



Drought Information Statement for South Central Texas

Valid July 2, 2026

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- This product will be updated August 6, 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.

- Beneficial rainfall occurred for much of South Central Texas in the month of June with improvements noted in short term drought across the board.
- Streamflows and western reservoirs continue to trend low with nearly all watersheds reporting less than normal percentiles, however improvements are being seen at area wells and springs.
- The seasonal drought outlook does call for drought redevelopment this Summer, but not significant drought.



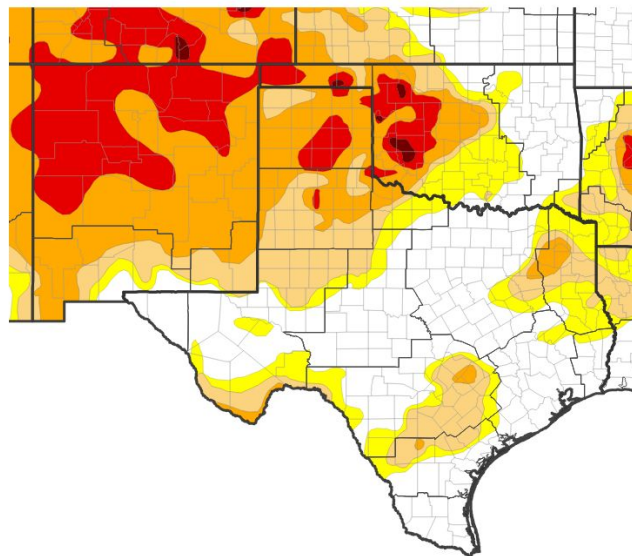


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None
 - Percent of Area: 0%
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** None
 - Percent of Area: 0%
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Covers portions of Travis, Bastrop, Hays, and Caldwell Counties.
 - Percent of Area: 2.16%
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Covers portions of the I-35 Corridor, Rio Grande Plains, and Coastal Plains.
 - Percent of Area: 32.50%
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Covers the Hill Country, Edwards Plateau, and portions of the Rio Grande Plains.
 - Percent of Area: 56.27%

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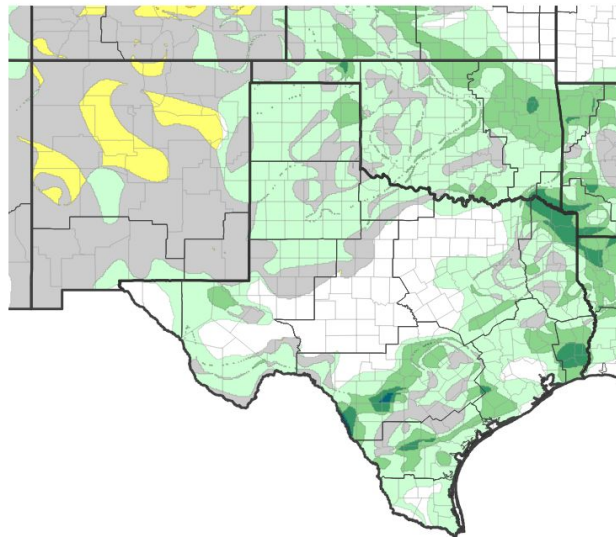


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: None
 - No Change: The Hill Country and Edwards Plateau.
 - Drought Improved: Large portions of the area, with some spots seeing 3 to 4 category improvements.

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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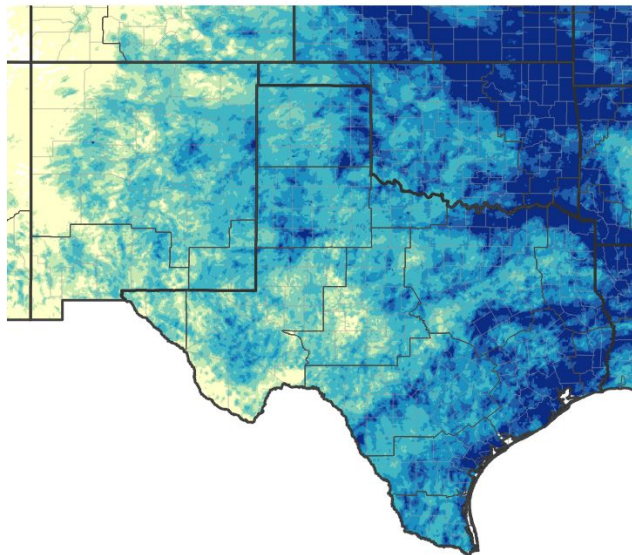


Precipitation

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

- Much of the service area saw above normal rainfall over the past 30 days.
 - Localized pockets saw greater than 200-300% of normal rainfall over the last 30 days.
 - The Hill Country and Edwards Plateau missed out on heavier rainfall for the most part.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



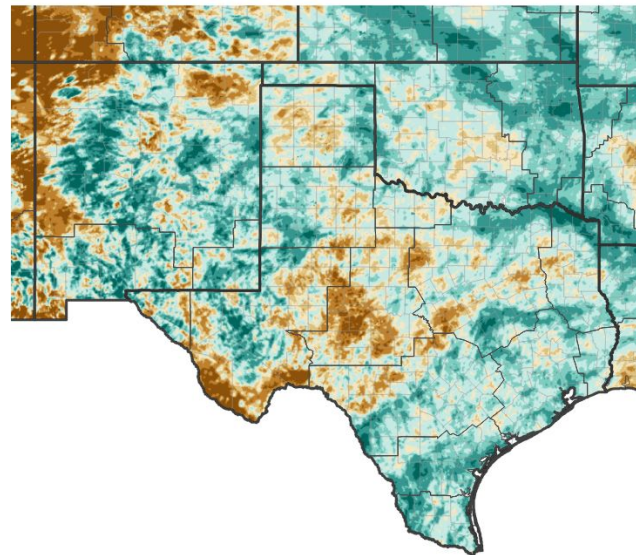
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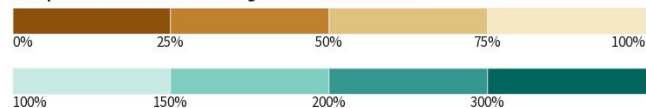
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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 normal to below normal percentile. ([USGS](#))
- Several watersheds in the I-35 Corridor, Hill Country, and Coastal Plains fall within the normal to above normal percentile. ([USGS](#))
- Storage in area reservoirs remain low at Medina, Canyon Lake, and Amistad despite recent improvements.
- 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 near normal conditions over the region. ([NWS Climate Prediction Center](#))

Fire Hazard Impacts

- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for near normal conditions in July and August.
- ([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 near normal range.
- Most watersheds in the I-35 corridor and Coastal Plains, and Hill Country fall within the above normal category.

Additional data:

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

as

of July 2, 2026:

10 day average: 645.2

Historical Monthly Average: 659.2

Departure from Average: -16.7

Reservoir	Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	Percent Full
Amistad	1117.00 feet	1047.54 feet	29.6%
Lake Austin	492.9 feet	492.09 feet	95.4%
Lake Buchanan	1020.00 feet	1019.88 feet	99.7%
Canyon Lake	909.00 feet	888.28 feet	61.3%
Georgetown Lake	791.00 feet	793.77 feet	100%
Granger Lake	504.00 feet	505.63 feet	100%
Lake LBJ	825.00 feet	824.71 feet	98.3%
Lake Marble Falls	738.00 feet	736.40 feet	95.2%
Medina Lake	1064.2 feet	991.03 feet	9.0%
Lake Travis	681.00 feet	672.13 feet	85.5%

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

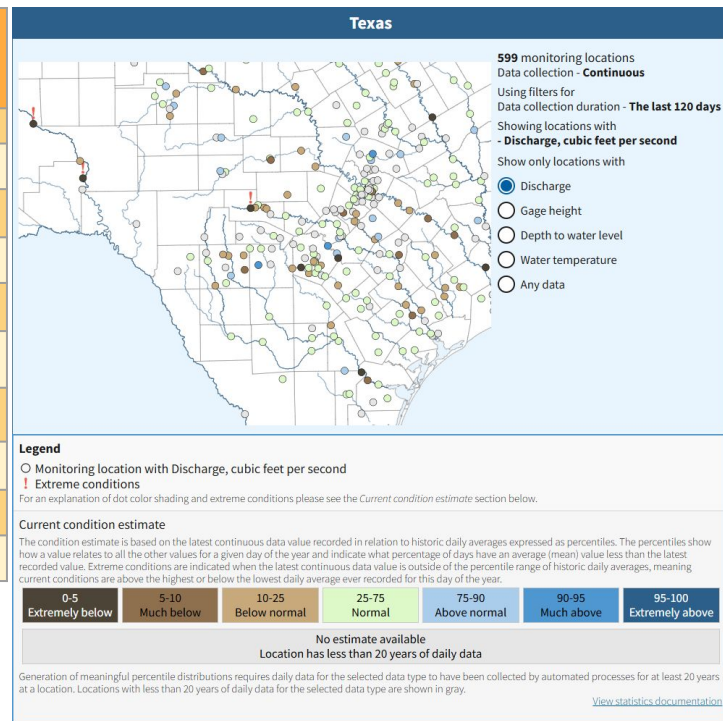


Figure Caption: [Daily historical percentile](#) discharge, valid July 2, 2026.



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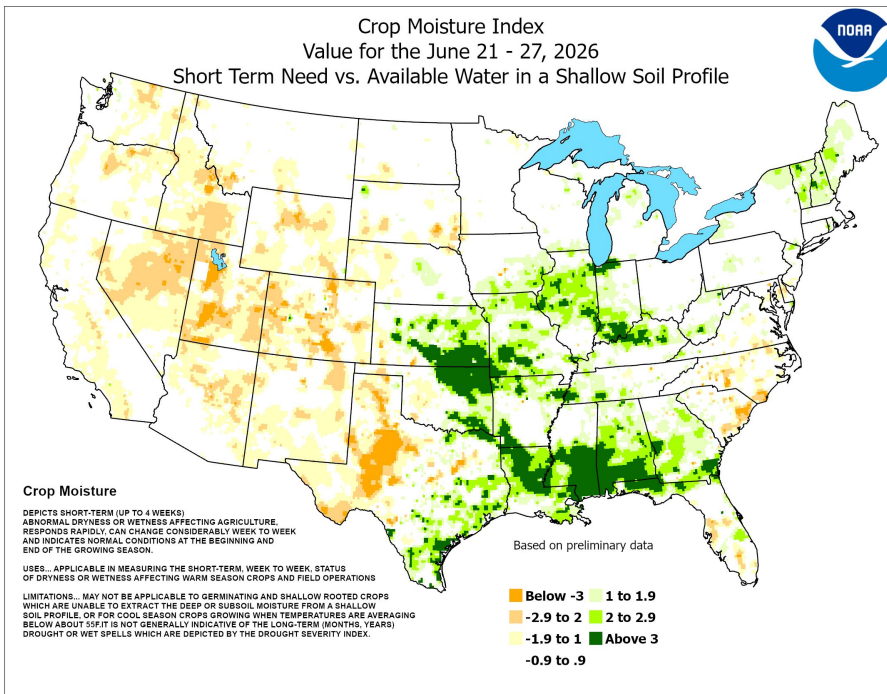
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Agricultural Impacts

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

- Crop moisture index values show near normal to well above normal indices
- Slightly below normal over the northern Rio Grande Plains.

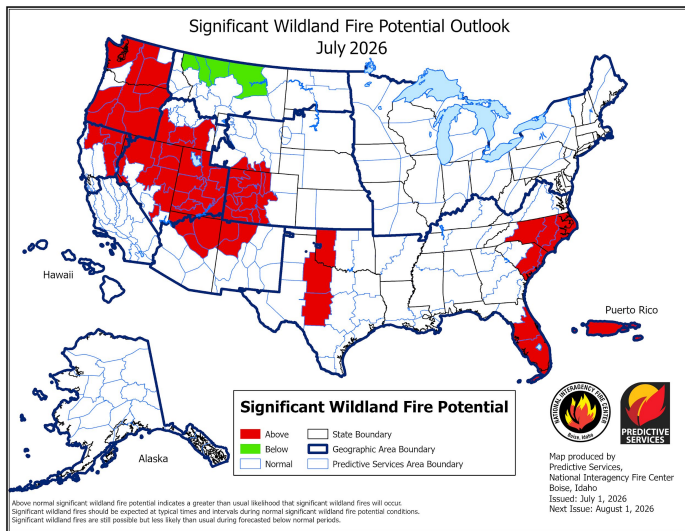




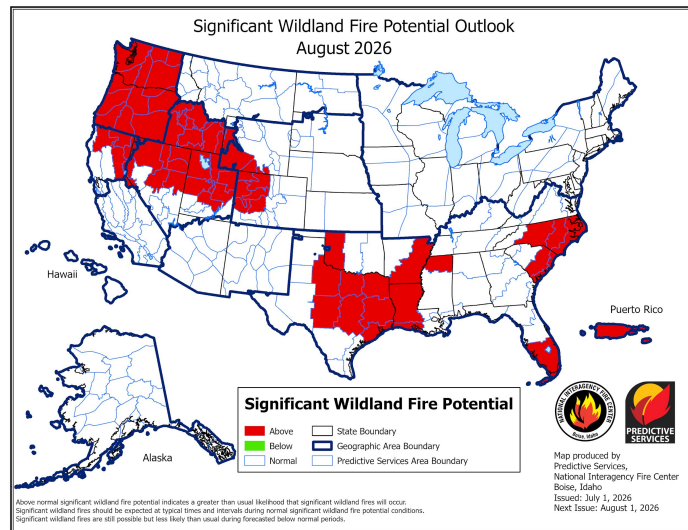
Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- [Keetch Byram Drought Index](#) values of 0-300 are noted for much of the region.
 - Portions of the Rio Grande Plains and Edwards Plateau fall between 300-500.
- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls near normal conditions in July and August.



Burn bans remain for 8 of our 33 counties as of July 2, 2026. Latest County Burn Ban map available [here](#).



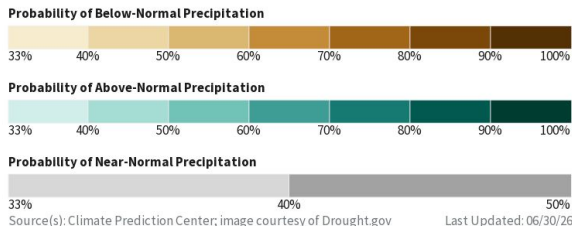
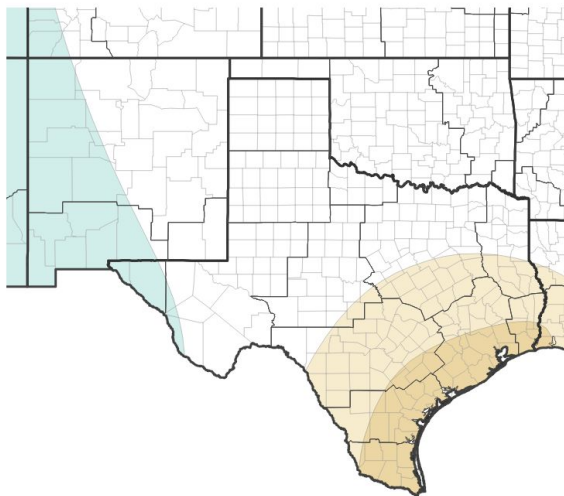


Long-Range Outlooks

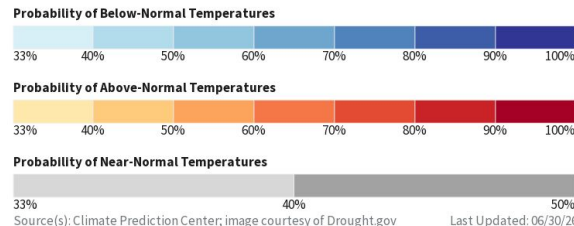
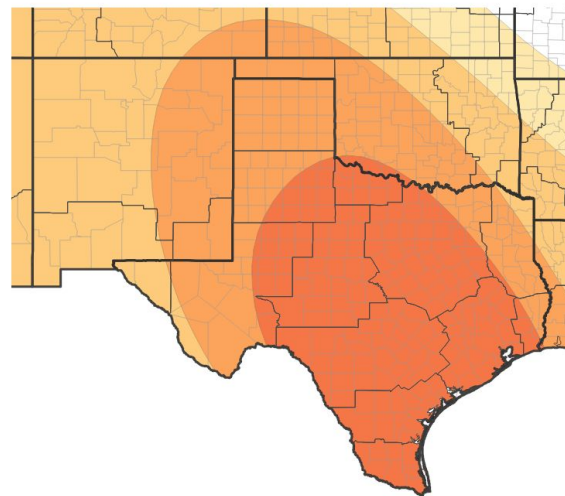
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- Most of the area leaning towards below normal precipitation for July.
- The entire service area is shown to lean towards above normal temperatures for the month of July.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



Monthly Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



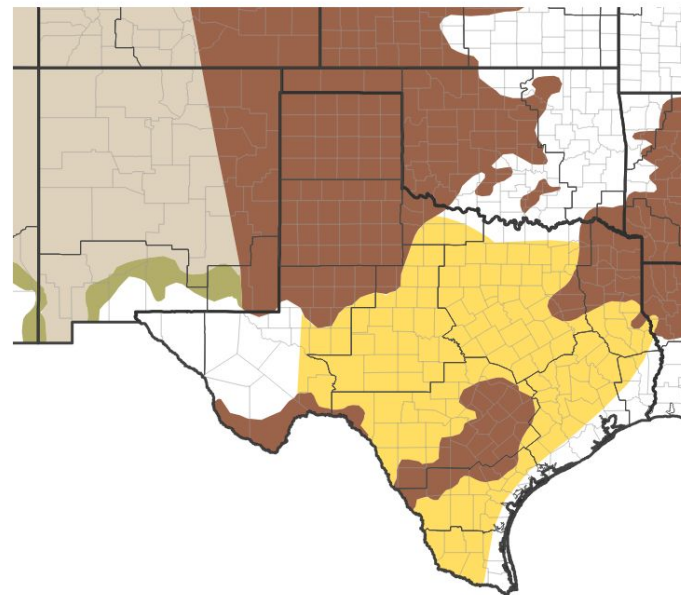


Drought Outlook

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- The three month drought outlook shows drought persisting but potentially redeveloping for the entire service area. Short term drought impacts would be the primary concern.

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



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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