

How this year's low river ranks

A look at this year's lowest Mississippi River water level in New Orleans, compared to other lows since 1970, shows that while it's down now, it's nearly a foot higher than the lowest reading in 1981.

RANK	DATE	MISS. RIVER WATER LEVEL	
		In feet above NAVD88*	
(1)	Jan. 18, 1981		0.9
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(22)	Aug. 1, 1985		1.59
(23)	Dec. 8, 2022 (tie)		1.60
(23)	Oct. 21, 1997		1.60
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(42)	Nov. 15, 1993		4.17