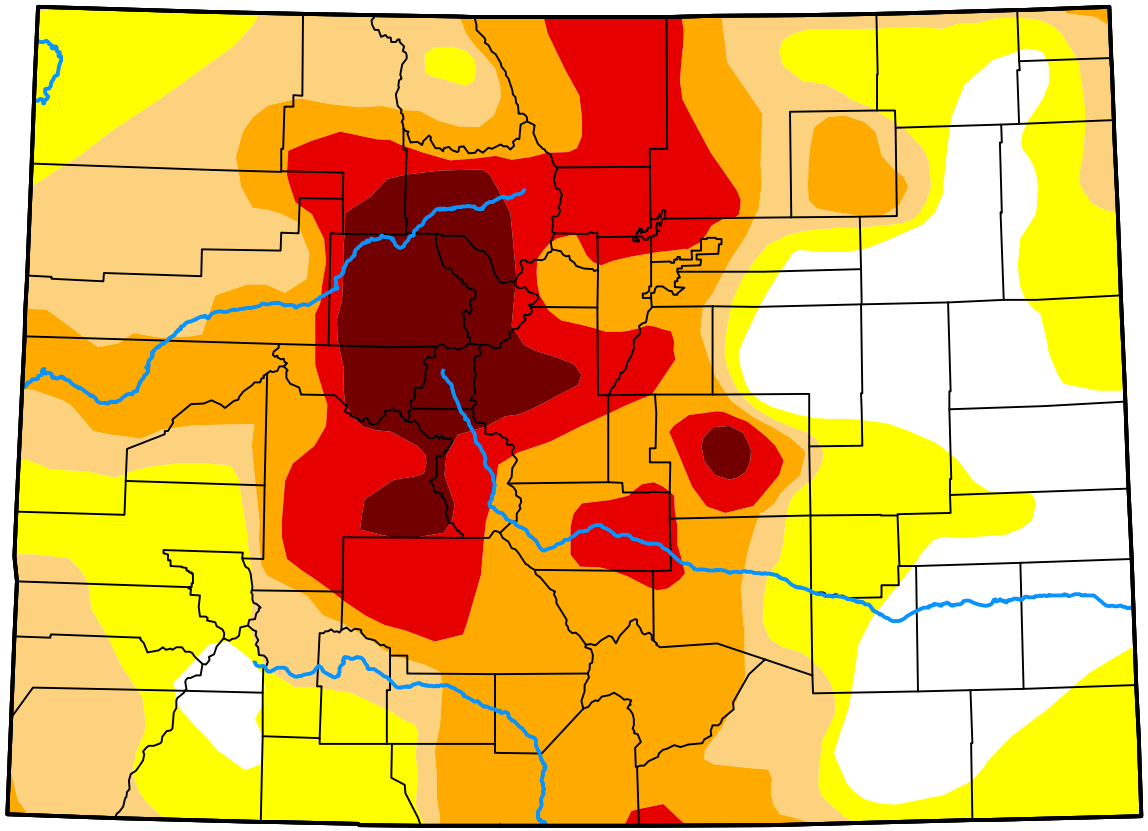
U.S. Drought Monitor

Colorado



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	16.50	83.50	61.05	41.00	18.36	5.97
Last Week *10-13-2026*	15.62	84.38	70.82	54.04	26.16	8.47
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	2.86	97.14	90.63	81.16	49.34	12.17
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	25.96	74.04	46.22	15.77	4.35	0.67
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	8.94	91.06	82.30	58.19	34.98	10.01
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	52.59	47.41	29.19	13.49	1.30	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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