

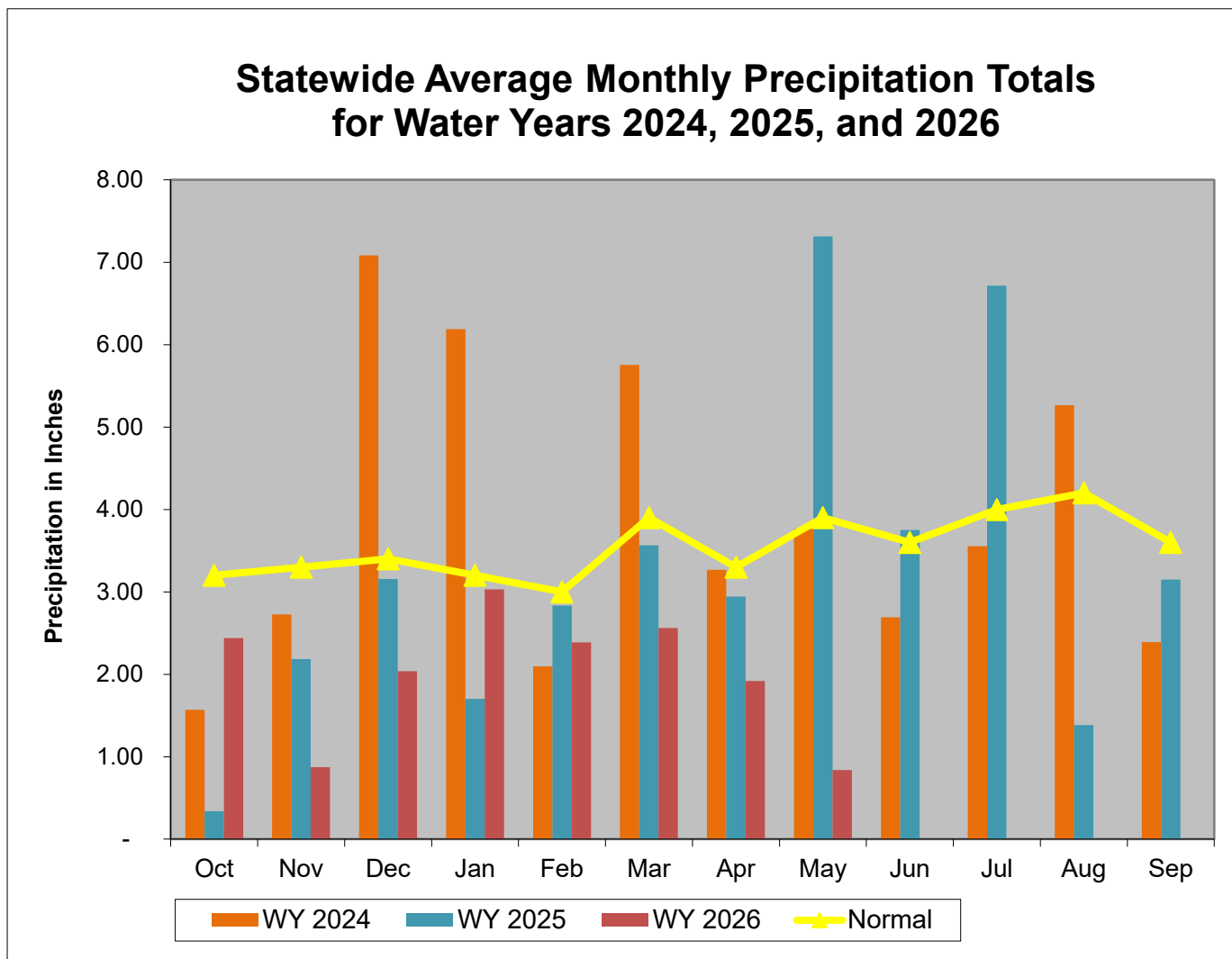
Overall Hydrologic Status for Maryland

Summary of Hydrologic Indicators for May 17, 2026					
	Rainfall	Stream Flow	Groundwater	Reservoirs	Overall Status
Western	Warning	Warning	Warning	Normal	Warning
Central	Watch	Emergency	Emergency	Normal	Warning
Eastern	Watch	Emergency	Emergency		Warning
Southern	Watch		Watch		Watch

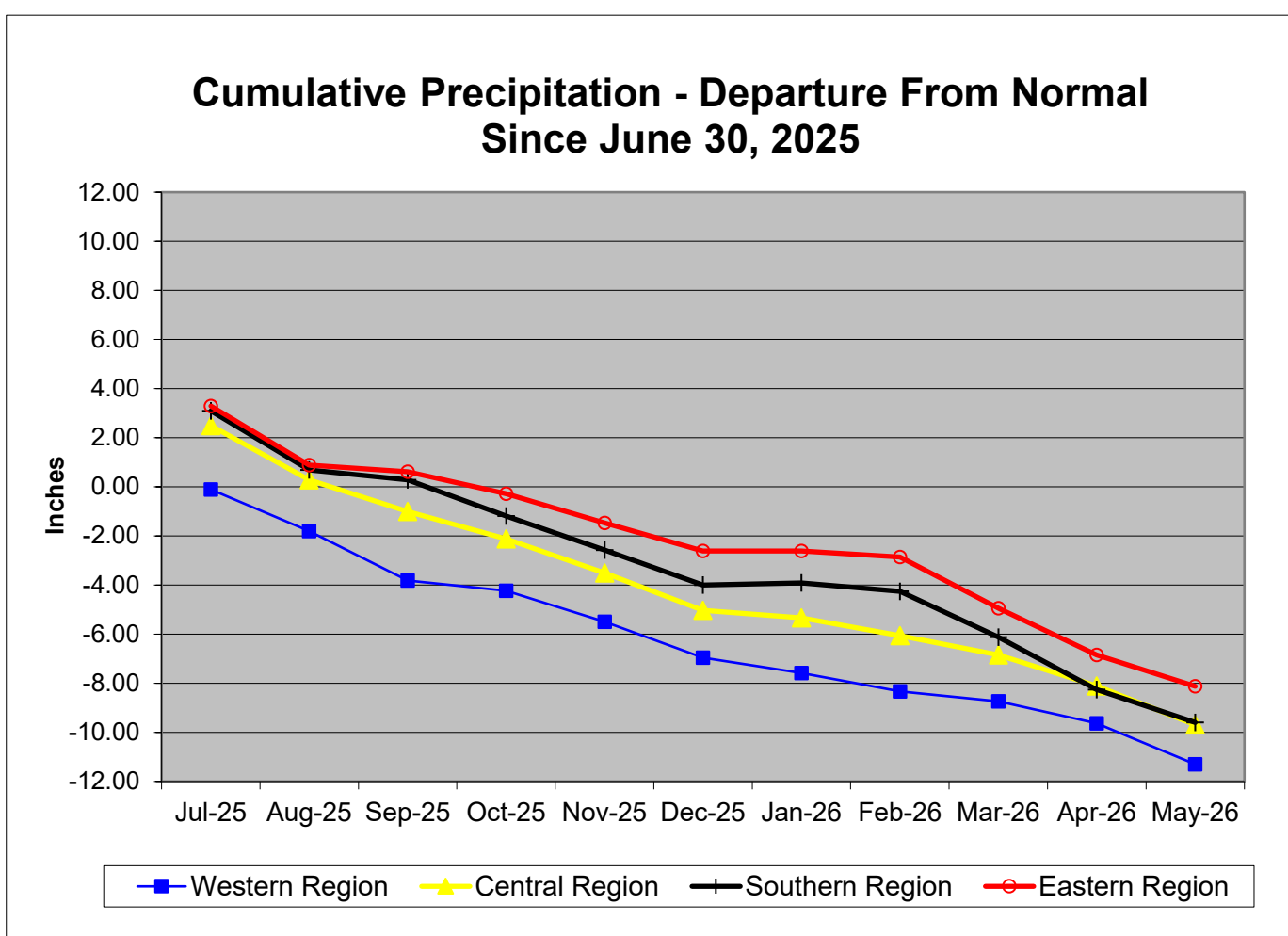
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Precipitation Indicators for Maryland Drought Regions						
May 17, 2026						
	Since Sept 30, 2025		Since Nov 30, 2025		Since May 31, 2025	
Regions	Percent of Normal	Condition	Percent of Normal	Condition	Percent of Normal	Condition
Western	68%	Warning	69%	Warning	73%	Warning
Central	66%	Warning	68%	Warning	77%	Watch
Eastern	65%	Warning	66%	Warning	77%	Watch
Southern	60%	Emergency	63%	Warning	77%	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 17 May 2026 (WY 2026)**

		Normal Rainfall, Actual Rainfall and Rainfall Departure from Normal in Inches															
		WY ¹ To Date (Since September 30, 2025)				11.5 Months (Since May 31, 2025)				2.5 Months (Since January 30, 2025)				5.5 Months (Since November 30, 2025)			
REGION	COUNTY	Normal	Actual	Depart	%	Normal	Actual	Depart	%	Normal	Actual	Depart	%	Normal	Actual	Depart	%
	WESTERN REGION	ALLEGANY	22.1	14.2	-8.0	64%	36.1	26.0	-10.1	72%	9.3	5.6	-3.6	61%	17.3	10.7	-6.6
GARRETT		26.6	19.5	-7.2	73%	43.5	33.4	-10.1	77%	10.7	8.3	-2.4	78%	21.2	15.7	-5.5	74%
WASHINGTON		22.5	15.1	-7.4	67%	36.8	26.0	-10.8	71%	9.1	6.2	-2.9	68%	17.3	11.9	-5.4	69%
Regional Average		23.7	16.2	-7.5	68%	38.8	28.5	-10.3	73%	9.7	6.7	-3.0	69%	18.6	12.8	-5.8	69%
CENTRAL REGION	BALTIMORE COUNTY	26.5	17.0	-9.5	64%	42.1	33.3	-8.7	79%	10.2	6.4	-3.9	62%	20.3	13.4	-6.9	66%
	CARROLL	25.0	16.9	-8.2	67%	40.4	30.3	-10.1	75%	9.8	6.7	-3.1	69%	19.2	13.4	-5.8	70%
	CECIL	25.5	17.5	-8.0	69%	41.8	31.2	-10.6	75%	9.9	5.9	-4.0	59%	19.7	13.7	-6.0	69%
	FREDERICK	24.2	15.7	-8.5	65%	39.0	28.1	-11.0	72%	9.7	6.4	-3.3	66%	18.6	12.7	-5.9	68%
	HARFORD	26.0	16.9	-9.1	65%	42.5	33.5	-9.1	79%	10.1	6.3	-3.8	63%	19.9	13.2	-6.7	66%
	HOWARD	25.7	16.4	-9.3	64%	41.0	32.9	-8.2	80%	10.1	6.3	-3.8	62%	19.8	13.2	-6.5	67%
	MONTGOMERY	24.2	16.0	-8.2	66%	39.4	30.8	-8.7	78%	9.6	6.0	-3.6	63%	18.5	13.0	-5.6	70%
	Regional Average	25.3	16.6	-8.7	66%	40.9	31.4	-9.5	77%	9.9	6.3	-3.6	63%	19.4	13.2	-6.2	68%
SOUTHERN REGION	ANNE ARUNDEL	24.6	15.8	-8.8	64%	39.6	32.4	-7.2	82%	9.7	4.9	-4.7	51%	19.0	12.4	-6.6	65%
	CALVERT	25.2	14.1	-11.1	56%	40.9	30.5	-10.4	75%	9.9	3.3	-6.6	33%	19.5	11.2	-8.3	57%
	CHARLES	24.1	14.2	-9.8	59%	39.5	29.8	-9.7	75%	9.3	4.4	-5.0	47%	18.4	11.8	-6.6	64%
	PRINCE GEORGES	24.3	15.0	-9.3	62%	39.3	31.3	-8.0	80%	9.4	4.8	-4.6	51%	18.5	12.3	-6.2	66%
	ST MARYS	25.0	14.6	-10.4	58%	40.7	30.9	-9.8	76%	9.7	3.8	-5.9	39%	19.2	11.8	-7.4	61%
	Regional Average	24.6	14.8	-9.9	60%	40.0	31.0	-9.0	77%	9.6	4.2	-5.3	44%	18.9	11.9	-7.0	63%
EASTERN REGION	CAROLINE	24.9	16.7	-8.2	67%	40.4	31.1	-9.4	77%	9.8	4.4	-5.4	45%	19.3	13.1	-6.2	68%
	DORCHESTER	25.2	15.7	-9.4	63%	41.1	31.4	-9.6	77%	9.8	4.1	-5.7	42%	19.7	12.5	-7.1	64%
	KENT	24.9	15.9	-9.0	64%	40.4	30.9	-9.4	77%	9.8	4.7	-5.1	48%	19.3	12.8	-6.5	66%
	QUEEN ANNES	24.8	16.2	-8.6	65%	40.2	31.6	-8.6	79%	9.8	4.7	-5.0	49%	19.2	12.9	-6.3	67%
	SOMERSET	24.5	16.0	-8.5	65%	40.5	32.1	-8.4	79%	9.6	4.2	-5.3	44%	19.3	12.6	-6.7	65%
	TALBOT	25.2	16.2	-9.0	64%	40.9	31.9	-9.0	78%	9.8	4.6	-5.2	47%	19.5	12.9	-6.6	66%
	WICOMICO	25.1	16.6	-8.5	66%	41.1	32.0	-9.2	78%	9.8	4.9	-4.9	50%	19.9	13.1	-6.8	66%
	WORCESTER	25.4	16.6	-8.8	65%	41.5	31.3	-10.2	75%	9.6	4.1	-5.5	43%	19.8	12.8	-7.1	64%
Regional Average	25.0	16.2	-8.7	65%	40.8	31.5	-9.2	77%	9.7	4.5	-5.3	46%	19.5	12.8	-6.7	66%	
INDEPENDENT CITY OF BALTIMORE		26.5	17.0	-9.5	64%	42.1	33.3	-8.7	79%	10.2	6.4	-3.9	62%	20.3	13.4	-6.9	66%
Statewide Average		24.9	16.1	-8.8	65%	40.5	31.1	-9.4	77%	9.8	5.3	-4.5	54%	19.3	12.8	-6.5	66%

WY¹ - USGS Water Year, which begins October 1

Stream Flow Status Based on Thirty Day Average for 2026 May 17

Region	Stream Gage Location	Notes	Status Based on 30 Day Average		
			30 Day Average (cfs)	Percentage	Status
Western	Youghiogheny (near Oakland)		159.3	5%-10%	Warning
Western	Savage River (near Barton)		39.1	5%-10%	Warning
Western	Wills Creek (near Cumberland)		190.7	5%-10%	Warning
Western	Marsh Run (at Grimes)		7.6	10%-15%	Watch
Central	Catoctin Creek (near Middletown)		27.5	0%-5%	Emergency
Central	Monocacy (Jug Bridge near Frederick)		328	0%-5%	Emergency
Central	Patuxent (near Unity)		16.5	0%-5%	Emergency
Central	Deer Cr (at Rocks)		69.7	0%-5%	Emergency
Eastern	Choptank (near Greensboro)		45.6	0%-5%	Emergency
Eastern	Nassawango Creek (near Snow Hill)		4.7	0%-5%	Emergency
	Susquehanna (at Marietta)		45,137	35%-40%	Normal
	Potomac (at Little Falls)(Adjusted)		3,994	0%-5%	Emergency

Notes:

Ground Water Status for 17 May 2026				
Region	USGS Well ID	Well Level[1]	Status	
Western	GA Bc 1	14.87 [3]	Watch	Warning
	AL Ah 1	4.57 [2]	Normal	
	WA Be 2	31.04 [2]	Watch	
	WA Bk 25	48.52 [3]	Emergency	
	WA Ci 82	49.91 [2]	Warning	
Central	BA Dc 444	44.65 [3]	Emergency	Emergency
	BA Ea 18	26.15 [2]	Emergency	
	CL Ad 47	3.79 [3]	Emergency	
	Fr Bd 96	20.53 [2]	Watch	
	Fr Df 35	59.22 [2]	Watch	
	HA Bd 31	11.05 [2]	Warning	
	HA Ca 23	8.27 [2]	Emergency	
	MO Cc 14	30.72 [2]	Watch	
Eastern	QA Cg 69	3.6 [2]	Normal	Emergency
	WI Cg 20	5.48 [2]	Emergency	
	MC51-01	14.70 [3]	Emergency	
	SO Cf 2	4.73 [3]	Emergency	
Southern	CH Bg 12 (unconfined)	5.63 [3]	Emergency	Watch
	CA Fd 54 (confined)	245.49 [3]	On Trend[4]	
<p>[1] - Measurement of water level as feet below land surface [2] - Not available as of 05/18/2026 [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.</p>				

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

<i>Water System</i>	<i>Reservoir</i>	<i>Percent Full*</i>	<i>Days of Storage**</i>
City of Frostburg	Piney	100%	471
City of Cumberland	Lake Gordon	81%	351
	Lake Koon	87%	
City of Baltimore	Liberty	89%	311
	Loch Raven	96%	
	Prettyboy	81%	
	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.

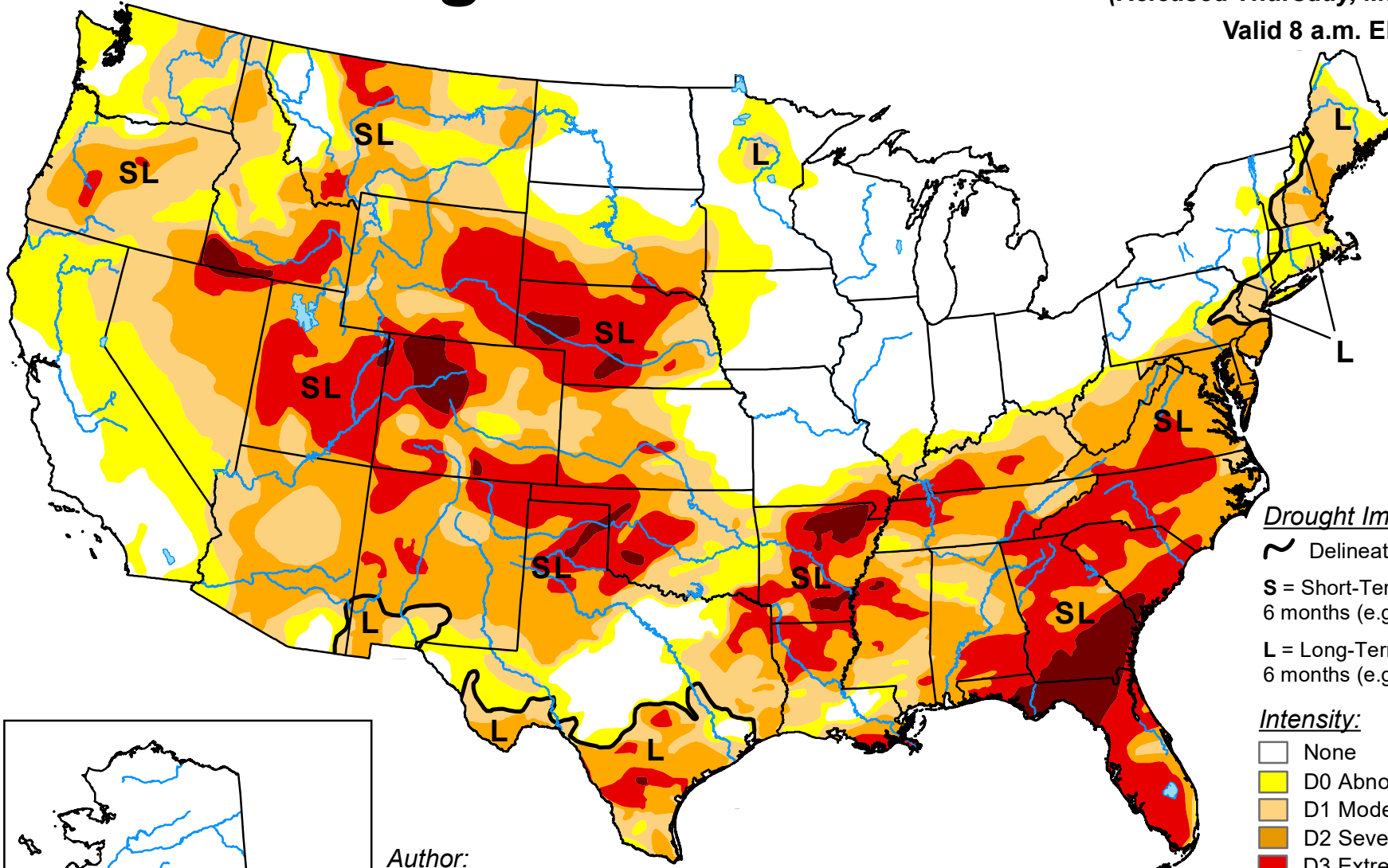
*** Percent full for Jennings-Randolph Reservoir is based on allotted amount of water in reservoir used to supplement Potomac River flow for drinking water purposes.

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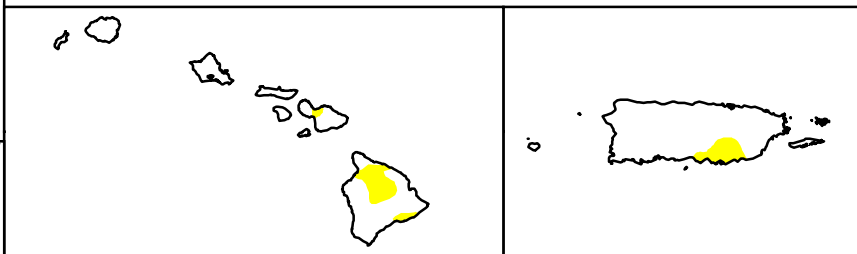
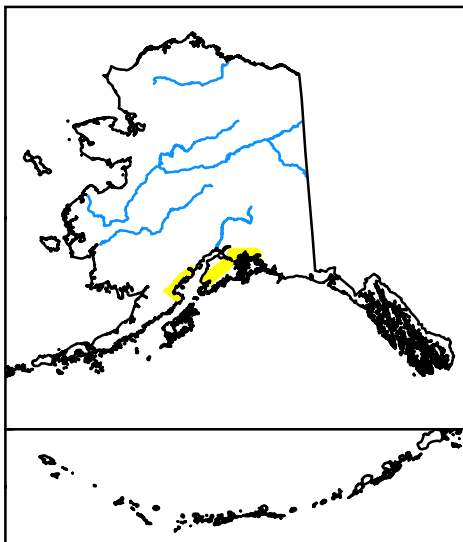
Drought Impact Types:

- ~ 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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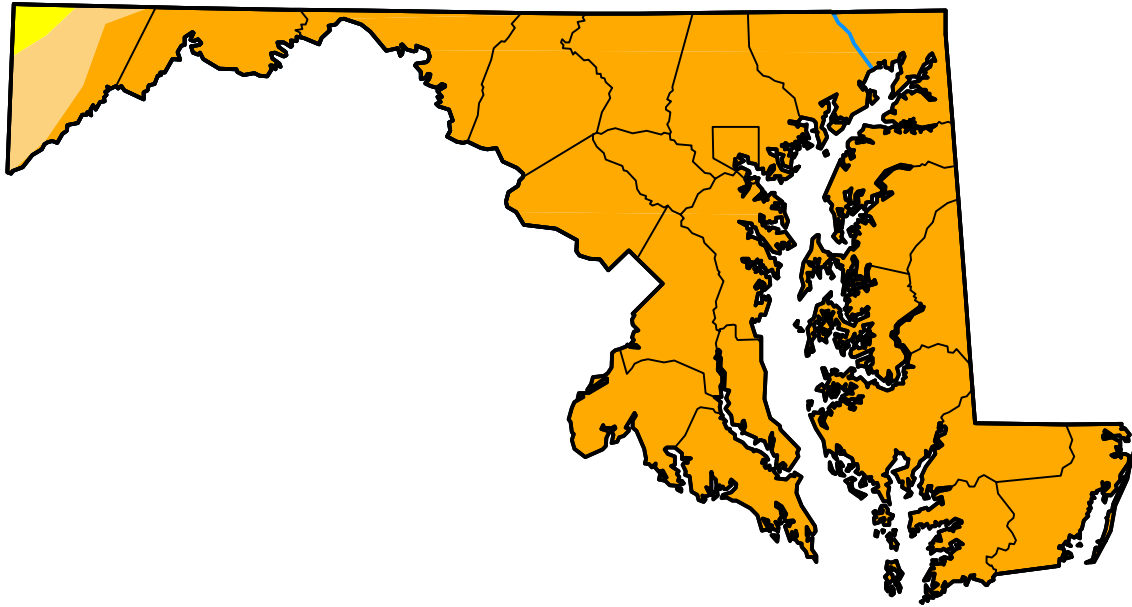
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	99.16	95.08	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-05-2026</i>	0.00	100.00	99.16	90.11	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-10-2026</i>	2.71	97.29	74.37	43.11	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	0.06	99.94	73.73	42.98	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	49.93	50.07	9.08	2.38	0.10	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-13-2025</i>	20.12	79.88	61.05	26.72	0.00	0.00



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