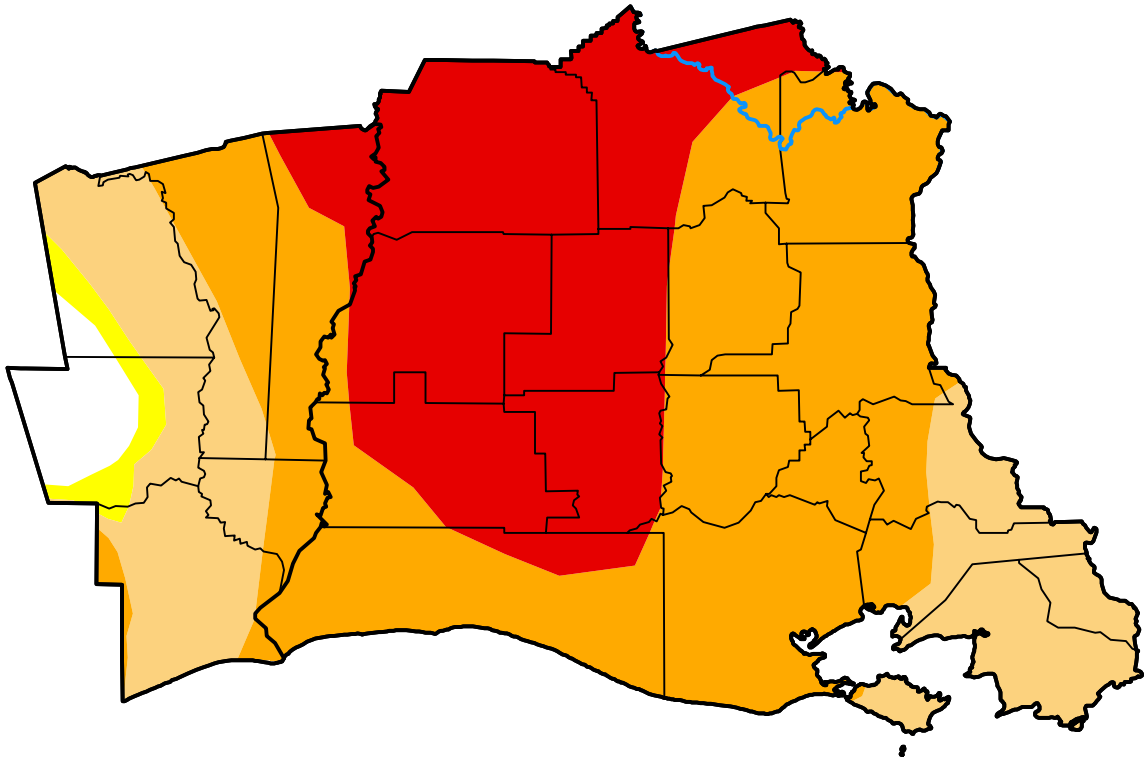
U.S. Drought Monitor

Lake Charles, LA WFO



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.62	1.67	19.76	44.70	31.25	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	2.62	3.22	34.24	59.92	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	3.10	38.64	44.83	13.43	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	4.87	18.34	43.24	33.55	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	4.33	42.47	53.20	0.00	0.00	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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