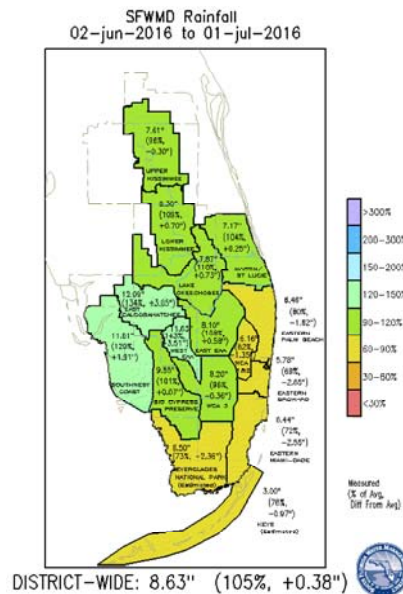




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June Rainfall is Average for South Florida *Western parts of the region saw highest rainfall totals for month*



(Click on the map to enlarge and view SFWMD rainfall totals.)

West Palm Beach, FL - Rainfall across South Florida was about average in June, but basin-specific totals varied significantly around the region, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) meteorologists reported. A total of 8.63 inches of rain fell District-wide, representing 105 percent of average, or 0.38 inches above average.

As is typical for June, the wettest parts of the District's 16-county region were in the western part of the peninsula. Basins covering parts of Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties each received more than 11.6 inches of rain for the month. The Western Everglades Agricultural Area in Hendry County was the highest above average with a 3.51-inch rainfall surplus, representing 143 percent of average.

On the east coast, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties had rainfall deficits for the month. Eastern Broward County saw the lowest total with 5.78 inches of rain, representing 69 percent of average, or 2.65 inches below average. Eastern Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties received 72 percent and 80 percent of their monthly averages, respectively.

Other rainfall totals included:

- Lake Okeechobee recorded 7.87 inches of direct rainfall, representing 110 percent of average, or 0.73 inches above average.
- Martin and St. Lucie counties received 7.17 inches of rain, representing 104 percent of average, or 0.25 inches above average.
- Rainfall totals in the Water Conservation Areas (WCAs) were below average. WCAs 1 and 2 received 6.16 inches of rain, representing 82 percent of average, or 1.35 inches below average. WCA 3 received 8.2 inches of rain, representing 96 percent of average, or 0.36 inches below average.
- The Upper and Lower Kissimmee basins were near their averages for the month. The Upper Kissimmee received 7.61 inches of rain, representing 96 percent of average, or 0.3 inches below average. The Lower Kissimmee received 8.3 inches of rain, representing 109 percent of average, or 0.7 inches above average.

South Florida Wet Season Facts

On average, South Florida's wet season begins around May 20 and ends around Oct. 13, lasting for about 21 weeks.

- Typically, about two-thirds of annual rains fall during the wet season, or approximately 35 inches out of 52 inches.
- June is usually South Florida's wettest month.
- The wet season has three general phases:
 - Memorial Day weekend through July 4 weekend, which are typically the wettest six weeks of the year.
 - Early July through mid-August, which are hotter and often drier.
 - Late August through October, which are characterized by highly variable rainfall mainly due to tropical activity and cold fronts.

More information is available at:

- [SFWMD Weather/Rainfall Data](#)

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