U.S. Drought Monitor

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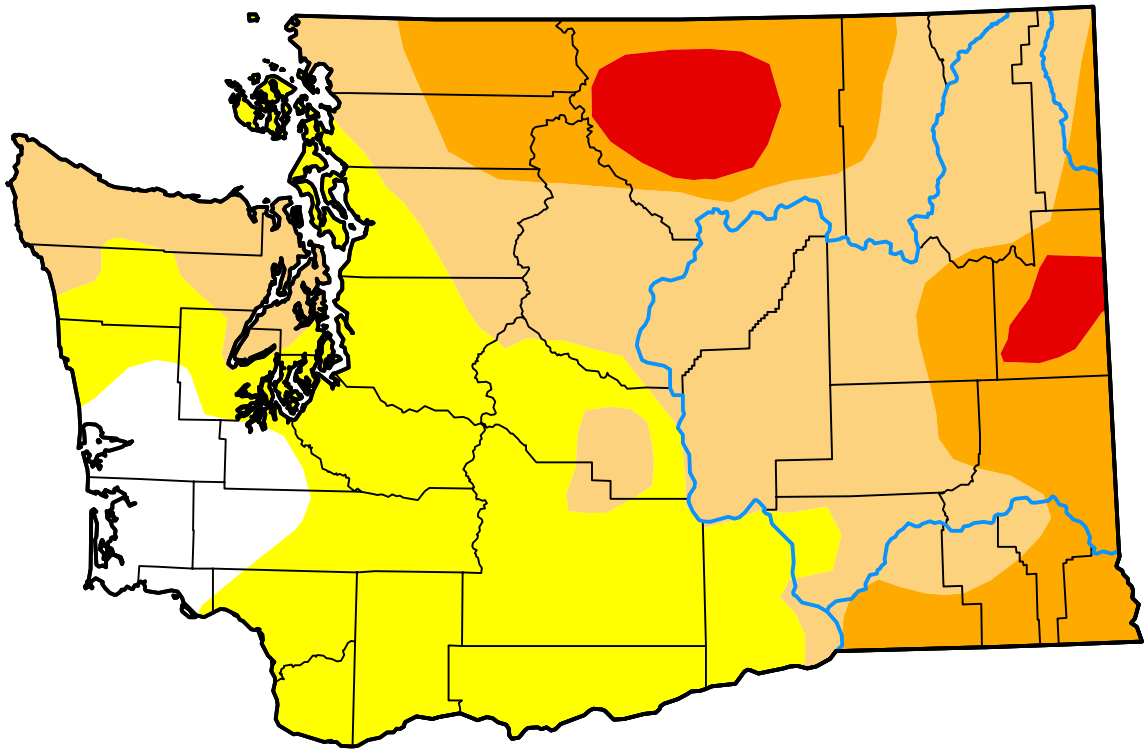

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	5.81	32.73	37.89	19.21	4.35	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	5.81	28.35	40.60	20.88	4.35	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	14.02	22.28	55.60	7.16	0.94	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	34.96	41.15	21.26	2.63	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	5.81	28.35	40.60	20.88	4.35	0.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	0.00	3.11	21.12	54.15	21.52	0.10

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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