

# Official Statistics: Water situation report for England: January 2017

## **Summary for January**

January was wetter than December across much of England, but rainfall totals remain below average in many areas. England as a whole received 81% of long term average rainfall for January.

Modest soil moisture deficits remain across east and south-east England.

River flows and groundwater levels increased at the majority of indicator sites. River flows were below normal or lower for the time of year at almost all sites across England.

Groundwater levels were below normal or lower at two thirds of sites.

Reservoir stocks increased at two-thirds of reservoirs groups and were normal or lower at all but one reservoir. Overall stocks for England increased marginally compared to the end of December 2016 and were 83% of total capacity.