U.S. Drought Monitor

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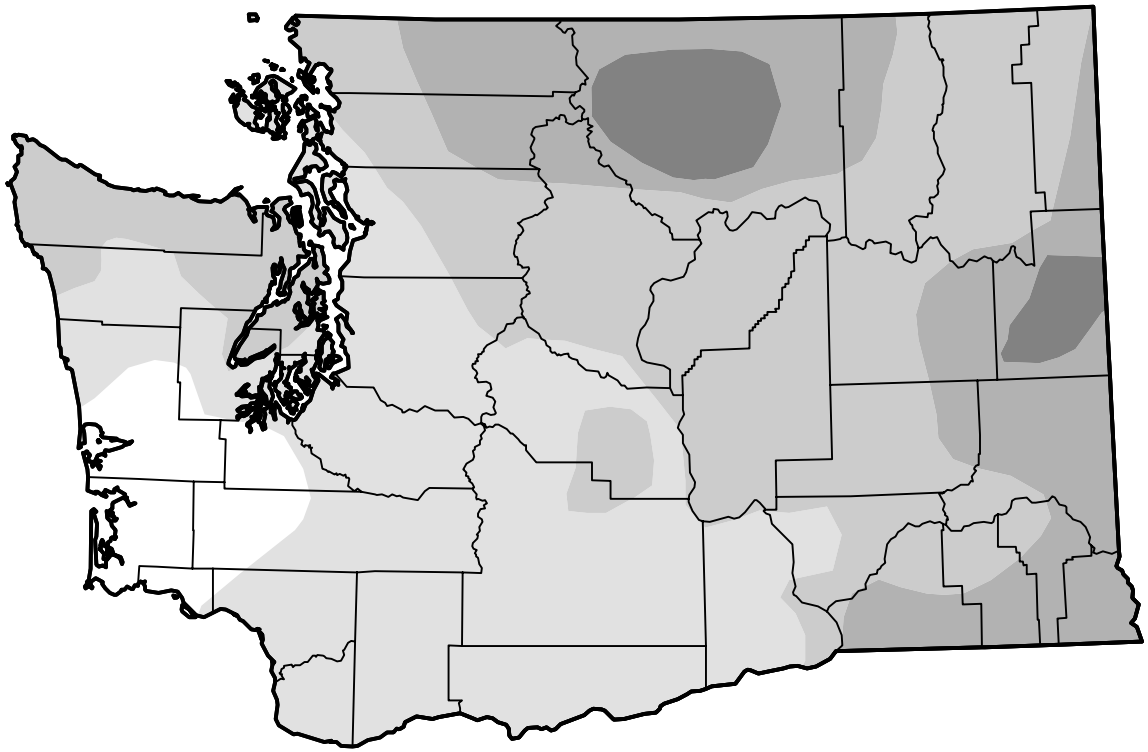

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.81	94.19	61.45	23.56	4.35	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	5.81	94.19	65.84	25.24	4.35	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	14.02	85.98	63.70	8.10	0.94	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	34.96	65.04	23.89	2.63	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	5.81	94.19	65.84	25.24	4.35	0.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	0.00	100.00	96.89	75.77	21.62	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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