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April 2026 GREAT LAKES WATER LEVEL SUMMARY

Note: that all forecast water level comparisons are based on the center of the forecast band (red dotted line).

LAKE SUPERIOR

Lake Superior's water level increased 3 inches from March to April to a level of 601.12 feet. This level is 2 inches below its April long-term average (LTA) level, 4 inches above last year's April level, 20 inches above its April record low water level, and 18 inches below its April record high level. Precipitation was above average in April, which likely contributed to above average water supplies*. The current 6-month water level forecast projects Lake Superior will continue its seasonal rise until September, with levels projected to increase 7 inches in the next month. From May to October, levels are projected to remain above levels from last year. Throughout the 6-month forecast, water levels are forecast to be 0 to 1 inch above LTAs, 17 to 25 inches above record lows, and 12 to 15 inches below record highs.

LAKE MICHIGAN-HURON

Lake Michigan-Huron's water level increased 10 inches from March to April to a level of 578.58 feet. This level is 2 inches below its LTA for April, 3 inches above last year's April level, 29 inches above its April record low water level, and 37 inches below its April record high water level. Precipitation was well above average in April, which likely contributed to record-high water supplies*. The current 6-month forecast projects that water levels will continue their seasonal rise until August. From May to October, water levels are expected to be above last year's levels by 6 to 10 inches. Throughout the 6-month forecast, water levels are expected to transition and remain above LTAs by 1 to 2 inches, while remaining 32 to 34 inches above record lows, and 31 to 39 inches below record highs.

LAKE ST. CLAIR

Lake St. Clair's water level increased 10 inches from March to April to a level of 574.54 feet. This level is 2 inches above its LTA for April, 1 inch below last year's April level, 31 inches above its April record low level, and 31 inches below its April record high level. The current 6-month forecast projects that Lake St. Clair will continue its seasonal rise until July before starting its seasonal decline in August. Water levels are expected to remain close to last year's levels from May through August, and then be 2 to 3 inches above last year's levels during September and October. Throughout the 6-month forecast, water levels are expected to remain above LTAs by 2 to 3 inches, above record low water levels by 31 to 34 inches, and below record high levels by 27 to 34 inches.

LAKE ERIE

Lake Erie's water level increased 10 inches from March to April to a level of 571.65 feet. This level is 1 inch below LTA, 4 inches below last year's April level, 34 inches above record low levels for April, and 32 inches below record high April levels. Precipitation was well above average in April, which likely contributed to increased water supplies*. The current 6-month forecast projects that Lake Erie will continue its seasonal rise until July. During this time, water levels are expected to remain 2 to 3 inches below last year's levels. July and August are projected to be 1 to 2 inches below last year's levels, while September and October levels are forecast to be 2 inches above last year's levels. Throughout the 6-month forecast, water levels are expected to remain above LTAs by approximately 2 inches, above record lows by 34 to 39 inches, and below record highs by 24 to 31 inches.

LAKE ONTARIO

Lake Ontario's water level increased 16 inches from March to April to a level of 246.42 feet. This level is 9 inches above LTA, 13 inches above last year's level, 42 inches above record lows for April, and 21 inches below April's record high. Precipitation was above average in April, which likely contributed to increased water supplies*. The current 6-month forecast projects Lake Ontario will continue its seasonal rise until July. From May to October, water levels are expected to remain above last year's levels by 10 to 15 inches. Throughout the 6-month forecast, water levels are expected to be above LTAs by 8 to 13 inches, above record lows by 40 to 49 inches, and below record highs by 16 to 21 inches.

* "Water supplies" refers to the combined quantity of precipitation plus runoff minus evaporation. Also known as the net basin supply.