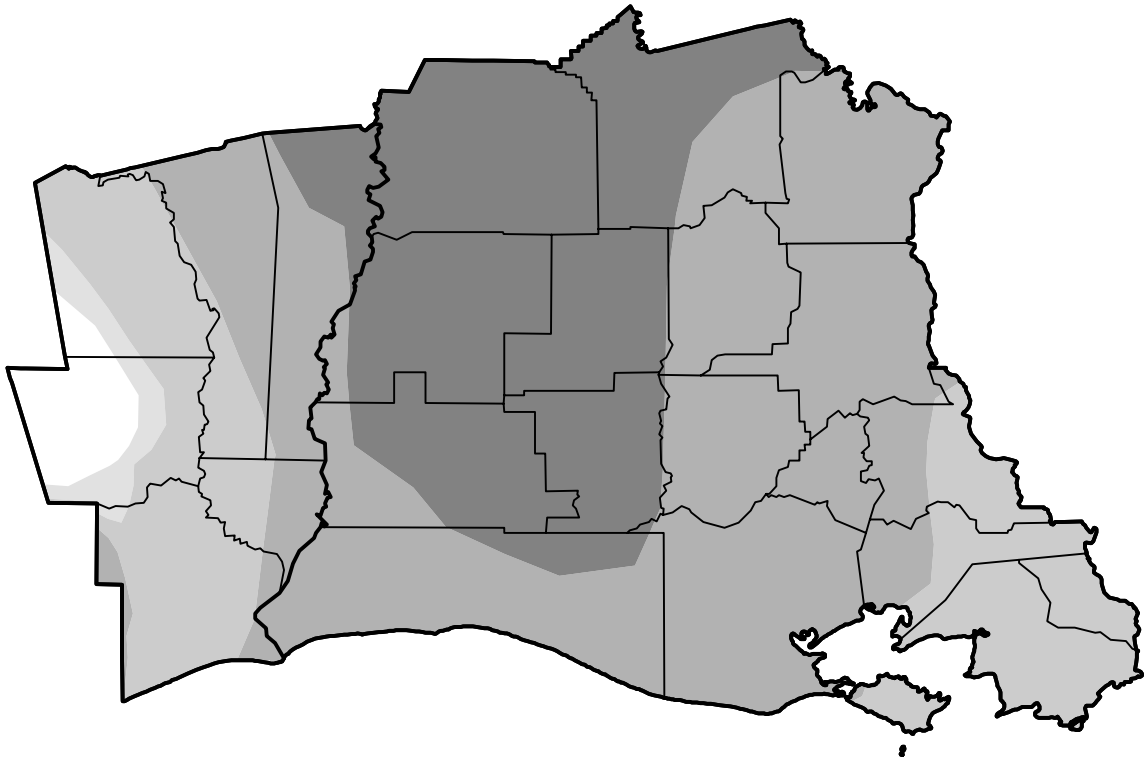
U.S. Drought Monitor

Lake Charles, LA WFO



October 20, 2026

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.62	97.38	95.72	75.96	31.25	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	2.62	97.38	94.16	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	96.90	58.26	13.43	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	4.87	95.13	76.79	33.55	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	4.33	95.67	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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