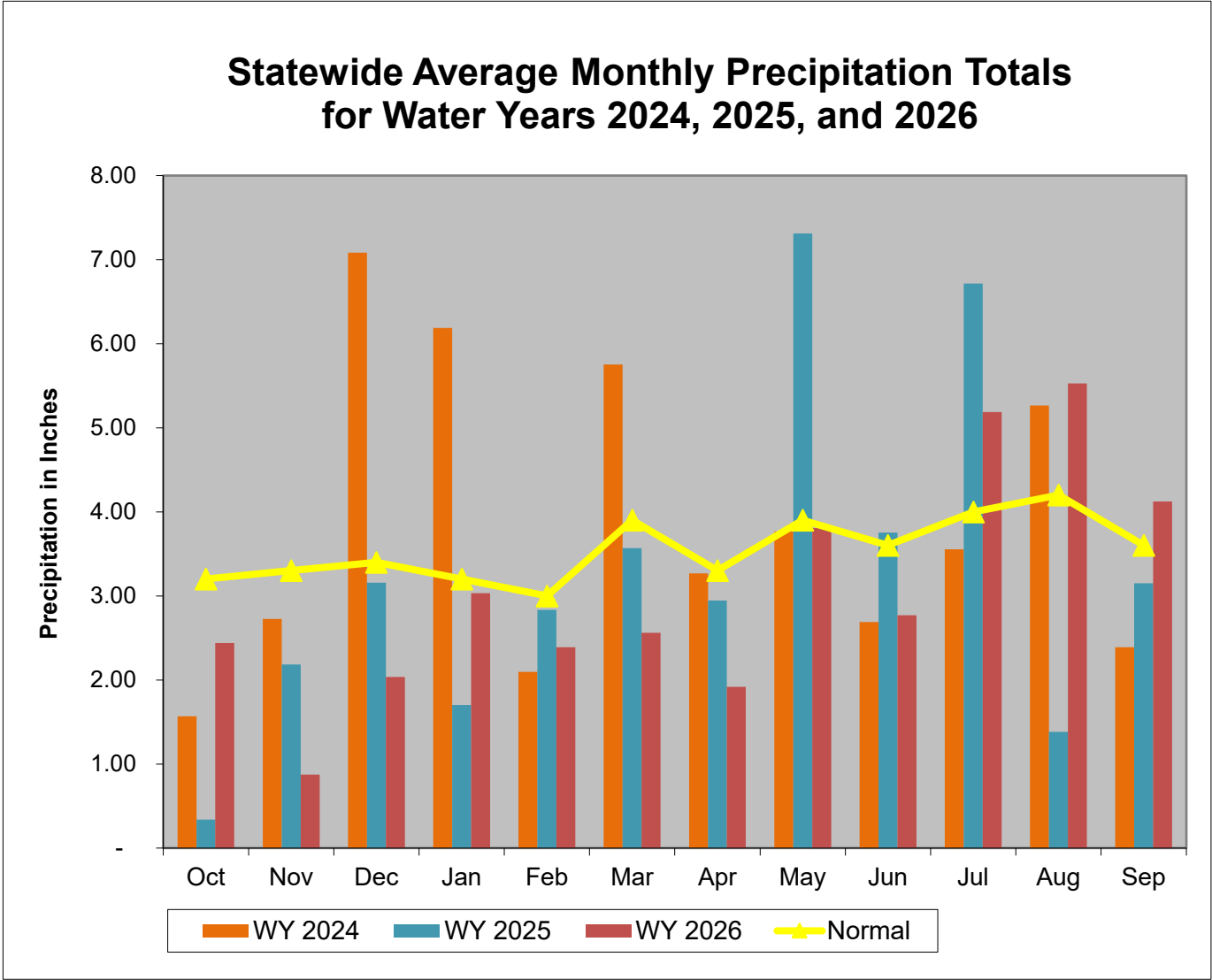


Overall Hydrologic Status for Maryland

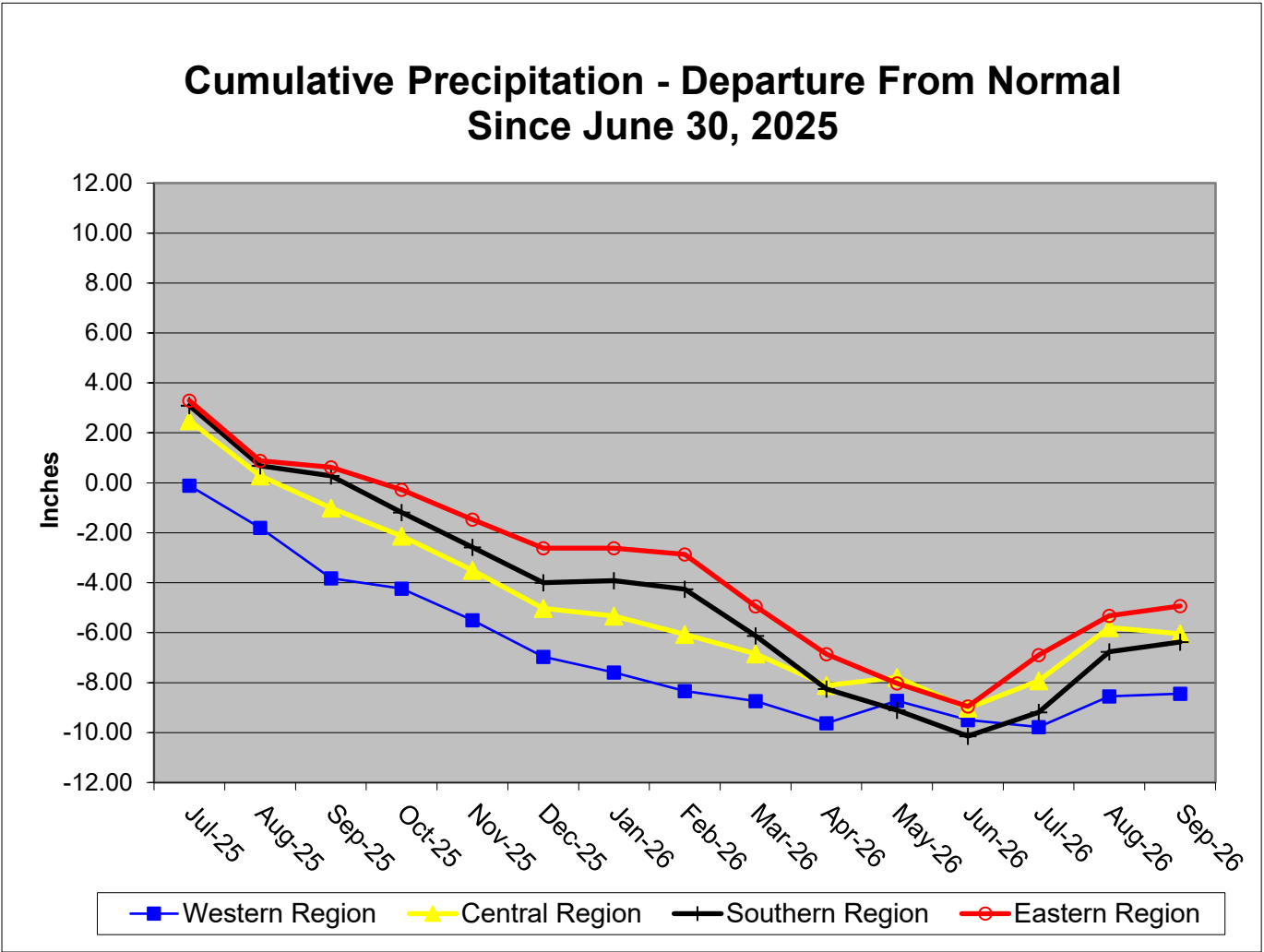
Summary of Hydrologic Indicators for September 30, 2026					
	Rainfall	Stream Flow	Groundwater	Reservoirs	Overall Status
Western	Normal	Normal	Watch	Normal	Watch
Central	Normal	Normal	Emergency	Normal	Warning
Eastern	Normal	Normal	Warning		Watch
Southern	Watch		Normal		Watch

Notes:

Precipitation Indicators for Maryland Drought Regions						
September 30, 2026						
	Since Sept 30, 2025		Since March 31, 2026		Since Sept 30, 2025	
Regions	Percent of Normal	Condition	Percent of Normal	Condition	Percent of Normal	Condition
Western	89%	Normal	101%	Normal	89%	Normal
Central	88%	Normal	103%	Normal	88%	Normal
Eastern	87%	Normal	100%	Normal	87%	Normal
Southern	84%	Watch	99%	Normal	84%	Watch
WY or Water Year begins on October 1.						



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



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

		Normal Rainfall, Actual Rainfall and Rainfall Departure from Normal in Inches															
		WY ¹ To Date (Since September 30, 2025)				12 Months (Since September 30, 2025)				3 Months (Since June 30, 2026)				6 Months (Since March 31, 2026)			
	COUNTY	Normal	Actual	Depart	%	Normal	Actual	Depart	%	Normal	Actual	Depart	%	Normal	Actual	Depart	%
WESTERN REGION	ALLEGANY	37.9	32.2	-5.7	85%	37.9	32.2	-5.7	85%	10.2	10.7	0.5	105%	21.5	21.0	-0.5	98%
	GARRETT	45.5	42.9	-2.7	94%	45.5	42.9	-2.7	94%	12.2	13.6	1.4	111%	25.5	27.7	2.2	109%
	WASHINGTON	38.5	33.0	-5.5	86%	38.5	33.0	-5.5	86%	10.4	11.6	1.3	112%	21.6	20.7	-0.9	96%
	Regional Average	40.6	36.0	-4.6	89%	40.6	36.0	-4.6	89%	10.9	12.0	1.0	110%	22.9	23.2	0.3	101%
CENTRAL REGION	BALTIMORE COUNTY	44.0	37.9	-6.1	86%	44.0	37.9	-6.1	86%	11.8	14.4	2.6	122%	23.6	24.1	0.5	102%
	CARROLL	42.2	35.6	-6.7	84%	42.2	35.6	-6.7	84%	11.6	12.8	1.2	110%	23.2	21.9	-1.2	95%
	CECIL	43.6	41.9	-1.7	96%	43.6	41.9	-1.7	96%	12.3	18.0	5.8	147%	23.9	27.7	3.8	116%
	FREDERICK	40.9	35.0	-5.9	86%	40.9	35.0	-5.9	86%	10.9	12.9	2.0	119%	22.7	22.3	-0.4	98%
	HARFORD	44.3	39.8	-4.5	90%	44.3	39.8	-4.5	90%	12.5	16.7	4.3	134%	24.4	26.2	1.9	108%
	HOWARD	42.9	37.4	-5.6	87%	42.9	37.4	-5.6	87%	11.3	13.9	2.6	123%	23.3	24.0	0.8	103%
	MONTGOMERY	41.3	36.4	-4.9	88%	41.3	36.4	-4.9	88%	11.2	13.6	2.4	121%	22.9	23.2	0.3	101%
	Regional Average	42.7	37.7	-5.0	88%	42.7	37.7	-5.0	88%	11.6	14.6	3.0	126%	23.4	24.2	0.8	103%
SOUTHERN REGION	ANNE ARUNDEL	41.4	34.4	-7.0	83%	41.4	34.4	-7.0	83%	11.2	13.4	2.2	120%	22.6	21.4	-1.2	95%
	CALVERT	42.7	35.7	-7.0	84%	42.7	35.7	-7.0	84%	11.6	16.6	5.0	143%	23.4	23.3	-0.0	100%
	CHARLES	41.1	35.0	-6.1	85%	41.1	35.0	-6.1	85%	11.4	15.6	4.3	137%	22.6	22.9	0.4	102%
	PRINCE GEORGES	41.1	34.0	-7.1	83%	41.1	34.0	-7.1	83%	11.1	13.7	2.6	123%	22.5	21.5	-1.0	96%
	ST MARYS	42.4	36.3	-6.1	86%	42.4	36.3	-6.1	86%	11.9	16.7	4.8	140%	23.0	23.6	0.6	102%
	Regional Average	41.7	35.1	-6.7	84%	41.7	35.1	-6.7	84%	11.4	15.2	3.8	133%	22.8	22.6	-0.2	99%
EASTERN REGION	CAROLINE	42.1	36.7	-5.5	87%	42.1	36.7	-5.5	87%	11.8	16.0	4.3	136%	23.1	22.4	-0.6	97%
	DORCHESTER	42.7	35.2	-7.5	83%	42.7	35.2	-7.5	83%	11.8	15.5	3.8	132%	23.3	21.7	-1.6	93%
	KENT	42.1	37.2	-5.0	88%	42.1	37.2	-5.0	88%	11.7	16.2	4.5	139%	23.0	23.9	0.9	104%
	QUEEN ANNES	41.9	36.3	-5.6	87%	41.9	36.3	-5.6	87%	11.6	15.6	4.0	135%	22.9	22.8	-0.1	100%
	SOMERSET	41.9	37.9	-4.0	90%	41.9	37.9	-4.0	90%	12.4	16.7	4.4	135%	22.8	24.1	1.3	106%
	TALBOT	42.6	36.6	-6.0	86%	42.6	36.6	-6.0	86%	11.8	16.1	4.3	136%	23.3	23.0	-0.3	99%
	WICOMICO	42.6	37.3	-5.4	87%	42.6	37.3	-5.4	87%	12.2	16.2	4.1	133%	23.1	23.4	0.4	102%
	WORCESTER	43.0	37.5	-5.5	87%	43.0	37.5	-5.5	87%	12.5	15.4	2.9	123%	22.9	22.9	0.1	100%
	Regional Average	42.4	36.8	-5.5	87%	42.4	36.8	-5.5	87%	11.9	16.0	4.0	134%	23.0	23.0	0.0	100%
INDEPENDENT CITY OF BALTIMORE		44.0	37.9	-6.1	86%	44.0	37.9	-6.1	86%	11.8	14.4	2.6	122%	23.6	24.1	0.5	102%
Statewide Average		42.2	36.7	-5.5	87%	42.2	36.7	-5.5	87%	11.6	14.8	3.2	128%	23.1	23.3	0.2	101%

WY¹ - USGS Water Year, which begins October 1

Stream Flow Status Based on Thirty Day Average for 2026 September 30

Region	Stream Gage Location	Notes	Status Based on 30 Day Average		
			30 Day Average (cfs)	Percentage	Status
Western	Youghiogheny (near Oakland)		297.2	90%-95%	Normal
Western	Savage River (near Barton)		18.0	75%-80%	Normal
Western	Wills Creek (near Cumberland)		100.4	80%-85%	Normal
Western	Marsh Run (at Grimes)		5.7	55%-60%	Normal
Central	Catoctin Creek (near Middletown)		10.2	45%-50%	Normal
Central	Monocacy (Jug Bridge near Frederick)		144	25%-30%	Normal
Central	Patuxent (near Unity)		13.4	40%-45%	Normal
Central	Deer Cr (at Rocks)		45.0	15%-20%	Watch
Eastern	Choptank (near Greensboro)		16.7	25%-30%	Normal
Eastern	Nassawango Creek (near Snow Hill)		19.0	60%-65%	Normal
	Susquehanna (at Marietta)		26,590	80%-85%	Normal
	Potomac (at Little Falls)(Adjusted)		2,891	50%-55%	Normal

Notes:

Ground Water Status for 30 September 2026				
Region	USGS Well ID	Well Level[1]	Status	
Western	GA Bc 1	11.56	Normal	Watch
	AL Ah 1	4.31	Normal	
	WA Be 2	35.41	Watch	
	WA Bk 25	49.25	Warning	
	WA Ci 82	52.44	Normal	
Central	BA Dc 444	46.11	Emergency	Emergency
	BA Ea 18	26.77	Emergency	
	CL Ad 47	4.25	Warning	
	Fr Bd 96	33.79	Normal	
	Fr Df 35	57.80	Normal	
	HA Bd 31	14.71	Normal	
	HA Ca 23	9.26	Emergency	
	MO Cc 14	31.29	Normal	
Eastern	QA Cg 69	5.71	Normal	Warning
	WI Cg 20	7.44	Watch	
	MC51-01	15.82	Emergency	
	SO Cf 2	5.71 [3]	Watch	
Southern	CH Bg 12 (unconfined)	8.44 [3]	Normal	Normal
	CA Fd 54 (confined)	245.80	On Trend[4]	
[1] - Measurement of water level as feet below land surface				
[2] - Not available as of 10/05/2026				
[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://www.water.usgs.gov/nwis/)

Reservoir Volumes and Storage for Drought Monitoring

For the End of September 2026

<i>Water System</i>	<i>Reservoir</i>	<i>Percent Full*</i>	<i>Days of Storage**</i>
City of Frostburg	Piney	100%	426
City of Cumberland	Lake Gordon	99%	400
	Lake Koon	93%	
City of Baltimore	Liberty	77%	269
	Loch Raven	87%	
	Prettyboy	48%	
	Total	73%	
WSSC	Tridelphia Reservoir	86%	208
	Rocky Gorge/Duckett		
	Seneca Creek Reserve	98%	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 September 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.

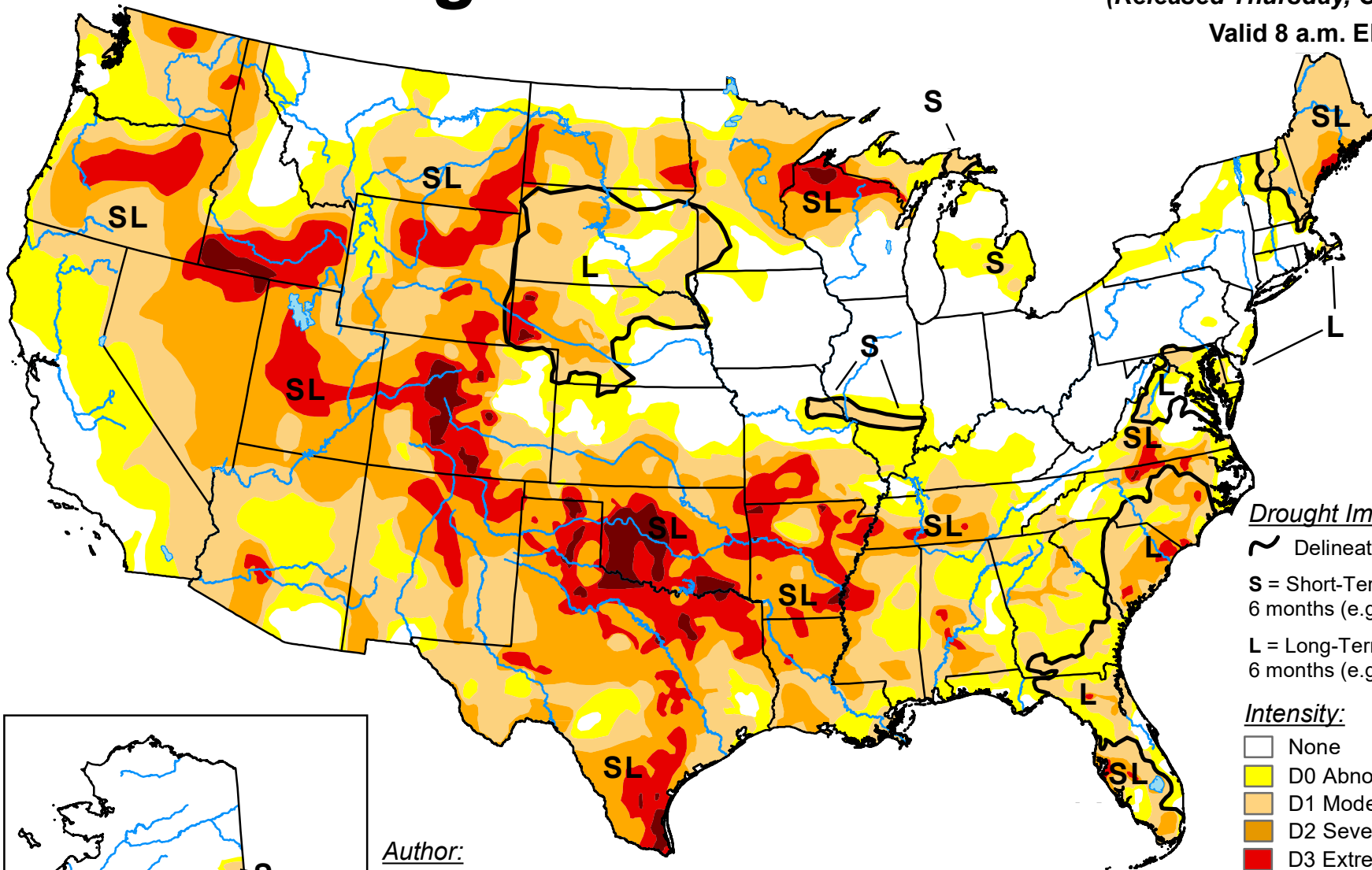
*** Percent full for Jennings-Randolph Reservoir is based on allotted amount of water in reservoir used to supplement Potomac River flow for drinking water purposes.

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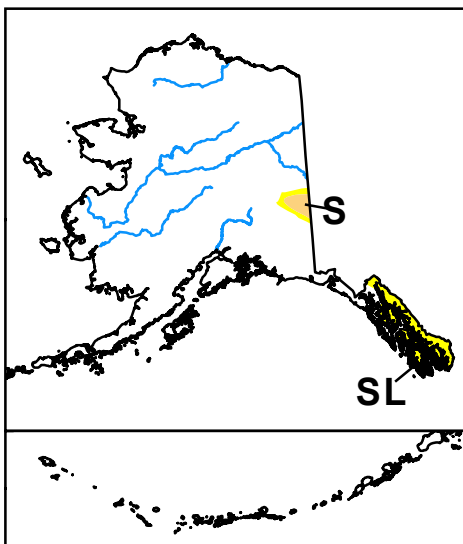


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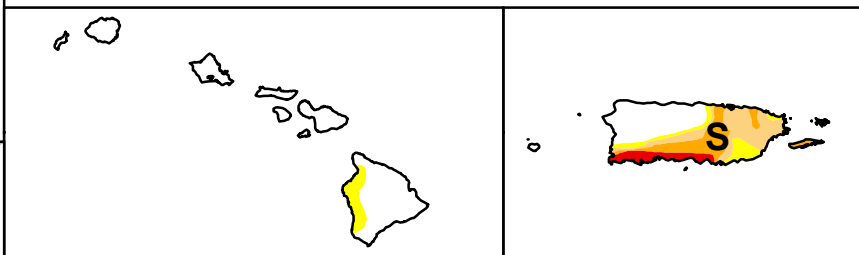
- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

Intensity:

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



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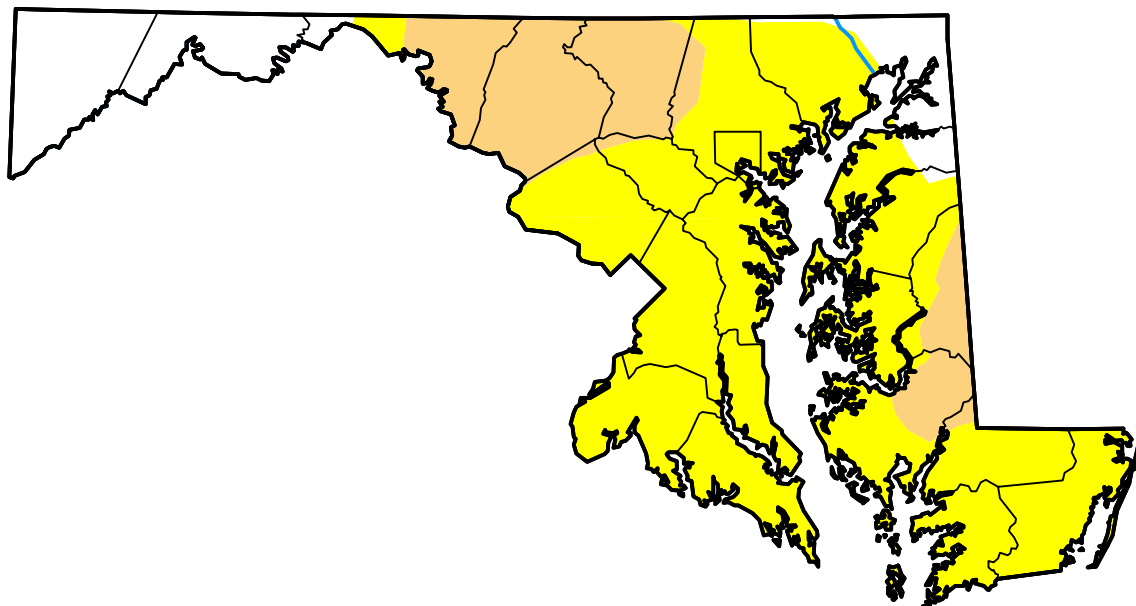
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	16.22	83.78	20.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-22-2026	12.52	87.48	26.93	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-30-2026	5.70	94.30	91.87	73.07	22.01	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 09-30-2025	49.93	50.07	9.08	2.38	0.10	0.00



Intensity:

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

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