

Weekly rainfall and river flow summary

Wednesday 15 April to Tuesday 21 April 2026

1 Summary

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1.1 Rainfall

It has been a drier week across England, with the wettest conditions in north-west England. Rainfall totals ranged from 2 mm in east and south-east England to 15 mm in north-west England. Rainfall totals for April to date range from 11% of the long term average (LTA) in east England to 73% in north-west England. Additionally, rainfall totals across England for April to date are 36% of the LTA (Table 1).

1.2 River flows

River flows decreased at all of the river flow sites we report on compared with the previous week. The majority of sites were classed as normal (58%) and a further 18 sites (33%) classed as below normal. One site (2%), Colney on the River Yare in east England, was classed as notably low for the time of year. Three sites (5%) were classed as above normal and 1 site in north-west England, Pooley Bridge on the River Eamont, was classed as notably high (Figure 3.1).

1.3 Outlook

After a cloudy start on Thursday, most areas will have a fine day with light winds and plenty of sunshine. Although warm for most it will feel cooler along eastern coasts. On Friday and into the weekend conditions will remain largely fine and dry with plenty of sunshine. There is the chance of overnight fog mainly across eastern areas. Due to high pressure centred close to or over England conditions are expected to remain clear and sunny into Monday and Tuesday.

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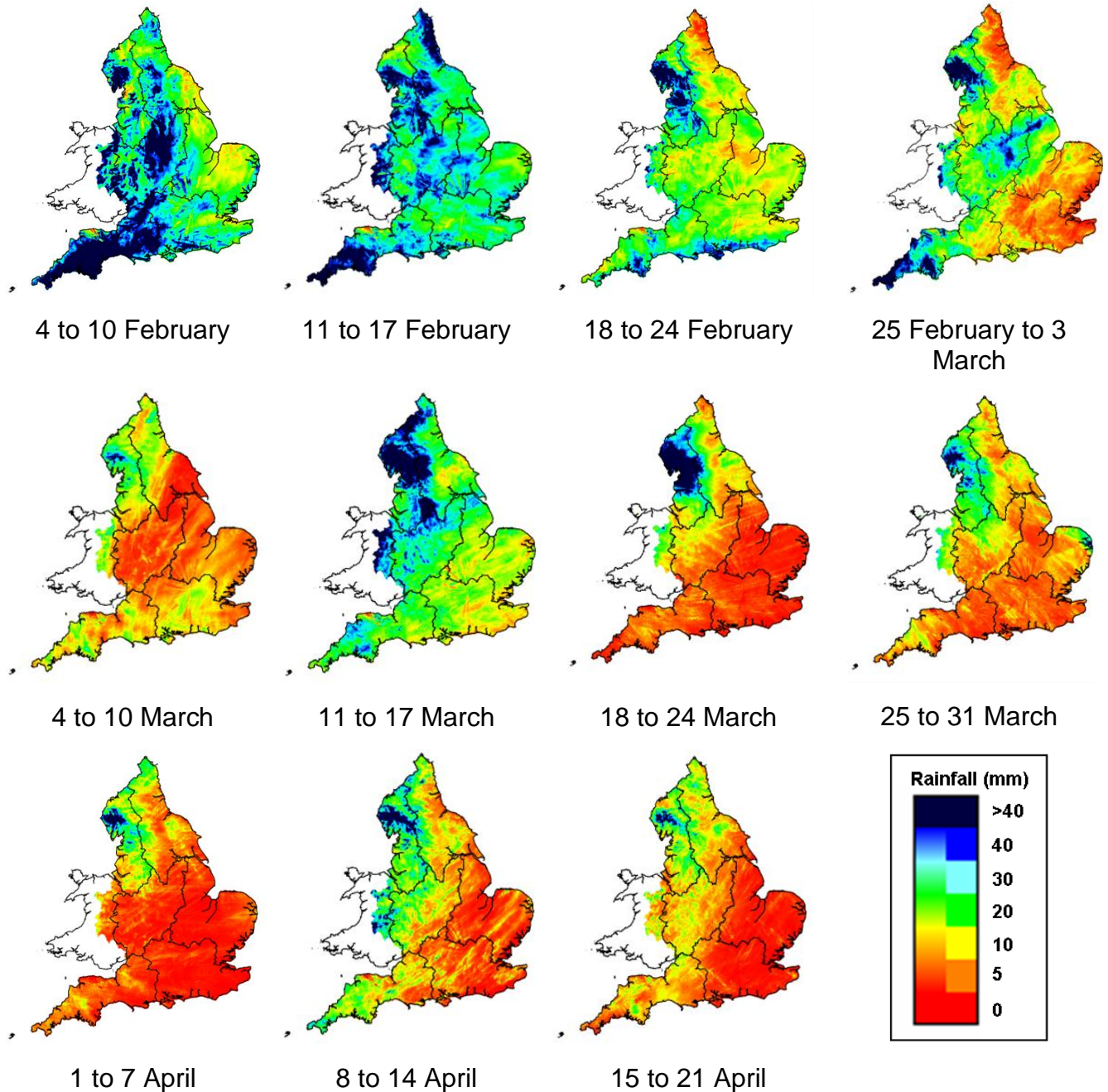
Table 1: Latest rainfall summary information (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2026)

Geographic regions	15 to 21 Apr 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Apr 2026 to date total rainfall (mm)	Apr 2026 to date rainfall % of LTA	Mar 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Mar 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 3 months Jan to Mar 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 3 months Jan to Mar 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 6 months Oct 2025 to Mar 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 6 months Oct 2025 to Mar 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 12 months Apr 2025 to Mar 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 12 months Apr 2025 to Mar 2026 rainfall % of LTA
north-west	15	51	73	122	136	337	106	841	116	1,431	113
north-east	11	28	48	60	98	257	122	581	121	892	101
central	7	20	37	39	76	270	158	565	142	803	105
east	2	5	11	24	62	184	137	399	125	594	94
south-east	2	7	14	29	59	280	151	543	123	783	101
south-west	7	24	35	48	62	432	153	869	133	1,251	114
England	7	20	36	49	83	285	137	609	126	914	105

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.



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