

**SUMMARY** The river flow outlook for June is for below normal to low flows in eastern, central and southern areas, with notably or exceptionally low flows likely to persist in some catchments. In contrast, the outlook is for normal to above normal flows in northwestern areas. The June - August outlook suggests a similar contrast, but between normal flows in the northwest and below normal flows elsewhere. For groundwater, the outlook for both June and June-August is for normal to below normal levels across the country.

### Rainfall:

May rainfall was above average in parts of northwest England and western Scotland, but it was a dry month elsewhere, particularly across southern England. The spring as a whole was exceptionally dry across most of the UK. The forecast (issued by Met Office on 27.05.2025) indicates the chance of a wet June is slightly higher than normal, with the start of June especially likely to be wet. The chances of a wet or a dry summer (June - August) are evenly balanced.

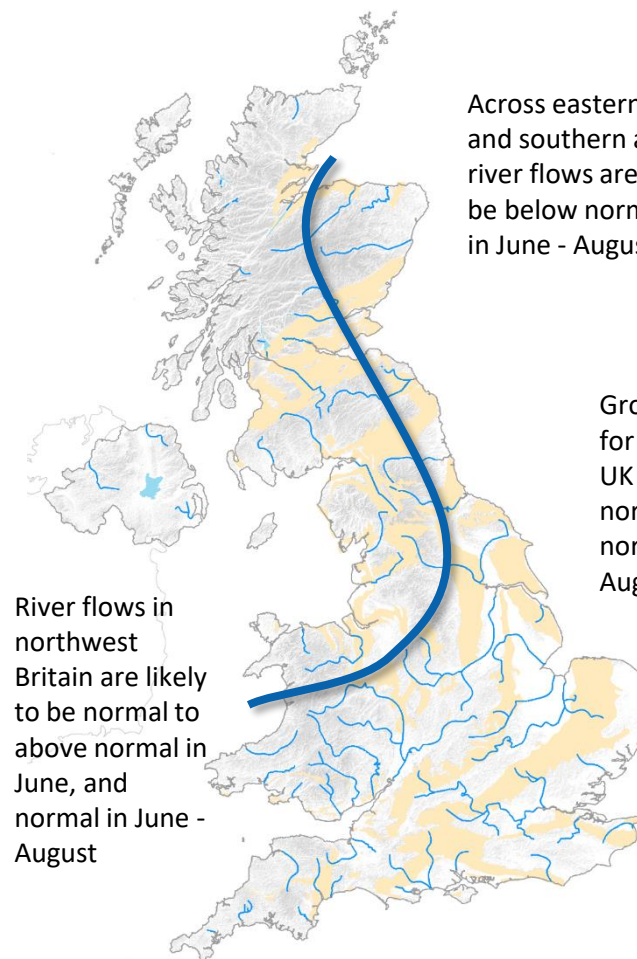
### River flows:

River flows in May were in the normal range in some western catchments, but below normal across most of the UK – with notably or exceptionally low flows (including many new record May minimum flows) across eastern Britain, central England and south Wales. The outlook for June is for normal to above normal flows in northwest Britain, reflecting late May/early June rainfall. Elsewhere, below normal to low flows are the most likely outcome, with notably or exceptionally low flows likely to persist in some catchments. The June - August outlook is for a similar geographical contrast, but with normal flows most likely in the northwest and below normal to low flows elsewhere, again with some catchments likely to be significantly below normal.

### Groundwater:

Groundwater levels in May were largely in the normal range or below normal across the UK, with below normal levels concentrated in the Chalk of central southern England and northeast England. Levels were above normal in a few boreholes in central England. The outlook for June is for normal to below normal levels across most of the country, with notably low levels likely to persist in some areas. Localised above normal levels are possible in some areas (e.g. the Chilterns). For June - August, normal to below normal levels are the most likely outcome across all aquifers.

The UK Hydrological Outlook provides an outlook for the water situation for the United Kingdom over the next three months and beyond. For guidance on how to interpret the outlook, a wider range of information, and a full description of underpinning methods, please visit the website: [www.hydoutuk.net](http://www.hydoutuk.net)



Shaded areas show principal aquifers

## About the UK Hydrological Outlook:

This document presents an outlook for the UK water situation for the next 1-3 months and beyond, using observational datasets, meteorological forecasts and a suite of hydrological modelling tools. The outlook is produced in a collaboration between the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (UKCEH), British Geological Survey (BGS), the Met Office, the Environment Agency (EA), Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), and for Northern Ireland, the Department for Infrastructure – Rivers (DfIR).

## Data and Models:

The UK Hydrological Outlook depends on the active cooperation of many data suppliers. This cooperation is gratefully acknowledged. Historic river flow and groundwater data are sourced from the [UK National River Flow Archive](#) and the [National Groundwater Level Archive](#). Contemporary data are provided by the EA, SEPA, NRW and DfIR. These data are used to initialise hydrological models, and to provide outlook information based on statistical analysis of historical analogues.

Climate forecasts are produced by the Met Office. Hydrological modelling is undertaken by UKCEH using the Grid-to-Grid and GR6J hydrological models. Hydrogeological modelling uses the AquMod model run by BGS. Supporting documentation is available from the Outlooks website: <https://hydoutuk.net/about/methods>

## Presentation:

The language used in the summary presented overleaf generally places flows and groundwater levels into just three classes, i.e. below normal, normal, and above normal. However, the underpinning methods use as many as seven classes as defined in the graphic to the right, i.e. the summary uses a simpler classification than some of the methods. On those occasions when it is appropriate to provide greater discrimination at the extremes the terminology and definitions of the seven class scheme will be adopted.

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

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## Reference for the UK Hydrological Outlook:

UK Hydrological Outlook, 11 June 2025, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Oxfordshire UK, Online, <https://www.hydoutuk.net/latest-outlook/>

## Other Sources of Information:

The UK Hydrological Outlook should be used alongside other sources of up-to-date information on the current water resources status and flood risk.

Environment Agency Water Situation Reports: provides summary of water resources status on a monthly and weekly basis for England: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/water-situation-reports-for-england>

Flood warnings are continually updated, and should be consulted for an up-to-date and localised assessment of flood risk:

- Environment Agency: <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/map>
- Natural Resources Wales: <https://flood-warning.naturalresources.wales/>
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency: <https://www.sepa.org.uk/flooding.aspx>

Hydrological Summary for the UK: provides summary of current water resources status for the UK: <https://nrfa.ceh.ac.uk/monthly-hydrological-summary-uk>

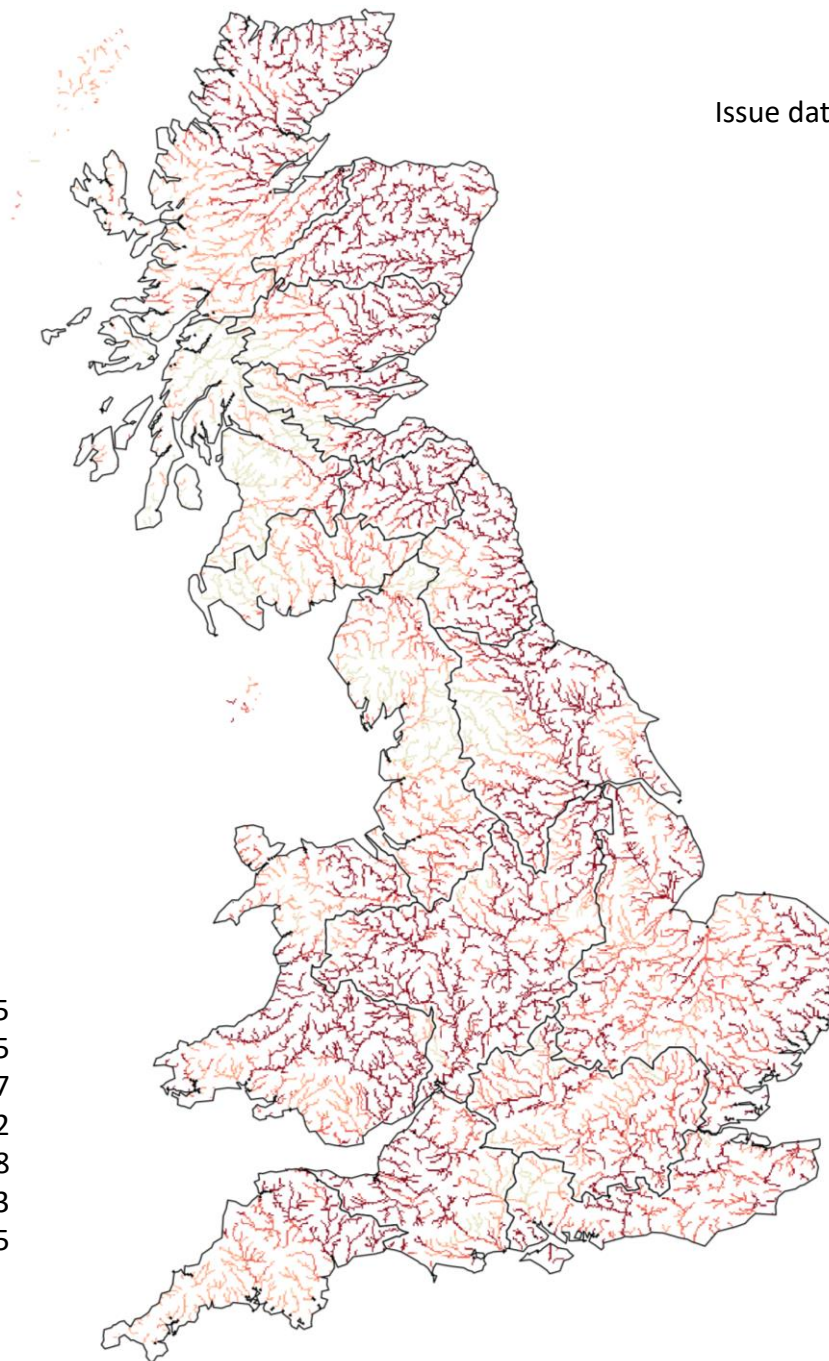
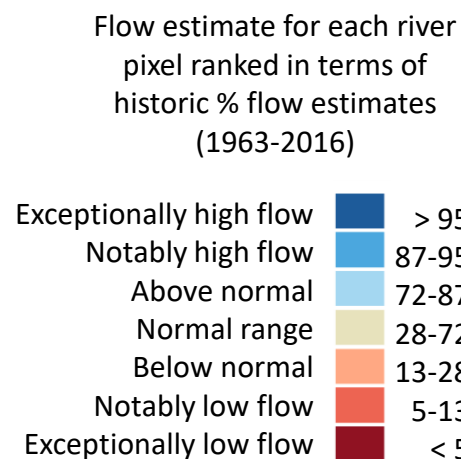
UK Met Office forecasts for the UK: <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/>

UK Water Resources Portal: monitor the UK hydrological situation in near real-time including rainfall, river flow, groundwater and soil moisture from COSMOS-UK: <https://eip.ceh.ac.uk/hydrology/water-resources/>

This map shows the simulated monthly mean flow across Great Britain for last month, ranked in terms of 54 years of historical flow estimates (1963 – 2016).

These flows are produced by the 1km resolution Grid-to-Grid (G2G) hydrological model, which is run up to the end of each calendar month using observed rainfall and MORECS potential evaporation as input.

Note that the G2G model provides estimates of natural flows.





# Current Daily Simulated Subsurface Water Storage Conditions

Based on subsurface water storage estimated for 31 May 2025

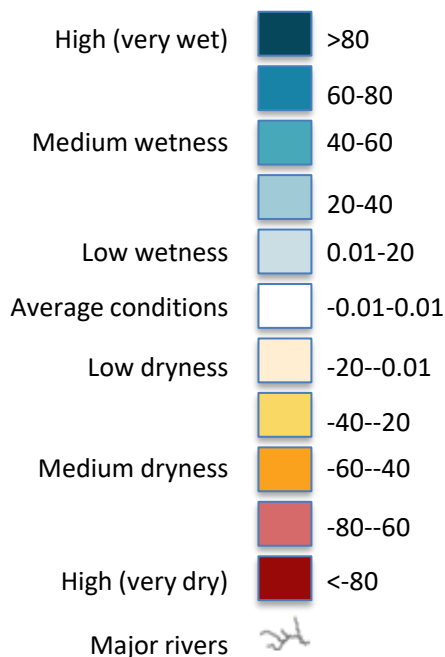
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These maps are based on Grid-to-Grid (G2G) hydrological model simulated subsurface water storage (water in the soil and groundwater), expressed as an anomaly from the historical monthly mean. To highlight areas that are particularly wet or dry, the storage anomaly is presented relative to historical extremes. Rainfall in WET areas with high positive relative wetness could result in flooding in the coming days/weeks. Areas of negative relative wetness indicate locations which are particularly DRY, and little or no rain in these areas could potentially lead to (or prolong) a drought. Maps of soil moisture only are available on the next page.

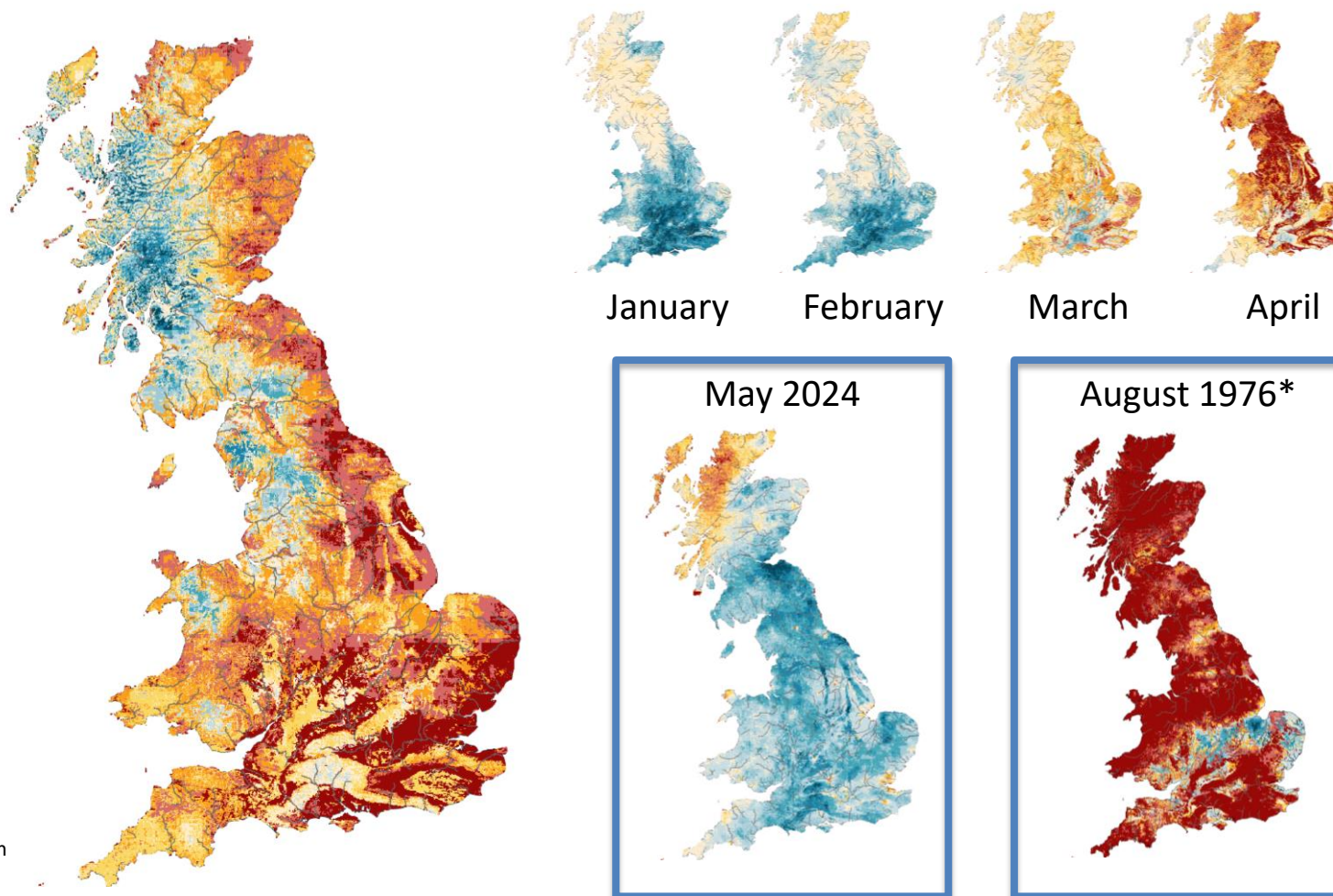
**SUMMARY:** Subsurface water stores continue to be much lower (drier) than usual over southern and central England, and the east of Great Britain. With higher rainfall during May in northwest Wales, northwest England and western Scotland the shallow subsurface water stores have recovered to higher (wetter) than normal.

## Relative wetness

Water storage anomaly as a % of maximum (positive wetness) or minimum (negative wetness) storage anomaly (zero indicates average value)



Labels refer to estimated storage on final day of named month



# Current Daily Simulated Soil Moisture Conditions

Based on soil moisture estimated for 31 May 2025

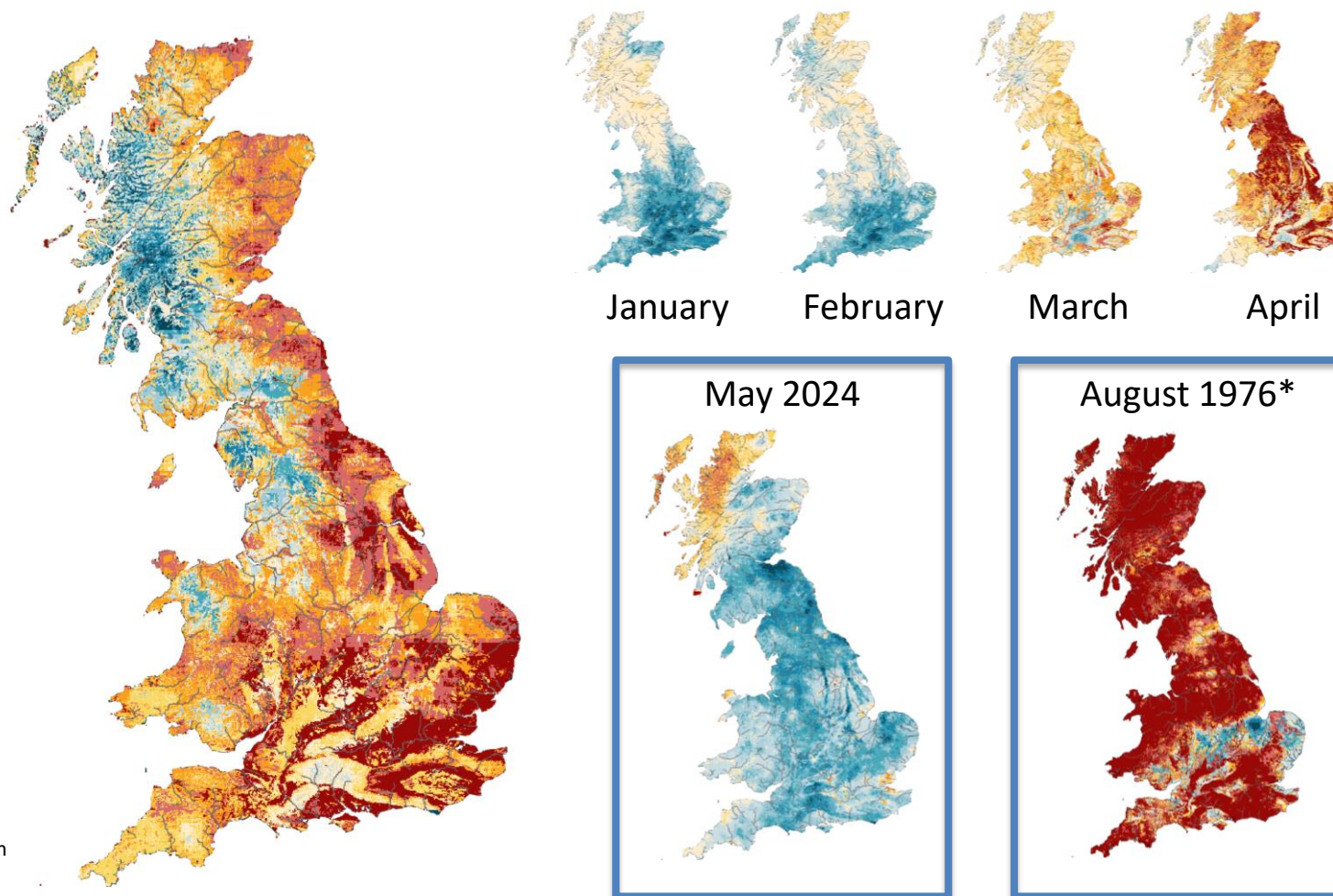
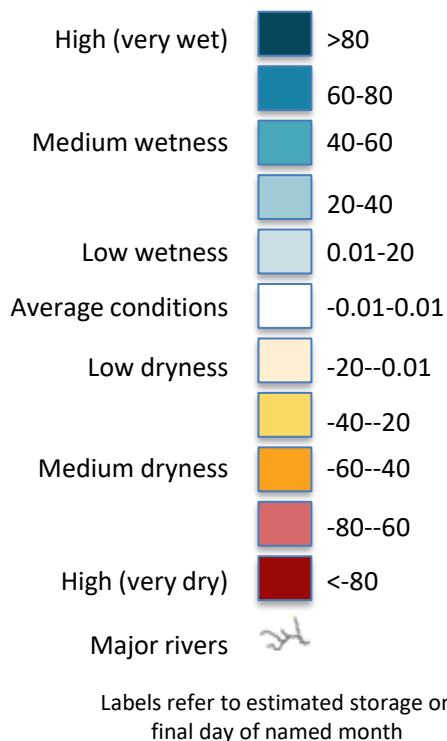
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**SUMMARY:** Soil water stores continue to be much lower (drier) than usual over southern and central England, and the east of Great Britain. With higher rainfall during May in northwest Wales, northwest England and western Scotland, the soil water stores have recovered to higher (wetter) than normal.

## Relative wetness

Soil moisture anomaly as a % of maximum (positive wetness) or minimum (negative wetness) storage anomaly (zero indicates average value)





# Estimate of Additional Rainfall Required to Overcome Dry Conditions

Based on subsurface water storage estimated for 31 May 2025

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These maps show the Grid-to-Grid (G2G) hydrological model simulated subsurface water storage, expressed as an anomaly from the historical monthly mean (1981-2010), presented on a 1km grid and as regional means. Subsurface storage deficits, i.e. where the subsurface water storage anomaly is less than zero, are highlighted in red/pink.

The subsurface storage deficit (mm) can be interpreted as an estimate of additional rainfall that would be required in future months to overcome dry conditions (i.e. rainfall in addition to what is expected on average). Regional mean values of additional rainfall required are provided in the table below.

## Regional estimate of additional rainfall required (mm)

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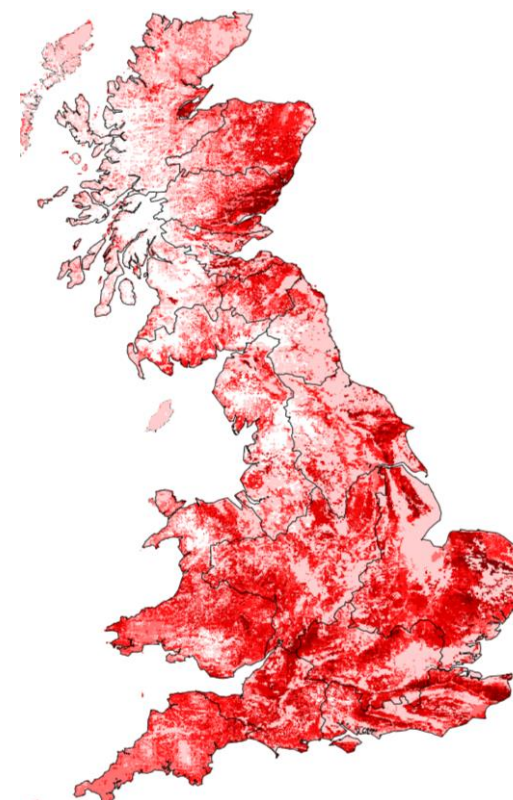
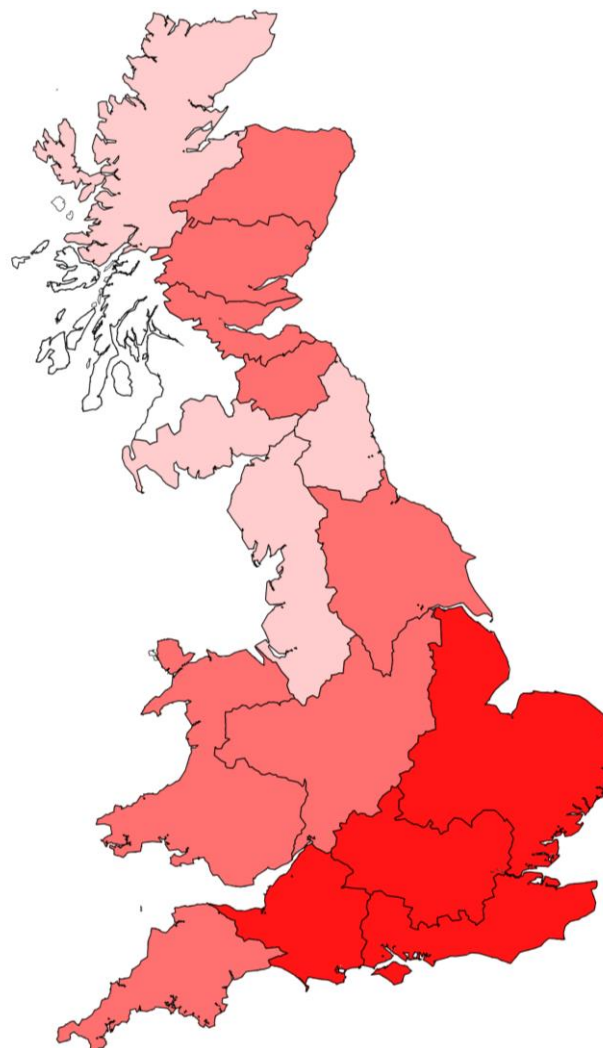
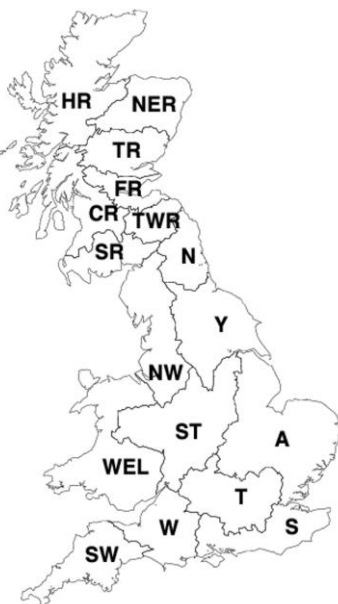
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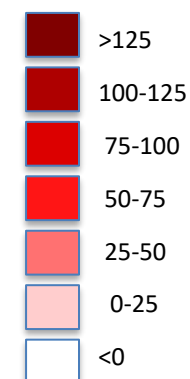
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17	NW	North West
33	Y	Yorkshire
45	ST	Severn Trent
51	A	Anglian
54	T	Thames
57	W	Wessex
53	S	Southern
45	SW	South West

### WALES

42	WEL	Welsh
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Water storage deficit  
(anomaly; mm)



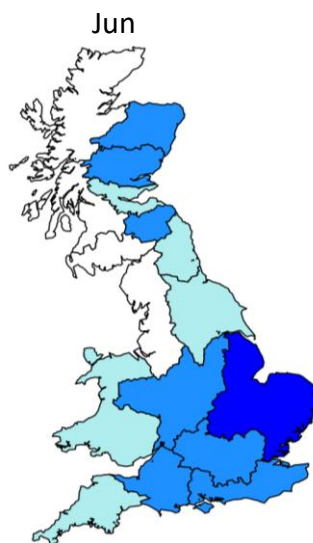
# Return Period of Rainfall Required to Overcome Dry Conditions

Period: June 2025 - November 2025

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These maps show the return period of the rainfall required to overcome dry conditions simulated using the Grid-to-Grid (G2G) hydrological model. The maps are coloured according to the return period of accumulated rainfall required to overcome the estimated current subsurface water storage deficit over the next one to six months (areas with no storage deficit will always be white). These maps do not provide a drought forecast; instead they indicate whether particularly heavy rainfall would be required to return to normal conditions for the time of year.

**SUMMARY:** Subsurface water deficits are still present in most regions, compared to normal levels for the time of year. These deficits require unusually high rainfall to recover to normal levels before the end of the month, particularly in southern and eastern England and eastern Scotland. However, to recover these deficits by the end of July would not require unusual rainfall.



## SCOTLAND

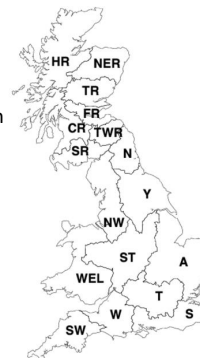
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## ENGLAND

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

## WALES

WEL Welsh



Rainfall amount (Probability)

Low (Likely) >20%

<20%

<10%

< 4%

High (Less likely) < 2%

< 1%

Extreme (Unlikely) <0.5%

Return period (years)

<5

5-10

10-25

25-50

50-100

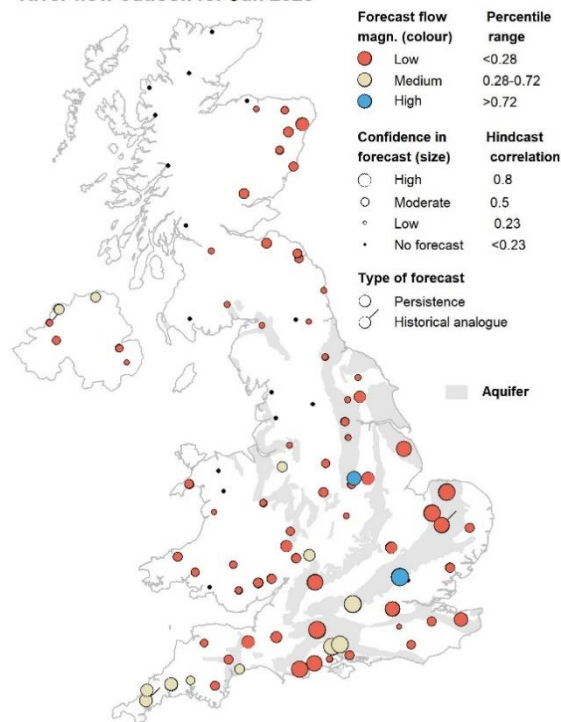
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### SUMMARY:

The June and June-August outlook suggests that river flows across the country will range from normal to below normal. In the south-east of England, flows at groundwater-fed catchments are expected to remain normal to above normal.

River flow outlook for Jun 2025



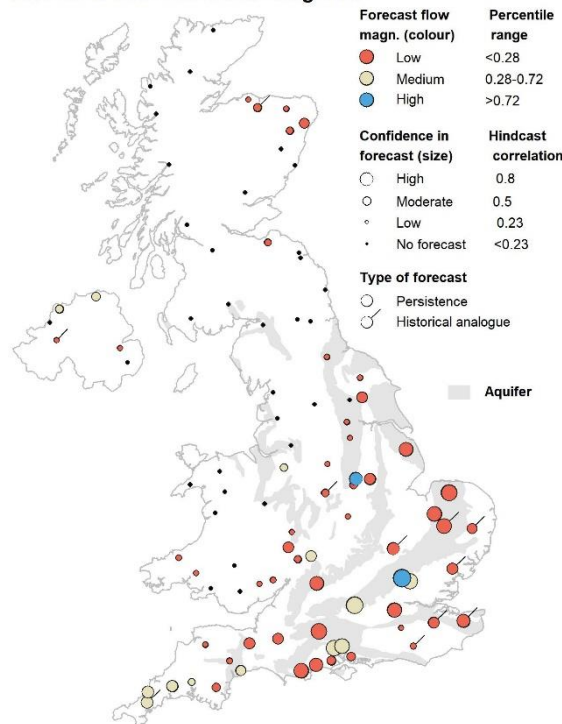
1-month flow outlook

Outlooks from hydrological analogues are based on a comparison of river flow during recent months with flows during the same months in previous years at a set of approximately 90 sites from across the UK. These sites are depicted on the two maps. Years with observed flows that most closely resemble current conditions are identified as the best analogues and the outlook is based on extrapolating from current conditions based on these analogues.

It is, however, often the case that a simpler forecast based on the persistence of river flow provides a better forecast than provided by analogy. This is particularly true for slowly responding catchments associated with aquifer outcrops.

Both methods are considered at each site and the forecast from the method with the higher confidence is presented. A simple classification of flows is used (high, medium and low) as indicated by the colours of the dots, with the confidence

River flow outlook for Jun - Aug 2025



3-month flow outlook

of the forecast being represented by the size of the dot. A tag on the dot indicates which method has been used in each instance.

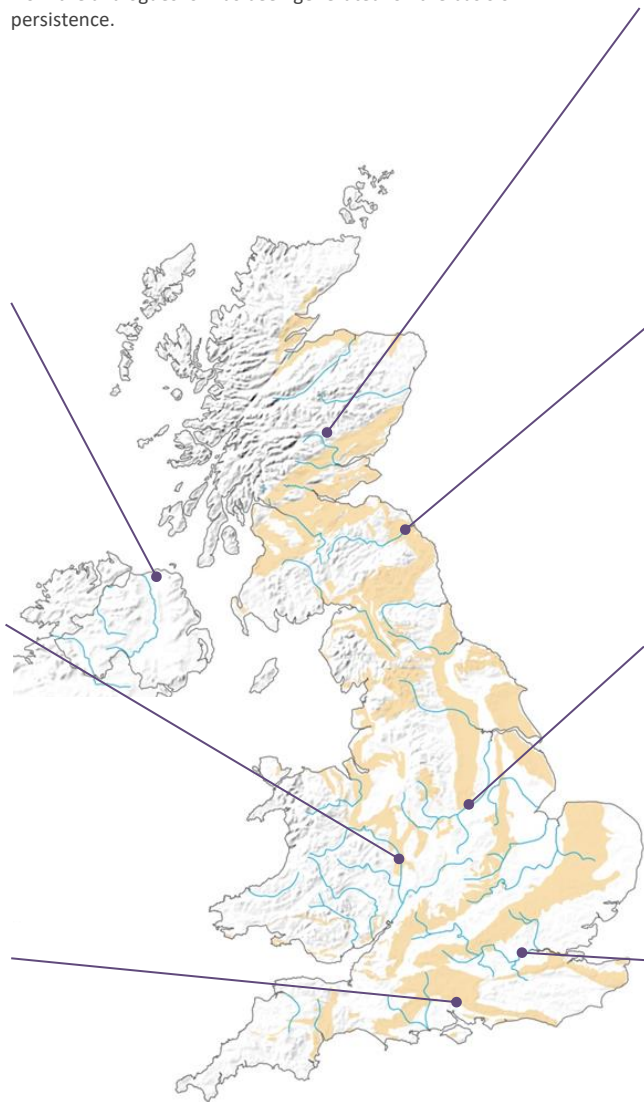
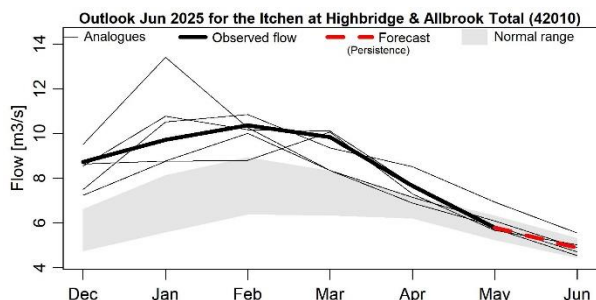
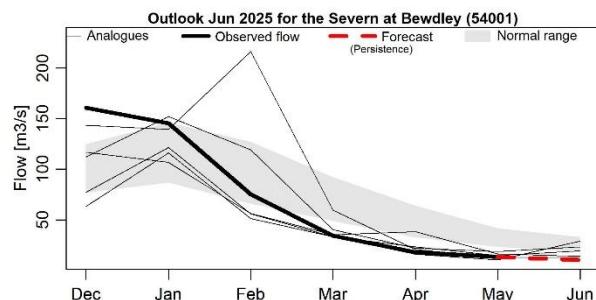
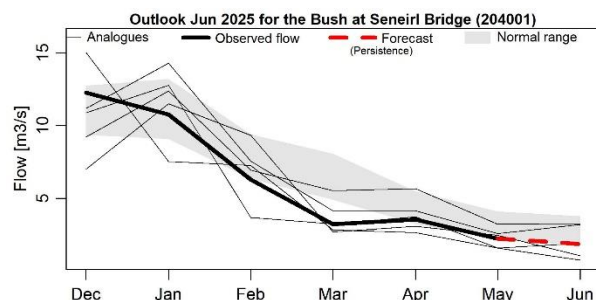


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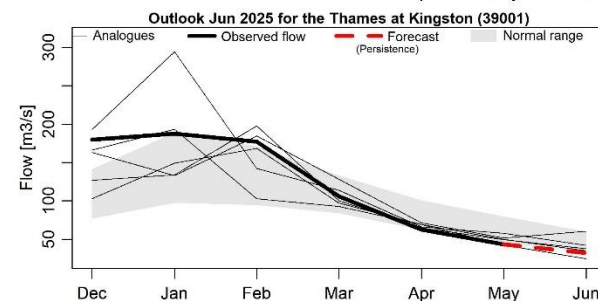
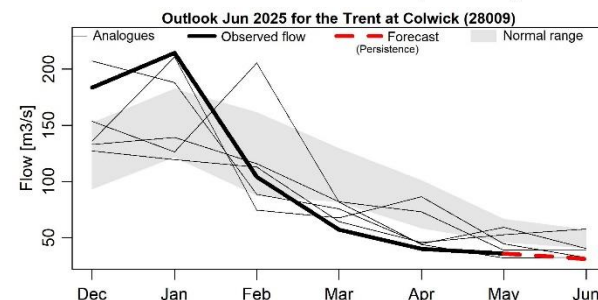
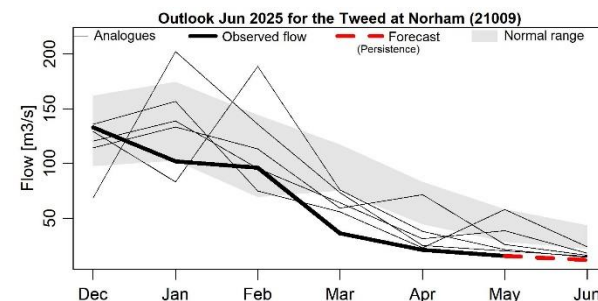
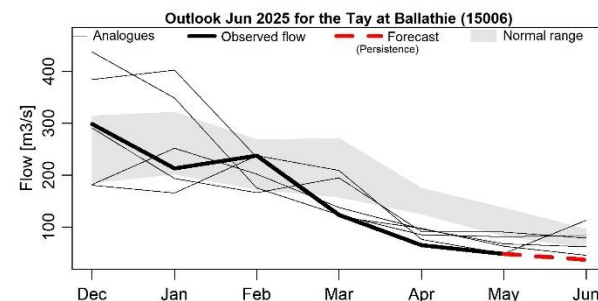
These figures provide insight into the hydrological analogue methodology for a set of sites from across the UK.

In each of the time series graphs the bold black line represents the observed flow during the past six months. The grey band indicates the normal flow range (the normal band includes 44%

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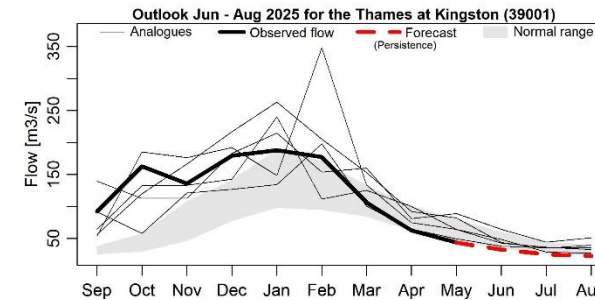
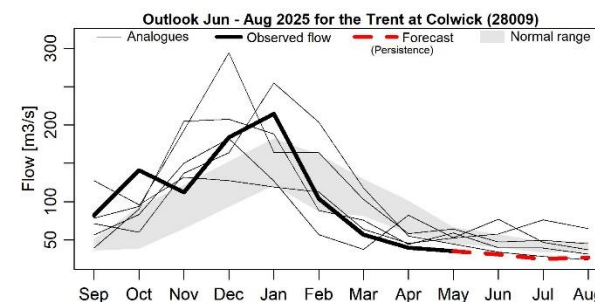
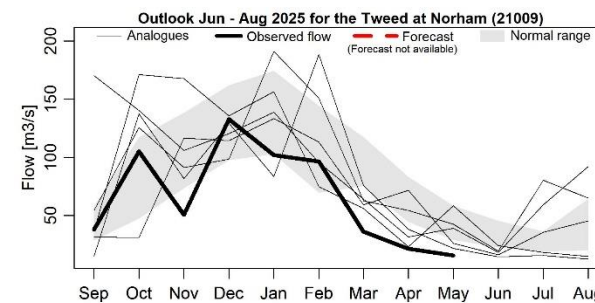
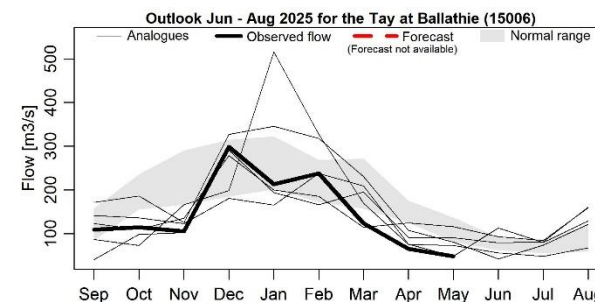
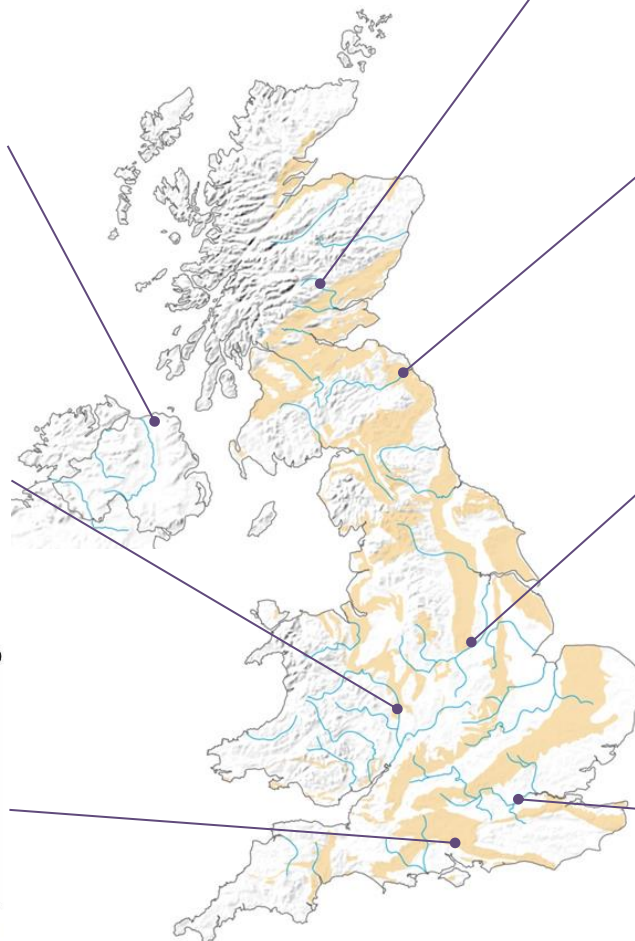
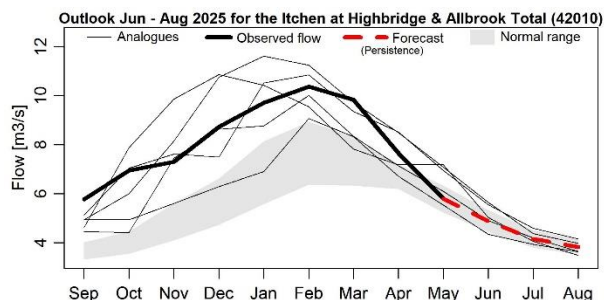
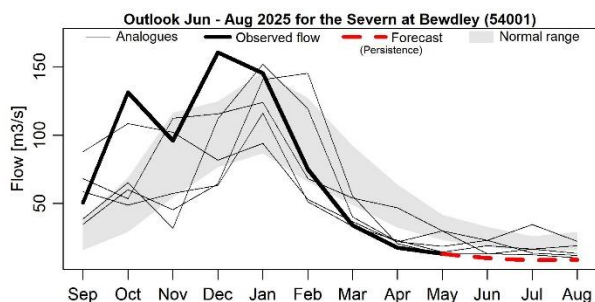
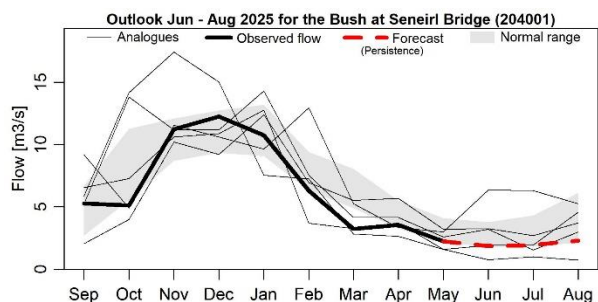
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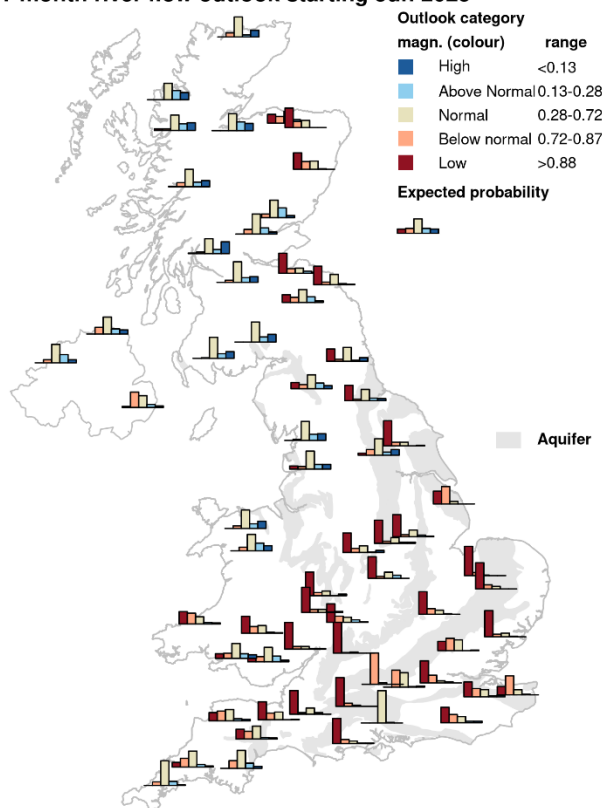


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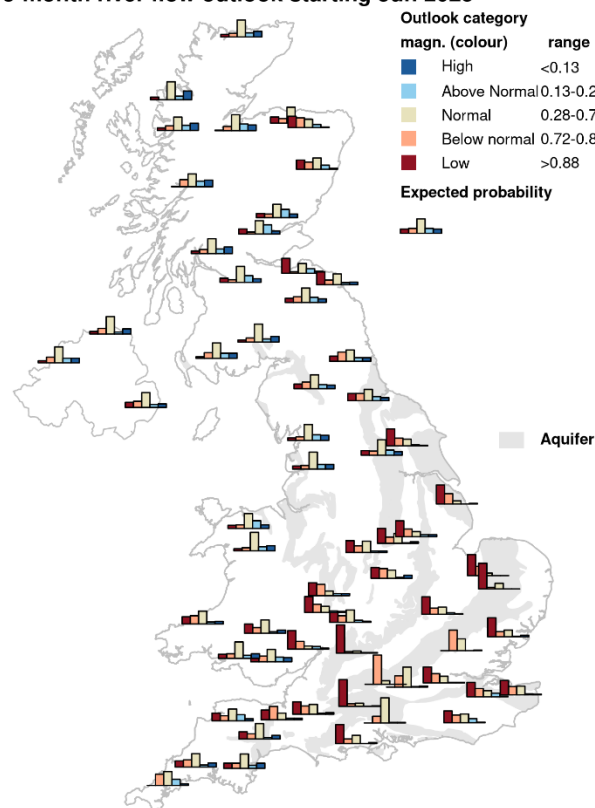
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1-month river flow outlook starting Jun 2025



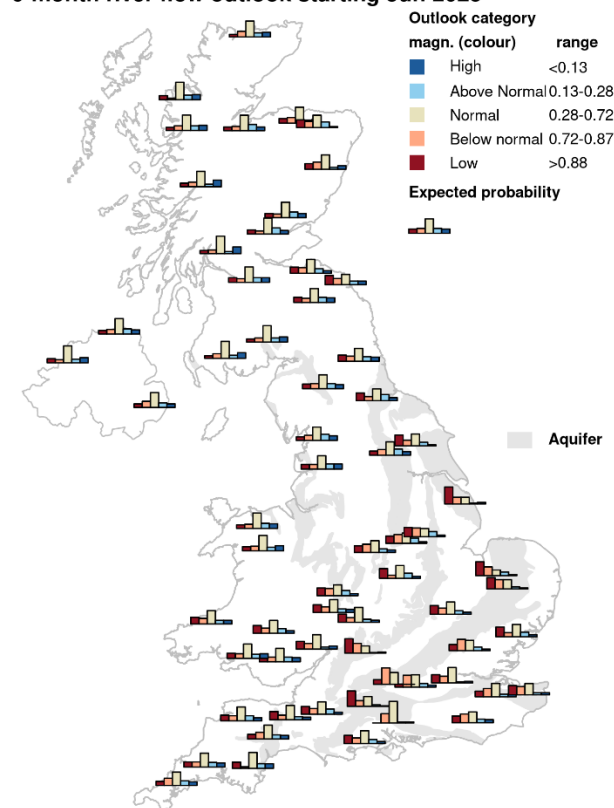
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3-month river flow outlook starting Jun 2025



The bar plot maps show the outlook distribution for 1, 3 and 6-month period for 64 catchments across England and Wales. Each bar plot represents the probabilistic distribution of the simulated river flow compared to the historical river flow, for the same n-month period. The probabilities fall within five categories, classified as: low, below normal, normal, above normal and high.

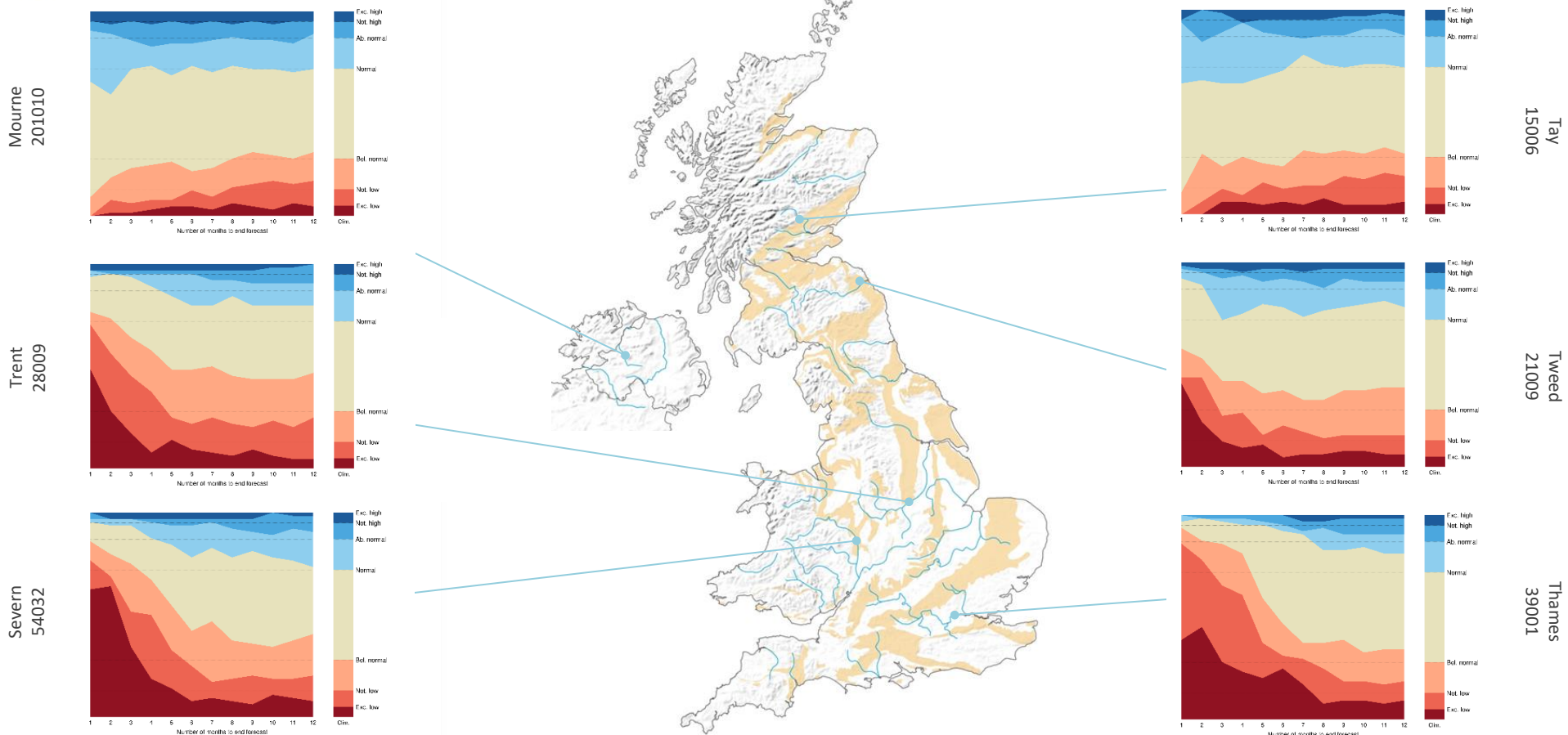
6-month river flow outlook starting Jun 2025



This outlook is based entirely on historical sequences and therefore does not contain any knowledge of the state of the atmosphere and ocean. It is hence possible that some of the historical sequences used might be inconsistent with current large-scale atmospheric conditions and would therefore be unlikely to occur in the next few months.

Please note that *Outlooks based on modelled flow from historical climate* from October 2023 onwards were generated using GR6J model, whereas until September 2023, they were produced using GR4J model. For more details, please see the section on River flow from historical climate at this link: <https://hydoutuk.net/about/methods/river-flows>





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The stack diagrams show the variation over time of the outlook distribution for a number of individual catchments. Each graph represents variation over time of the number of simulated river flows, in each month ensemble, that fall within each of seven categories: exceptionally low, notably low, below normal, normal, above normal, notably high and exceptionally high. The categories represent cumulative flow conditions, e.g. For 3-month, the simulated total 3-month flow compared to the historical 3-month flow distribution. The monthly variations can be compared to the long-term average distribution of river flows (shown as columns on

the right of each timeline graph).

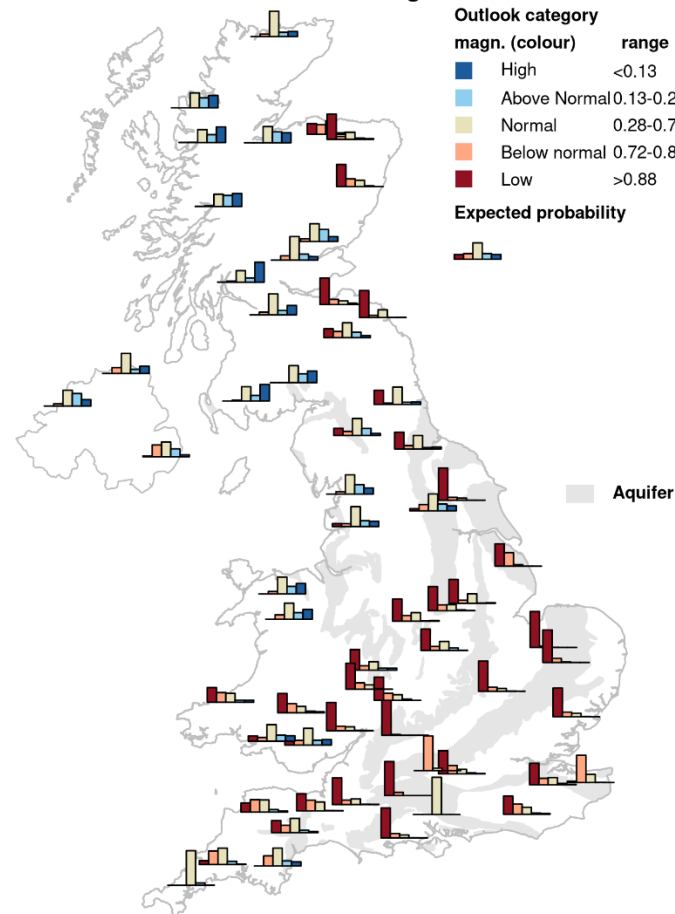
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The outlook for June indicates that river flows are likely to be below normal to low across much of England and eastern Scotland. Flows in Northern Ireland, western Scotland, northwestern England, and northern Wales are likely to be normal to above normal. The May to July outlook suggests a continuation of this pattern, with a slight decrease in the likelihood of low flows, except for southeastern England where flows are likely to remain below normal to low.

The historical weather analogues method uses Met Office predictions of average weather 1 and 3 months ahead to provide inputs to a hydrological model. Like the ESP method, observed rainfall and temperature data from past years are used to drive the predictions, however, the analogue method constrains the selection of past rainfall using the weather conditions in the meteorological forecasts (which are summarised for this forecast in the Met Office likelihood of impacts blocks underneath the maps). For each member of the Met Office forecast ensemble, the 10 analogues that best match the predicted average weather pattern (surface pressure map) over the forecast period are selected. Precipitation and temperature sequences constructed from the selected analogue scenarios are corrected to account for historic trends and used as inputs to hydrological models. Here, the GR6J model is run using these inputs, creating an ensemble of hydrological forecasts.

The outputs shown in the maps are the likelihoods of different outcomes for the average river flow over the one-month and three-month forecast periods at each location. The outlooks maps show the distribution for 64 catchments across the United Kingdom. Each bar plot represents the likelihood of the simulated river flow compared to the historical river flow, for the same n-month period. The probabilities fall within five categories, classified as: low, below normal, normal, above normal and high. The expected climatological probability of ensemble members in each of these categories is shown under the legend.

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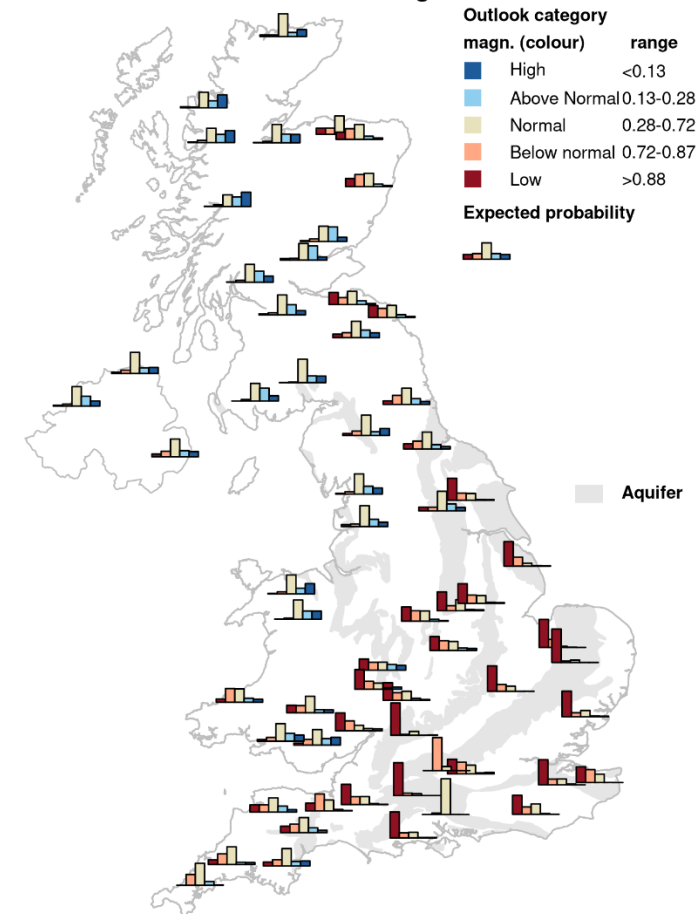


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## 3-month river flow outlook starting Jun 2025



## Met Office 3-month likelihood of precipitation impact

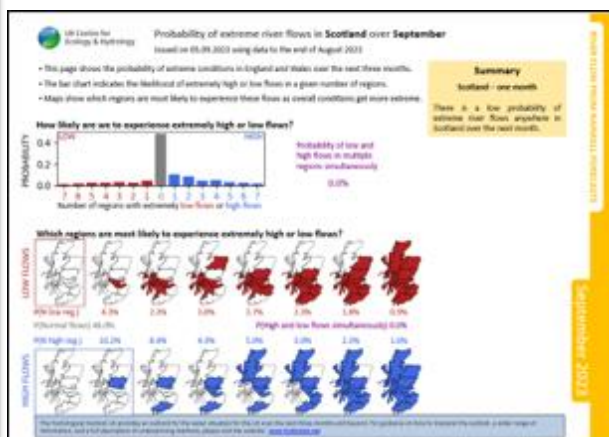


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## Forecasts of river flows using Met Office rainfall forecasts

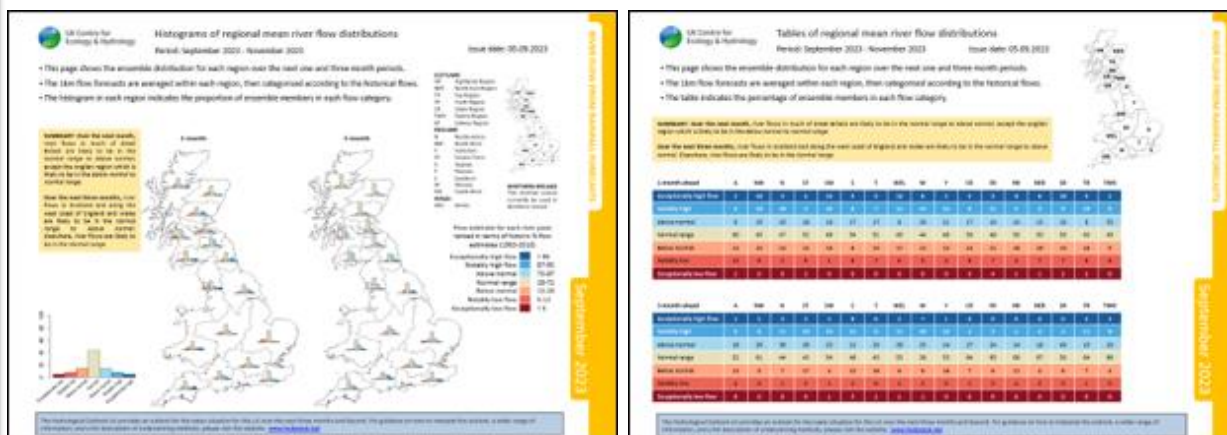
- These (yellow edged) pages summarise river flow forecasts produced by the UKCEH Water Balance Model.
- This model uses an ensemble of rainfall forecasts provided by the Met Office and a hydrological model to forecast river flows for the next one- and three-months ahead.
- A detailed description of these forecast products can be found on the final page, and a full technical description is given in the documentation available via the Hydrological Outlook website.
- Additional forecast products are available on the Hydrological Outlook Portal, via the website.

### Probability of extreme river flows



- Use these pages if you are interested in extreme conditions across multiple regions.
- These pages summarise the risk of extremely high or low flows being observed across GB.
- The four pages show the risk for **Scotland** and for **England & Wales** over the next one and three months.
- The slides indicate the **probability of widespread extreme conditions** and which regions are most likely to experience extremely high or low flows.

### Regional mean river flow distributions

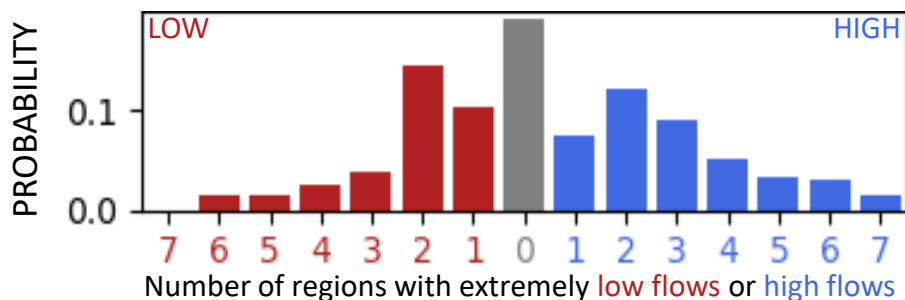


- Use these pages if you are interested in the ensemble distribution in a single region.
- The first page shows the ensemble distribution as a histogram for each region.
- The second page shows the percentage of ensemble members in each band for each region.



This page shows the **probability of extreme conditions in Scotland** over the next month. The bar chart indicates the likelihood of extremely high or low flows in a given number of regions. Maps show which regions are most likely to experience these flows as overall conditions get more extreme.

## How likely are we to experience extremely **low** or **high** flows?



Probability of low and high flows in multiple regions simultaneously

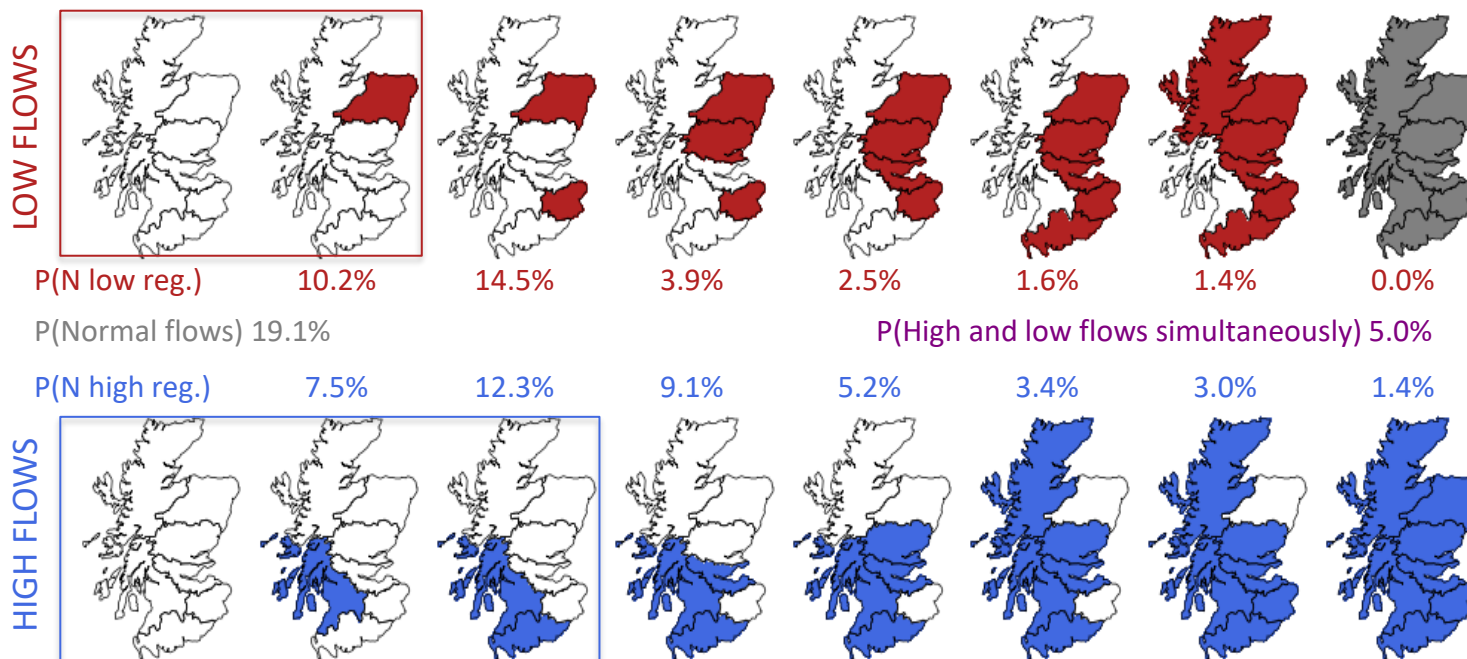
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## Summary

### Scotland – one month

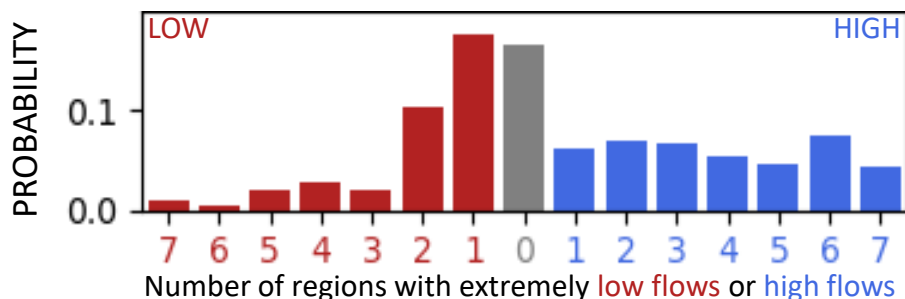
Extremely low flows are likely in eastern Scottish rivers over the next month, whereas high flows are more likely in the southwest of Scotland.

## Which regions are most likely to experience extremely **low** or **high** flows?



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5.7%

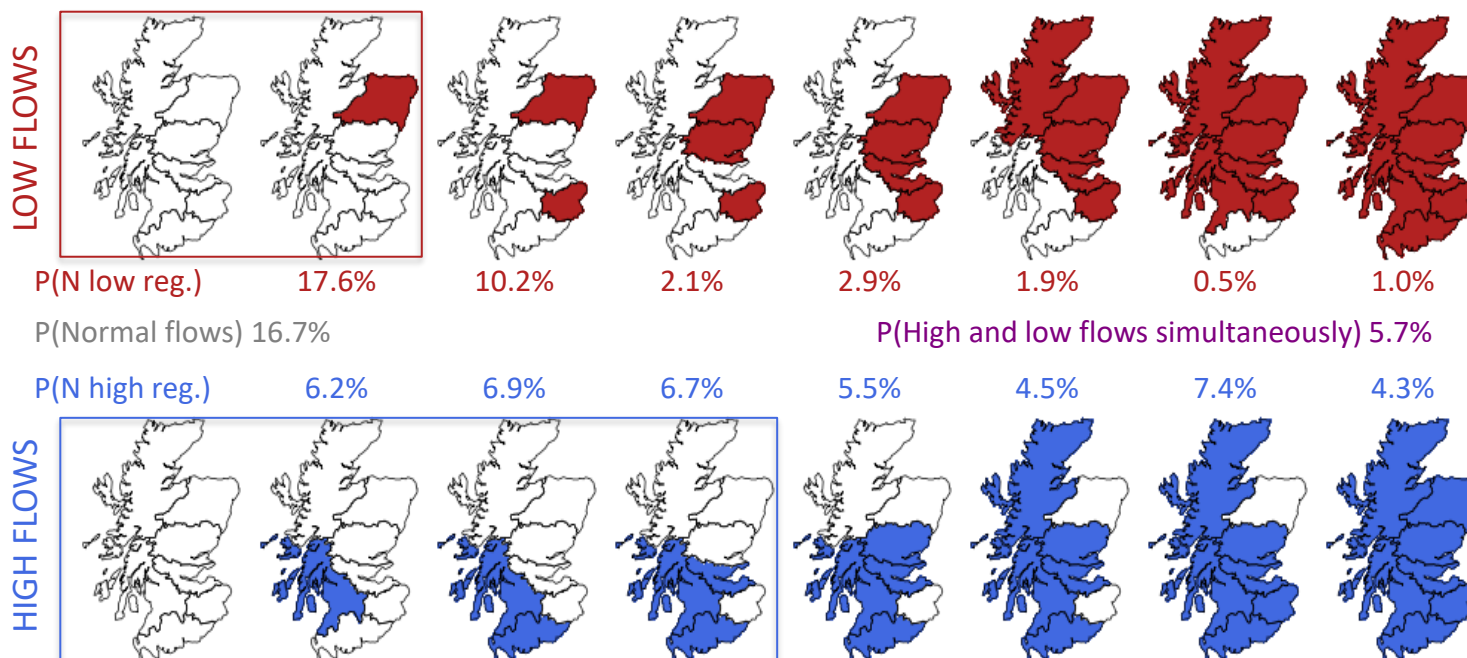
## Summary

### Scotland – three months

Extremely low flows are likely in eastern Scottish rivers over the next three months.

Over the next three months, there is not a strong signal for widespread high flows, but if they do happen they are most likely in the southwest of Scotland

## Which regions are most likely to experience extremely low or high flows?



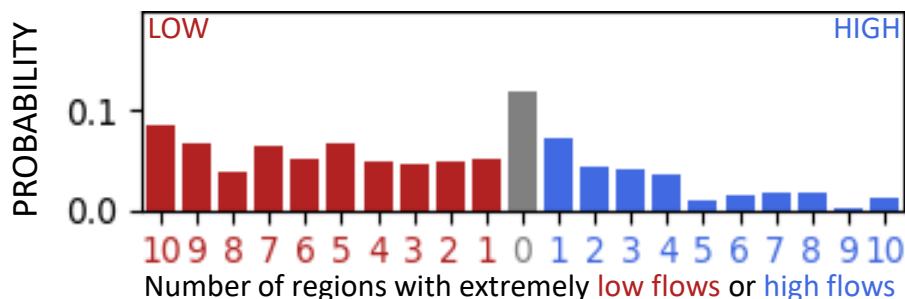
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## Summary

### England and Wales – one month

Over the next month, extremely low river flows continue to be likely in southern and central England.

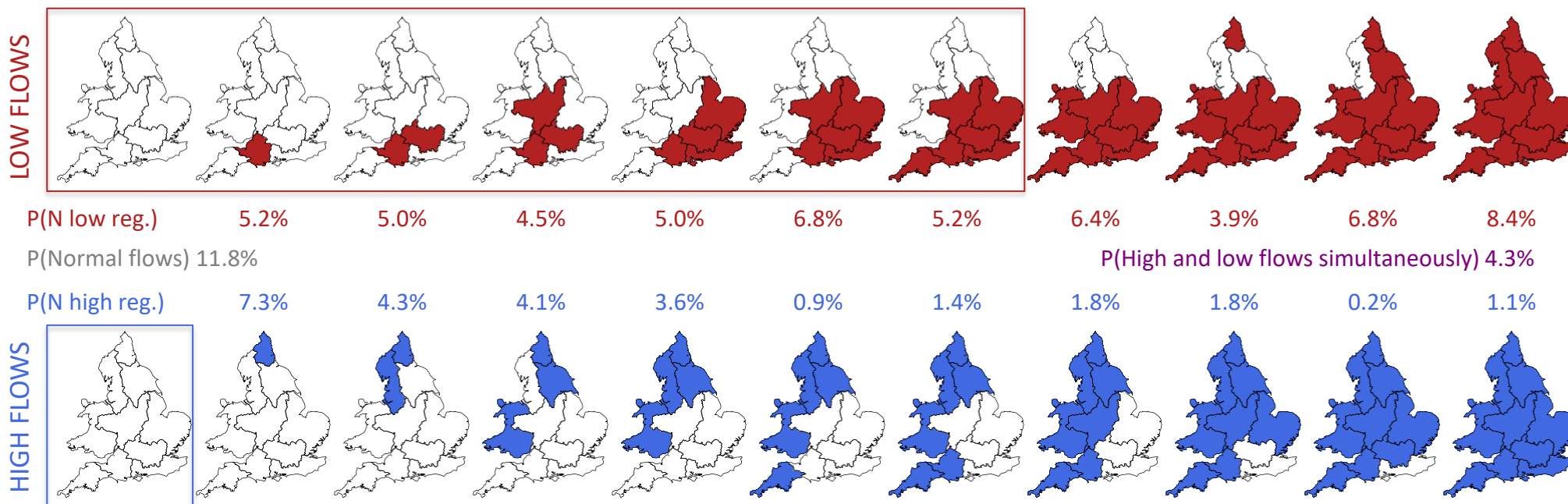
## How likely are we to experience extremely **low** or **high** flows?



Probability of low and high flows in multiple regions simultaneously

4.3%

## Which regions are most likely to experience extremely **low** or **high** flows?





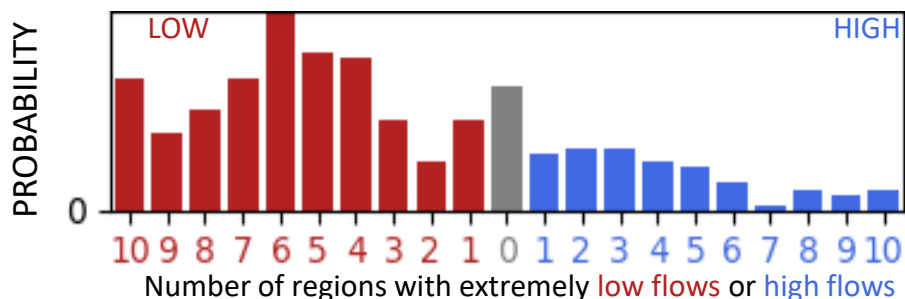
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## Summary

### England and Wales – three months

Extremely low flows are highly likely across southern and central England over the next three months.

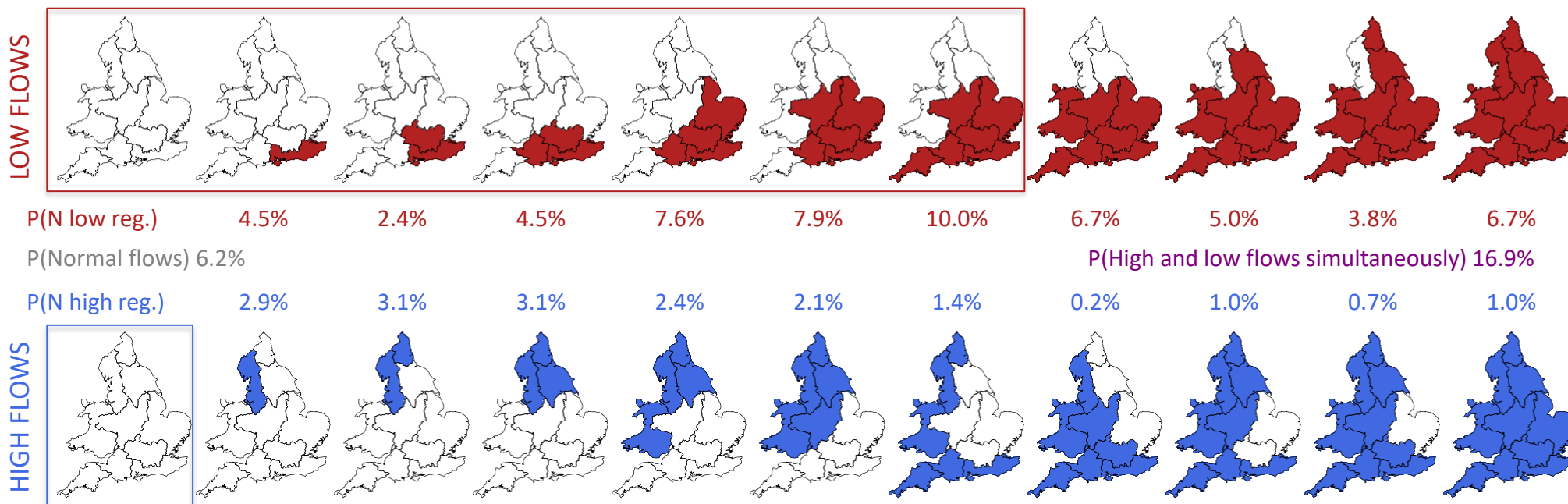
## How likely are we to experience extremely **low** or **high** flows?



Probability of low and high flows in multiple regions simultaneously

16.9%

## Which regions are most likely to experience extremely **low** or **high** flows?



# Histograms of GB regional mean river flow distributions

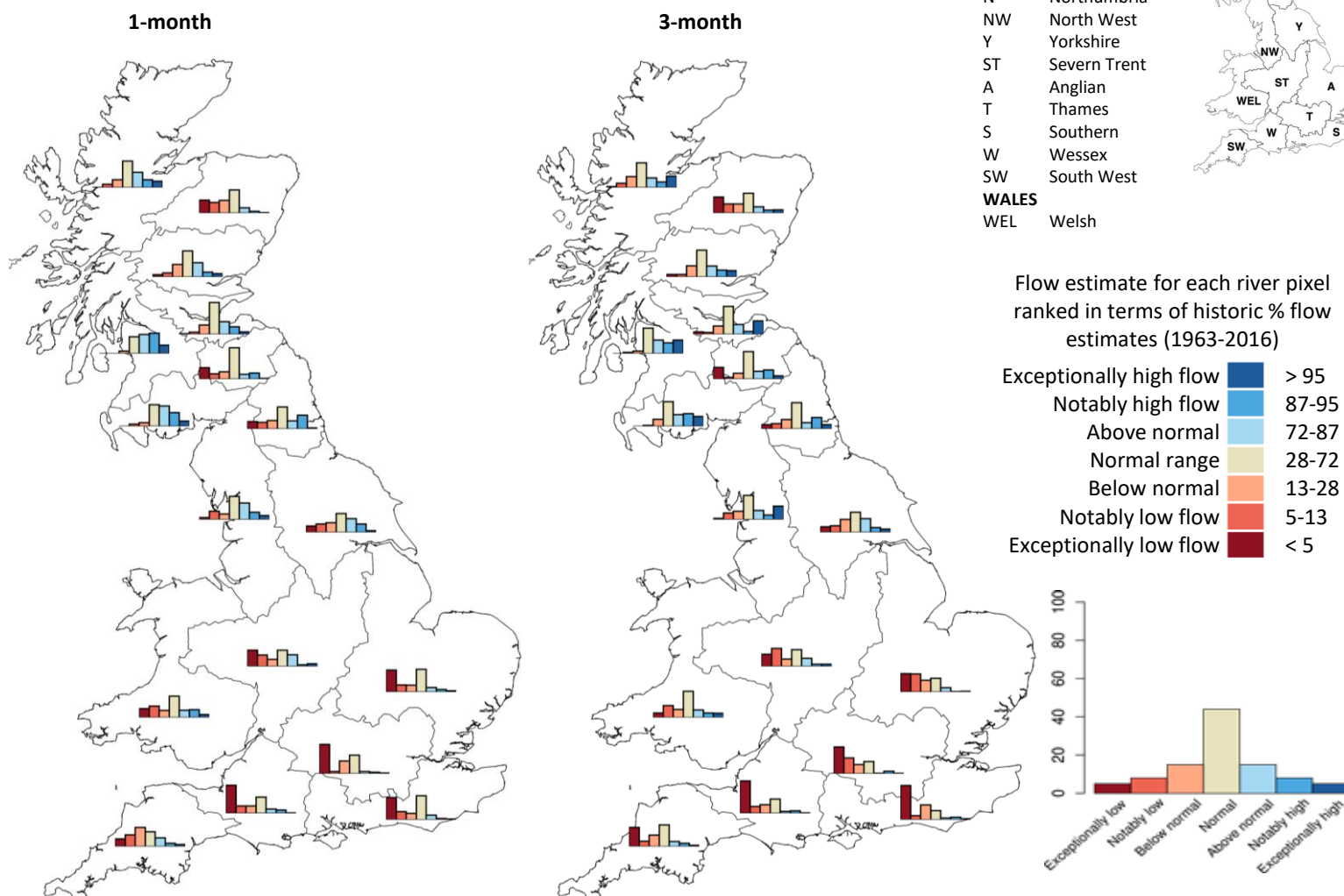
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- This page shows **the ensemble flow distribution for each region** over the next 1- and 3-month periods.
- The 1km flow forecasts are averaged within each region, then categorised according to the historical flows.
- The histogram in each region indicates the proportion of ensemble members in each flow category.

**SUMMARY:** Over the next month, river flows across central and southern England are likely to be in the *below normal* to *exceptionally low* range. In northwestern England and western Scotland flows are more likely to be in the *normal* to *above normal* range.

Over the next three months, river flows across central and southern England are likely to be in the *below normal* to *exceptionally low* range and in the *normal* to *below normal* range in northeast Scotland. Flows in most other regions are likely to be in the *normal* range with a tendency to *above normal* in western Scotland.



## Tables of GB regional mean river flow distributions

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**SUMMARY: Over the next month**, river flows across central and southern England are likely to be in the *below normal to exceptionally low* range. In northwestern England and western Scotland flows are more likely to be in the *normal to above normal* range.

**Over the next three months**, river flows across central and southern England are likely to be in the *below normal to exceptionally low* range and in the *normal to below normal* range in northeast Scotland. Flows in most other regions are likely to be in the *normal* range with a tendency to *above normal* in western Scotland.



1-month ahead	A	NW	N	ST	SW	S	T	WEL	W	Y	CR	FR	HR	NER	SR	TR	TWR
Exceptionally high flow	2	6	1	4	3	1	1	4	1	3	12	4	10	1	8	5	1
Notably high	4	11	20	3	5	2	2	12	5	12	30	11	12	2	20	7	9
Above normal	7	25	12	17	13	7	3	11	6	20	28	19	23	8	30	21	7
Normal range	34	34	33	24	22	36	28	32	24	28	25	48	40	34	32	39	47
Below normal	10	8	12	10	28	10	19	10	11	14	4	14	12	19	6	18	11
Notably low	11	12	10	17	18	12	3	17	11	12	0	3	5	16	3	6	8
Exceptionally low flow	33	3	11	24	11	33	44	13	42	10	0	1	0	20	0	3	17

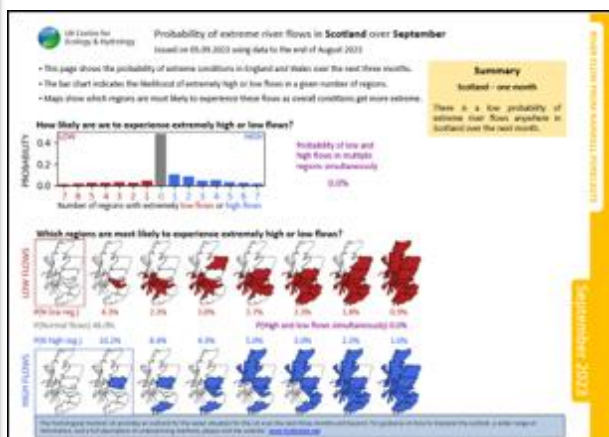
3-month ahead	A	NW	N	ST	SW	S	T	WEL	W	Y	CR	FR	HR	NER	SR	TR	TWR
Exceptionally high flow	1	20	6	3	2	1	0	6	1	5	20	20	17	5	15	10	5
Notably high	1	7	17	3	5	4	4	7	4	7	16	4	8	4	19	10	14
Above normal	6	14	9	12	8	3	1	11	3	20	20	15	14	9	17	16	12
Normal range	20	36	39	25	32	14	18	39	21	30	38	42	37	30	37	40	41
Below normal	17	12	14	11	17	22	14	12	13	20	4	13	16	14	10	17	9
Notably low	27	10	8	27	8	6	24	18	10	10	2	3	6	14	1	4	3
Exceptionally low flow	27	2	6	18	28	51	40	7	48	8	0	4	1	24	0	4	17



## Forecasts of river flows using Met Office rainfall forecasts

- The data on these (yellow-bordered) pages are based on approximately 400 rainfall scenarios provided by the Met Office, which are used as inputs to a water balance hydrological model.
- River flow forecasts for every 1km grid cell are ranked according to the historical flow estimates and aggregated within each region.
- A full description of this method and these summary products is given in the technical documentation available via the Hydrological Outlook website.

### Probability of extreme river flows



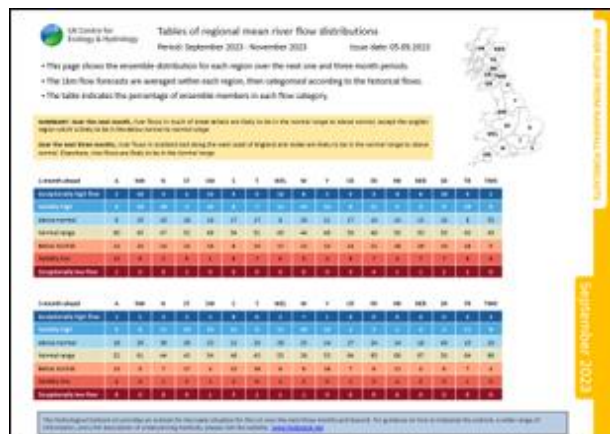
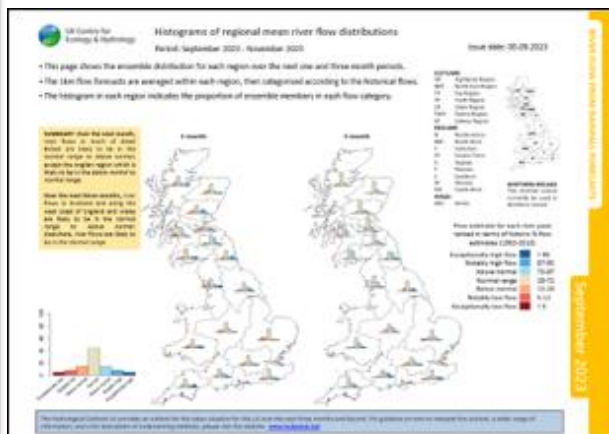
Extreme river flows are defined as those which rank in the lowest or highest 13% of historical flow estimates (1963 - 2016). This definition encompasses the 'Notably' and 'Exceptionally' high/low flow bands used elsewhere in the Outlook.

The bar chart shows the probability of a given number of regions experiencing extremely high/low flows, where scenarios showing both extremely high and extremely low flows in different regions simultaneously excluded. These probabilities are also shown beneath the maps.

Shaded regions on each map are those most likely to experience extreme flows from the set of scenarios with at least a given number of regions experiencing such flows. If shown, grey maps indicate scenarios not observed in the ensemble.

The box drawn around some maps spans the central 50% probability interval, excluding scenarios where extremely high/low flows are observed simultaneously. If these excluded cases constitute a significant probability, details are given in the yellow summary box.

### Regional mean river flow distributions



The maps illustrate the ensemble distribution of regional mean river flows. The historical distribution is shown at bottom-left, and allows deviations from the normal distribution to be determined by comparing the forecast distribution to the historical distribution. A summary is given in the yellow box.

The table gives access to the data shown in the histograms. The numbers in the tables are the percentage of ensemble forecasts falling in each of the flow categories. As before results are averaged by region then ranked in terms of 54 years of historical regional flow estimates (1963 - 2016).

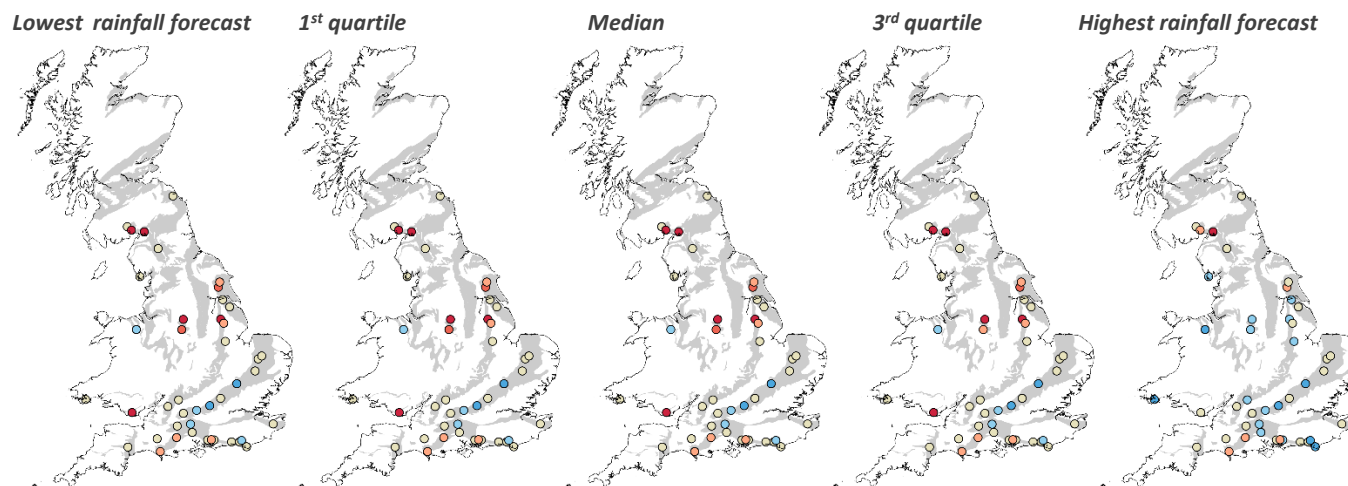
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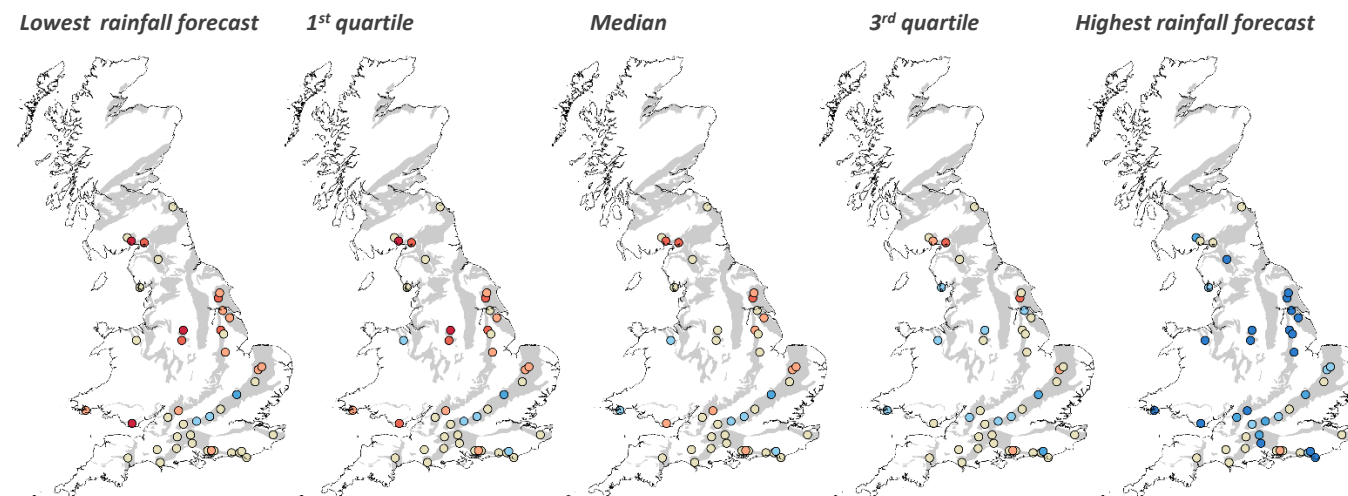
Under median rainfall conditions, most levels in the southern Chalk aquifer are expected to be between normal and above normal over the next month, with below normal levels limited to the faster responding boreholes in Dorset, Hampshire and West Sussex. Sites across the rest of the UK are expected to exhibit normal to notably low or exceptionally low levels. The exception being in the Permo-Triassic Sandstone of north Wales, where levels are anticipated to be above normal. The 3-month forecast anticipates that similar conditions will persist, although levels will trend more towards normal.

These forecasts are produced by running five members of the Met Office ensemble climate forecast through groundwater models of observation borehole hydrographs at 42 sites across the country. The sites are distributed across the principal aquifers.

Based on the distribution of observed historical groundwater levels in a given month, seven categories have been derived for each site: very low, low, below normal, normal, above normal, high, and very high. The forecast groundwater level is assigned to one of these seven categories depending on where it falls within the distribution of the historically observed values.

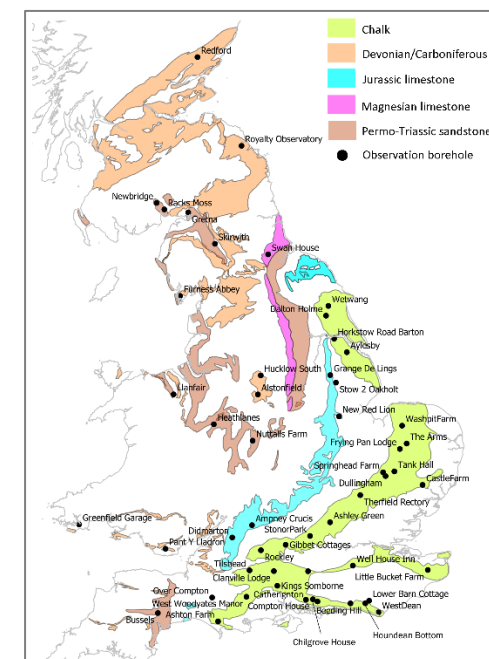


## 1-month outlook



### 3-month outlook

Key	Percentile range of historic observed values for relevant month
Exceptionally high levels	> 95
Notably high levels	87-95
Above normal	72-87
Normal	28-72
Below normal	12-28
Notably low levels	5-13
Exceptionally low levels	< 5



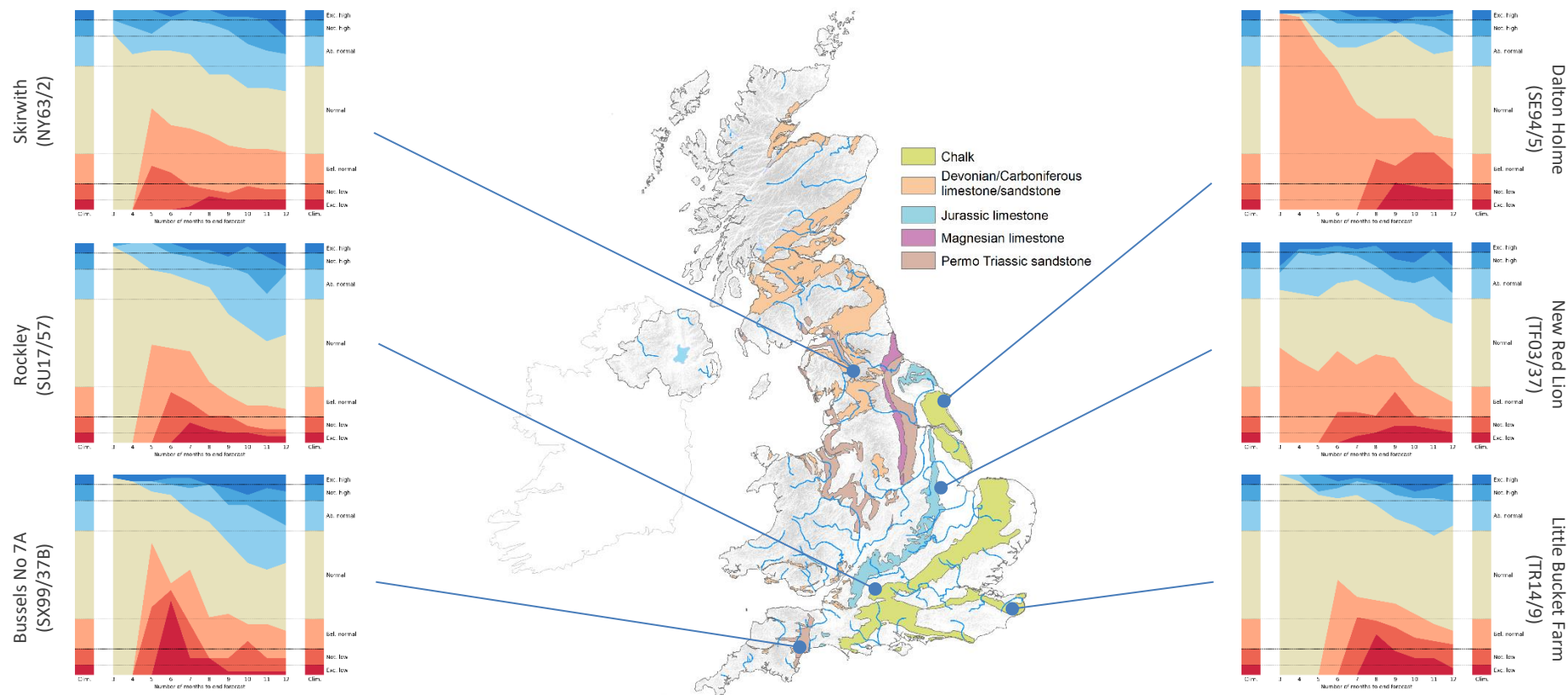
The Hydrological Outlook UK provides an outlook for the water situation for the UK over the next three months and beyond. For guidance on how to interpret the outlook, a wider range of information, and a full description of underpinning methods, please visit the website: [www.hydoutuk.net](http://www.hydoutuk.net)

## Outlook based on modelled groundwater from historical climate

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For the next four months, in the Chalk at Little Bucket Farm and Rockley and in the Permo-Triassic Sandstone at Bussels No 7A and Skirwith, groundwater levels are likely to be normal for this time of year, with a chance of levels starting to trend toward below normal in five to six months time. At New Red Lion in the Jurassic Limestone, levels are expected to be normal to below normal for the next twelve months. At Dalton Holme in the Chalk, levels could transition from below normal to normal conditions over the next six months, before levels become more difficult to predict from eight months onwards.



This outlook is based on monthly ensembles of historical sequences of observed climate (rainfall and potential evapotranspiration) that form input to hydrological models. The outputs are probabilistic simulations of the average groundwater level over the forecast horizon (3 to 12 months ahead), at each location.

The graphs show variation over time of the number of simulated groundwater levels in each monthly ensemble,

that fall within each the seven categories: exceptionally low, notably low, below normal, normal, above normal, notably high and exceptionally high. The monthly variations can be compared to the long-term average distribution of levels, which are shown as columns on the left and right of each graph.

This outlook is based entirely on historical sequences and therefore does not contain any knowledge of the state of

the atmosphere and ocean. It is hence possible that some of the historical sequences used might be inconsistent with current large-scale atmospheric conditions and would therefore be unlikely to occur in the next few months.