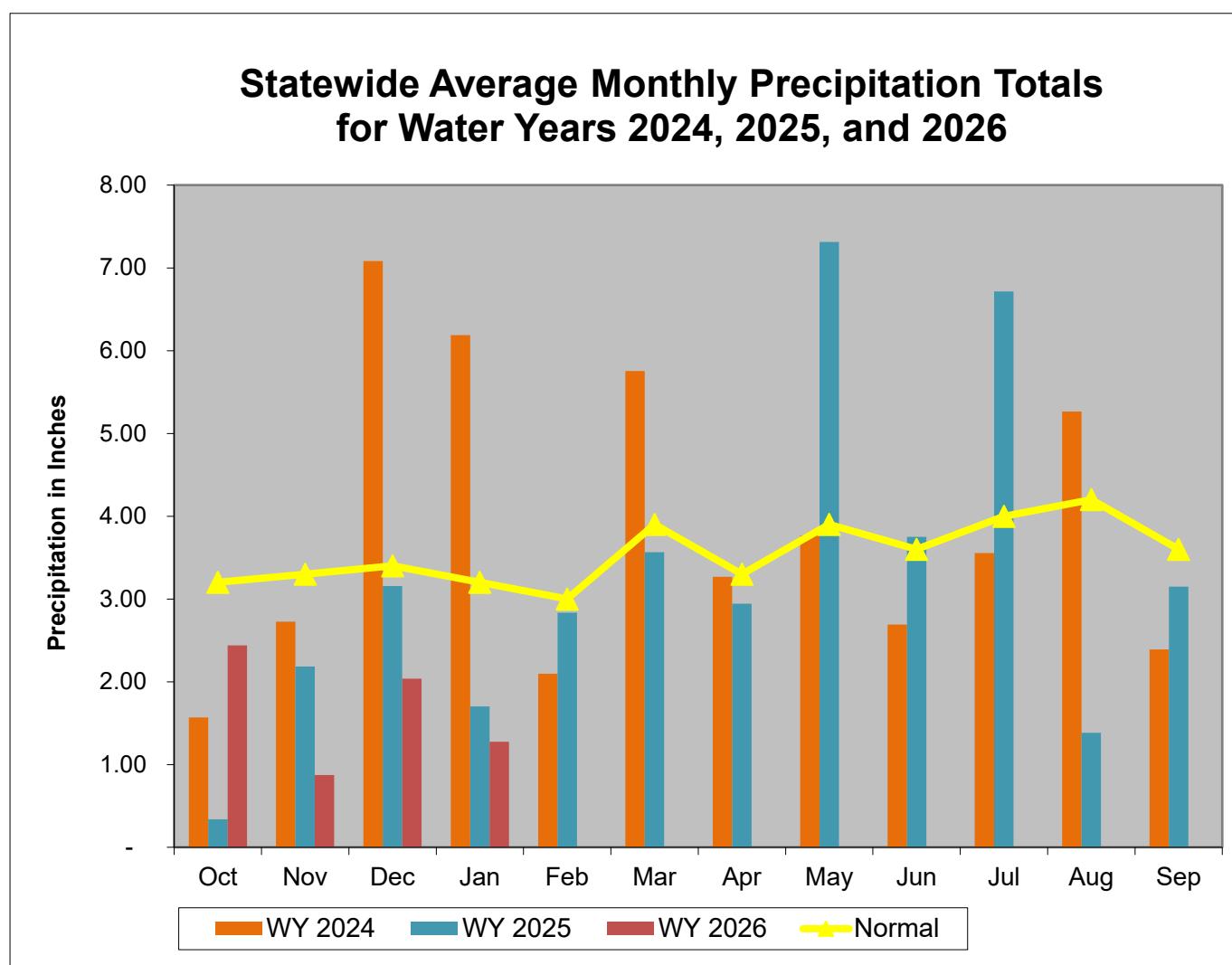


Overall Hydrologic Status for Maryland

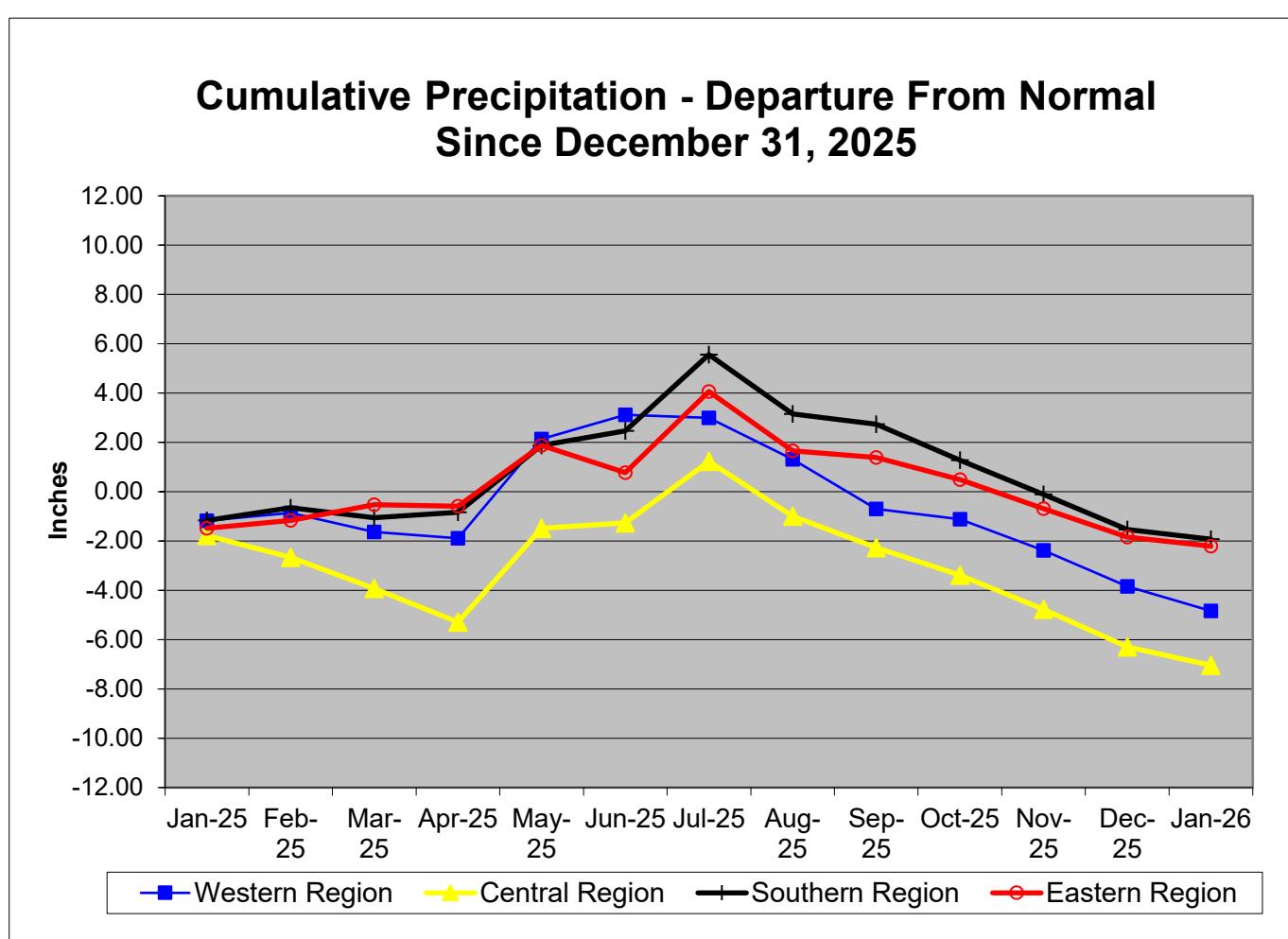
Summary of Hydrologic Indicators for 19 January 2026					
	Rainfall	Stream Flow	Groundwater	Reservoirs	Overall Status
Western	Normal	Watch	Warning	Normal	Watch
Central	Normal	Watch	Emergency	Normal	Watch
Eastern	Normal	Warning	Warning		Warning
Southern	Normal		Watch		Normal

Notes: Some streamflow gages are missing data due to ice

Precipitation Indicators for Maryland Drought Regions						
January 19, 2026						
	Since Sept 30, 2025		Since July 31, 2025		Since January 31, 2025	
Regions	Percent of Normal	Condition	Percent of Normal	Condition	Percent of Normal	Condition
Western	59%	Warning	54%	Emergency	91%	Normal
Central	57%	Emergency	56%	Emergency	87%	Normal
Eastern	67%	Warning	67%	Warning	98%	Normal
Southern	57%	Emergency	59%	Emergency	98%	Normal
WY or Water Year begins on October 1.						



Data obtained from: http://www.weather.gov/marfc/Precipitation_Departures



**Precipitation in Maryland Counties
as of 31 December 2025 (WY 2026)**

		Normal Rainfall, Actual Rainfall and Rainfall Departure from Normal in Inches															
		WY ¹ To Date (Since September 30, 2025)				12 Months (Since January 31, 2025)				3 Months (Since October 31, 2025)				6 Months (Since July 31, 2025)			
COUNTY		Normal	Actual	Depart	%	Normal	Actual	Depart	%	Normal	Actual	Depart	%	Normal	Actual	Depart	%
WESTERN REGION	ALLEGANY	9.2	5.3	-3.9	57%	36.8	33.9	-2.9	92%	6.5	2.6	-3.9	40%	15.9	8.4	-7.5	53%
	GARRETT	11.1	7.2	-4.0	64%	43.9	39.3	-4.6	90%	8.1	4.9	-3.2	60%	18.5	11.0	-7.5	60%
	WASHINGTON	9.8	5.3	-4.5	54%	38.5	35.0	-3.4	91%	6.7	2.6	-4.1	39%	16.8	8.3	-8.5	49%
	Regional Average	10.0	5.9	-4.1	59%	39.7	36.1	-3.7	91%	7.1	3.4	-3.7	47%	17.1	9.2	-7.8	54%
CENTRAL REGION	BALTIMORE COUNT	11.8	6.7	-5.2	56%	42.6	37.8	-4.8	89%	7.9	3.9	-4.0	49%	19.5	11.4	-8.2	58%
	CARROLL	11.0	6.2	-4.8	56%	40.9	33.9	-7.1	83%	7.4	3.6	-3.8	49%	18.7	10.1	-8.7	54%
	CECIL	11.4	8.0	-3.5	70%	42.2	38.4	-3.8	91%	7.8	5.3	-2.5	68%	19.4	12.6	-6.9	65%
	FREDERICK	10.5	5.5	-5.1	52%	39.7	32.4	-7.3	82%	7.1	3.0	-4.1	43%	17.8	9.6	-8.2	54%
	HARFORD	11.7	6.9	-4.8	59%	43.0	38.8	-4.2	90%	7.8	4.2	-3.6	54%	19.8	11.9	-8.0	60%
	HOWARD	11.3	6.0	-5.3	53%	41.6	36.9	-4.7	89%	7.6	3.7	-4.0	48%	18.7	9.6	-9.1	51%
	MONTGOMERY	10.6	5.8	-4.8	55%	40.1	35.0	-5.1	87%	7.1	3.5	-3.6	49%	18.0	9.1	-9.0	50%
	Regional Average	11.2	6.4	-4.8	57%	41.4	36.2	-5.3	87%	7.5	3.9	-3.7	52%	18.9	10.6	-8.3	56%
SOUTHERN REGION	ANNE ARUNDEL	10.9	6.6	-4.3	60%	40.2	38.7	-1.4	96%	7.4	4.0	-3.4	54%	18.2	11.2	-6.9	62%
	CALVERT	11.1	6.8	-4.3	61%	41.4	41.5	0.1	100%	7.5	4.6	-2.9	61%	18.7	11.6	-7.1	62%
	CHARLES	10.7	5.5	-5.2	51%	39.9	37.9	-2.0	95%	7.2	3.7	-3.5	52%	18.2	9.5	-8.7	52%
	PRINCE GEORGES	10.9	5.7	-5.2	52%	39.9	37.9	-2.0	95%	7.3	3.7	-3.6	51%	18.1	9.9	-8.1	55%
	ST MARYS	11.0	6.7	-4.4	60%	41.1	42.5	1.5	104%	7.4	4.6	-2.8	63%	18.8	12.2	-6.6	65%
	Regional Average	10.9	6.2	-4.7	57%	40.5	39.7	-0.8	98%	7.3	4.1	-3.2	56%	18.4	10.9	-7.5	59%
EASTERN REGION	CAROLINE	10.9	8.0	-2.9	74%	40.8	39.7	-1.1	97%	7.5	5.5	-2.0	74%	18.7	12.5	-6.2	67%
	DORCHESTER	11.0	7.3	-3.7	67%	41.3	41.4	0.1	100%	7.6	5.2	-2.3	69%	18.6	11.2	-7.3	60%
	KENT	10.9	7.1	-3.8	65%	40.8	39.1	-1.7	96%	7.4	4.9	-2.5	66%	18.6	12.7	-6.0	68%
	QUEEN ANNES	10.9	7.3	-3.6	67%	40.6	39.4	-1.2	97%	7.5	5.1	-2.4	68%	18.5	12.7	-5.8	69%
	SOMERSET	10.5	7.0	-3.5	66%	40.5	42.3	1.8	104%	7.3	4.3	-3.1	58%	18.6	13.1	-5.5	70%
	TALBOT	11.1	7.2	-3.8	65%	41.3	40.1	-1.1	97%	7.6	5.1	-2.5	67%	18.8	11.6	-7.1	62%
	WICOMICO	10.8	7.5	-3.3	69%	40.1	38.0	-2.1	95%	7.6	4.7	-3.0	61%	18.9	12.7	-6.2	67%
	WORCESTER	11.2	7.0	-4.2	63%	41.5	41.1	-0.5	99%	7.8	3.8	-3.9	49%	19.5	13.4	-6.1	69%
	Regional Average	10.9	7.3	-3.6	67%	40.8	40.1	-0.7	98%	7.5	4.8	-2.7	64%	18.8	12.5	-6.3	67%
INDEPENDENT CITY OF BALTIMORE		11.8	6.7	-5.2	56%	42.6	37.8	-4.8	89%	7.9	3.9	-4.0	49%	19.5	11.4	-8.2	58%
Statewide Average		10.9	6.6	-4.3	61%	40.9	38.3	-2.6	94%	7.5	4.2	-3.3	56%	18.5	11.2	-7.4	60%

WY¹ - USGS Water Year, which begins October 1

Stream Flow Status Based on Thirty Day Average for 2026 January 19						
Region	Stream Gage Location	Notes	Status Based on 30 Day Average			
			30 Day Average (cfs)	Percentage Status		
Western	Youghiogheny (near Oakland)	[1]	326.8	30%-35%	Normal	
Western	Savage River (near Barton)	[1]	28.0	15%-20%	Watch	
Western	Wills Creek (near Cumberland)	[1]	112	20%-25%	Watch	
Western	Marsh Run (at Grimes)	[1]	4.9	15%-20%	Watch	
Central	Catoctin Creek (near Middletown)	[1]	12.5	5%-10%	Warning	
Central	Monocacy (Jug Bridge near Frederick)		188	0%-5%	Emergency	
Central	Patuxent (near Unity)		14.0	0%-5%	Emergency	
Central	Deer Cr (at Rocks)	[1]	55.4	5%-10%	Warning	
Eastern	Choptank (near Greensboro)		70.8	15%-20%	Watch	
Eastern	Nassawango Creek (near Snow Hill)		7.4	0%-5%	Emergency	
	Susquehanna (at Marietta)		29,557	35%-40%	Normal	
	Potomac (at Little Falls)(Adjusted)		2,989	5%-10%	Warning	

Notes:

[1] Data missing due to ice

Ground Water Status for 19 January 2026				
Region	USGS Well ID	Well Level[1]	Status	
Western	GA Bc 1	12.98 [3]	Normal	
	AL Ah 1	4.52 [2]	Normal	
	WA Be 2	35.89 [2]	Emergency	Warning
	WA Bk 25	50.8 [3]	Emergency	
	WA Ci 82	46.26 [2]	Normal	
Central	BA Dc 444	45.13 [3]	Emergency	
	BA Ea 18	25.97 [2]	Emergency	
	CL Ad 47	3.59 [3]	Emergency	
	Fr Bd 96	28.8 [2]	Warning	Emergency
	Fr Df 35	59.97 [2]	Watch	
	HA Bd 31	13.91 [2]	Watch	
	HA Ca 23	9.31 [2]	Emergency	
Eastern	MO Cc 14	42.28 [2]	Warning	
	QA Cg 69	4.97 [2]	Watch	Warning
	WI Cg 20	6.28 [2]	Watch	
	MC51-01	16.09 [3]	Emergency	
Southern	SO Cf 2	5.76 [2]	Emergency	
	CH Bg 12 (unconfined)	5.22 [3]	Warning	Watch
	CA Fd 54 (confined)	246.27 [3]	On Trend[4]	

[1] - Measurement of water level as feet below land surface
 [2] - Not available as of 01/21/2026
 [3] - Value computed from real time measurement
 [4] - In accordance with Maryland's drought monitoring and response plan, the impact of drought upon confined aquifers is analyzed as a departure from long term trend.

Selected ground water levels are available from USGS at:

<http://md.water.usgs.gov/groundwater/>

Data for other wells may be downloaded from:

[USGS - NWIS Web Information for USA](http://usgs.gov/nwis)

Reservoir Volumes and Storage for Drought Monitoring

For the End of December 2025

Water System	Reservoir	Percent Full*	Days of Storage**
City of Frostburg	Piney	100%	452
City of Cumberland	Lake Gordon	100%	281
	Lake Koon	55%	
City of Baltimore	Liberty	83%	317
	Loch Raven	91%	
	Prettyboy	80%	
	Total	84%	
WSSC	Tridelphia Reservoir	57%	112
	Rocky Gorge/Duckett		
	Seneca Creek Reserve	100%	NA
All Potomac River Plants	Jennings-Randolph Reserve***	100%	NA

* Percent Full is the ratio of current volume to the maximum usable volume in each reservoir as of the end of December 2025

** Days of Storage is the amount of days it would take to use current volume of reservoir (w/o recharge) based on average raw water withdrawals from similar time frame from previous three years.

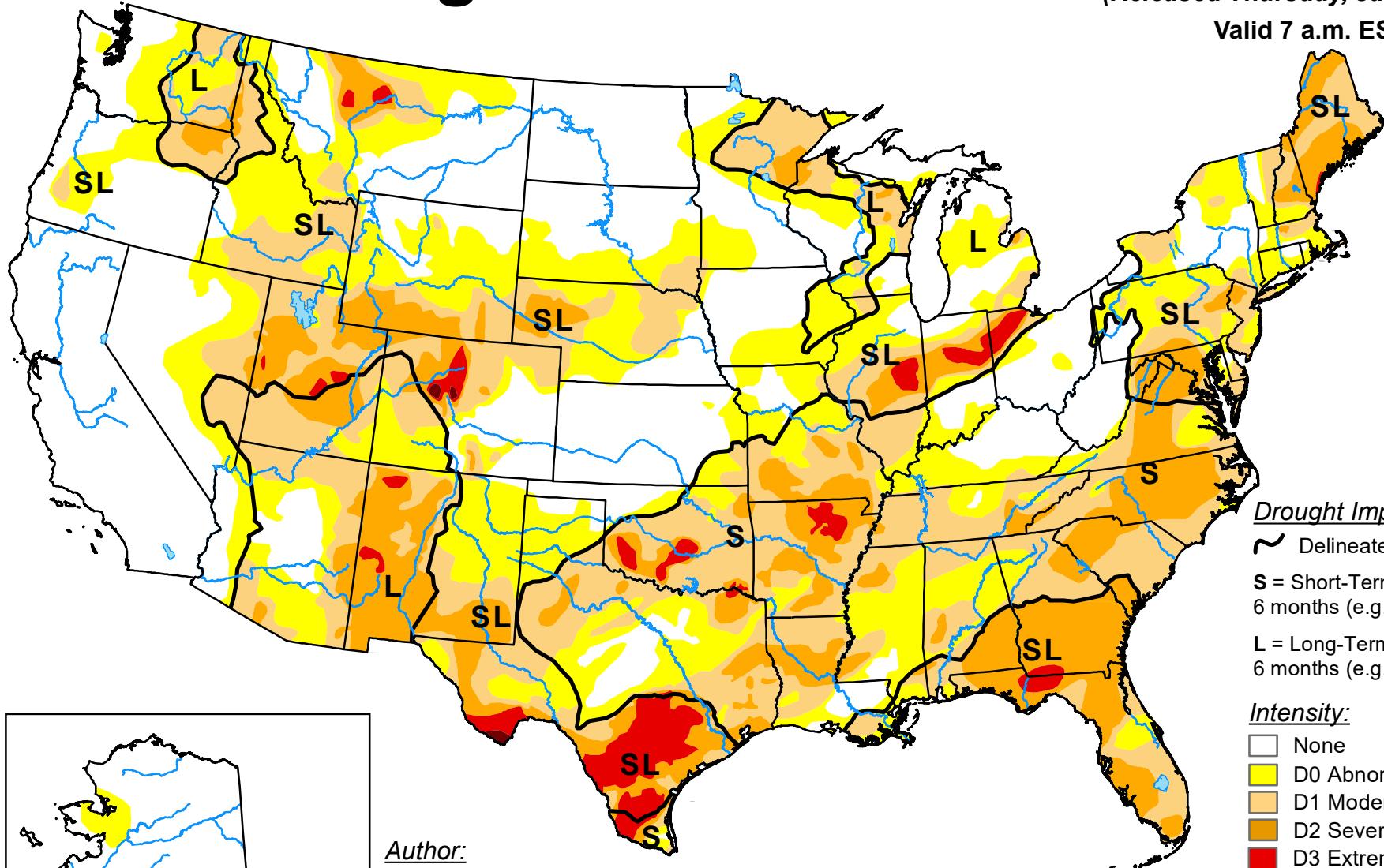
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January 13, 2026

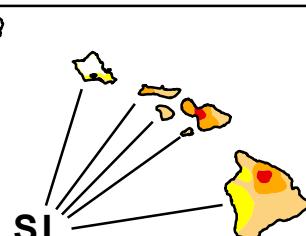
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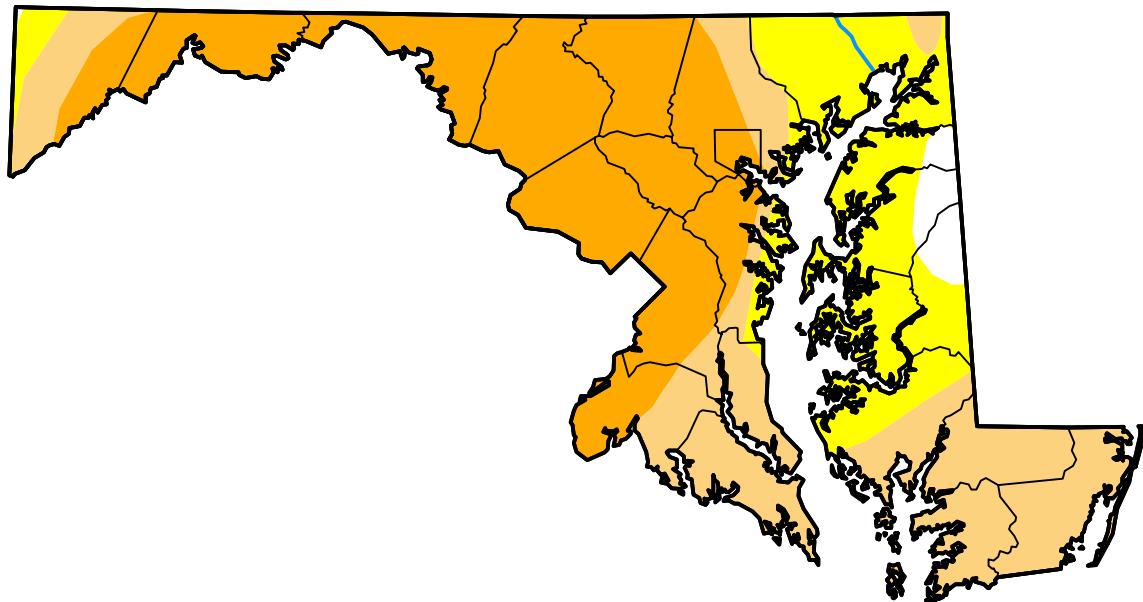
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.84	97.16	74.26	43.11	0.00	0.00
Last Week 01-06-2026	0.06	99.94	73.73	42.98	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 10-14-2025	20.61	79.39	13.19	2.03	0.10	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2026	0.06	99.94	73.73	42.98	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	49.93	50.07	9.08	2.38	0.10	0.00
One Year Ago 01-14-2025	1.19	98.81	95.30	51.57	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

	None		D2 Severe Drought
	D0 Abnormally Dry		D3 Extreme Drought
	D1 Moderate Drought		D4 Exceptional Drought

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