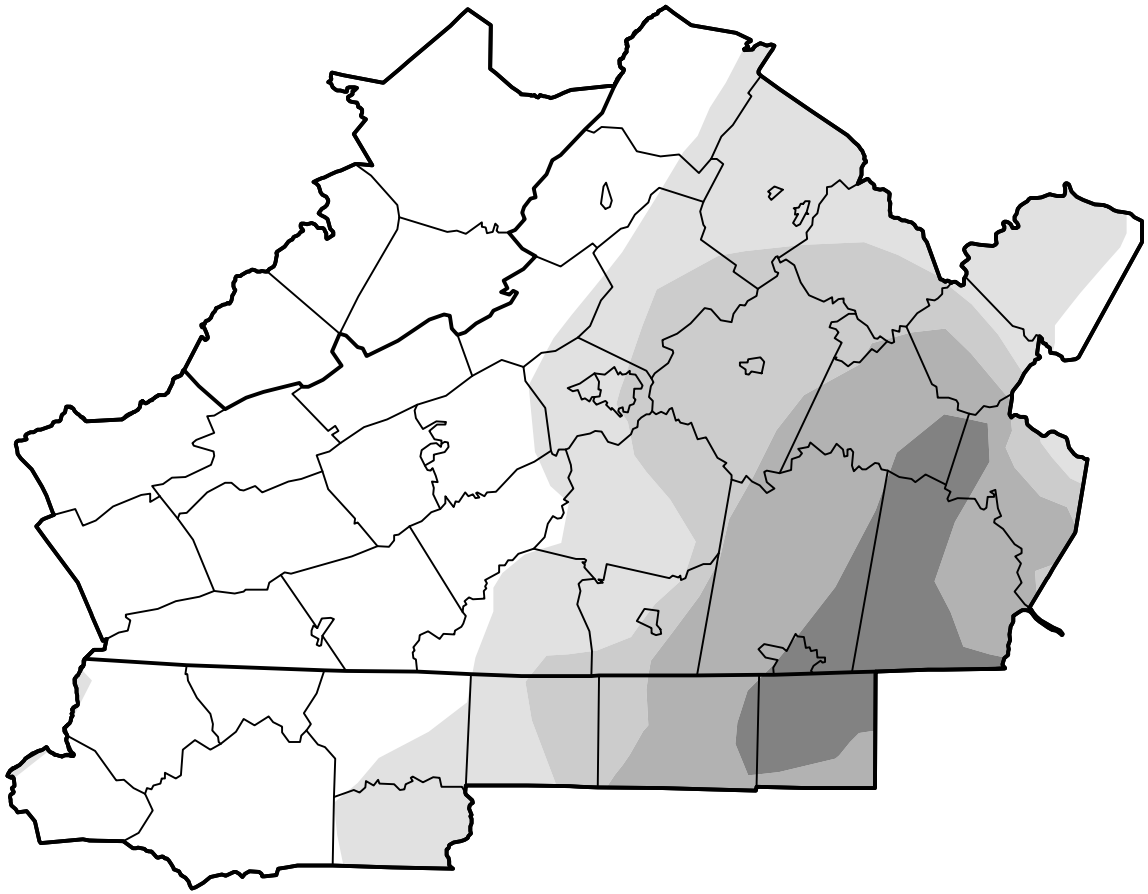
U.S. Drought Monitor

Blacksburg, VA WFO



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	49.79	50.21	31.22	19.03	6.34	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	38.47	61.53	34.81	20.47	7.88	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	0.27	99.73	85.70	69.49	16.80	1.42
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	8.37	91.63	79.44	43.79	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	25.74	74.26	50.40	28.87	12.66	0.52
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	0.80	99.20	48.16	10.92	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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