

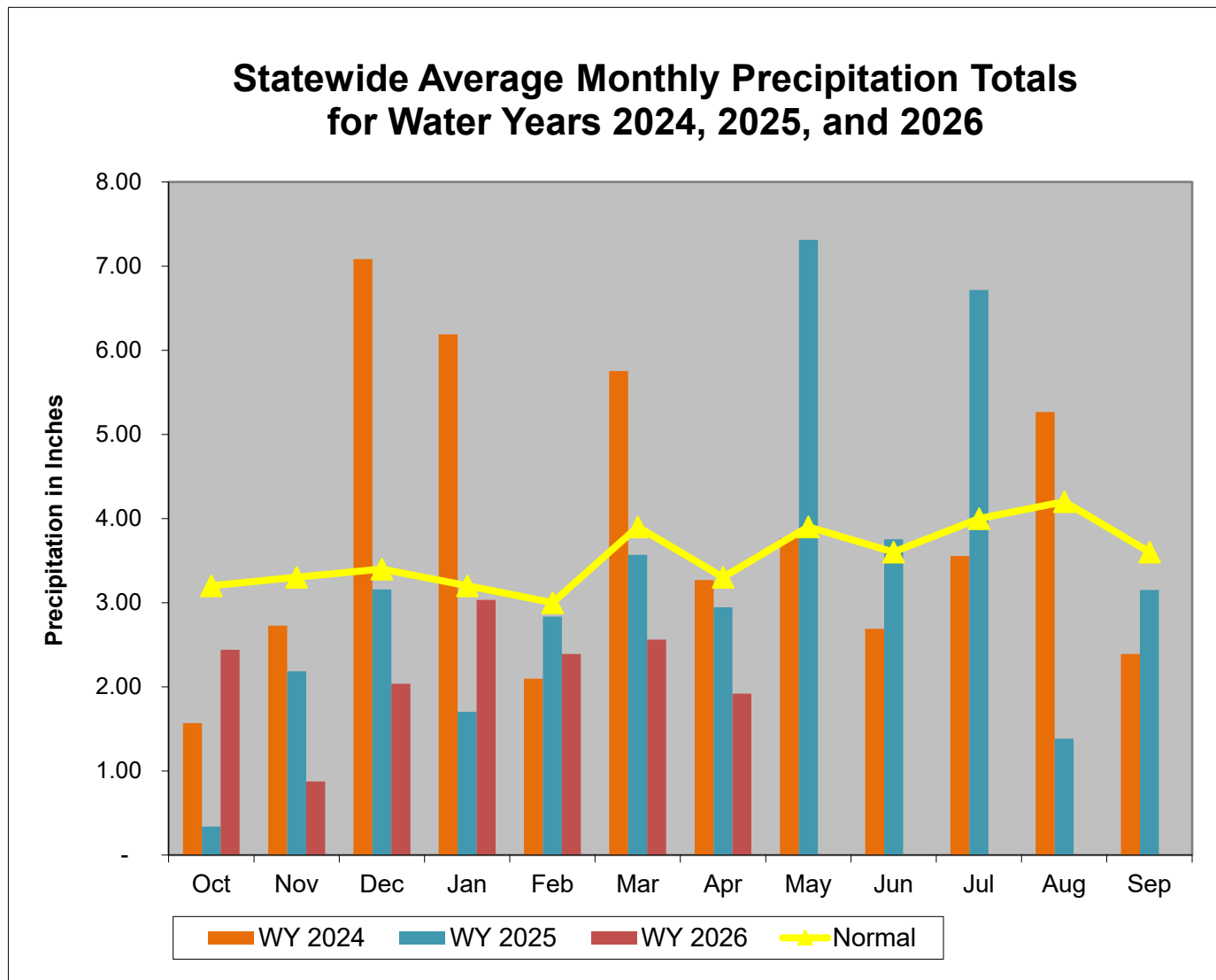
# Overall Hydrologic Status for Maryland

Summary of Hydrologic Indicators for 30 April 2026					
	<b>Rainfall</b>	<b>Stream Flow</b>	<b>Groundwater</b>	<b>Reservoirs</b>	Overall Status
Western	Normal	Warning	Warning	Normal	Warning
Central	Normal	Warning	Emergency	Normal	Warning
Eastern	Normal	Warning	Emergency		Warning
Southern	Normal		Watch		Normal

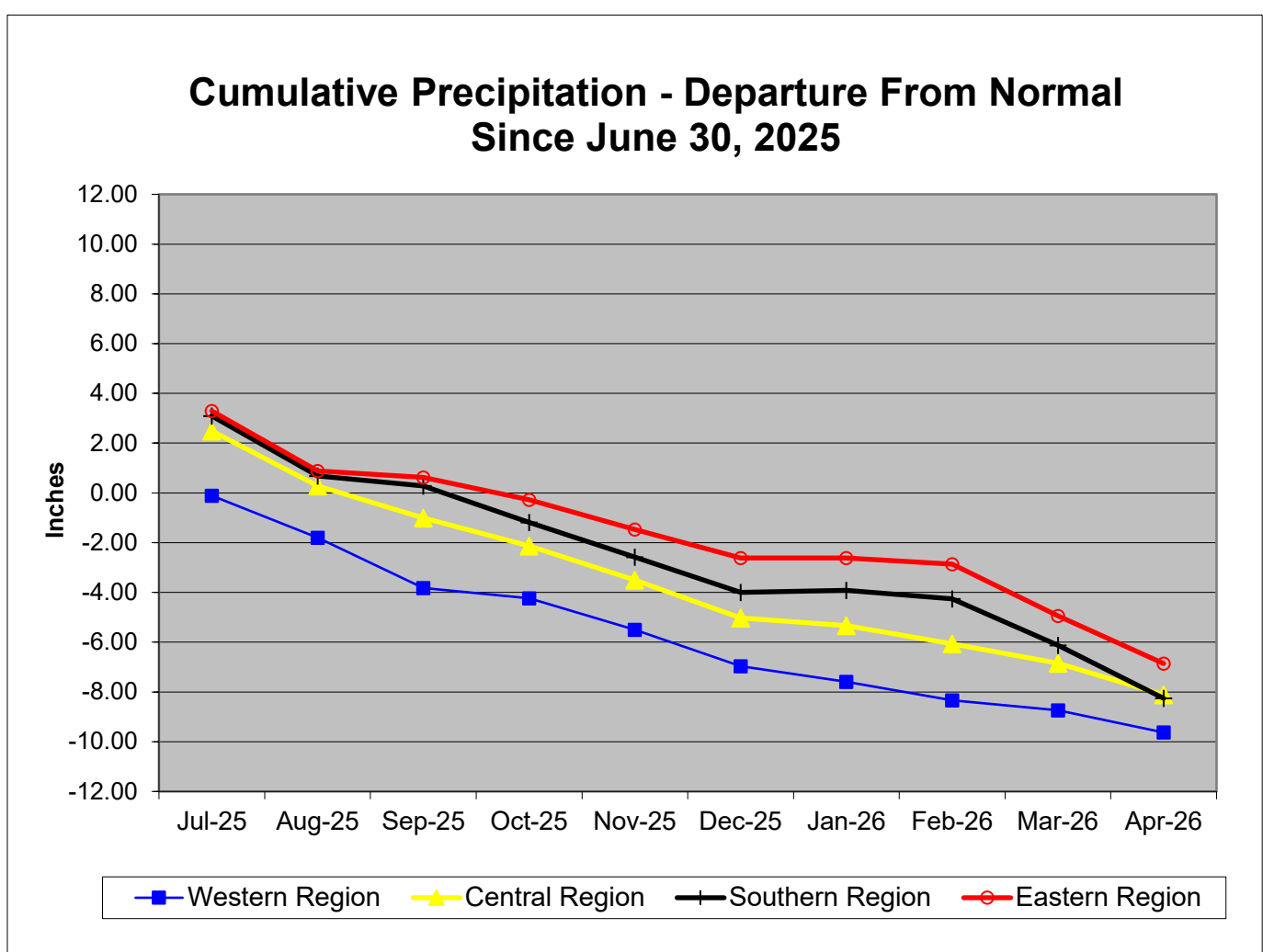
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Precipitation Indicators for Maryland Drought Regions						
April 30, 2026						
	Since Sept 30, 2025		Since October 31, 2025		Since April 30, 2025	
Regions	Percent of Normal	Condition	Percent of Normal	Condition	Percent of Normal	Condition
Western	73%	Watch	71%	Watch	89%	Normal
Central	69%	Warning	69%	Warning	90%	Normal
Eastern	67%	Warning	66%	Warning	87%	Normal
Southern	62%	Warning	62%	Warning	88%	Normal

WY or Water Year begins on October 1.



Data obtained from: [http://www.weather.gov/marfc/Precipitation\\_Departures](http://www.weather.gov/marfc/Precipitation_Departures)



**Precipitation in Maryland Counties  
as of 30 April 2026 (WY 2026)**

		Normal Rainfall, Actual Rainfall and Rainfall Departure from Normal in Inches															
		WY <sup>1</sup> To Date (Since September 30, 2025)				12 Months (Since March 31, 2025)				3 Months (Since December 31, 2025)				6 Months (Since September 30, 2025)			
		COUNTY	Normal	Actual	Depart	%	Normal	Actual	Depart	%	Normal	Actual	Depart	%	Normal	Actual	Depart
WESTERN REGION	ALLEGANY	19.8	13.6	-6.2	69%	38.0	35.5	-2.5	93%	9.5	6.9	-2.6	73%	17.0	10.9	-6.1	64%
	GARRETT	23.9	18.5	-5.5	77%	45.7	42.3	-3.4	93%	11.3	9.3	-2.0	82%	20.9	16.2	-4.7	77%
	WASHINGTON	20.3	14.5	-5.8	71%	38.2	30.2	-8.0	79%	9.4	7.8	-1.6	83%	17.2	11.8	-5.3	69%
	Regional Average	21.3	15.5	-5.8	73%	40.6	36.0	-4.6	89%	10.1	8.0	-2.0	80%	18.4	13.0	-5.4	71%
CENTRAL REGION	BALTIMORE COUNTY	24.0	16.2	-7.9	67%	44.1	40.7	-3.4	92%	10.8	7.7	-3.1	71%	20.1	13.4	-6.7	67%
	CARROLL	22.7	16.2	-6.5	71%	42.4	37.9	-4.5	89%	10.3	8.3	-2.0	80%	19.1	13.6	-5.4	72%
	CECIL	23.3	16.7	-6.6	72%	43.7	37.4	-6.3	86%	10.5	7.2	-3.3	68%	19.7	14.0	-5.7	71%
	FREDERICK	21.8	15.1	-6.8	69%	41.0	36.5	-4.5	89%	10.1	8.0	-2.1	79%	18.4	12.6	-5.8	69%
	HARFORD	23.7	16.1	-7.6	68%	44.5	40.6	-3.9	91%	10.6	7.4	-3.2	70%	19.8	13.4	-6.4	68%
	HOWARD	23.3	15.5	-7.7	67%	43.1	40.0	-3.1	93%	10.6	7.5	-3.1	71%	19.6	13.2	-6.4	67%
	MONTGOMERY	21.8	15.1	-6.7	69%	41.4	38.4	-3.0	93%	10.0	7.4	-2.6	74%	18.3	12.8	-5.5	70%
	Regional Average	22.9	15.8	-7.1	69%	42.9	38.8	-4.1	90%	10.4	7.6	-2.8	73%	19.3	13.3	-6.0	69%
SOUTHERN REGION	ANNE ARUNDEL	22.3	14.8	-7.5	66%	41.6	38.1	-3.5	92%	10.1	6.2	-3.9	62%	18.8	12.3	-6.5	65%
	CALVERT	22.9	13.3	-9.5	58%	42.8	36.7	-6.1	86%	10.4	4.9	-5.5	47%	19.3	11.2	-8.1	58%
	CHARLES	21.9	13.3	-8.6	61%	41.3	35.7	-5.5	87%	9.9	5.9	-4.0	60%	18.4	11.5	-6.8	63%
	PRINCE GEORGES	22.0	13.9	-8.1	63%	41.2	37.1	-4.1	90%	9.9	6.2	-3.7	63%	18.4	11.9	-6.5	65%
	ST MARYS	22.7	13.8	-9.0	60%	42.5	37.0	-5.5	87%	10.4	5.8	-4.6	55%	19.1	11.7	-7.4	61%
	Regional Average	22.3	13.8	-8.5	62%	41.9	36.9	-5.0	88%	10.1	5.8	-4.3	57%	18.8	11.7	-7.1	62%
EASTERN REGION	CAROLINE	22.7	15.9	-6.8	70%	42.3	35.7	-6.5	85%	10.4	6.1	-4.3	59%	19.3	13.4	-5.9	69%
	DORCHESTER	23.0	14.9	-8.1	65%	42.8	36.3	-6.6	85%	10.6	5.9	-4.7	55%	19.6	12.8	-6.8	65%
	KENT	22.6	15.2	-7.4	67%	42.3	37.6	-4.7	89%	10.3	6.3	-4.1	61%	19.1	13.0	-6.1	68%
	QUEEN ANNES	22.6	15.3	-7.2	68%	42.0	37.2	-4.8	89%	10.3	6.2	-4.1	60%	19.2	13.1	-6.1	68%
	SOMERSET	22.6	15.2	-7.4	67%	42.1	36.6	-5.5	87%	10.7	6.5	-4.2	61%	19.4	12.5	-7.0	64%
	TALBOT	23.0	15.3	-7.7	67%	42.8	36.7	-6.1	86%	10.5	6.2	-4.3	59%	19.5	13.2	-6.3	68%
	WICOMICO	23.2	15.7	-7.5	68%	43.2	40.4	-2.8	94%	10.9	6.5	-4.4	60%	20.0	12.9	-7.1	64%
	WORCESTER	23.5	15.8	-7.6	67%	43.1	36.1	-7.0	84%	10.8	7.0	-3.9	64%	20.1	12.7	-7.4	63%
Regional Average	22.9	15.4	-7.5	67%	42.6	37.1	-5.5	87%	10.6	6.3	-4.2	60%	19.5	12.9	-6.6	66%	
INDEPENDENT CITY OF BALTIMORE		24.0	16.2	-7.9	67%	44.1	40.7	-3.4	92%	10.8	7.7	-3.1	71%	20.1	13.4	-6.7	67%
<b>Statewide Average</b>		22.6	15.2	-7.4	67%	42.3	37.6	-4.8	89%	10.4	6.9	-3.5	66%	19.2	12.8	-6.4	67%

WY<sup>1</sup> - USGS Water Year, which begins October 1

### Stream Flow Status Based on Thirty Day Average for 2026 April 30

Region	Stream Gage Location	Notes	Status Based on 30 Day Average		
			30 Day Average (cfs)	Percentage	Status
Western	Youghiogheny (near Oakland)		173.0	5%-10%	Warning
Western	Savage River (near Barton)		45.5	5%-10%	Warning
Western	Wills Creek (near Cumberland)		253.1	5%-10%	Warning
Western	Marsh Run (at Grimes)		9.2	15%-20%	Watch
Central	Catoctin Creek (near Middletown)		48.5	5%-10%	Warning
Central	Monocacy (Jug Bridge near Frederick)		504	5%-10%	Warning
Central	Patuxent (near Unity)		21.2	0%-5%	Emergency
Central	Deer Cr (at Rocks)		80.5	5%-10%	Warning
Eastern	Choptank (near Greensboro)		86.9	5%10%	Warning
Eastern	Nassawango Creek (near Snow Hill)		12.6	0%-5%	Emergency
	Susquehanna (at Marietta)		64,327	35%-40%	Normal
	Potomac (at Little Falls)(Adjusted)		6,036	0%-5%	Emergency

Notes:

Ground Water Status for 30 April 2026				
Region	USGS Well ID	Well Level[1]	Status	
Western	GA Bc 1	13.05 [3]	Normal	Warning
	AL Ah 1	4.57	Normal	
	WA Be 2	31.04	Watch	
	WA Bk 25	47.31	Warning	
	WA Ci 82	49.91	Warning	
Central	BA Dc 444	44.60 [3]	Emergency	Emergency
	BA Ea 18	26.15	Emergency	
	CL Ad 47	3.56 [3]	Emergency	
	Fr Bd 96	20.53	Watch	
	Fr Df 35	59.22	Watch	
	HA Bd 31	11.05	Warning	
	HA Ca 23	8.27	Emergency	
	MO Cc 14	30.72	Watch	
Eastern	QA Cg 69	3.60	Normal	Emergency
	WI Cg 20	5.48	Emergency	
	MC51-01	14.13	Emergency	
	SO Cf 2	4.01 [3]	Emergency	
Southern	CH Bg 12 (unconfined)	4.47 [3]	Emergency	Watch
	CA Fd 54 (confined)	244.96 [3]	On Trend[4]	
[1] - Measurement of water level as feet below land surface [2] - Not available as of 05/04/2026 [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](https://www.water.usgs.gov/nwis/)

## ***Reservoir Volumes and Storage for Drought Monitoring***

**For the End of April 2026**

<b><i>Water System</i></b>	<b><i>Reservoir</i></b>	<b><i>Percent Full*</i></b>	<b><i>Days of Storage**</i></b>
City of Frostburg	Piney	100%	471
City of Cumberland	Lake Gordon	99%	271
	Lake Koon	46%	
City of Baltimore	Liberty	89%	311
	Loch Raven	97%	
	Prettyboy	80%	
	Total	89%	
WSSC	Tridelphia Reservoir	74%	147
	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 April 2026

\*\* *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.

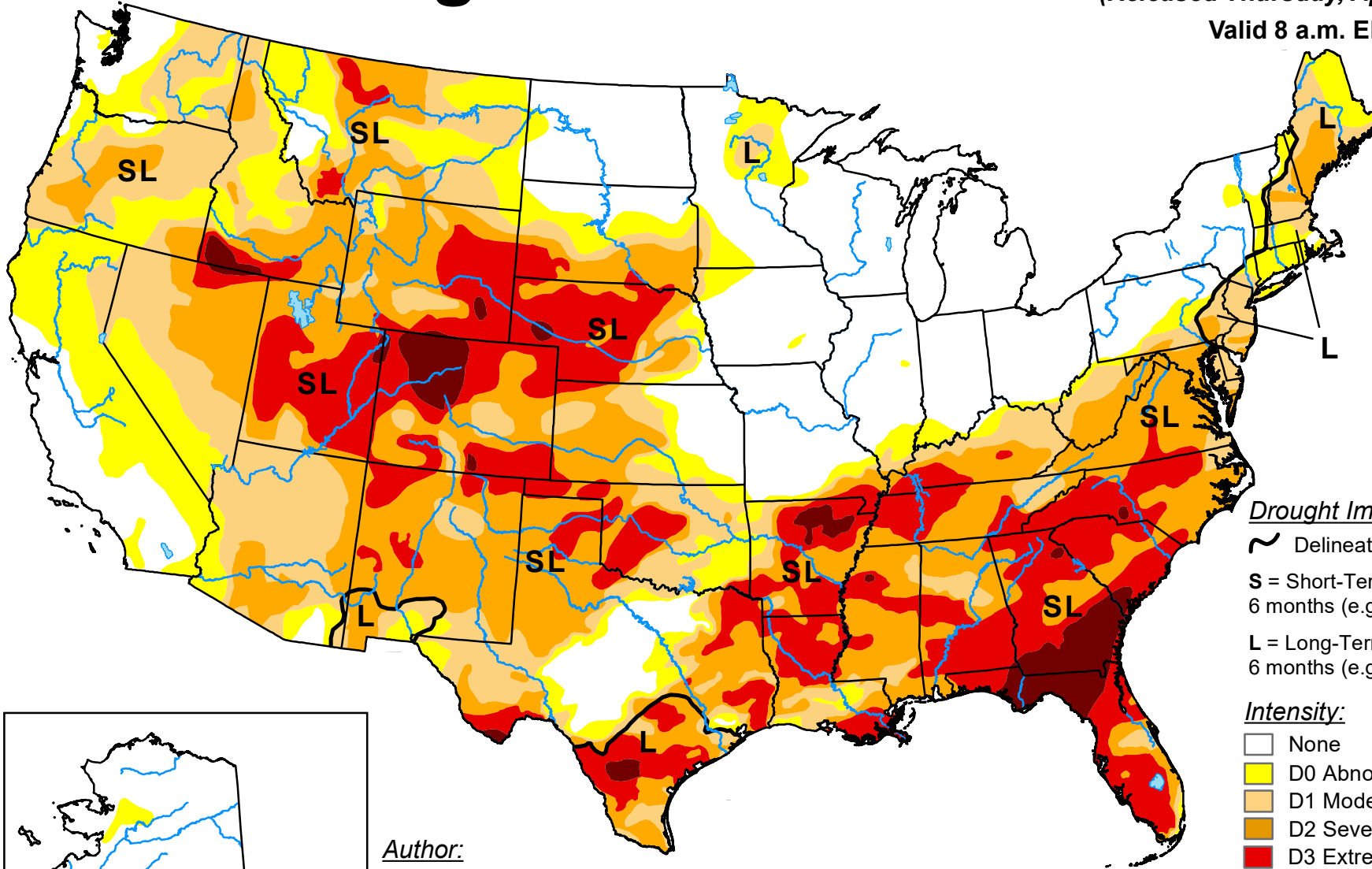
\*\*\* Percent full for Jennings-Randolph Reservoir is based on allotted amount of water in reservoir used to supplement Potomac River flow for drinking water purposes.

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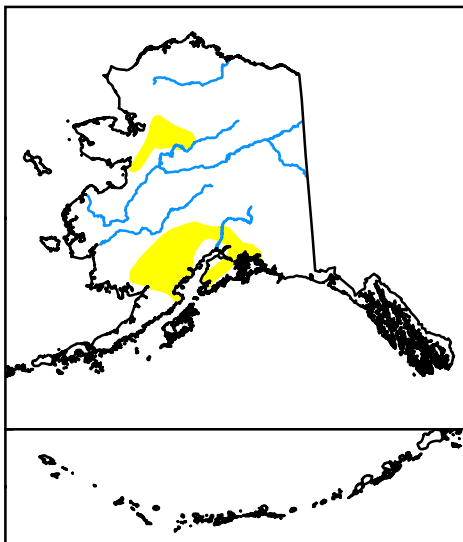


### Drought Impact Types:

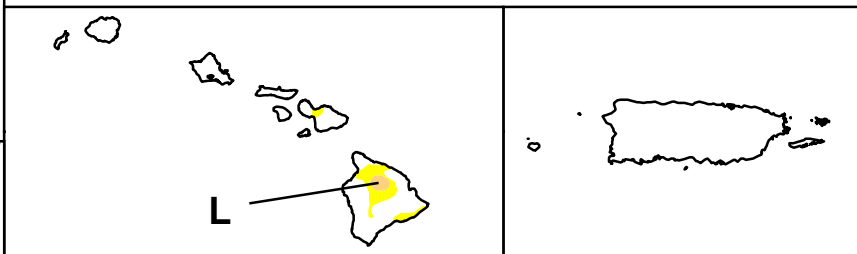
- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

### Intensity:

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



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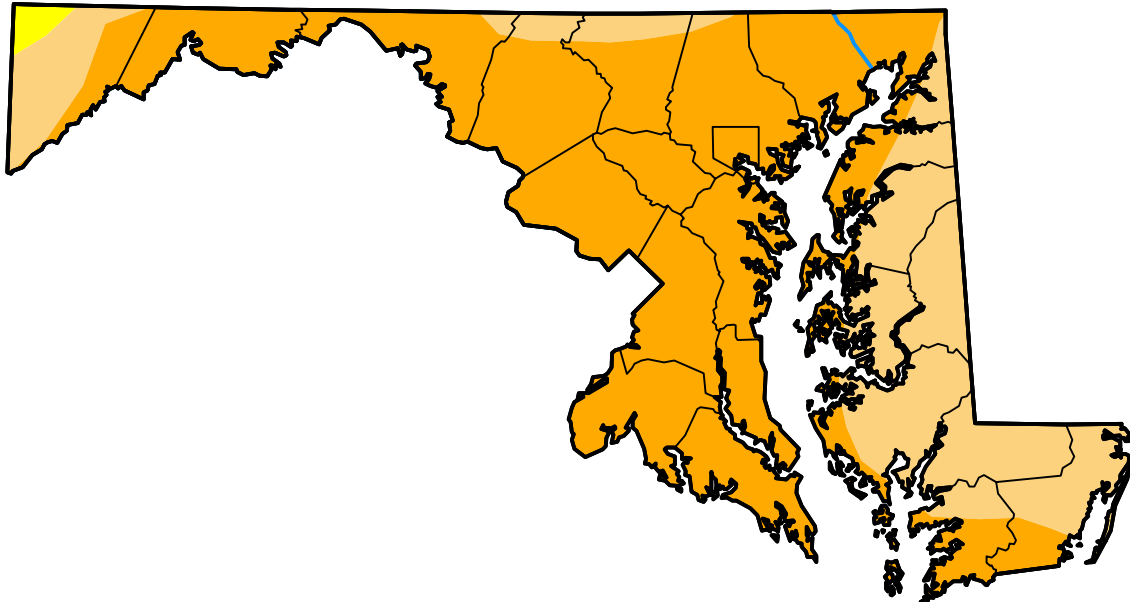
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## Maryland

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	99.16	68.35	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-21-2026</i>	0.00	100.00	91.89	46.03	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-27-2026</i>	2.71	97.29	74.28	43.11	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-06-2026</i>	0.06	99.94	73.73	42.98	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2025</i>	49.93	50.07	9.08	2.38	0.10	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-29-2025</i>	19.36	80.64	65.36	43.03	0.00	0.00



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