

NWS Houston, Texas January 2024 Regional Climate Summary

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...Drought Busting Rain...First Freeze of the Year...

The first month of 2024 was cold and wet. On average, this January was around two to three degrees below normal with the coldest period being around 15th to the 17th where much of the area experienced hard freezes and wind chill advisories. Freezing rain and sleet fell across much of the region at the start of this cold weather outbreak. The other big weather story of the month was the widespread heavy rainfall that occurred between the 21st and 26th. While this rainfall was beneficial to the removal of drought conditions across the area, it also produced minor to major river flooding.

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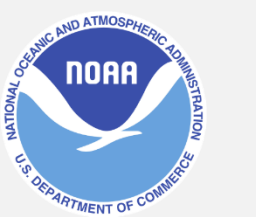



By the Numbers: January 2024

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Location (records started)	Average Temp	Ranking	Total Rainfall	Ranking
City of Houston, TX (1888)	50.8°F	37 th Coolest	8.77"	6 th Wettest
Houston Hobby, TX (1930)	52.5°F	41 st Coolest	7.76"	5 th Wettest
City of Galveston, TX (1871)	54.1°F	79 th Coolest	8.59"	6 th Wettest
City of College Station, TX (1882)	48.3°F	31 st Coolest	7.78"	5 th Wettest
Palacios, TX (1943)	52.4°F	23 rd Coolest	6.34"	7 th Wettest
Huntsville, TX (1997)	48.1°F	9 th Coolest	13.69"	Wettest on Record
Sugar Land, TX (2000)	51.2°F	9 th Coolest	8.45"	2 nd Wettest
Conroe, TX (1997)	47.4°F	5 th Coolest	7.57"	4 th Wettest
Clover Field (Pearland), TX (1997)	51.8°F	7 th Coolest	8.02"	Wettest on Record
David Wayne Hooks (Tomball), TX (1998)	50.2°F	9 th Coolest	8.32"	2 nd Wettest
Angleton, TX (1998)	52.5°F	9 th Coolest	7.85"	2 nd Wettest
League City, TX (1990)	51.5°F	13 th Coolest	10.86"	Wettest on Record







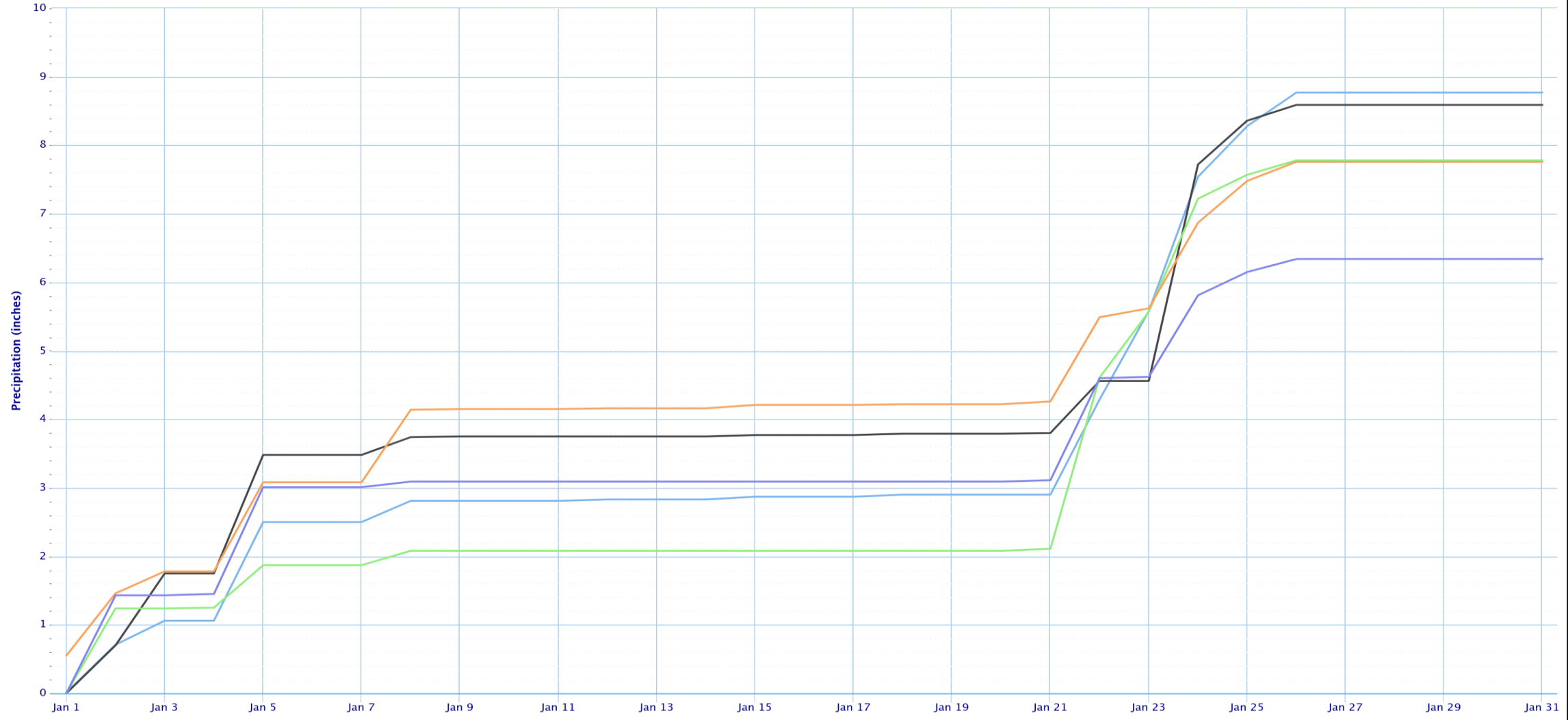
Precipitation

Location	Total Precipitation (in.)	Departure from Normal (in.)	Number of Thunder Days	Maximum Daily Precipitation (in./date)	
Galveston (GLS)	8.59	+4.29	6	3.16	24 th
Houston Hobby (HOU)	7.76	+3.67	8	1.30	5 th
City of Houston (IAH)	8.77	+5.01	5	1.96	24 th
College Station (CLL)	7.78	+4.35	5	2.50	22 nd
Palacios (PSX)	6.34	+3.09	5	1.56	5 th

Precipitation Accumulation Graph

Accumulated Precipitation

Green/black diamonds represent subsequent/missing values



City of Houston

City of Galveston

City of College Station

Houston-Hobby

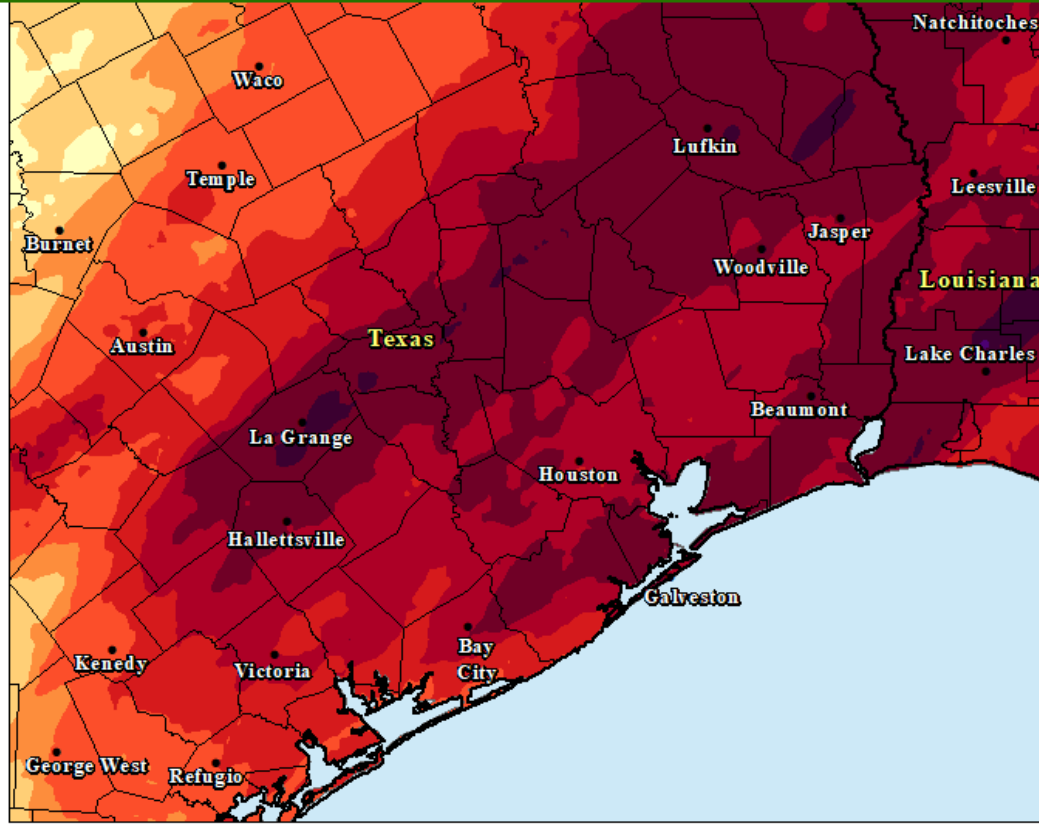
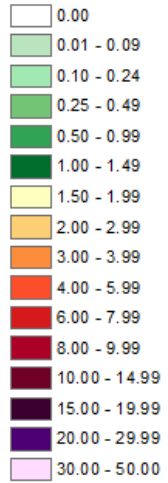
Palacios



Precipitation Maps

Total Monthly Precipitation - January 2024

Inches



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Houston/Galveston, TX

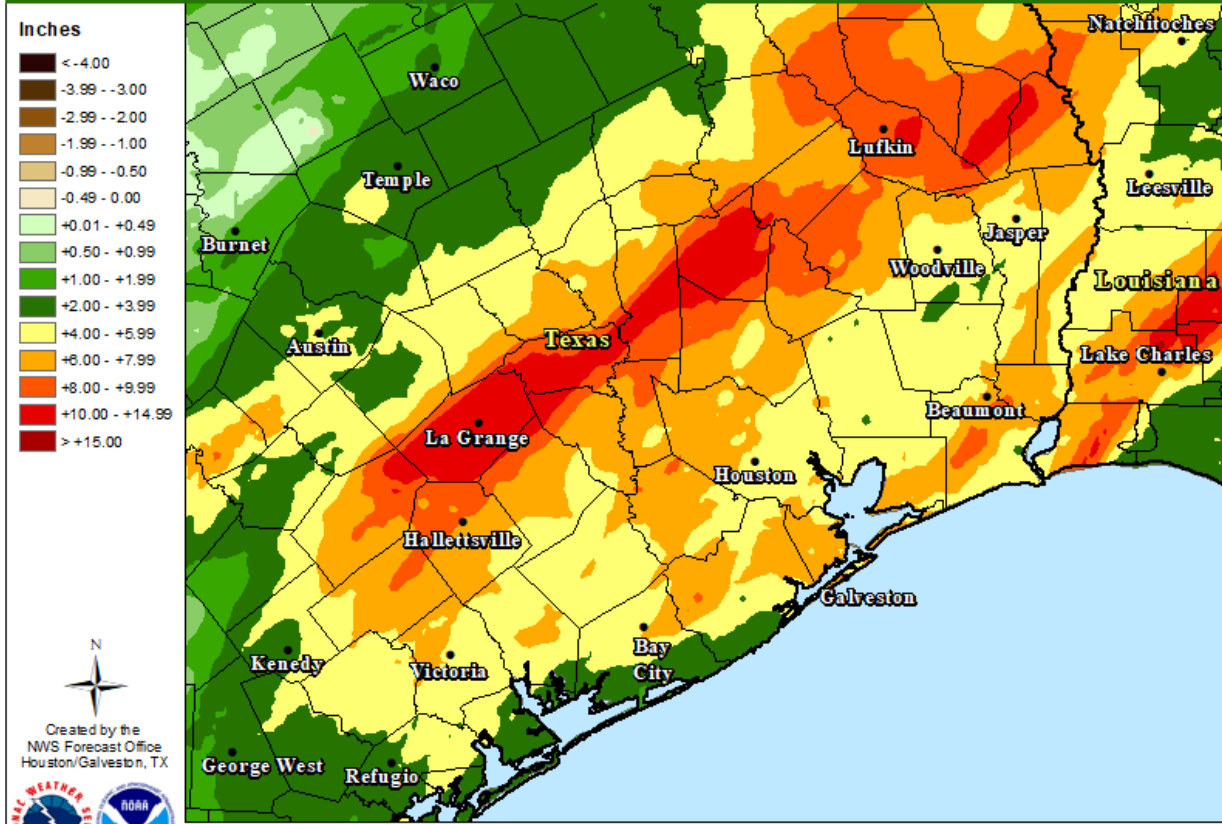
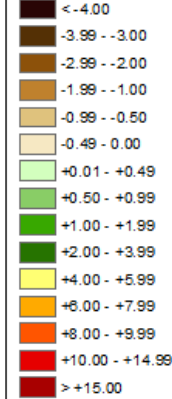


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Miles

Source: NWS Advanced
Hydrologic Prediction Service Created: 02/01/2024 2100 UTC

Total Monthly Precipitation Departure From Normal - January 2024

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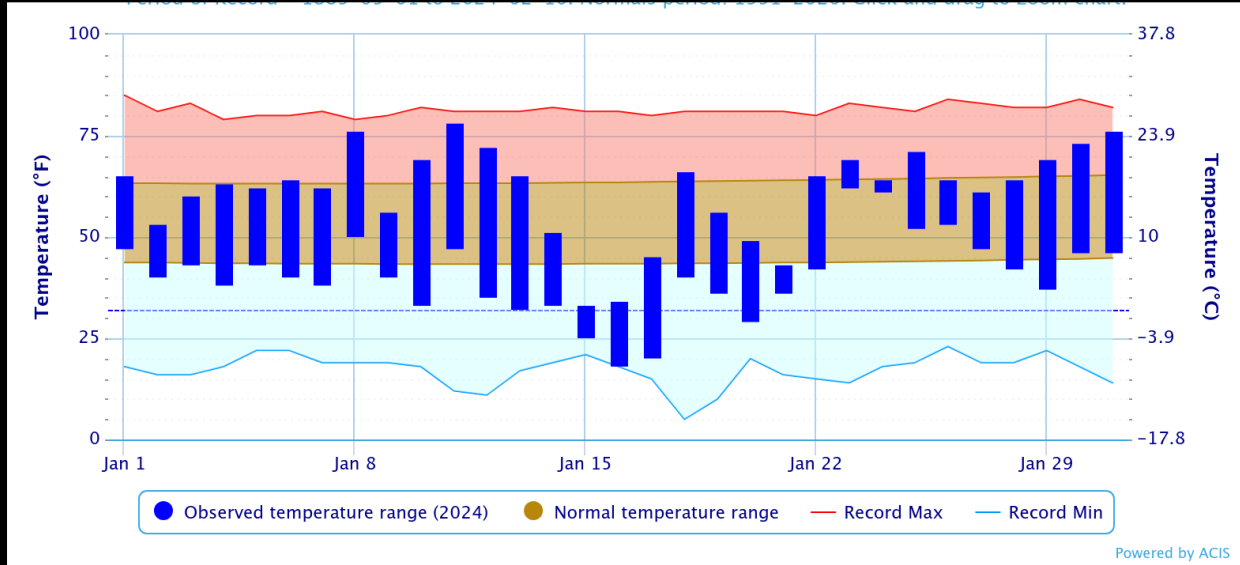
Temperature

Location	Average High Temp (F)	Average Low Temp (F)	Average Temp (F)	Departure From Normal Average (F)	Maximum Temperature (F)	Minimum Temperature (F)
Galveston (GLS)	61.2	47.1	54.1	-1.9	72 on the 11 th	24 on the 16 th
Houston Hobby (HOU)	61.8	43.1	52.5	-2.5	78 on the 11 th	20 on the 16 th
City of Houston (IAH)	61.2	40.4	50.8	-3.0	78 on the 11 th	18 on the 16 th
College Station (CLL)	58.8	37.8	48.3	-3.2	77 on the 31 st	16 on the 17 th
Palacios (PSX)	61.7	43.2	52.4	-3.2	73 on the 11 th	20 on the 16 th & 17 th

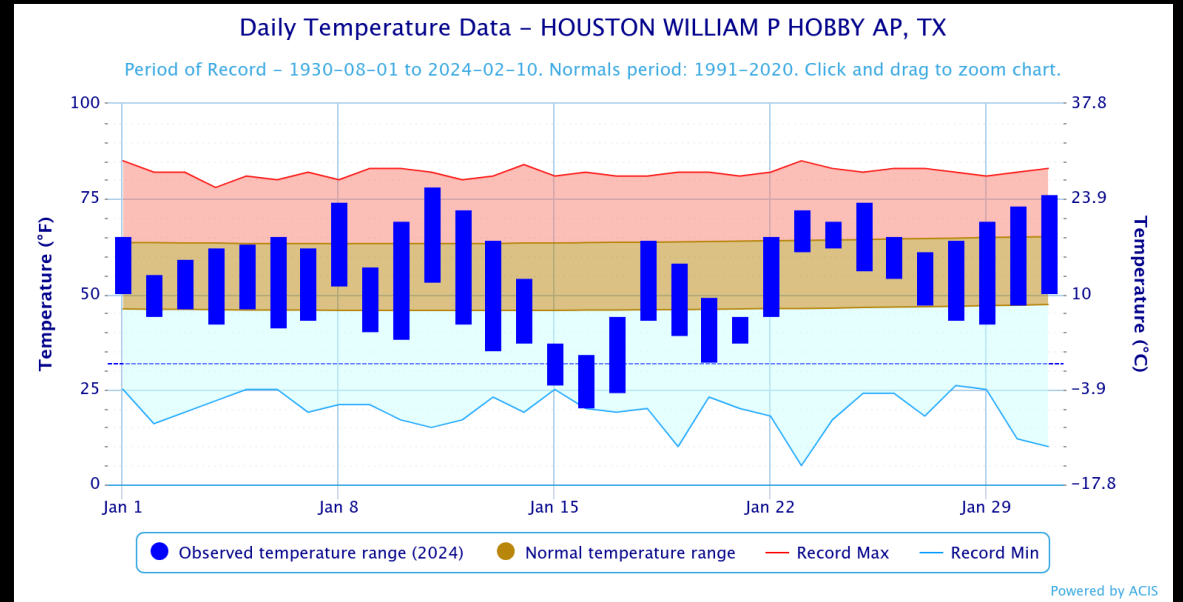
Temperature Charts

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City of Houston



Houston-Hobby



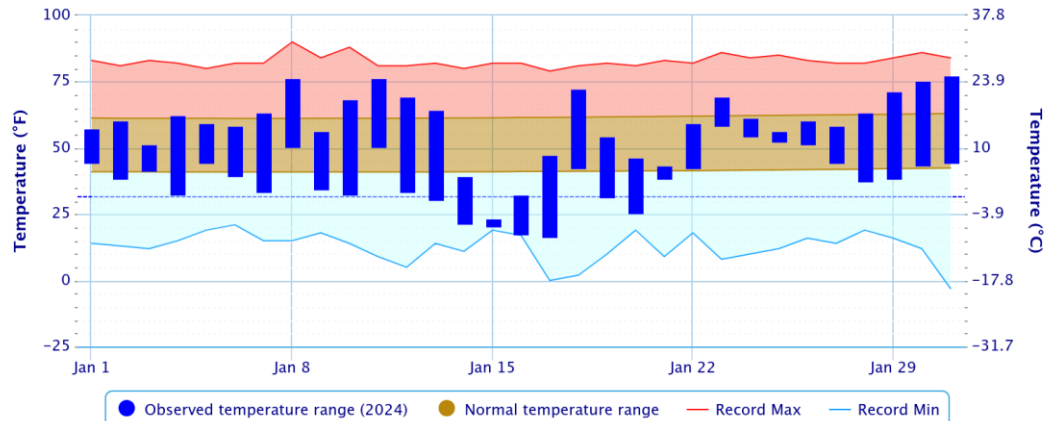
Temperature Charts

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City of College Station

Daily Temperature Data – College Station Area, TX (ThreadEx)

Period of Record – Max temperature: 1888-10-01 to 2024-02-10; Min temperature: 1882-05-15 to 2024-02-10.
Normals period: 1991-2020. Click and drag to zoom chart.

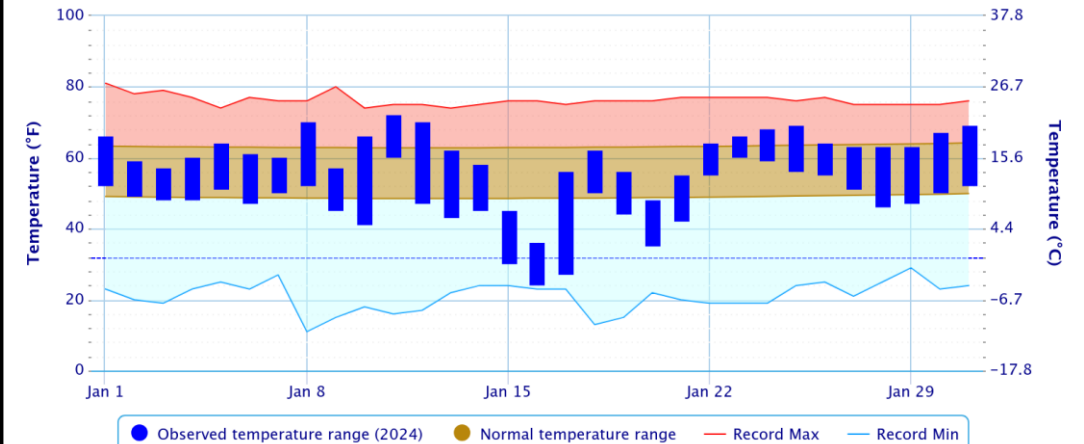


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City of Galveston

Daily Temperature Data – Galveston Area, TX (ThreadEx)

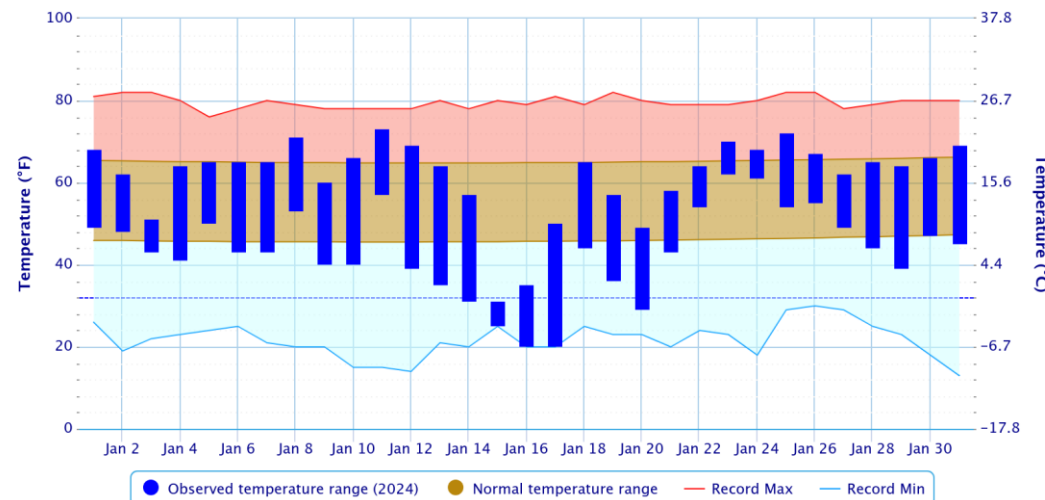
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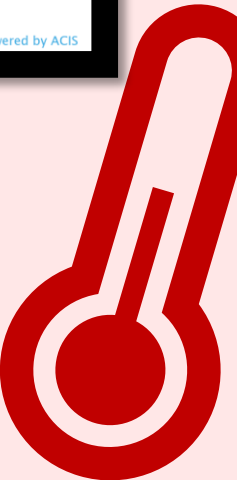
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Palacios

Period of Record – 1943-02-01 to 2024-02-10. Normals period: 1991-2020. Click and drag to zoom chart.



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Daily Record Reports – City of College Station

Date	Record Type	New Record	Previous Record
15 th	Low Maximum	23°F	34°F in 1917
16 th	Low Minimum	17°F	19°F in 2018

There were 2 daily records set at College Station this month.



High Max

Low Max

Precip

Key

Snow

High Min

Low Min



Daily Record Reports – City of Houston

Date	Record Type	New Record	Previous Record
5 th	Daily Precip	1.44"	1.39" in 1979
15 th	Low Maximum	33°F	37°F in 1917
16 th	Low Minimum	18°F	22°F in 1972
16 th	Low Maximum	34°F	37°F in 2007

There were 4
daily records
set at
Houston this
month.



High Max

Low Max

Precip

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Low Min



Daily Record Reports – Houston-Hobby

Date	Record Type	New Record	Previous Record
15 th	Low Maximum	37°F	43°F in 1984
16 th	Low Minimum	20°F	25°F in 2018
16 th	Low Maximum	34°F	38°F in 2007

There were 3
daily records
set at
Houston-
Hobby this
month.



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Precip

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Low Min



Daily Record Reports – City of Galveston

Date	Record Type	New Record	Previous Record
24 th	Daily Precip	3.16"	2.60" in 1882

There was 1
daily record
set at
Galveston this
month.



High Max

Low Max

Precip

Key

Snow

High Min

Low Min



Daily Record Reports – Palacios

Date	Record Type	New Record	Previous Record
5 th	High Precip	1.56"	1.26" in 2002
15 th	Low Minimum	25°F	27°F in 1979
15 th	Low Maximum	31°F	44°F in 1984
16 th	Low Minimum	20°F	27°F in 2018
16 th	Low Maximum	35°F	38°F in 2007
17 th	Low Minimum	20°F	21°F in 2018

There were 6 daily records set at Palacios this month.



High Max

Low Max

Precip

Key

Snow

High Min

Low Min

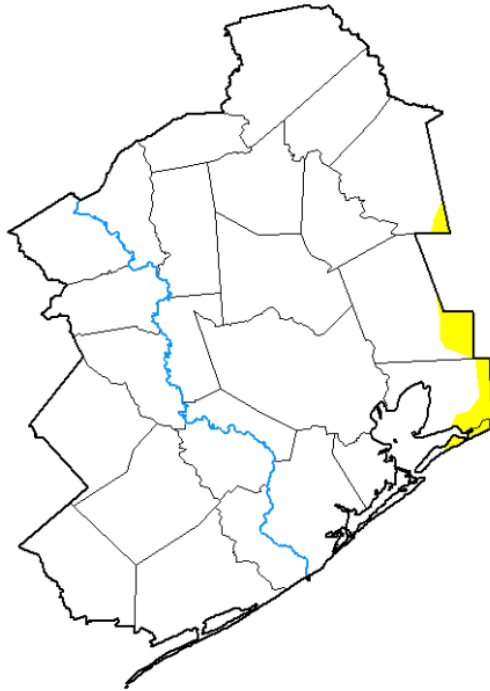


Drought Monitor

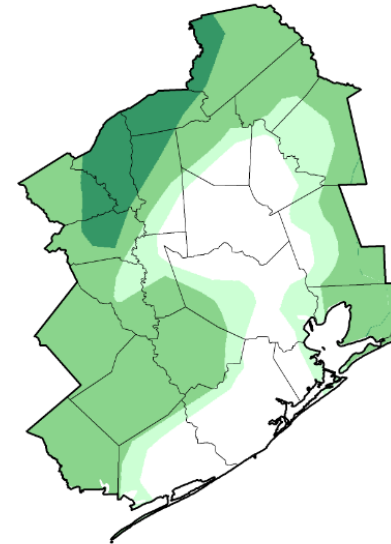
As of January 30th

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U.S. Drought Monitor Houston/Galveston, TX WFO via <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

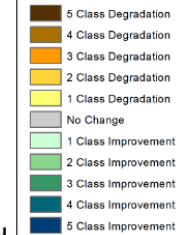


U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - Houston/Galveston, TX WFO 4 Week



January 30, 2024
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January 2, 2024

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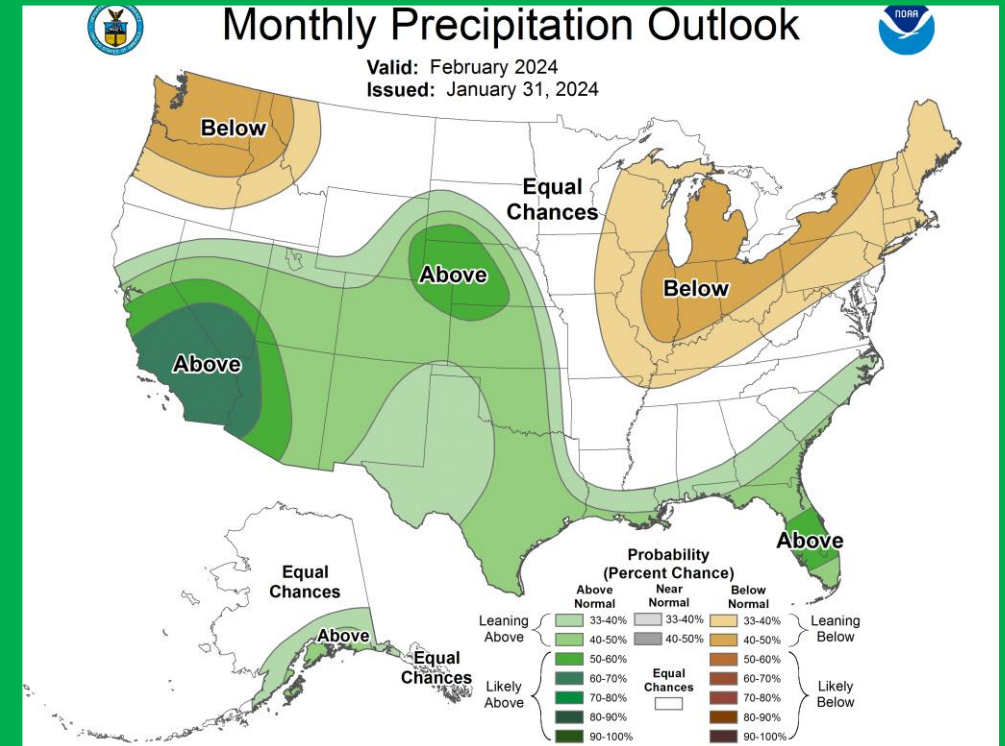
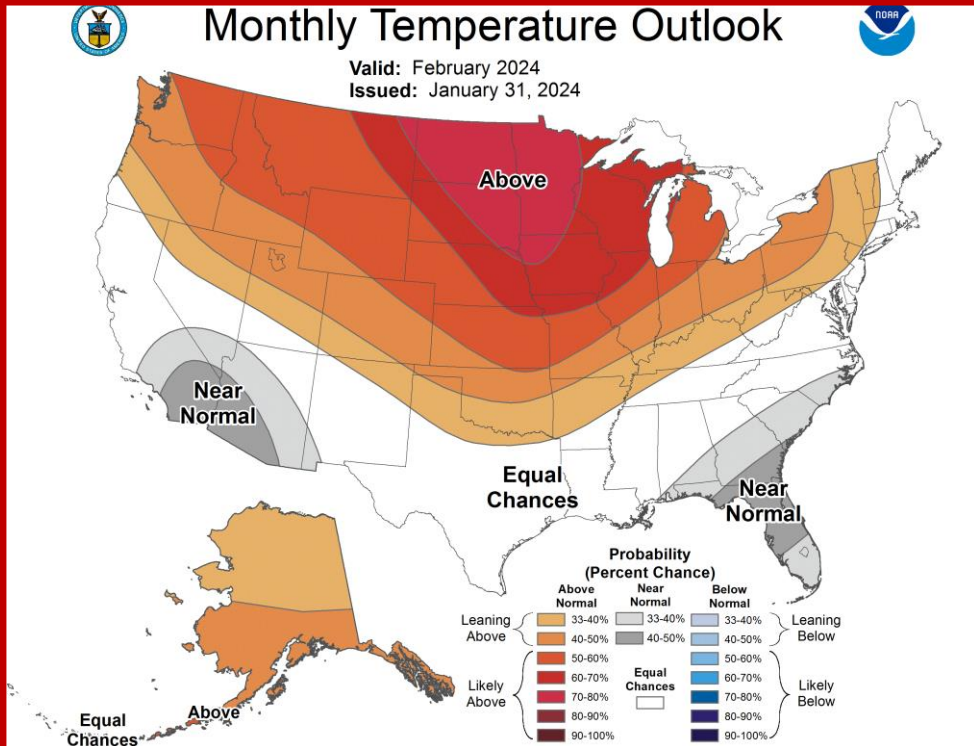
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

February Outlook

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Location	Average Temp(°F)	Normal High (°F)	Normal Low (°F)
Galveston	56.0	63.2	48.9
Houston Hobby	55.0	63.8	46.1
City of Houston	53.8	63.8	43.7
College Station	51.5	61.7	41.3
Palacios	55.6	65.2	46.0

Location	Normal Monthly Precipitation (in.)
Galveston	4.30
Houston Hobby	4.09
City of Houston	3.76
College Station	3.43
Palacios	3.25

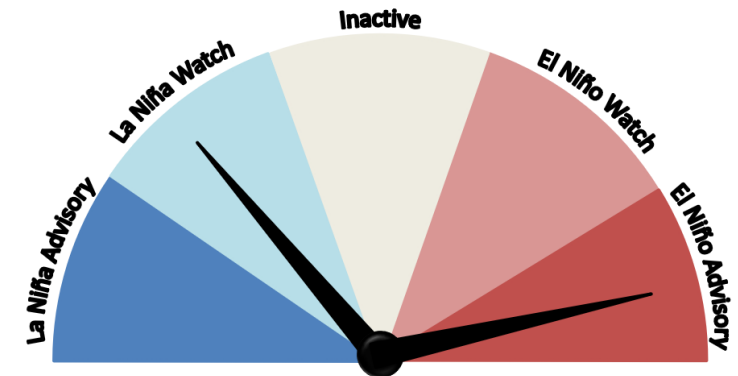
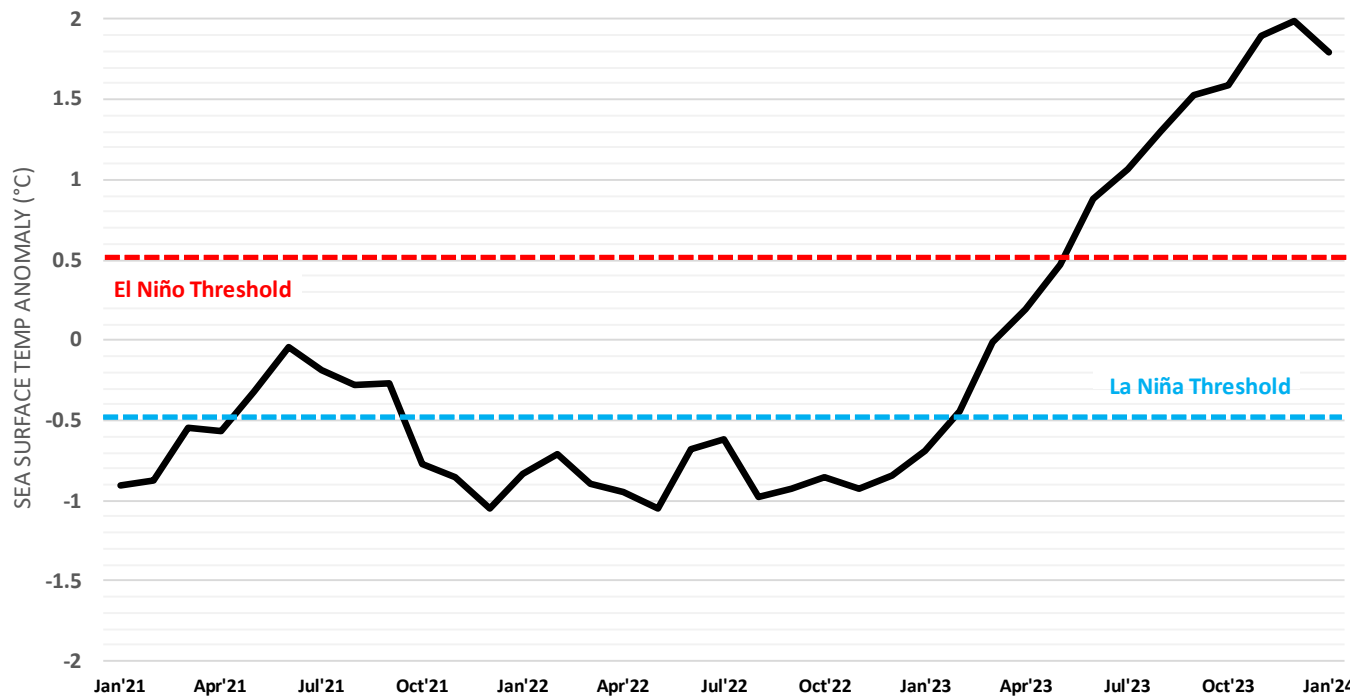


Current ENSO Phase: El Niño

The Climate Prediction Center's ENSO Forecast: El Niño Advisory - La Niña Watch

- El Niño conditions are present, but are expected to transition to **ENSO-neutral** by April-June
- Odds are increasing of La Niña developing during the Summer (55%), so a **La Niña Watch** has been issued

Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies (SST) in the Tropical Pacific



El Niño or La Niña Watch: Issued when conditions are favorable for the development of El Niño or La Niña conditions within the next six months.

El Niño or La Niña Advisory: Issued when El Niño or La Niña conditions are observed and expected to continue.

Climate Primary Site History

Galveston (GLS)

Records for Galveston are from observations at the following locations: 67-69 Strand (April 1, 1871 - Aug 31, 1874); 23rd and the Strand (Sep 1, 1874 - July 29, 1878), 1.75 miles WSW of the previous location; the Custom House at Bath Street and the Strand (July 30, 1878 - May 8, 1882); Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad Building at 25th and the Strand (May 9, 1882 - March 14, 1883); back to the Custom House which later became the Cotton Exchange Building (March 15, 1883 - June 24, 1898), about a 1/3 of a mile E of the previous Custom House location; The Levy Building at 2223 Market Street (June 25, 1898 - Nov 26, 1900); the Trust Building at Tremont and Post Office Streets (Nov 27, 1900 - June 24, 1946), one-quarter mile south of the Levy Building; the U.S. Post Office Building at 601 Rosenberg (June 25, 1946 - 1994); Scholes Field (January 1995 to present).

City of Houston (IAH)

Records for the City of Houston are from observations at the following locations: Cotton Station from July 1881 through September 1909, Stewart Building at Preston and Fannin from September 1909 through February 1926, Shell Building at Texas and Fannin from March 1926 through August 1938, Federal Building at Franklin and Fannin from August 1938 through May 1969, Intercontinental Airport from June 1969 to the present.

College Station (CLL)

Records from 1893 through July 1951 are based on observations taken at the Texas Agriculture Experiment COOP Station main farm located 6 miles southwest of College Station. Records from August 1951 through the present are based on observations taken at Easterwood Field.

Houston Hobby (HOU)

Records are based upon observations beginning in August 1931.

Palacios (PSX)

Records are based upon observations beginning in February 1943.

