

## Climate and Weather Summary for April 2026

Temperatures in April averaged above normal at San Angelo and well-above normal at Abilene. Precipitation was well-above normal at both locations. Table 1 summarizes April 2026 temperature, precipitation, and departure from normal for Abilene and San Angelo.

Site	Average Temperature (°F)	Departure from Normal (°F)	Normal Average Temperature (°F)	Total Precipitation (In.)	Departure from Normal (In)	Normal April Precipitation (In.)
Abilene	69.6°	3.6°	66.0°	4.41"	2.55"	1.86"
San Angelo	69.3°	2.2°	67.1°	4.44"	2.97"	1.47"

**Table 1: April Climate Data for Abilene and San Angelo.**

Additional temperature and precipitation data for Abilene and San Angelo is summarized in Table 2.

Site	Warmest High Temperature (°F)	Warmest Low Temperature (°F)	Coldest High Temperature (°F)	Coldest Low Temperature (°F)	Maximum Daily Precipitation (In.)
Abilene	95° on Apr. 11	71° on Apr. 27	60° on Apr. 30	41° on Apr. 19	2.27" Apr. 11
San Angelo	95° Apr. 27, 28	71° on Apr. 27	58° on Apr. 20	38° on Apr. 19	2.12" Apr. 11

**Table 2: Additional April Climate Data for Abilene and San Angelo.**

\*9<sup>th</sup> wettest April on record at San Angelo (4.44 inches).

\* 14<sup>th</sup> warmest April on record at Abilene (monthly average temperature 69.6 degrees).

Maps of total precipitation and percentage of normal precipitation, for April, are shown in Figures 1 and 2 below. These maps are from the High Plains Regional Climate Center.

Precipitation (in)  
4/1/2026 - 4/30/2026

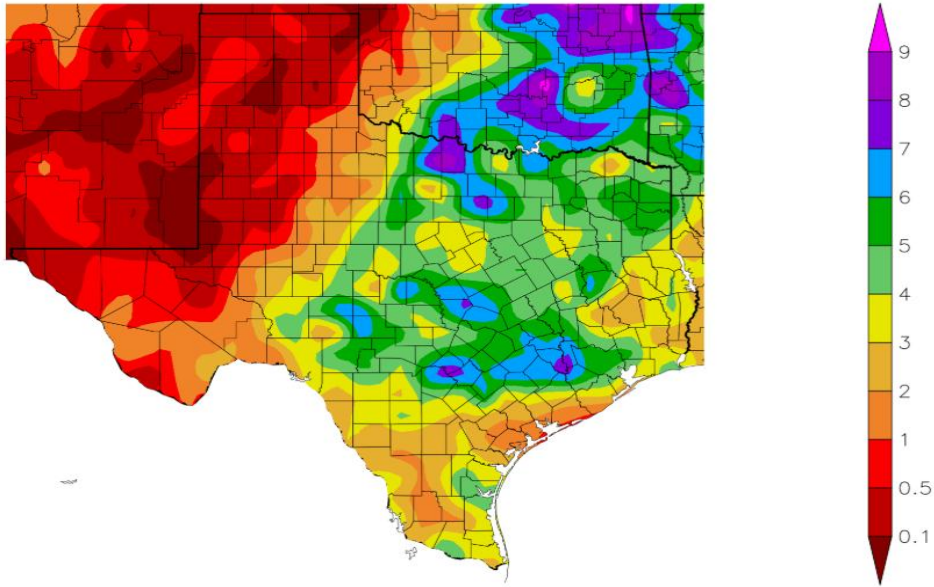


Figure 1: Total Precipitation for April.

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)  
4/1/2026 - 4/30/2026

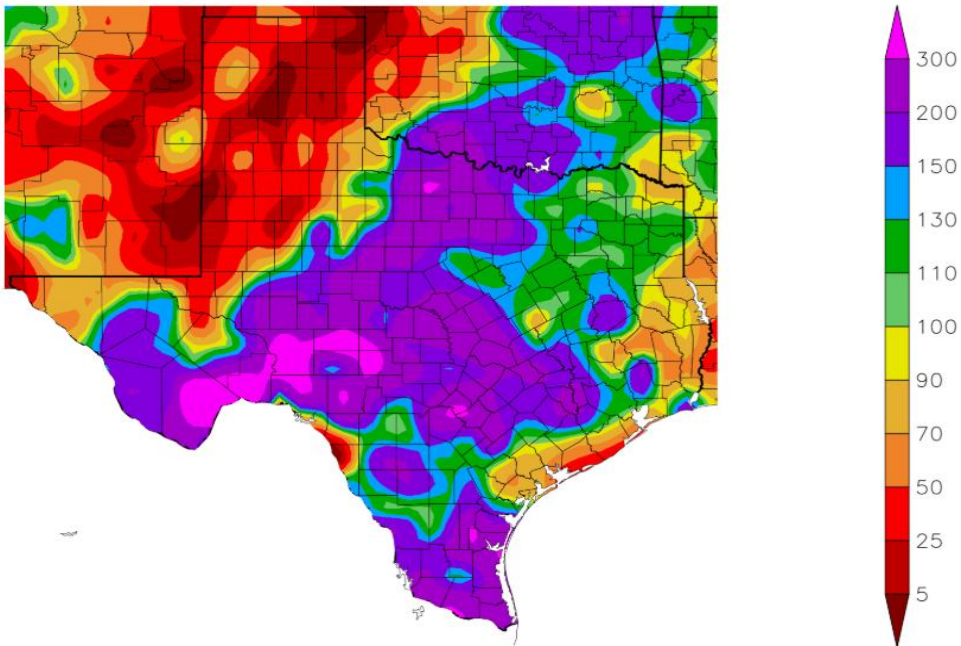


Figure 2: Percentage of Normal Precipitation for April.

Precipitation was well-above normal for April in nearly all of west-central Texas. The only exception was in portions of the northwestern Big Country.

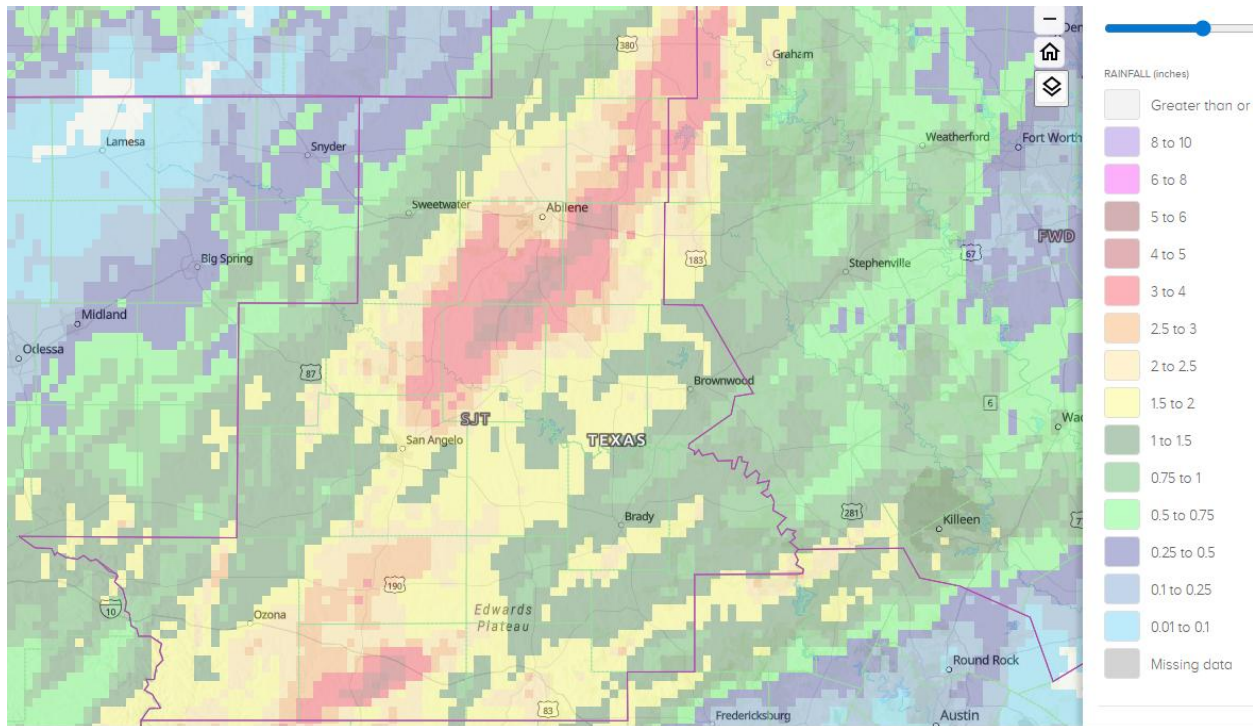
### **April 2026 Weather Highlights**

Widespread thunderstorms gradually overspread west-central Texas from the evening of Apr. 1 into the early morning of Apr. 2. Some storms were strong to severe. Heavy rainfall also accompanied the storms. Thunderstorm wind damage was reported at a church in Stamford. At West Texas Mesonet sites, a 65 mph wind gust was recorded 5 miles west of Rotan, and a 62 mph gust was recorded in Weinert.

With warm and humid conditions and considerable cloud cover Apr. 3, a new record warm low temperature was set at Abilene (69°), and tied at San Angelo (70°). A few showers and thunderstorms occurred in the evening and early nighttime hours. A strong cold front moved south across west-central Texas between 1 AM and 10 AM Apr. 4. A band of showers and isolated thunderstorms accompanied this cold front. Gusty north winds also occurred with the frontal passage, and peak wind gusts were between 40 mph and 50 mph at numerous locations in northern and central parts of the area. Temperatures were much cooler Apr. 4 after the frontal passage. The cooler airmass remained over the area Apr. 5-7. Scattered light rain showers occurred in far southern portions of the area in the overnight and early morning hours of Apr. 5-6. Highs were mostly in the mid 60s to lower 70s.

A significant rain event occurred during the overnight hours of Apr. 11-12, along with some severe weather. Scattered showers and thunderstorms became widespread with the approach of an upper level disturbance from the southwest, and a large area of thunderstorms moved east across west-central Texas during the overnight hours. A thunderstorm microburst caused tree and roof damage in Moran (Shackelford County). An [apparent tornado](#) occurred 3 miles south-southwest of Ibex in eastern Shackelford County. This was inferred from a Tornado Debris Signature (TDS) on the Dyess Air Force Base radar.

New daily rainfall records were set for Apr. 11 at Abilene (2.27 inches) and San Angelo 2.12 inches). Figure 3 (below) shows rainfall amounts for the 24-hour period ending at 7 AM Apr. 12.



**Figure 3: Rainfall for the 24-hour period, ending at 8 AM on April 12, 2026.**

The highest rainfall amounts (3 to 5 inches, shown in red shading on the map) occurred from north of San Angelo across portions of the southern and eastern Big Country, and in a southwest to northeast band across Sutton County.

The area had warm and humid conditions Apr. 12-17. On April 12, a persistent storm produced large hail and caused flash flooding in San Saba County. Hen egg size hail was reported 1 mile west of Cherokee. Extensive flooding occurred along Cherokee Creek in southern San Saba County. State Highway 16, Ranch Road 501, and multiple county roads were flooded. In addition, a flooded low water crossing to the entrance of Colorado Bend State Park prompted closing of the park until the floodwater subsided.

A few strong to severe storms occurred in the northwestern Big Country Apr. 13 in the evening. Golf ball size hail was reported at Rotan, and a thunderstorm wind gust of 66 mph was recorded at a West Texas Mesonet site 5 miles west of Rotan.

A few severe storms occurred in the late afternoon and evening hours of Apr. 15. The Woodson Volunteer Fire Department reported a 65 mph wind gust 5 miles south-southeast of Woodson, and golf ball size hail 4 miles south-southeast of Woodson (Throckmorton County). Golf ball size hail was reported in Harriet (Tom Green County), and quarter size hail occurred 1 mile north-northeast of Lowake (Concho County). Golf ball size hail was reported in Miles (Runnels County), and quarter size hail occurred in Brownwood.

Fairly strong and gusty north-northeast winds followed a strong cold frontal passage between Midnight and 8 AM Apr. 18. Several locations in the Big Country and Concho Valley recorded 40-50 mph wind gusts with the frontal passage. A 59 mph gust was recorded by a West Texas Mesonet site at Haskell.

Widely scattered strong to severe storms occurred after the cold frontal passage. A 60 mph thunderstorm wind gust was reported at Blackwell (Nolan County). Quarter size hail was reported in the vicinity of Lake Ivie. Small hail occurred at several locations across the Concho Valley. Much cooler air followed passage of this front. With considerable cloud cover, afternoon temperatures Apr. 18 only reached the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Mostly clear skies and diminishing winds allowed temperatures to drop into the mid 30s to mid 40s for morning lows Apr. 19. Lows were in the mid to upper 30s at a number of locations across the area.

The approach and arrival of a disturbance aloft brought numerous rain showers and a few thunderstorms to much of the area mostly between 11 PM Apr. 19 and 8 AM Apr. 20, and scattered coverage continued through the morning. While rainfall amounts mostly varied from one quarter of an inch to 1.5 inches, a band of higher amounts (1.5 to 3 inches with a few higher totals) occurred along a band extending from southwestern Irion County southeast into northwestern Kimble County. Daytime temperatures were rather cool where cloud cover persisted through the day Apr. 20. Highs in these areas were in the mid 50s to around 60, while breaks in the clouds over northeastern parts of the area allowed temperatures to climb into the 60s.

A warming trend followed Apr. 22-27 with breezy south winds. A dryline advanced east across varying parts of the area Apr. 24-27. Afternoon temperatures were very warm (mostly 90-95 degrees) behind the dryline Apr. 25-27. A strong cold frontal passage during the evening and overnight hours of Apr. 28-29 brought much cooler air into the area. With persistent cloud cover, temperatures were limited to mostly the 60s for highs Apr. 29 and upper 50s to mid 60s Apr. 30. With the approach of an upper level disturbance from New Mexico and northern Mexico, showers and thunderstorms developed across some of the area Apr. 30.