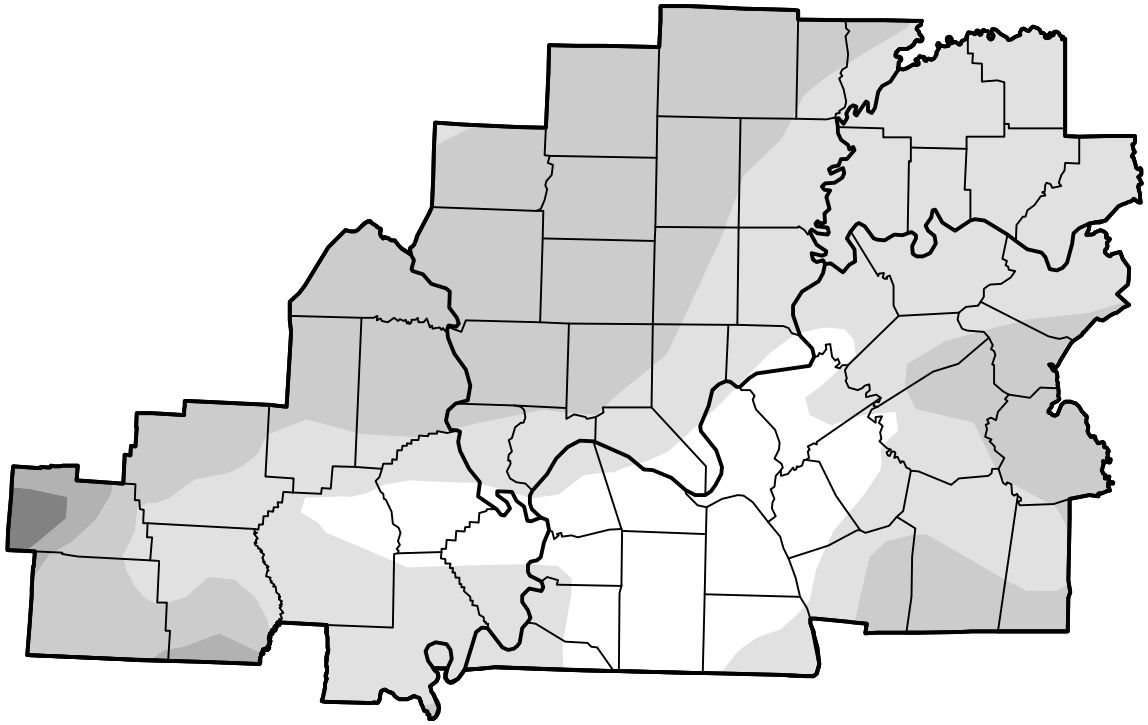
U.S. Drought Monitor

Paducah, KY WFO



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.39	43.03	38.88	1.18	0.53	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	16.05	43.76	38.48	1.71	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	78.41	17.77	3.08	0.74	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	0.12	55.71	35.68	8.48	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	12.83	65.40	19.63	2.14	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	29.78	22.80	45.49	1.93	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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