Weekly rainfall and river flow summary

Wednesday 26 November to Tuesday 2 December 2025

1 Summary

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1.1 Rainfall

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1.2 River flows

Compared to last week, river flows increased at 46 (84%) of our river reporting sites and decreased at 9 sites (16%). Nearly all of the sites we report on (96%) were classed as normal or higher for the time of the year, with 2 sites (4%) classed as exceptionally high, 27 sites (49%) as notably high, 11 (20%) as above normal and 13 (24%) as normal. Two sites (4%) were classed as below normal for the time of year (Figure 3.1).

1.3 Outlook

On Thursday rain will move north and east across most areas. Brighter weather with showers developing across southern England. Breezy for many. Early fog, then bright and breezy, with fewer showers on Friday. Further wind and rain sweeping north-east through the day. Brighter with blustery showers on Saturday. Further rain on Sunday.

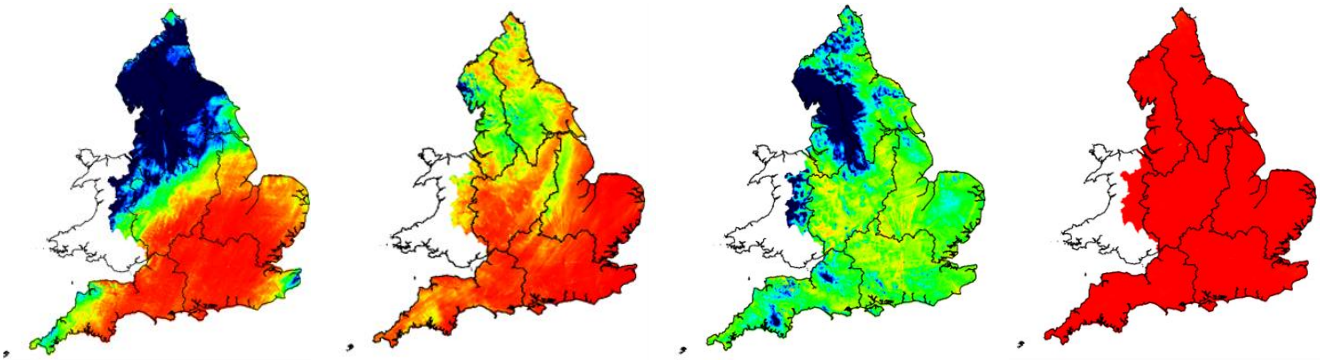
Table 1: Latest rainfall summary information (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2025)

Geographic regions	26 Nov to 2 Dec 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Dec 2025 to date total rainfall (mm)	Dec 2025 to date rainfall % of LTA	Nov 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Nov 2025 rainfall % of LTA	Last 3 months Sep to Nov 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Last 3 months Sep to Nov 2025 rainfall % of LTA	Last 6 months Jun to Nov 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Last 6 months Jun to Nov 2025 rainfall % of LTA	Last 12 months Dec 2024 to Nov 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Last 12 months Dec 2024 to Nov 2025 rainfall % of LTA
north-west	57	16	11	211	160	536	145	830	125	1,285	101
north-east	40	6	7	157	171	356	143	498	106	781	88
central	29	8	10	140	188	291	137	391	96	656	86
east	16	4	7	107	172	213	119	312	89	511	81
south-east	22	11	13	88	100	248	107	370	92	637	82
south-west	42	17	14	159	125	382	118	538	98	972	89
England	32	10	11	138	149	320	128	463	101	766	88

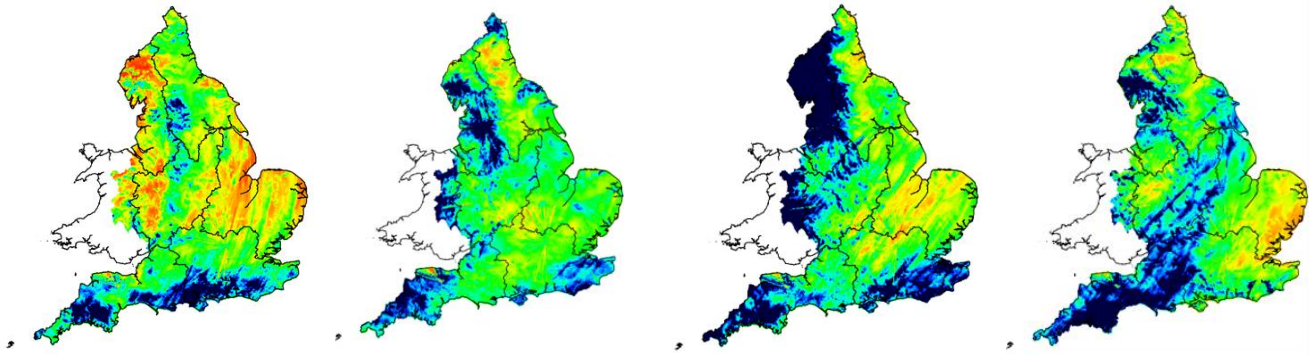
Notes: Long term average (LTA) rainfall for 1991 to 2020. Data for the current month are calculated using MORECS (Met Office Rainfall and Evaporation Calculation System); data for past months are provisional values from the National Climate Information Centre (NCIC). The data are rounded to the nearest millimetre or percent except when values are less than 1. Recorded amounts of rainfall are likely to be underestimated during snow events.

2 Rainfall

Figure 2: Weekly precipitation across England and Wales for the past 11 weeks. UKPP radar. Note: Images may sometimes include straight lines originating from the centre of the radar, resulting from tall trees and buildings located near the radar installation affecting its performance. This does not reflect actual conditions on the ground.



17 to 23 September | 24 to 30 September | 1 to 7 October | 8 to 14 October



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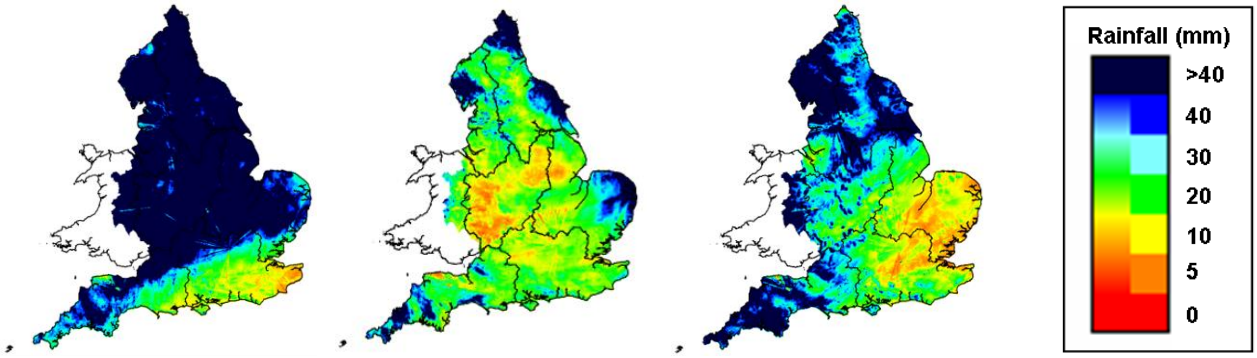
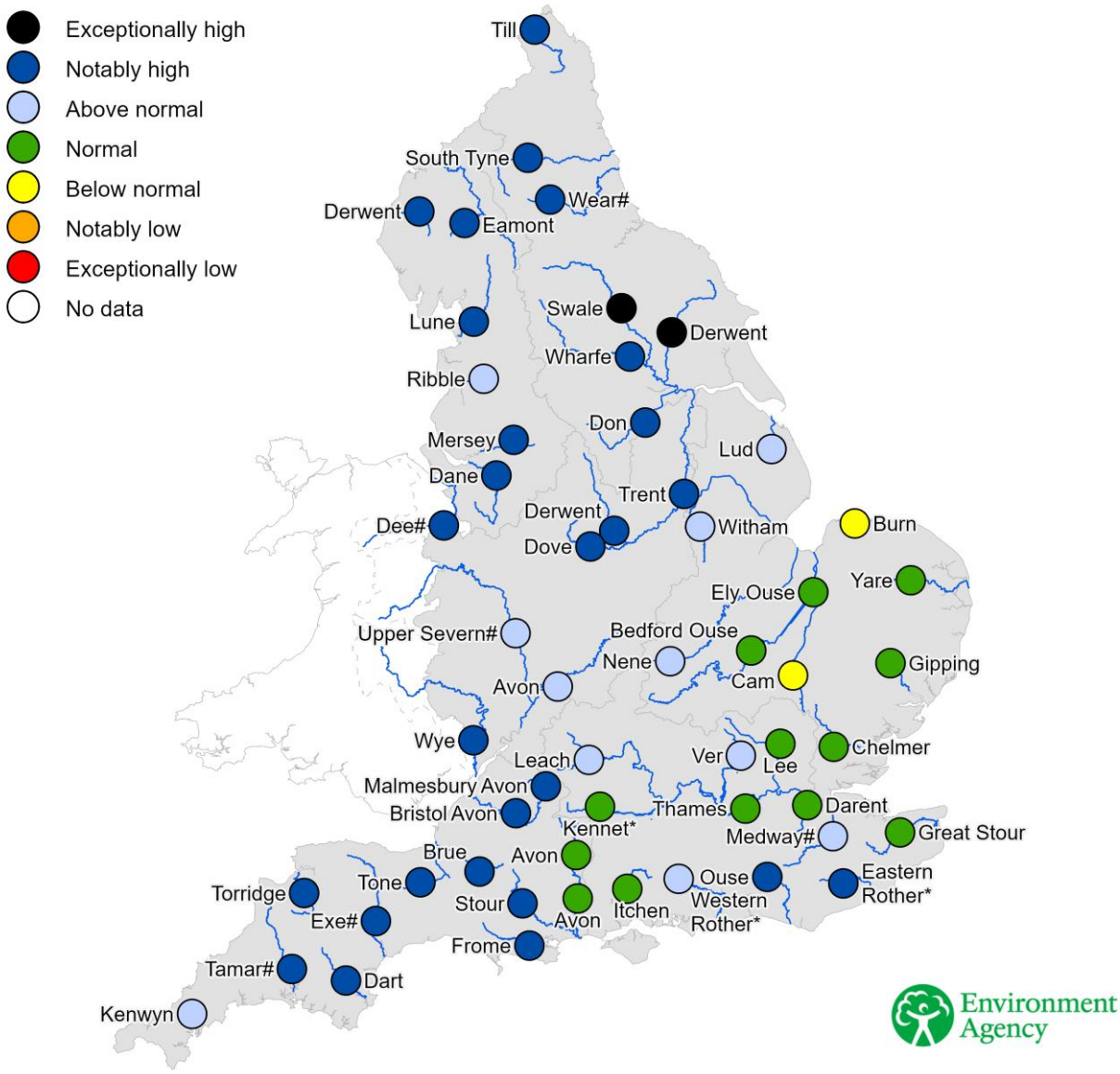


12 to 18 November | 19 to 25 November | 26 November to 2 December

3 River flows

3.1 River flows map

Figure 3.1: Latest daily mean river flow, relative to an analysis of historic daily mean flows, classed by flow percentile for the same time of year. River flows for the River Thames at Kingston and the River Lee at Feildes Weir are naturalised. * Flows may be overestimated and data should be treated with caution. # Flows may be impacted by upstream reservoir releases.



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3.2 River flow categories

Exceptionally high	Value likely to fall within this band 5% of the time
Notably high	Value likely to fall within this band 8% of the time
Above normal	Value likely to fall within this band 15% of the time
Normal	Value likely to fall within this band 44% of the time
Below normal	Value likely to fall within this band 15% of the time
Notably low	Value likely to fall within this band 8% of the time
Exceptionally low	Value likely to fall within this band 5% of the time