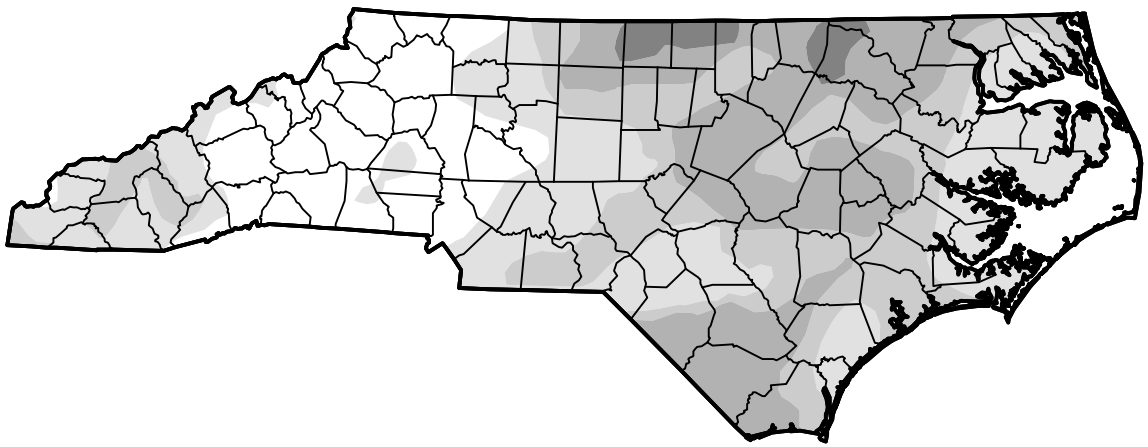
U.S. Drought Monitor

North Carolina



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	20.16	30.25	24.16	22.99	2.44	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	11.52	30.04	34.46	19.68	4.30	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	0.01	8.76	12.00	50.50	26.75	1.97
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	0.00	16.56	54.60	28.84	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	10.83	28.57	33.93	21.15	5.18	0.34
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	8.24	38.45	37.90	15.41	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

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

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