

# Oregon Drought and Water Conditions Report

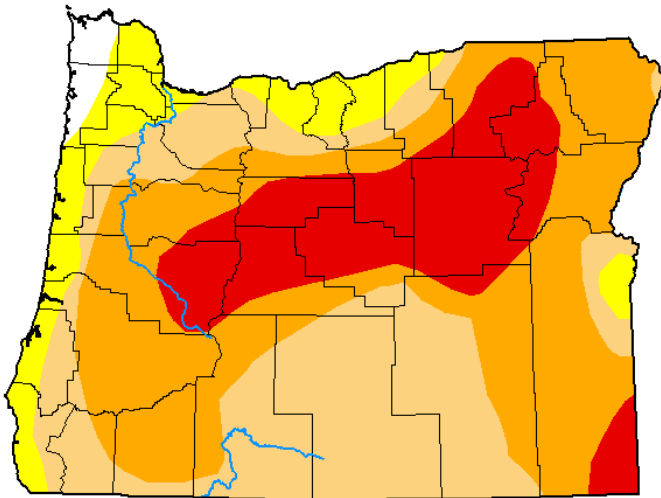


October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Conditions at a Glance

- According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor \(USDM\)](#), as of October 13<sup>th</sup>, 88% of Oregon is in some form of drought, with 57% of the state in Severe (D2) to Extreme Drought (D3).
- Over the [past month](#), drought conditions improved with the removal of Exceptional Drought (D4) and a reduction in D2 and D3 in Oregon. These improvements were driven by cooler and wetter conditions in September. However, warmer and drier conditions in October have stalled further improvements.
- To date, [22 Oregon counties](#) have received state drought declarations under ORS 536.

### U.S. Drought Monitor Oregon



**October 13, 2026**

(Released Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                      | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current                              | 1.48  | 98.52 | 88.30 | 57.58 | 20.23 | 0.00 |
| Last Week<br>10-06-2026              | 1.48  | 98.52 | 88.30 | 57.58 | 20.23 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago<br>07-14-2026           | 2.71  | 97.29 | 88.28 | 57.80 | 20.30 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year<br>01-06-2026 | 65.06 | 34.94 | 15.76 | 4.65  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year<br>09-30-2025    | 32.92 | 67.08 | 47.65 | 24.35 | 1.39  | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago<br>10-14-2025           | 40.16 | 59.84 | 43.24 | 19.28 | 1.39  | 0.00 |

#### Intensity:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| None                | D2 Severe Drought      |
| D0 Abnormally Dry   | D3 Extreme Drought     |
| D1 Moderate 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>

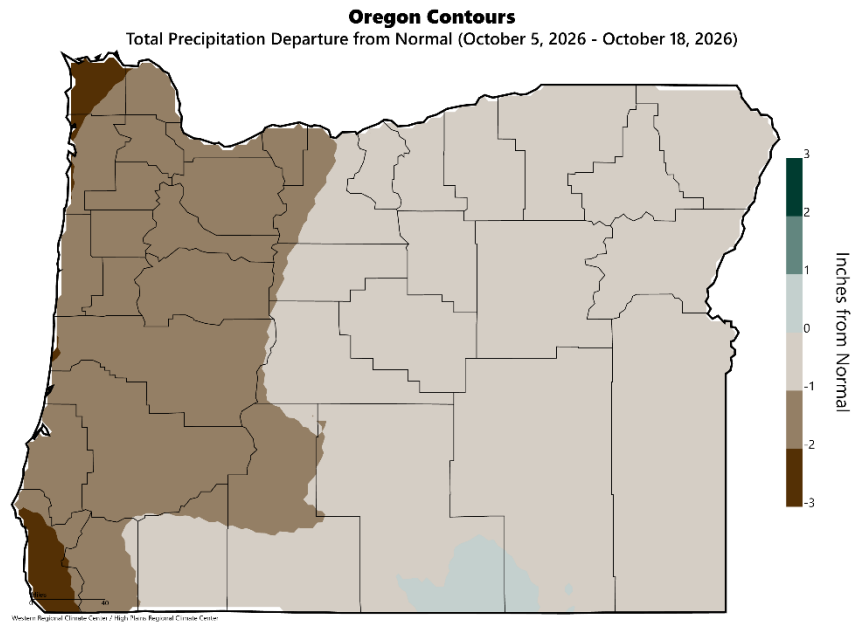
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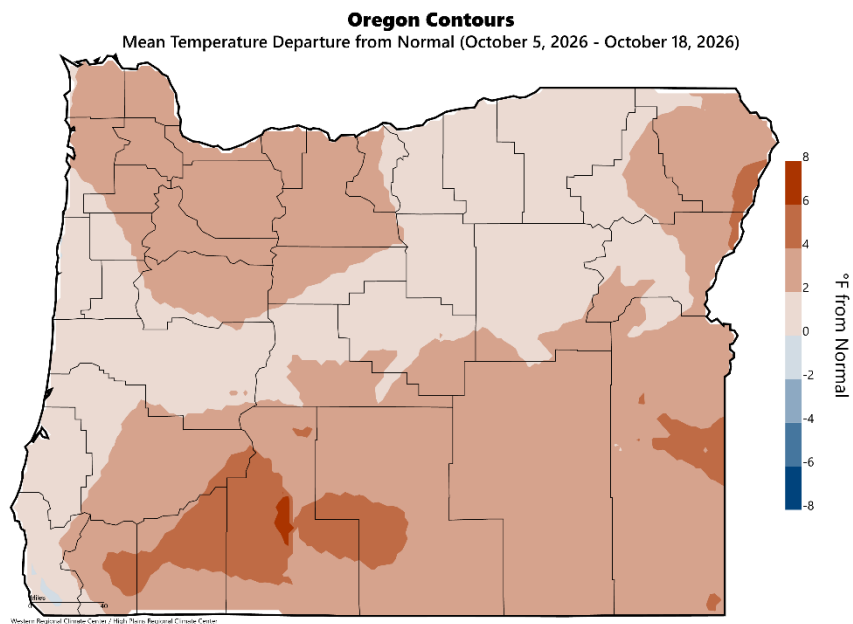


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## Recent Conditions

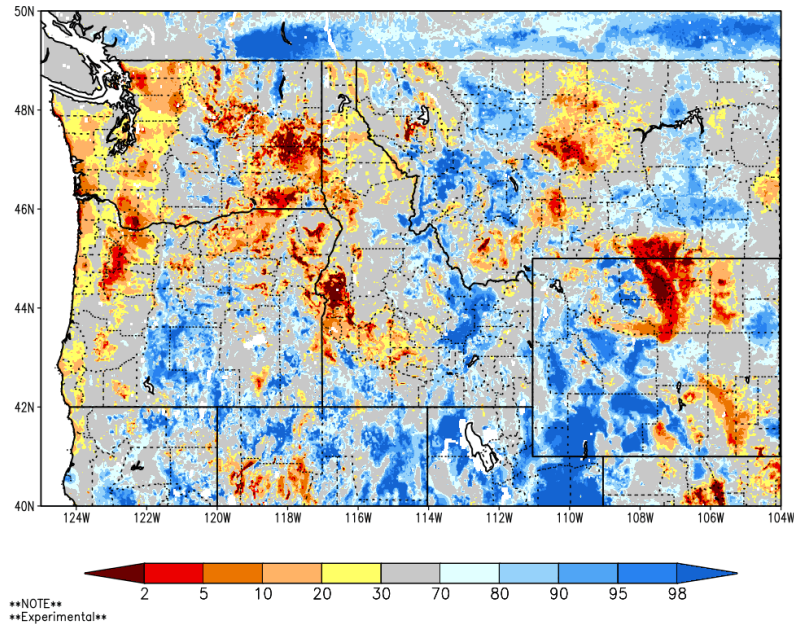


- Over the [past two weeks](#), precipitation was below normal for most of the state. In western Oregon, precipitation deficits ranged from 1 to 2 inches, while in central and eastern Oregon deficits were up to 1 inch below normal.

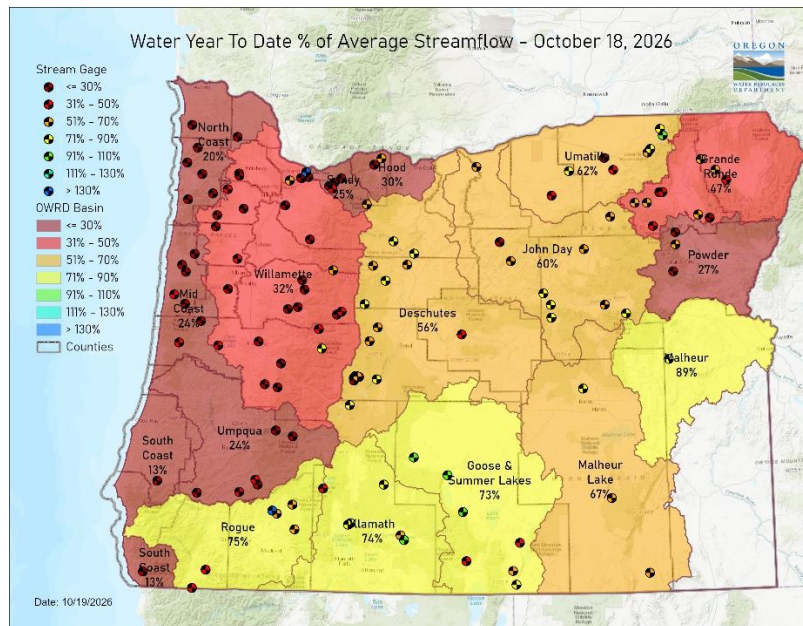


- Temperature conditions over the [past two weeks](#) were above normal statewide. For much of the state, temperatures were 2°F to 4°F above normal, with notable anomalies of 4°F to 6°F in parts of southwestern, south-central, and eastern Oregon.

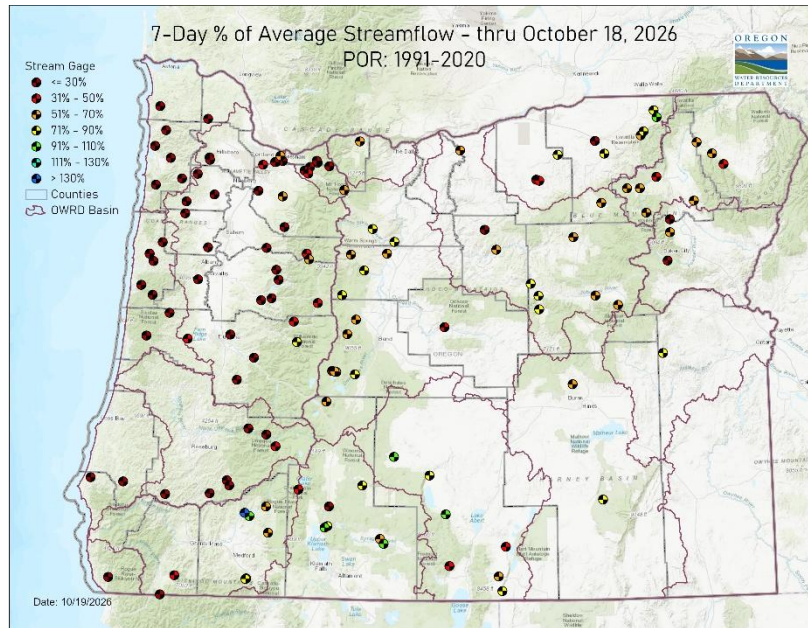
SPoRT-LIS 0-100 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 19 Oct 2026



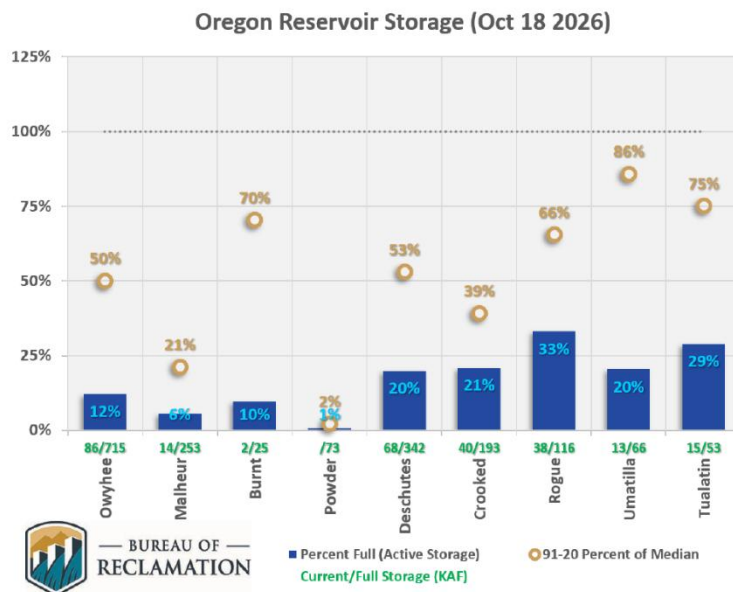
- Recent soil moisture indicators show variable rootzone (top 1 meter) moisture conditions across the state. Much of western, north-central, and northeastern Oregon is generally drier than normal, while central and southeastern Oregon are generally wetter than normal.



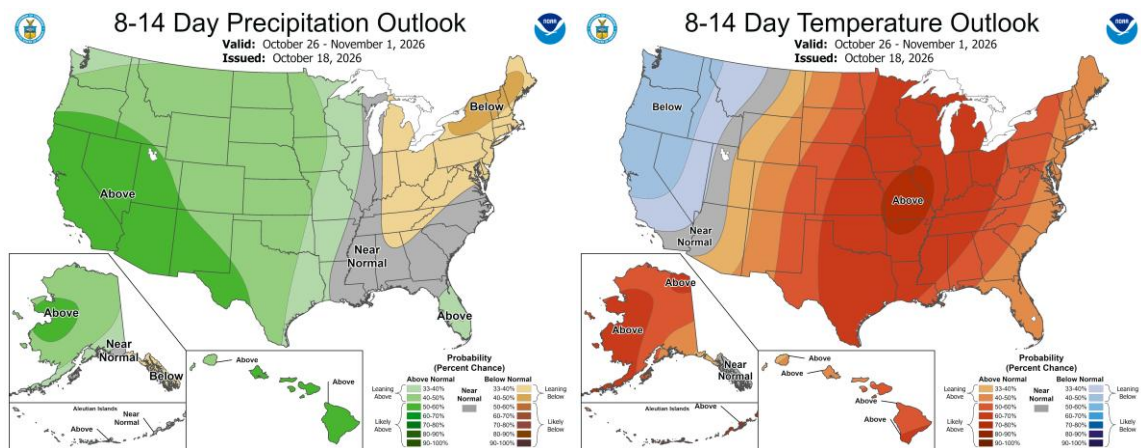
- As of October 18<sup>th</sup>, water year-to-date streamflow conditions have been below normal statewide. Significant streamflow deficits have been recorded in western and northeastern Oregon.



- Recent streamflow conditions over the last seven days were below normal statewide with significant streamflow deficits recorded across western Oregon.



- As of October 18<sup>th</sup>, all USBR storage projects in Oregon were below normal. For more information on reservoir storage projects, refer to the [US Army Corps of Engineers](#) and the [US Bureau of Reclamation](#).



- The [8-14 day outlook](#) indicates probabilities leaning towards above-normal precipitation and below-normal temperatures statewide.

## Additional Resources and References

Please visit [Oregon Water Resources Department's drought information page](#) to learn about current drought conditions, assistance programs, and potential drought tools.

If you are interested in submitting local drought-related conditions and impacts, please visit the [drought impacts toolkit](#) to learn more. [Click here](#) to visit the map of condition monitoring observer reports.

Released every Thursday, the [US Drought Monitor](#) provides a weekly assessment of drought conditions. The USDM provides a [network infographic](#) which depicts the network of observers who gather and report information about conditions and drought impacts.

The [WestWide Drought Tracker](#) uses data from [PRISM](#) to provide easy access to fine-scale drought monitoring and climate products, such as the figures depicting climate conditions within this report.

The National Weather Service's [Climate Prediction Center](#) offers [weekly](#), [monthly](#), and [seasonal](#) climate outlooks illustrating the probabilities of temperatures and precipitation.

The [Regional Climate Centers](#) (RCC) working with NOAA partners, deliver climate services at national, regional, and state levels. Climate [anomaly maps of Oregon](#) are updated daily at around noon PST.

NASA's [Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment](#) (GRACE) provide satellite-based observations of soil moisture conditions that are useful as drought indicators, helpful in describing current wet or dry soil conditions.

[USGS National Water Dashboard](#) provides maps of real-time and average streamflow conditions at USGS sites throughout the state.

Reservoir storage “teacup” diagrams are offered by both the [US Bureau of Reclamation](#) and [US Army Corps of Engineers](#). The diagrams represent the level of fill in the reservoirs as both percent full and as a ratio of volume of water currently in the reservoir to the volume of water in the reservoir when it is full.

Oregon wildfire information can be found through [InciWeb](#) and the Oregon Department of Forestry’s [Wildfire News](#), along with the [Northwest Interagency Coordination Center](#) which offers outlooks on the significant wildland fire potential.

Oregon Office of Emergency Management maintains a [hydrology/meteorology dashboard](#) which shows state and local drought declarations, as well as hosts many of the data sources to generate this report. Use the selection arrows at the bottom of your browser to navigate through the various sources.

US Department of Agriculture provides the [Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin](#) as a vital source of information on US and global weather, climate, and agricultural developments, along with seasonally appropriate agrometeorological charts and tables. USDA’s [Drought Programs and Assistance](#) offers links to programs and resources to help those struggling with persistent drought.