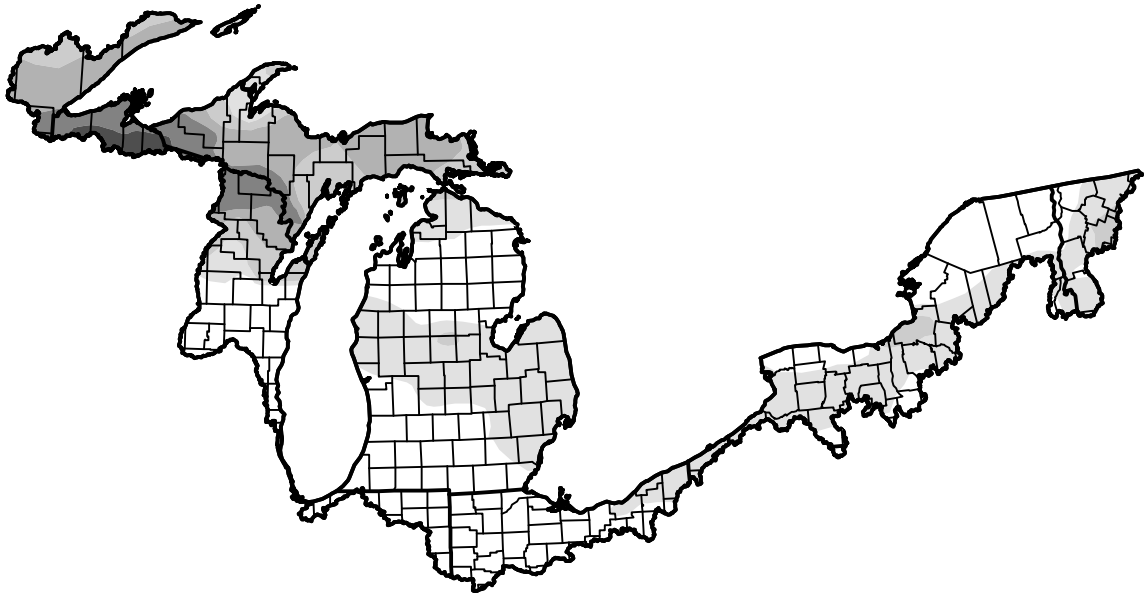
U.S. Drought Monitor

Great Lakes Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	44.09	55.91	25.44	17.33	6.02	1.09
Last Week *10-13-2026*	40.65	59.35	26.73	17.33	6.02	1.09
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	77.98	22.02	8.65	0.76	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	28.65	71.35	42.71	9.66	2.86	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	46.78	53.22	21.67	10.05	4.16	0.83
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	18.00	82.00	52.74	20.60	6.11	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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