

**SUMMARY:** This month, following below average October rainfall for much of the UK it is likely that October river flows will be in the *Normal range* for October.

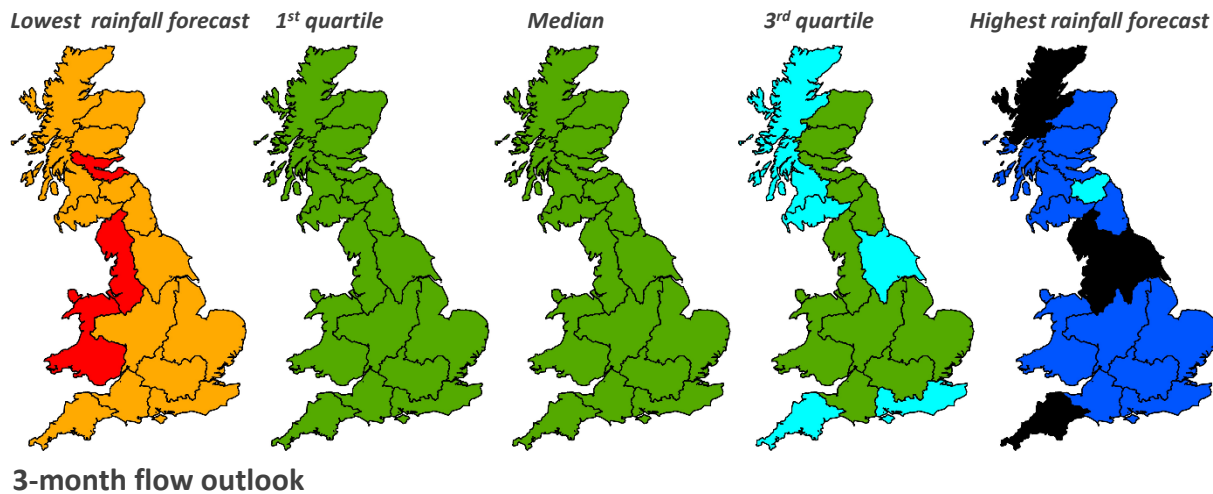
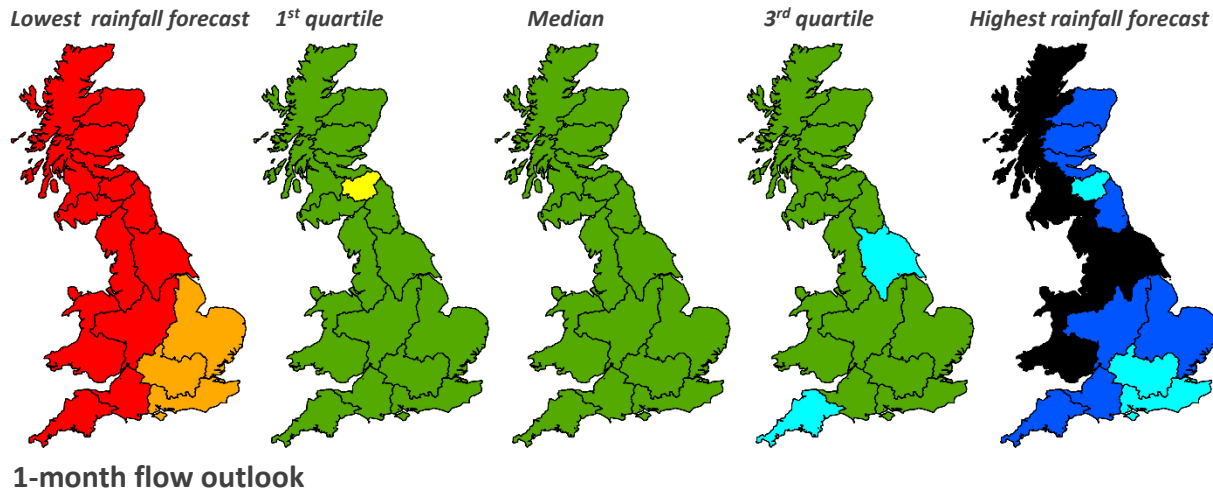
**Over the next 3 months**

There is a high chance of river flows being *Normal* or above for all regions.

These forecasts are produced by using five members of the Met Office rainfall forecast ensemble as input to a water balance hydrological model to provide the five estimates of river flows shown on the left for one month and three months ahead.

Regional forecast monthly-mean river flows are derived from the average of 1km river flow estimates within each region and ranked in terms of 49 years of historical flow estimates (1962 – 2010).

The five maps illustrate the wide range of possible flows and while there is a 50% chance of flows between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles, actual flows may be more extreme than the flows derived using the highest or lowest rainfall forecasts.



**Key**

	Percentile range of historic values for relevant month
Exceptionally high flow	> 95
Notably high flow	87-95
Above normal	72-87
Normal range	28-72
Below normal	13-28
Notably low flow	5-13
Exceptionally low flow	< 5

**SCOTLAND**

- HR Highlands Region
- NER North East Region
- TR Tay Region
- FR Forth Region
- CR Clyde Region
- TWR Tweed Region
- SR Solway Region

**ENGLAND**

- N Northumbria
- NW North West
- Y Yorkshire
- ST Severn Trent
- A Anglian
- T Thames
- S Southern
- W Wessex
- SW South West

**WALES**

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**NORTHERN IRELAND**

This method cannot currently be used in Northern Ireland