



# Drought Information Statement for South Central Texas

Valid February 5, 2026

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- This product will be updated February 5, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/EWX/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

- Only isolated swaths across portions of the Hill Country saw near or above normal rainfall over the past 30 days.
- Streamflows continue to trend lower with nearly all watersheds reporting less than normal percentiles.
- Drought outlook does not bode well for improvement through the next 3 months with warmer than normal weather expected to continue.

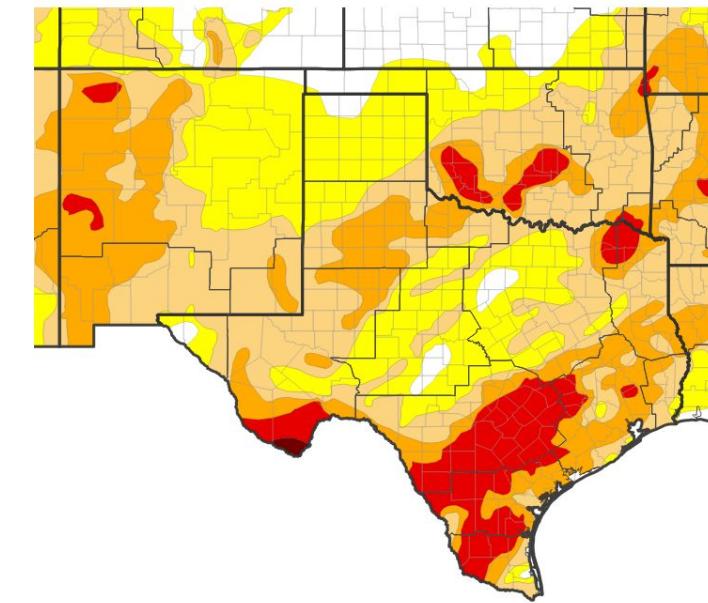


# U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for South Central Texas

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None.
    - Percent of Area: 0.00%
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Covers The I-35 Corridor, and much of the Coastal Plains.
    - Percent of Area: 50.84%
  - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Covers portions of the Hill Country, Rio Grande Plains and I-35 Corridor.
    - Percent of Area: 68.16%
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Covers portions of the Edwards Plateau and Hill Country.
    - Percent of Area: 88.08%
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Covers the Hill Country and Edwards Plateau.
    - Percent of Area: 99.97%

U.S. Drought Monitor



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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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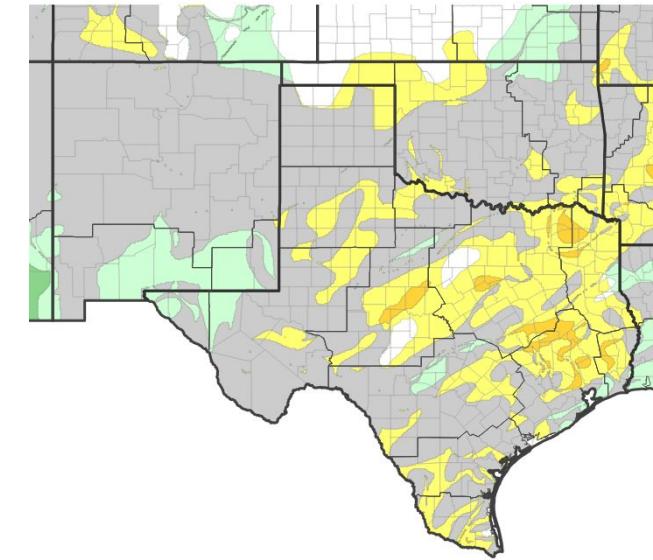


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for South Central Texas

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - Drought Worsened: Portions of the Hill Country, I-35 Corridor, Coastal Plains, and Rio Grande Plains.
  - No Change: The Edwards Plateau
  - Drought Improved: Portions of the Hill Country

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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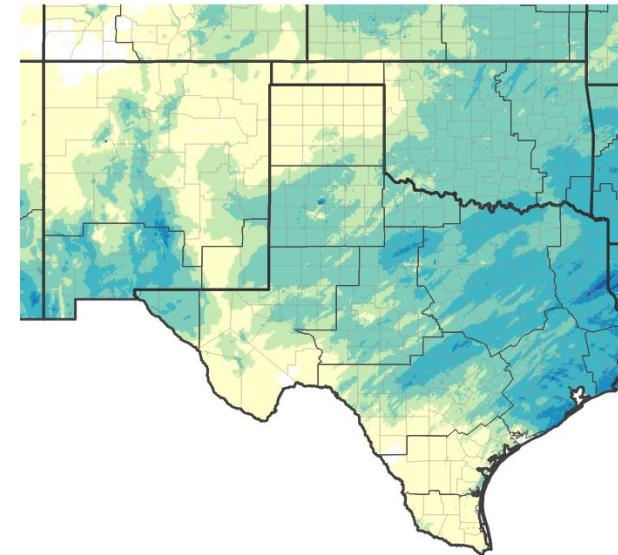


# Precipitation

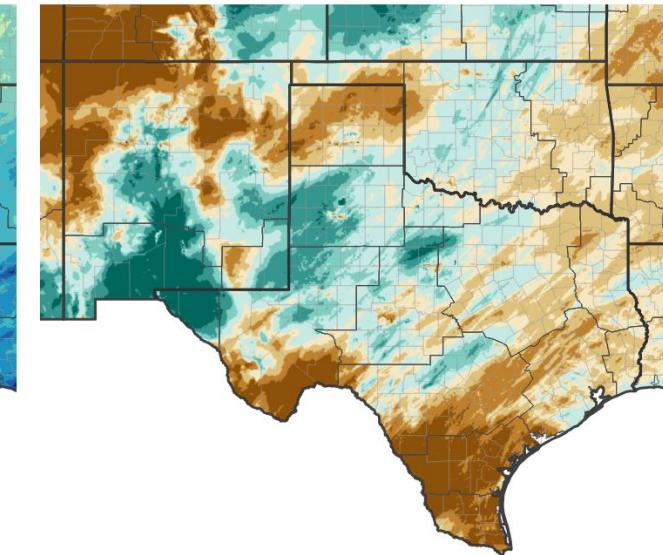
Links to the latest [Precipitation Accumulation](#) and [Percent of Normal](#) over the past 30 days

- Much of the service area saw below normal rainfall over the past 30 days.
  - Portions of the Rio Grande Plains saw less than 25 percent of normal rainfall.
- Narrow swaths of near to above normal rainfall was seen over portions of the Hill Country, southern Edwards Plateau.

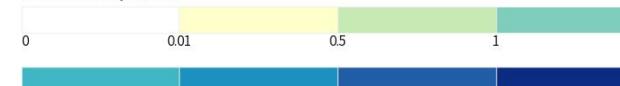
30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



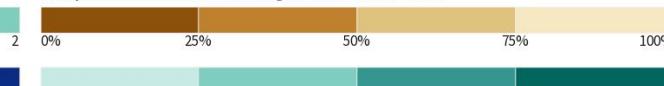
Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System;  
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Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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# Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

## Hydrologic Impacts

- The majority of streamflows across the service area fall within the below to much below normal percentile. ([USGS](#))
- Isolated watersheds in the I-35 corridor and Coastal Plains fall within the normal percentile. ([USGS](#))
- Storage in area reservoirs remain low at Medina, Canyon Lake, and Amistad.
- See next page for more details.

## Agricultural Impacts

- Please see the latest [Crop & Weather Report](#) from Texas A&M AgriLife.
- Crop moisture index values show normal condition over the region. ([NWS Climate Prediction Center](#))

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for above normal fire potential in February and March.
- ([National Interagency Coordination Center](#))
- See Fire Hazard page for more details.

## Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.





# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- The majority of streamflows across the service area fall within the below to much below normal percentile.
- Isolated watersheds in the I-35 corridor and Coastal Plains fall within the normal percentile.

Additional data:

[Edwards Aquifer, Bexar Index Well J-17](#)

as

of Feb 5, 2026:

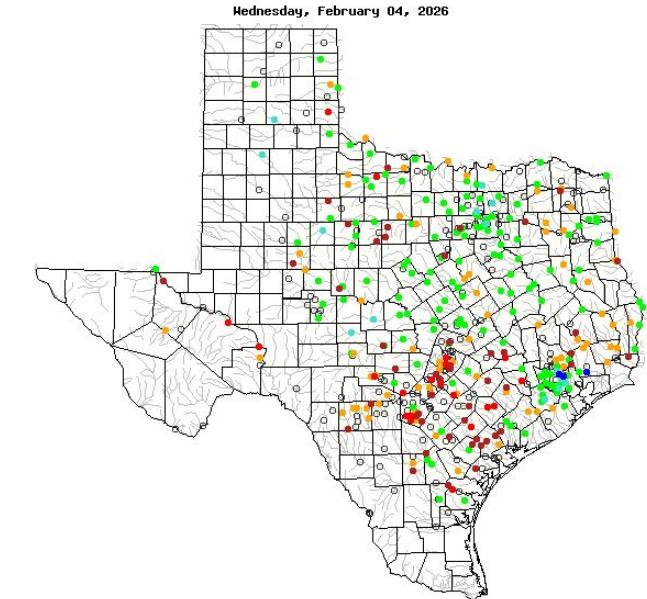
10 day average: 628.9

Historical Monthly Average: 668.1

Departure from Average: -39.1

Reservoir	Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	Percent Full
Amistad	1117.00 feet	1052.32 feet	33.9%
Lake Austin	492.9 feet	492.26 feet	96.5%
Lake Buchanan	1020.00 feet	1017.44 feet	93.4%
Canyon Lake	909.00 feet	887.95 feet	60.8%
Georgetown Lake	791.00 feet	782.44 feet	73.1%
Granger Lake	504.00 feet	504.14 feet	100%
Lake LBJ	825.00 feet	824.75 feet	98.6%
Lake Marble Falls	738.00 feet	736.28 feet	94.3%
Medina Lake	1064.2 feet	978.61 feet	4.4%
Lake Travis	681.00 feet	667.16 feet	78.1%

Table caption: [TWDB Reservoir](#) conditions as of Feb 5, 2026



Explanation - Percentile classes								
●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	Above normal	Much above normal	High
Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal				Not-ranked

Figure Caption: [USGS 7 day streamflows for Texas](#), valid Feb 4, 2026.



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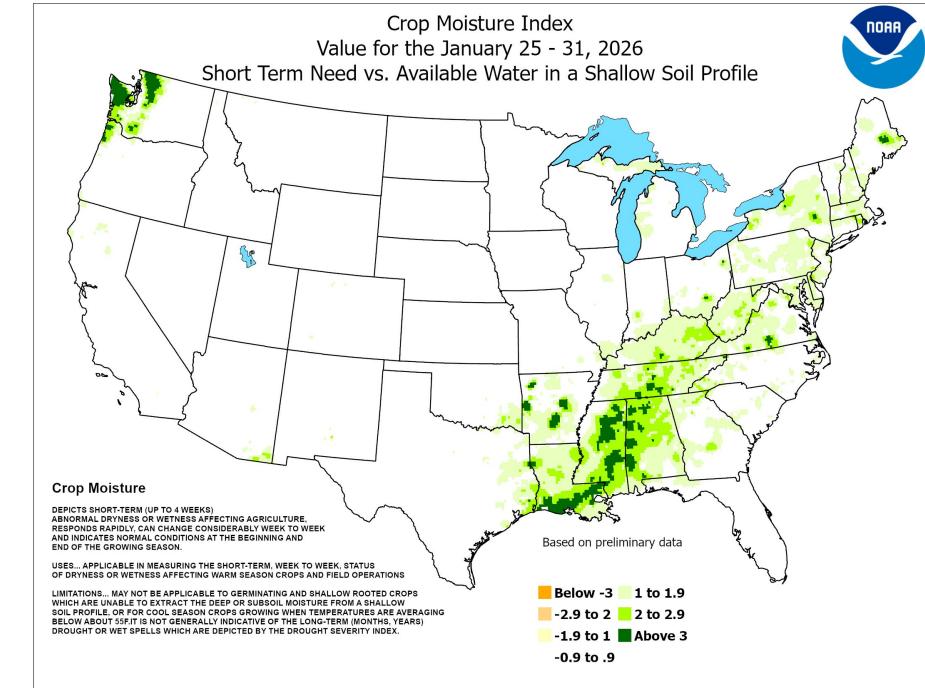
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# Agricultural Impacts

Links to the latest [Crop Moisture Index by Division](#).

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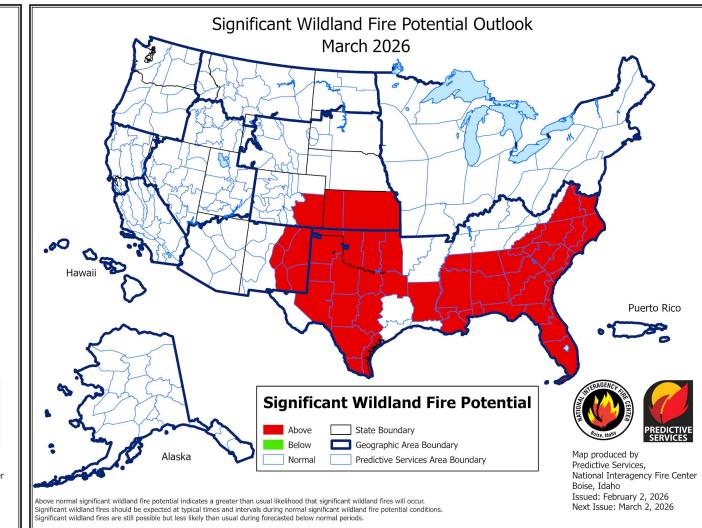
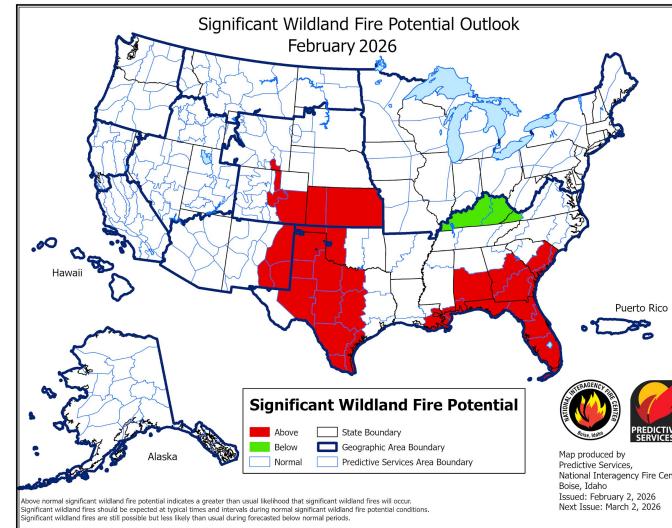
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# Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center.](#)

- [Keetch Byram Drought Index values](#) of 500-800 are noted for much of the region.
  - Portions of the Hill Country are the sole areas with KBDI values below 400.
- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for above normal fire potential in February and March.



Burn bans remain for 23 of our 33 counties as of Feb 5, 2026. Latest County Burn Ban map available [here](#).



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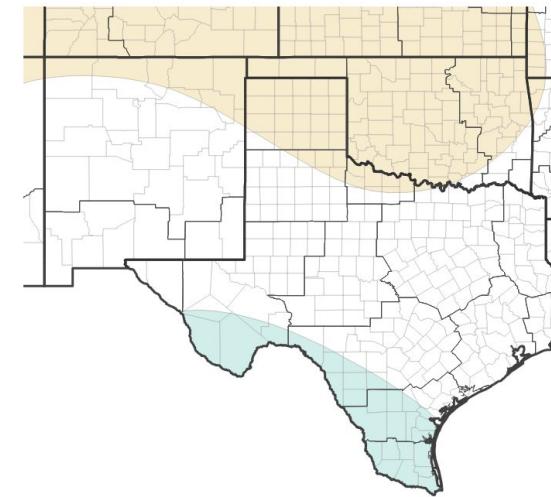


# Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- Much of the area has equal chances for above, below, or near normal precipitation for February.
  - Portions of the Rio Grande Plains leans towards above normal precipitation during the month.
- The entire area is shown to lean towards above normal for temperatures for the month of February.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation

33% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation

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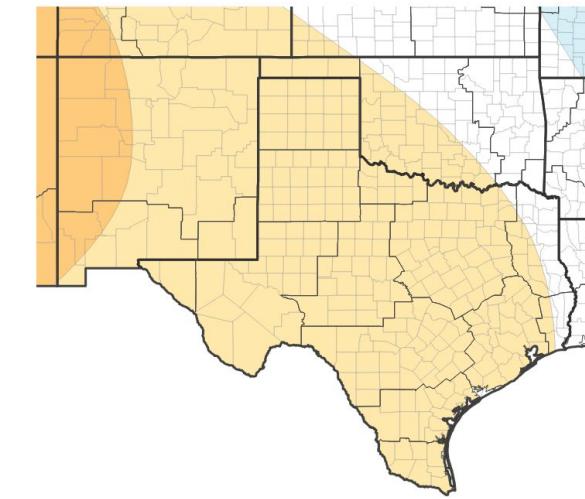
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation

33% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Monthly Temperature Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures

33% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures

33% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures

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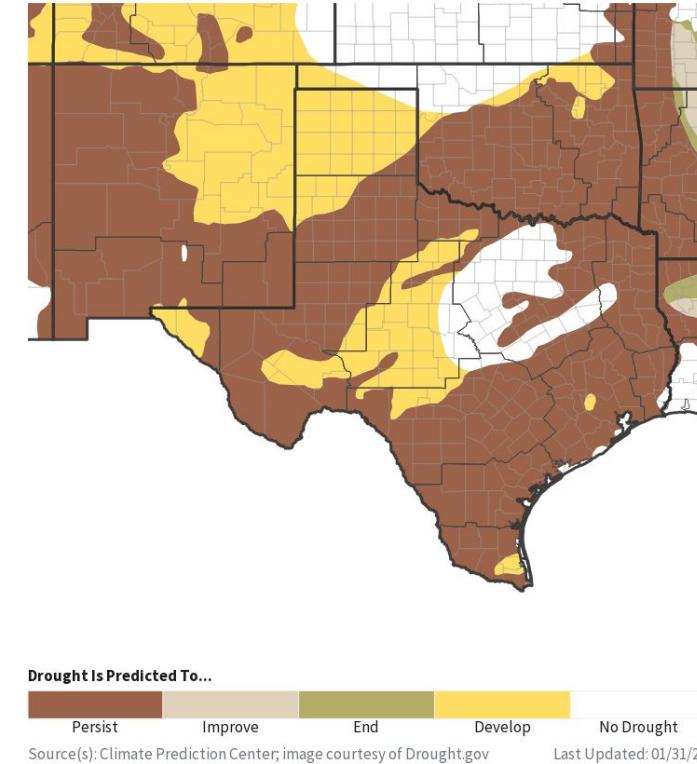


# Drought Outlook

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- The three month drought outlook shows drought persisting for much of the area with drought developing across portions of the Hill Country and southern Edwards Plateau.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for January 31, 2026–April 30, 2026



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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