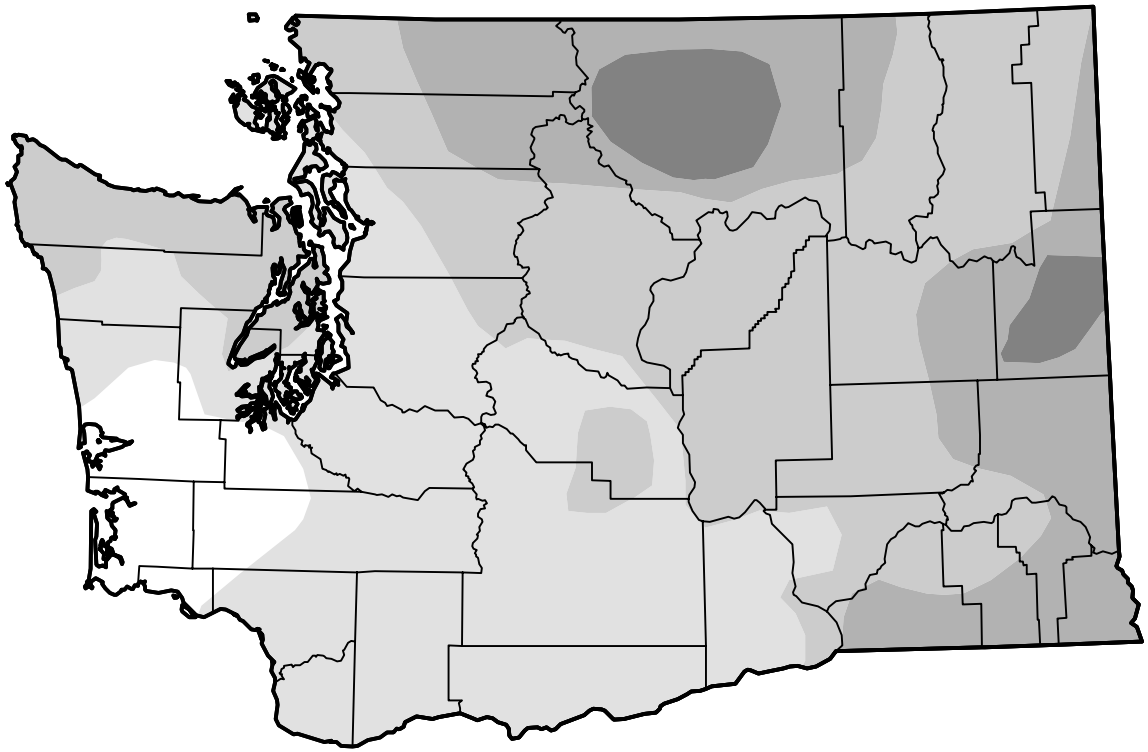
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# Washington



## October 20, 2026

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**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

*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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