



# Drought Information Statement for South Central Texas

Valid April 2, 2026

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- This product will be updated May 7, 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.
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- Minimal rainfall over the past 30 days has resulted in drought persisting across the area.
  - Streamflows and western reservoirs continue to trend lower with nearly all watersheds reporting less than normal percentiles.
  - Despite better precipitation chances in the monthly outlooks, the seasonal drought outlook does not bode well for long term improvement.



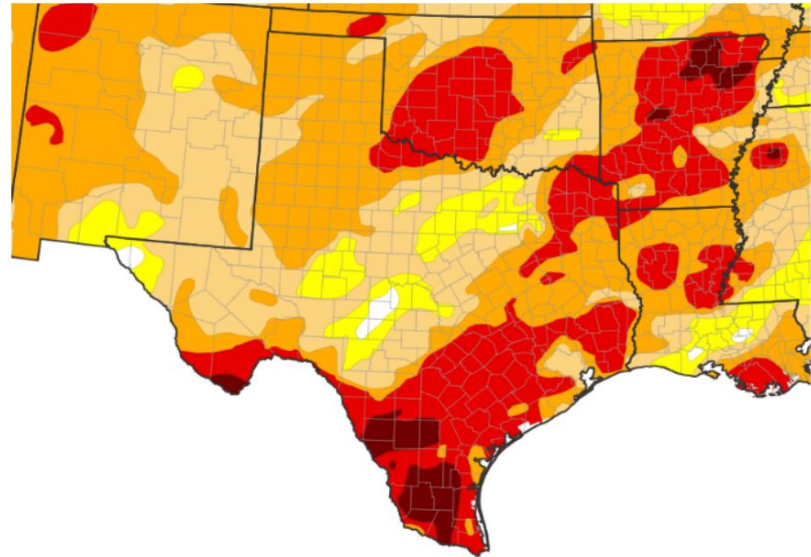


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** Covers portions of the Rio Grande Plains.
    - Percent of Area: 4.96%
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Covers The I-35 Corridor, Coastal Plains, and portions of the Rio Grande Plains.
    - Percent of Area: 29.34%
  - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Covers portions of the Hill Country, Rio Grande Plains and I-35 Corridor.
    - Percent of Area: 62.81%
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Covers portions of the Edwards Plateau and Hill Country.
    - Percent of Area: 88.98%
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Covers the Hill Country and Edwards Plateau.
    - Percent of Area: 98.82%

U.S. Drought Monitor



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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA, NASA  
Data Valid: 03/31/26

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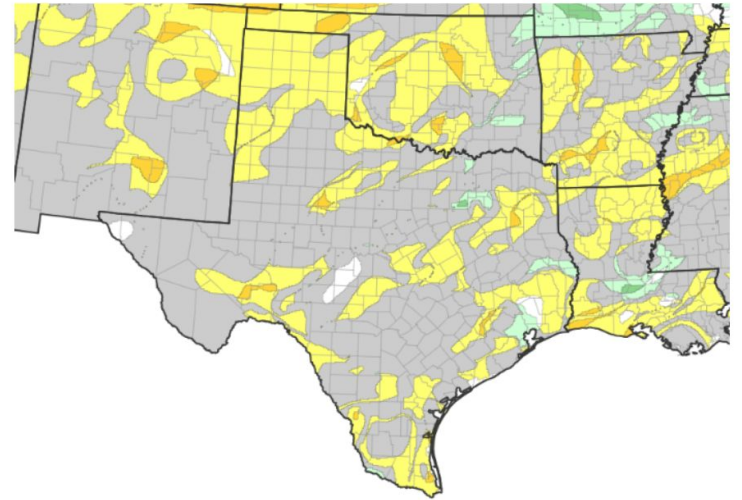


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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, southern Edwards Plateau, and Rio Grande Plains.
  - No Change: The remainder of South Central Texas.
  - Drought Improved: None

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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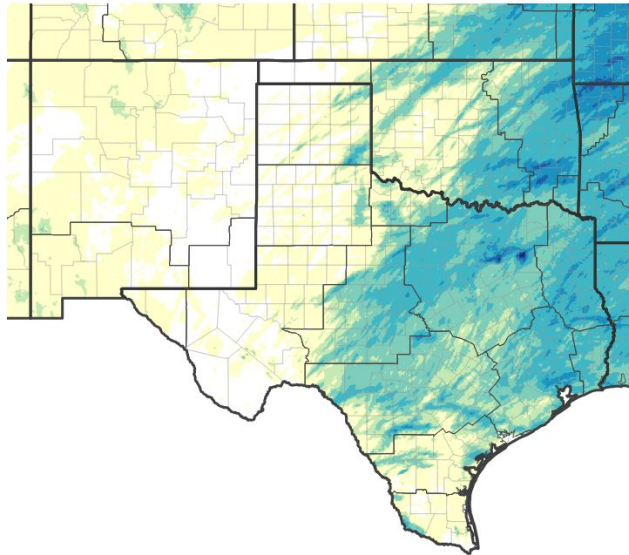


# Precipitation

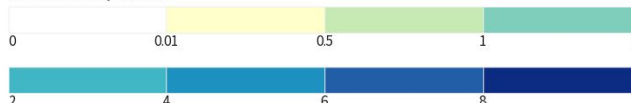
Links to the latest [Precipitation Accumulation](#) and [Percent of Normal](#) over the past 30 days

- Much of the service area saw below normal rainfall over the past 30 days.
  - Localized pockets saw at or above rainfall in the Hill Country, Rio Grande Plains and Coastal Plains.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



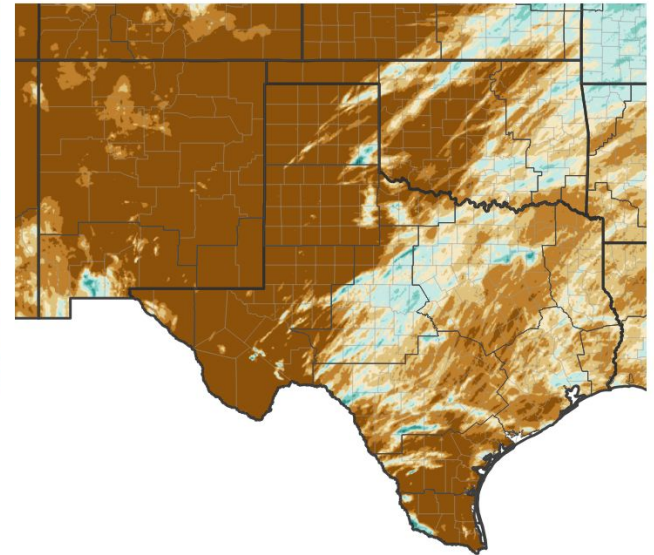
Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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 below normal condition over the region. ([NWS Climate Prediction Center](#))

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for normal fire potential in April and May.
- ([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, and Hill Country fall within the near to above normal category.

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

as  
of April 2, 2026:  
 10 day average: 625.4  
 Historical Monthly Average: 665.8  
 Departure from Average: -41.1

Reservoir	Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	Percent Full
Amistad	1117.00 feet	1048.07 feet	31.3%
Lake Austin	492.9 feet	492.59 feet	98.6%
Lake Buchanan	1020.00 feet	1017.65 feet	94.0%
Canyon Lake	909.00 feet	886.72 feet	58.9%
Georgetown Lake	791.00 feet	783.35 feet	75.7%
Granger Lake	504.00 feet	504.08 feet	100%
Lake LBJ	825.00 feet	824.81 feet	98.9%
Lake Marble Falls	738.00 feet	736.25 feet	94.0%
Medina Lake	1064.2 feet	977.03 feet	3.9%
Lake Travis	681.00 feet	664.02 feet	73.6%

Table caption: [TWDB Reservoir](#) conditions as of April 2, 2026

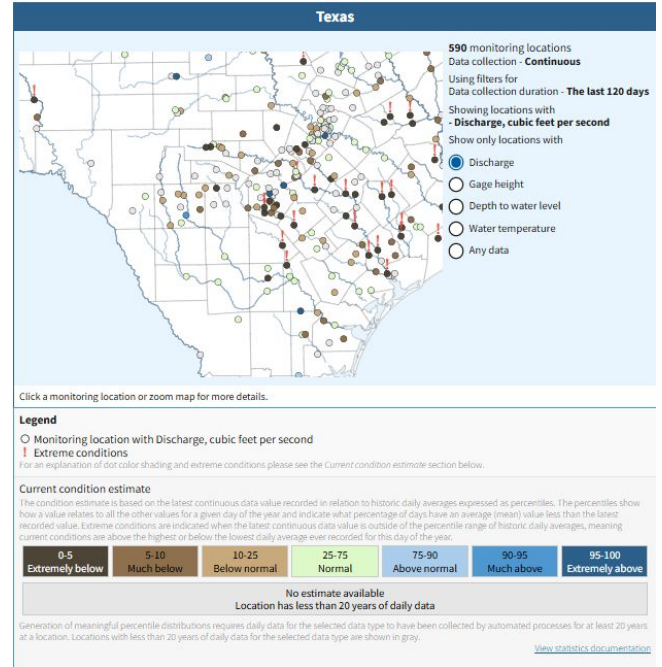


Figure Caption: [Daily historical percentile](#) discharge, valid April 2, 2026.

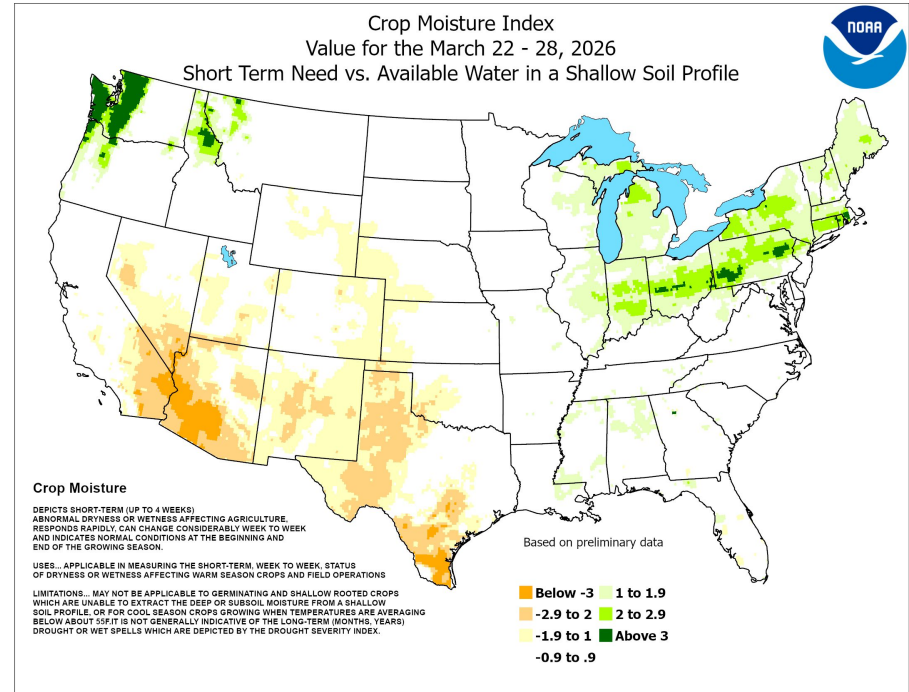




# Agricultural Impacts

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

- Crop moisture index values show slightly below normal conditions across much of the service area.
  - Index values are much below normal for area across the Rio Grande Plains.

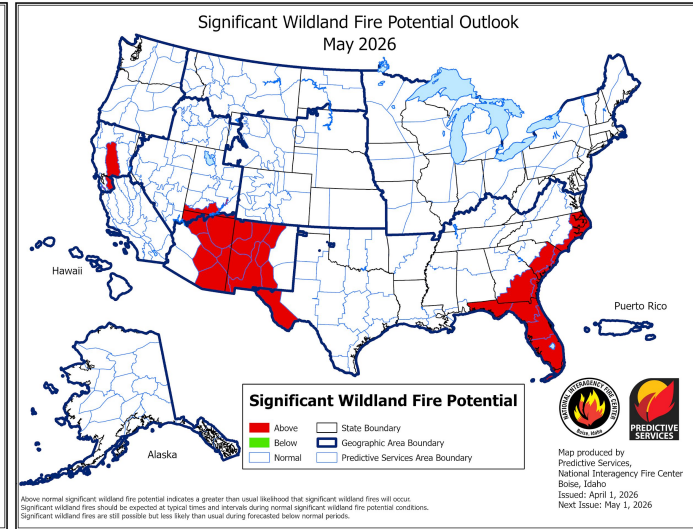
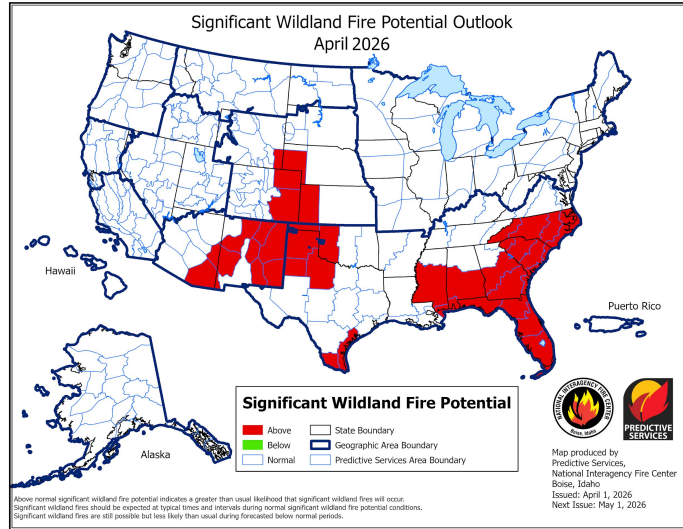




# Fire Hazard Impacts

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 normal fire potential for April and May.



Burn bans remain for 31 of our 33 counties as of April 2, 2026. Latest County Burn Ban map available [here](#).



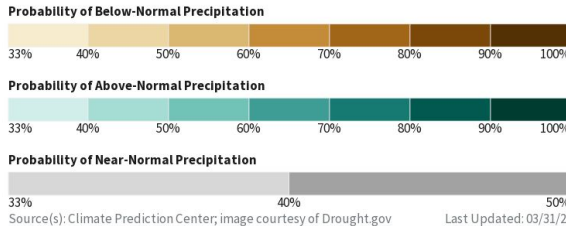
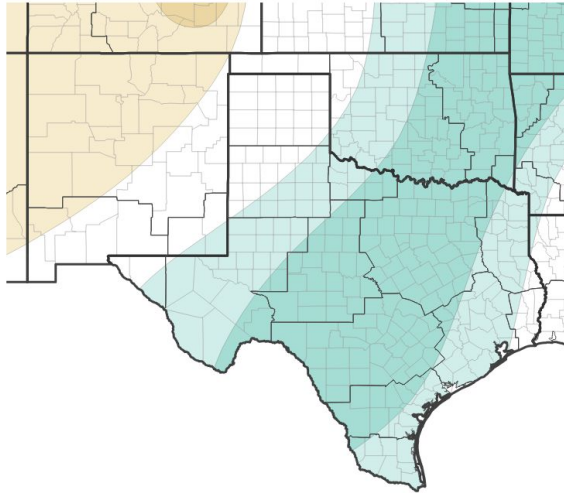


# Long-Range Outlooks

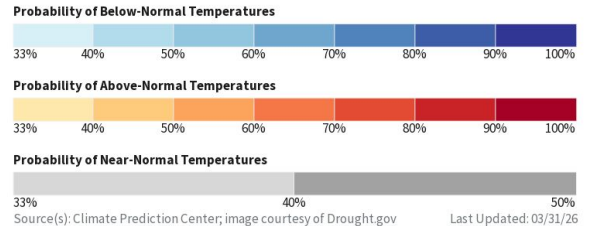
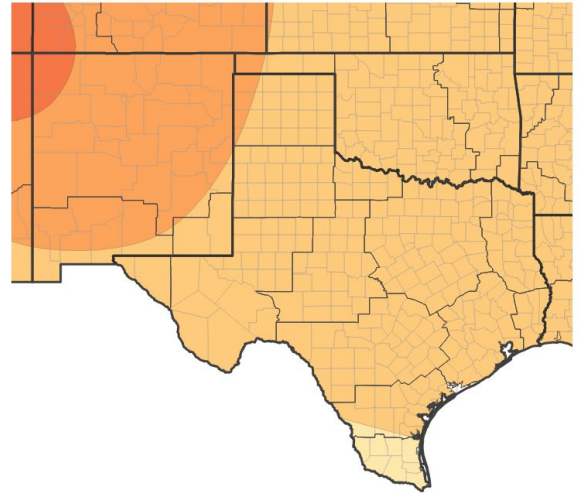
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- The entire area is shown to lean towards above normal precipitation for the month of April.
- The entire area is shown to lean towards above normal for temperatures for the month of April.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for April 1, 2026–April 30, 2026



Monthly Temperature Outlook for April 1, 2026–April 30, 2026



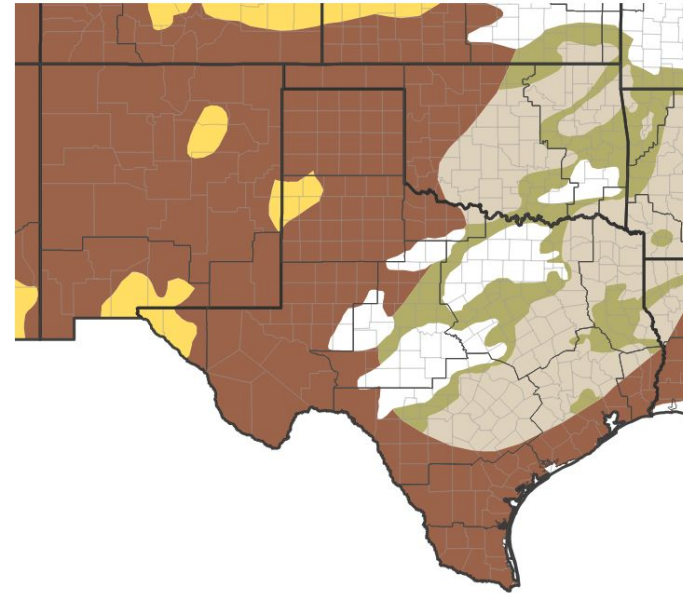


# Drought Outlook

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

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for March 31, 2026–June 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



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

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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