

Weekly rainfall and river flow summary

Wednesday 2 September to Tuesday 8 September 2026

1 Summary

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1.1 Rainfall

It has been a drier week across the majority of the country with the exception of north-west England which received slightly more rainfall than the previous week. Rainfall totals ranged from 46mm in north-west England to 14mm in east England (Table 1, Figure 2). Rainfall totals for September so far range from 45% of the long-term average (LTA) in north-west England to 27% of the LTA in north-east England. For England as a whole, rainfall for the month to date is 33% of the LTA (Table 1).

1.2 River flows

River flows increased compared to the previous week at over half (60%) of the sites we report on. The majority of sites (76%) were classed as normal or lower for the time of year. Two sites (4%) were classed as notably high, 11 sites (20%) were classed as above normal, 23 sites (42%) were classed as normal, 11 sites (20%) were classed as below normal, 7 sites (13%) were classed as notably low and one site (2%), Heaton Mill on the River Till was classed as exceptionally low for the time of year. (Figure 3.1).

1.3 Outlook

Thursday will start sunny, becoming cloudy for most with showers spreading north-westerly. Friday will be dry and settled with a mix of sunny spells and cloud. North-east England will see some showers on Saturday but the majority of the country will have dry conditions with some sunshine which will continue into Sunday. Monday and Tuesday will be mainly dry with sunny conditions for most, north-west England will see some localised showers.

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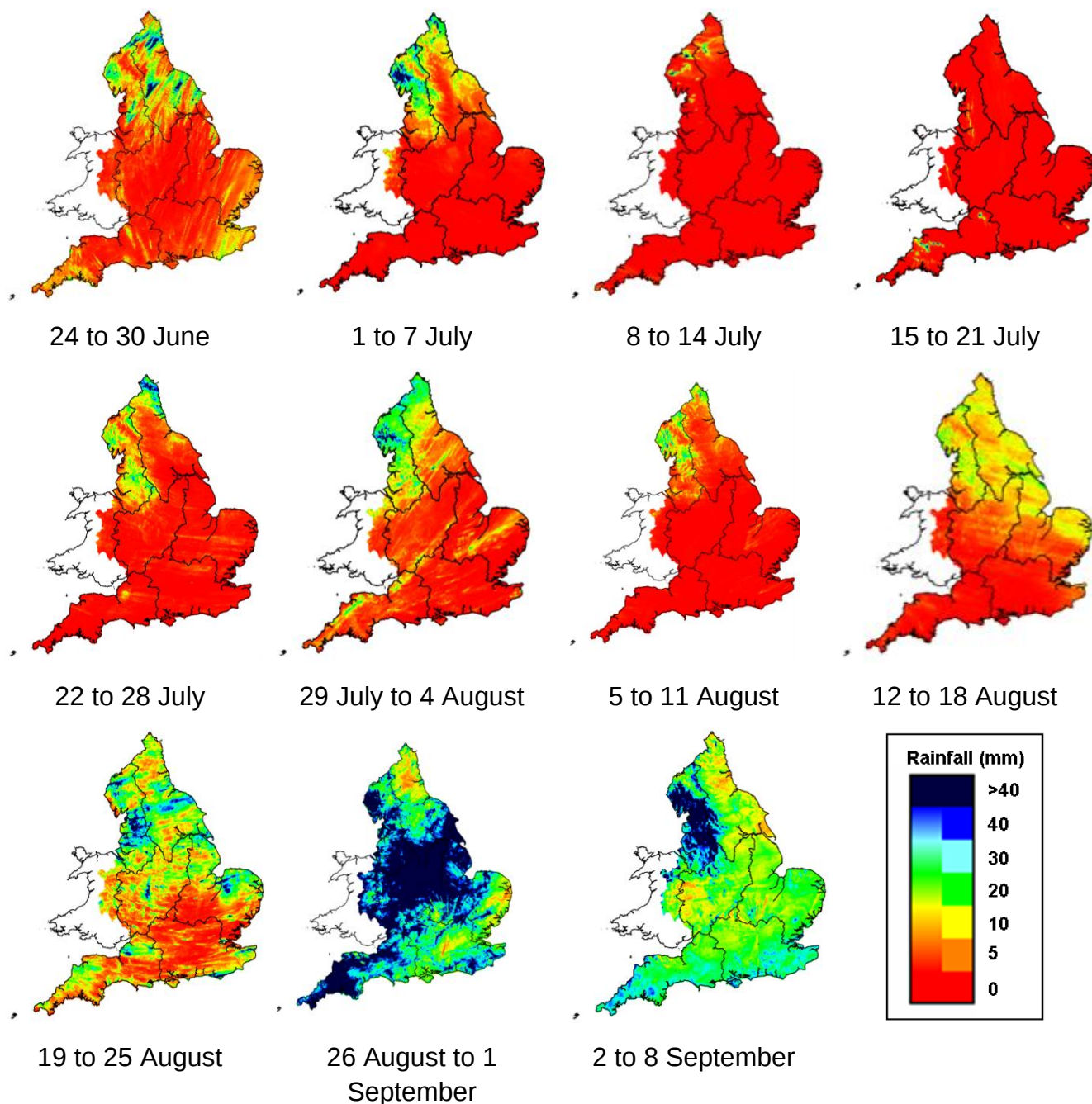
Table 1: Latest rainfall summary information (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2026)

Geographic regions	2 to 8 Sep 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Sep 2026 to date total rainfall (mm)	Sep 2026 to date rainfall % of LTA	Aug 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Aug 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 3 months Jun to Aug 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 3 months Jun to Aug 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 6 months Mar to Aug 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 6 months Mar to Aug 2026 rainfall % of LTA	Last 12 months Sep 2025 to Aug 2026 total rainfall (mm)	Last 12 months Sep 2025 to Aug 2026 rainfall % of LTA
north-west	46	49	45	92	84	225	77	472	89	1,394	110
north-east	18	19	27	67	84	136	61	284	71	928	105
central	16	17	28	65	98	124	63	227	64	841	110
east	14	15	28	53	87	106	62	156	52	583	92
south-east	21	21	36	34	54	105	62	170	53	758	98
south-west	26	27	35	55	65	141	63	260	60	1,200	110
England	22	23	33	59	78	133	64	245	65	907	104

Notes: Long term average (LTA) rainfall for 1991 to 2020. Data for the current month are calculated using the Environment Agency’s Daily Rainfall Tool (DRT); 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.

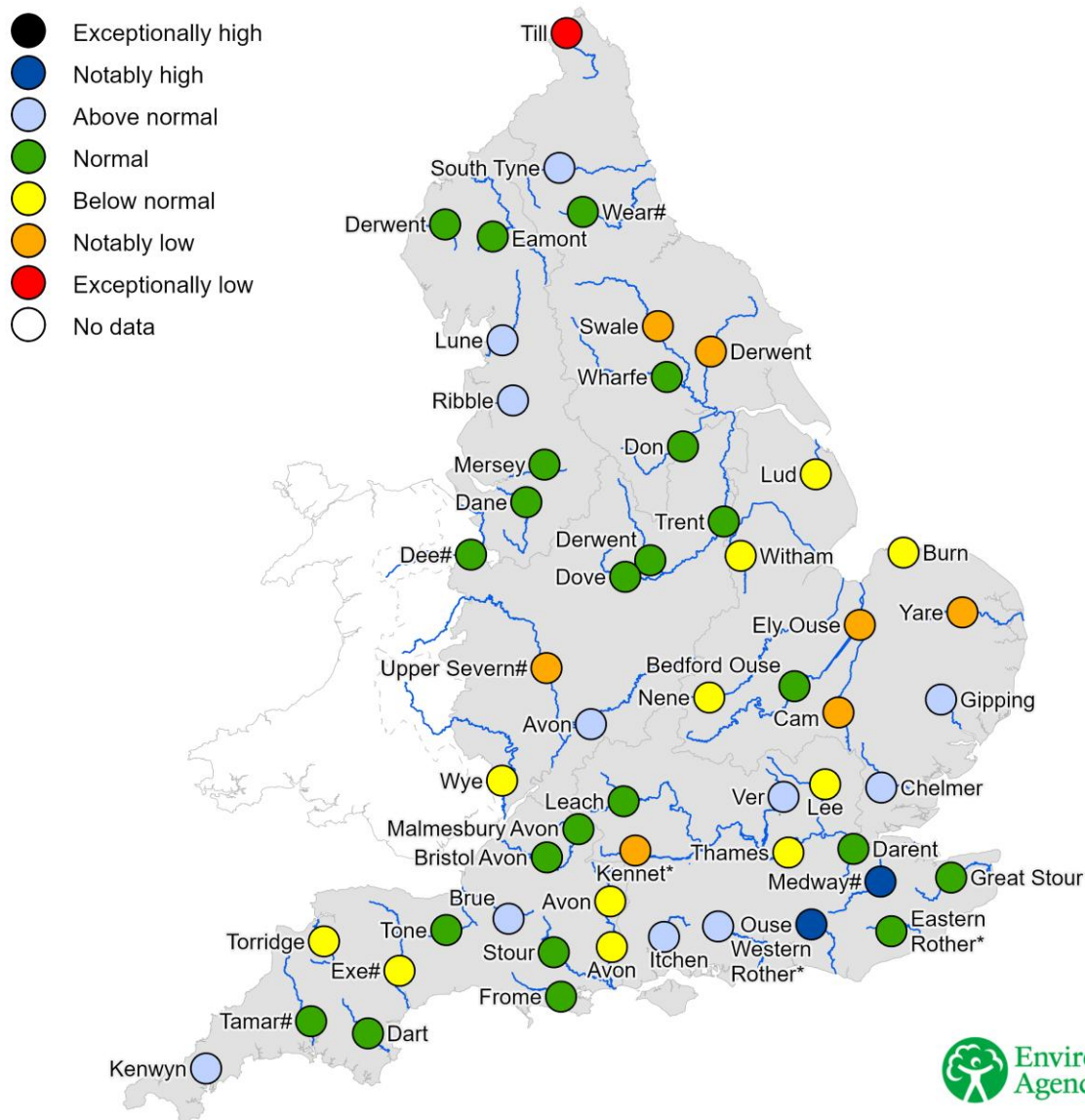


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3 River flows

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