



Drought Information Statement for Western Washington

Valid November 20, 2025

Issued By: NWS Seattle, WA

Contact Information:

- This product will not be updated over the rainy season until spring 2026 unless drought conditions worsen significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/sew/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/sew/DroughtInformationStatement> for regional drought status updates.
- STATE OF WASHINGTON [DROUGHT EMERGENCY](#) CONTINUES FOR PARTS OF WESTERN WASHINGTON (see link)
- Drought impacts are expected to ease during the rainy season



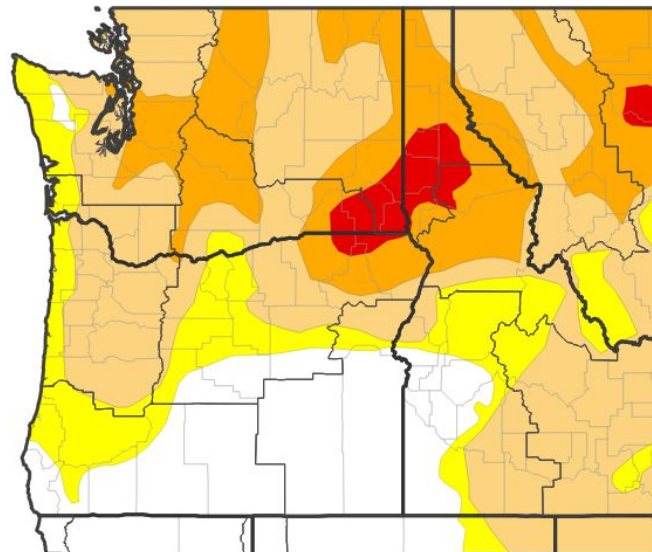


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for [region]

- Drought intensity and Extent in western Washington
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Central WA Cascades west to the Puget Sound area.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: the rest of western WA except along the Pacific coast that is abnormally dry.

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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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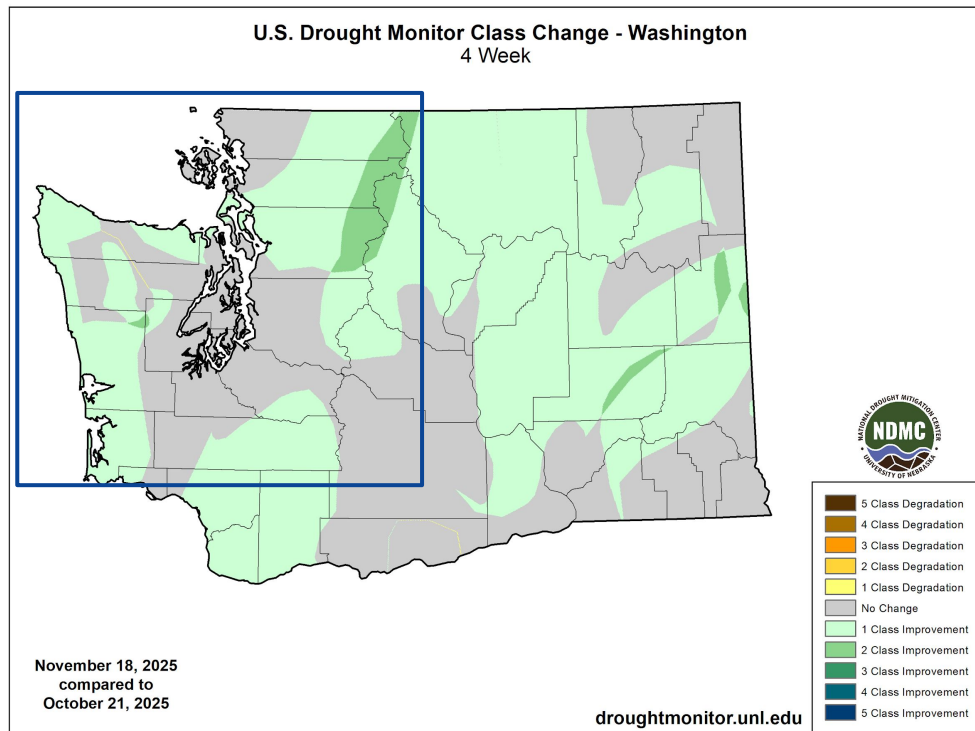
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for western Washington

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - One category improvement along the coast, along the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and the north and south WA Cascades



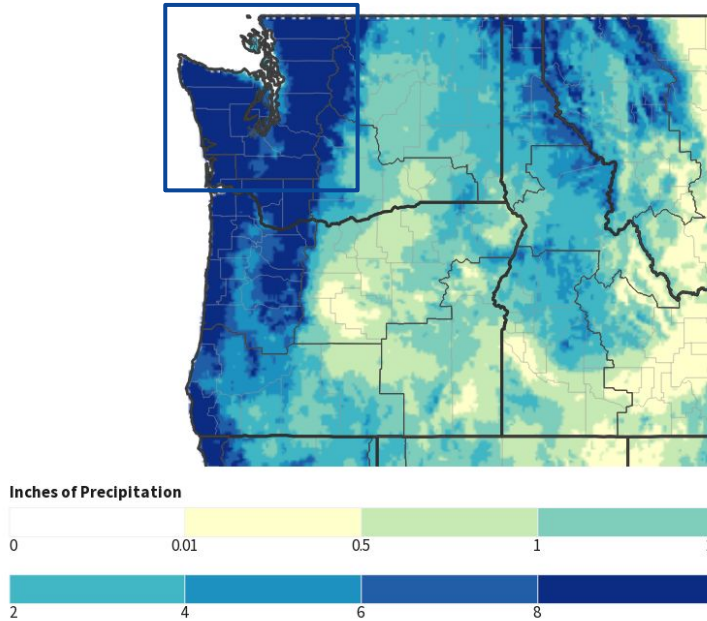


Precipitation

Last 30 days

- Western Washington received greater precipitation than normal in the last 30 days
- Portion of western Washington saw 150% or more compared to normal; largely in the central to northern Cascades and foothills

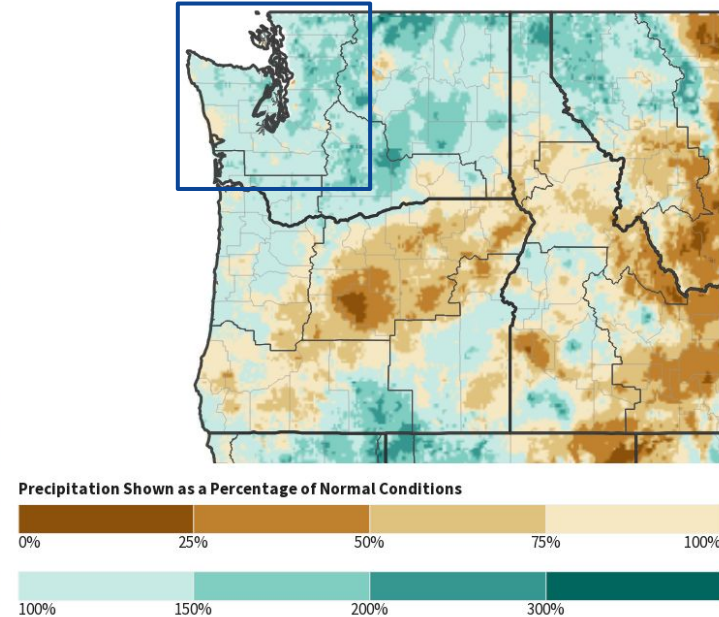
NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



Source(s): National Weather Service National Water Prediction Service; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Source(s): National Weather Service National Water Prediction Service; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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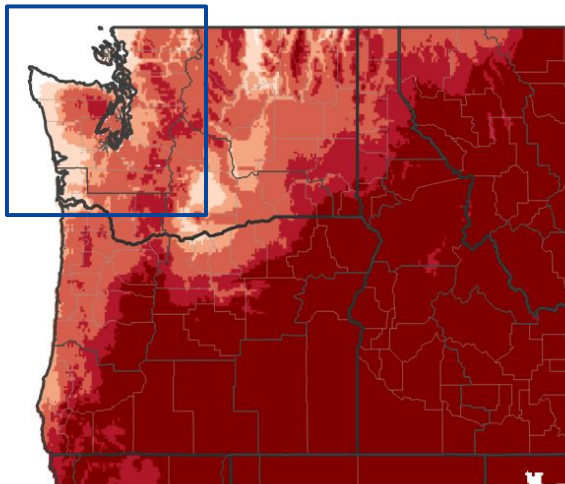


Temperature

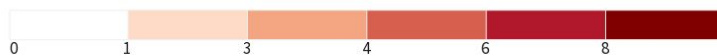
Link to [HPRCC](#)

- Temperatures were much warmer than normal over the last 7 days
- Much of the area was slightly warmer than normal for the last 30 days

7-Day Temperature Anomaly

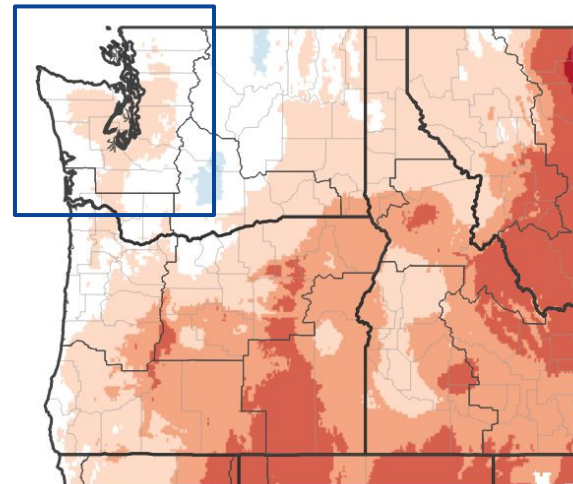


Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)

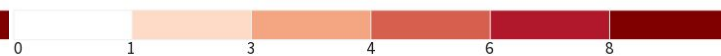
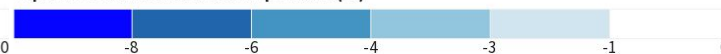


Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflow is largely normal [\(USGS\)](#)

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Other Impacts

- Washington State [Declared Drought Emergency](#) for western Washington

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your local municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information

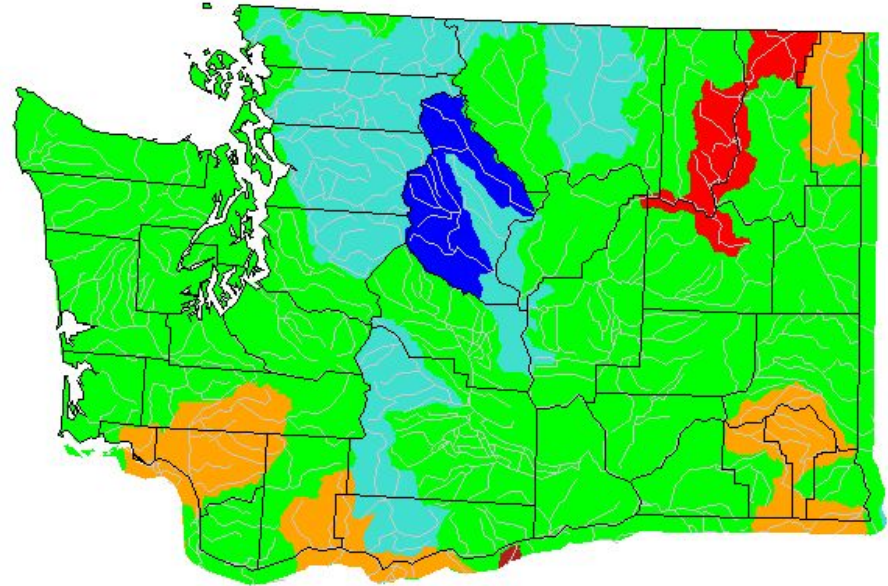




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Thursday, November 20, 2025

- Streamflow is largely normal with some basins above normal in the north portion and a few below normal in the south



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

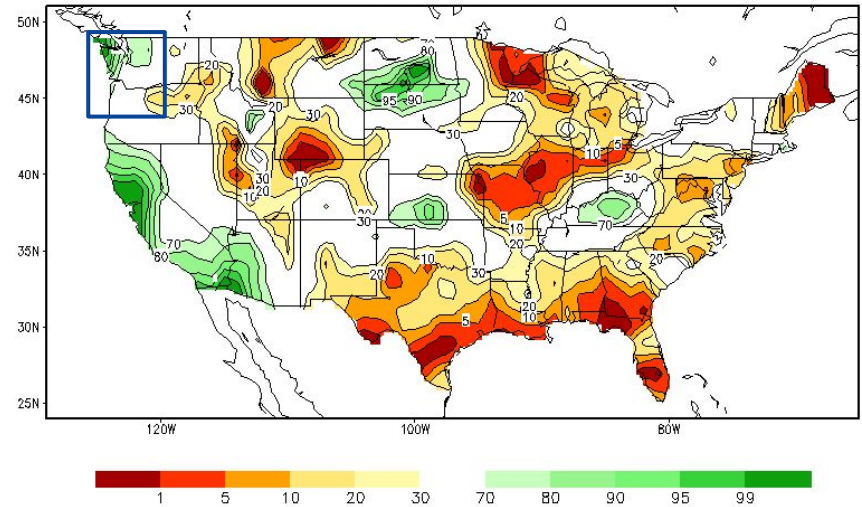




Agricultural Impacts

- Soil Moisture near normal to above normal for much of the area

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
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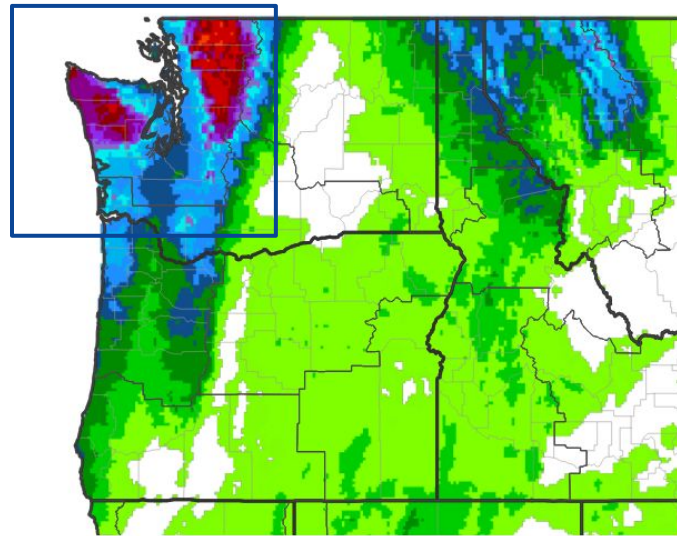




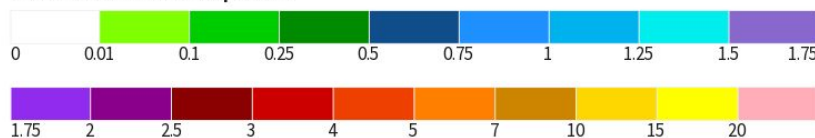
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

**7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for November
20, 2025–November 27, 2025**

- Significant rainfall is forecast in western Washington over the coming week
- Forecast rainfall is near normal to slightly less than normal for the portion east of the I-5 corridor



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image
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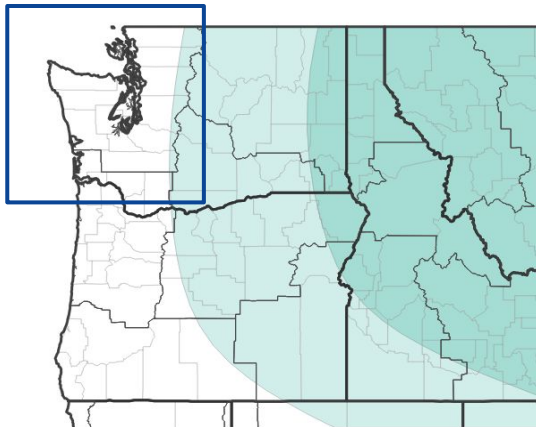


Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- Outlook for December through January
- Even odds of above, below, or normal precipitation
- Slightly greater odds (33%) of below normal temperatures for northern half of western Washington

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for December 1, 2025–December 31, 2025



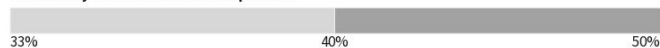
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



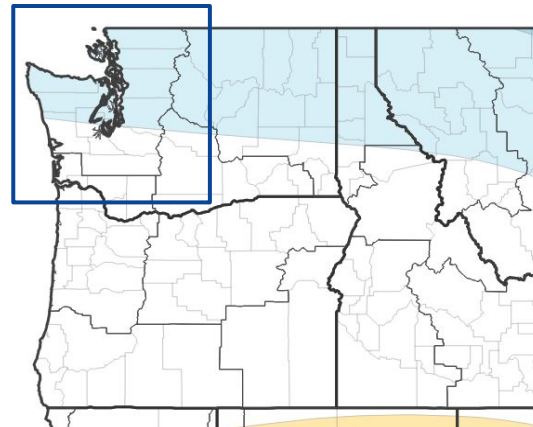
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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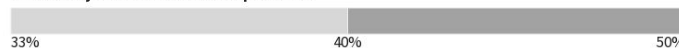
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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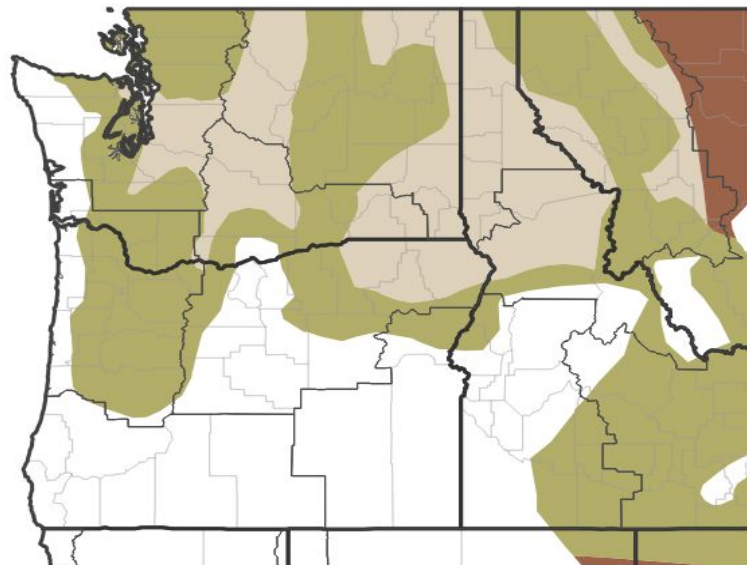
Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for November 20, 2025–February 28, 2026

- Drought improves for much of western Washington, with drought removal likely for most areas and at least improvement in the central portion of the area

Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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