

# Drought Severity In the Continental US Over Time

The stream graph below shows the total area in the continental United States affected by droughts from January 2020 to July 2022. Drought severity is [categorized into 6 levels](#), ranging from none to exceptional drought.

Stream graphs are a variation of a stacked area graph, but instead of plotting values against a fixed, straight axis, a stream graph has values displaced around a varying central baseline.

Select a region

West

High Plains

Midwest

South

Southeast

Northeast

Select a drought category to see the percent of the total area it constituted as of June 30, 2022

100%

## Weekly changes in drought severity - Jan 2020 to July 2022

Drought Category   ● None   ● Abnormally dry   ● Moderate drought   ● Severe drought   ● Extreme drought   ● Exceptional drought

