

DROUGHTS

Drought Map

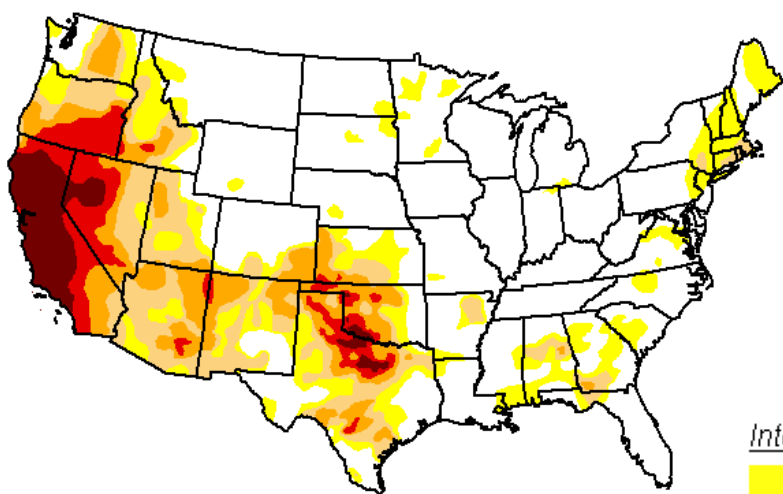
The US Drought Monitor shows which states are having droughts. Different colors show how severe the droughts are. Count how many states have each color to answer the questions!

US Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.16	43.84	29.80	18.04	9.09	3.87
Last Week 10/14/2014	55.59	44.41	29.78	18.14	9.30	3.87
3 Months Ago 7/22/2014	53.81	46.19	33.62	23.86	11.26	2.79
Start of Calendar Year 1/31/2013	48.24	51.76	30.95	16.67	3.96	0.37
Start of Water Year 9/30/2014	52.22	47.78	30.57	18.66	9.41	3.85
One Year Ago 10/22/2013	45.04	54.96	35.00	18.12	2.82	0.30

Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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- 1 How many states are abnormally dry? _____
- 2 How many states have moderate droughts? _____
- 3 How many states have severe droughts? _____
- 4 How many states have extreme droughts? _____
- 5 How many states have exceptional droughts? _____



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Answer key: 1. 38 states, 2. 20 states, 3. 14 states, 4. 9 states, 5. 4 states