

Monthly Climate Summary for the Florida Panhandle & Big Bend, Southwest Georgia, and Southeast Alabama

Valid for May 2026

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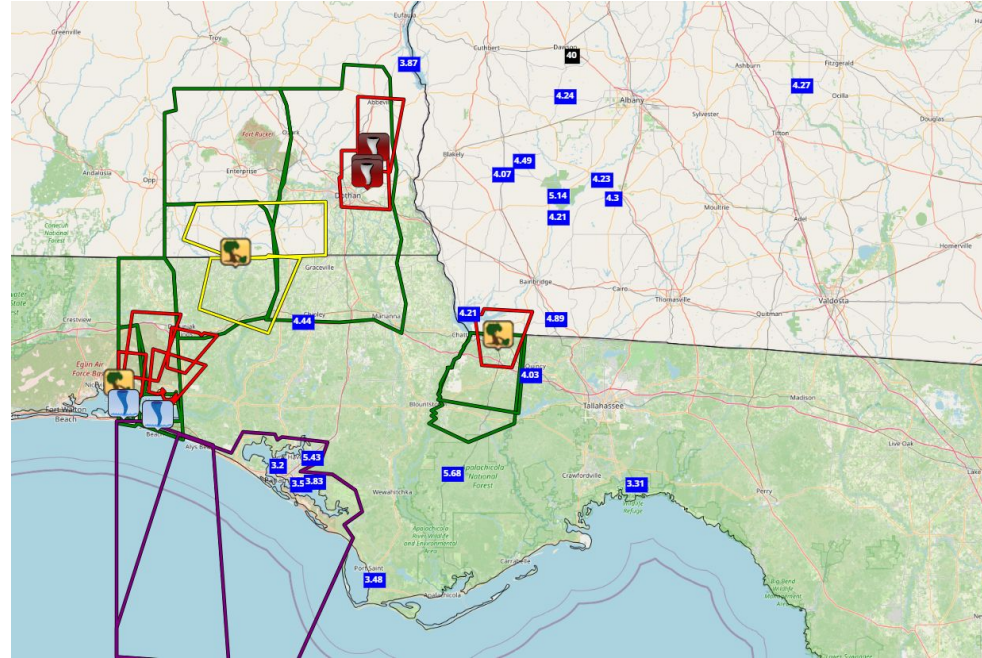




General Overview

A very wet month, Memorial Day tornadoes, beach rescues, drought improvement

- Much needed wet pattern brought drought relief to the region, particularly west of the Apalachicola River.
 - Among wettest Mays on record for Albany, GA & Apalachicola, FL
- First Flash Flooding Warning issued on May 13th since August 23, 2025 - 262 days, 4th longest streak for NWS Tallahassee office.
- Multiple instances of severe weather with varying reports of storm damage:
 - 82-mph gust at the Greenville, FL (Madison County) weatherstem on the 17th
 - Two confirmed EF-1 tornadoes on Memorial Day
- Multiple end-of-month Panhandle beach rescues - rip currents, strong surf.



Local storm reports and warnings map - May 25, 2026



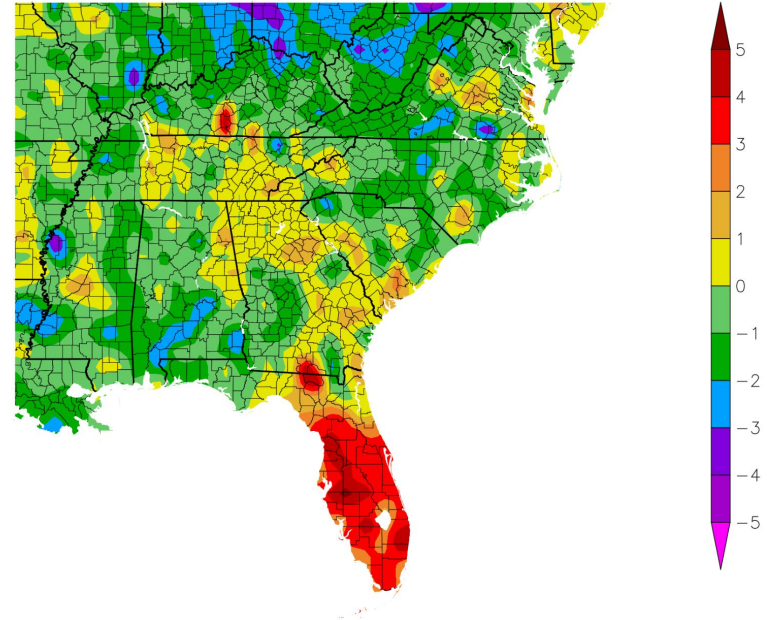


May 2026 Temperatures

Near to below normal

- Tallahassee (TLH):
 - average monthly mean - 75.6° (+0.4°)
 - highest/lowest temp - 92°/44°
- Apalachicola (AAF):
 - average monthly mean - 74.7° (-0.1°)
 - highest/lowest temp - 88°/49°
- Panama City NW (ECP):
 - average monthly mean - 73.8° (-0.4°)
 - highest/lowest temp - 88°/42°
- Marianna (MAI):
 - average monthly mean - 74.2° (-1.6°)
 - highest/lowest temp - 92°/45°
- Valdosta (VLD):
 - *missing data*
- Albany (ABY):
 - average monthly mean - 73.5° (-1.9°)
 - highest/lowest temp - 91°/43°
- Dothan (DHN):
 - average monthly mean - 73.5° (-2.1°)
 - highest/lowest temp - 92°/47°

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
5/1/2026 – 5/31/2026



Generated 6/2/2026 using provisional data.

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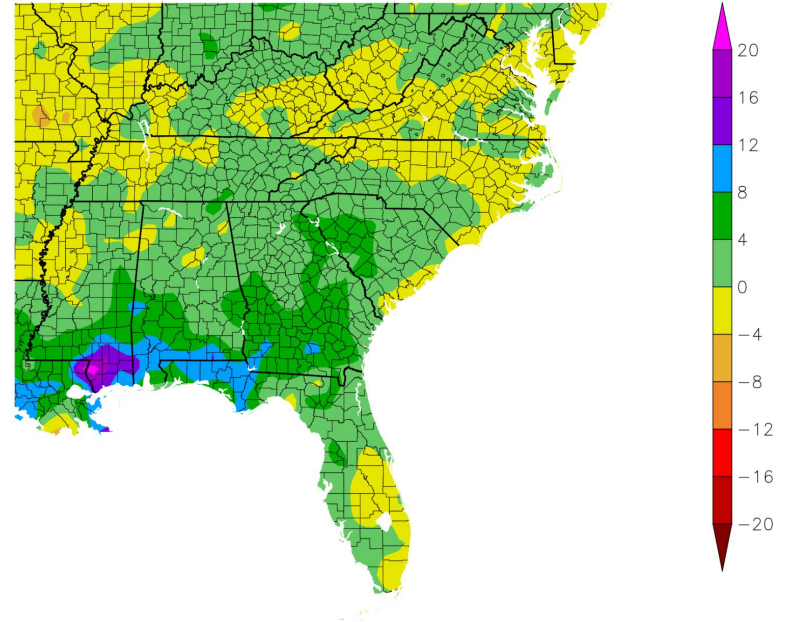


May 2026 Precipitation

Much wetter than normal

- Tallahassee (TLH):
 - monthly amount - 5.28 inches
 - 1.92 inches above normal
- Apalachicola (AAF):
 - monthly amount - 10.18 inches
 - **2nd wettest May on record**
- Panama City NW (ECP):
 - monthly amount - 8.15 inches
 - 5.15 inches above normal
- Marianna (MAI):
 - monthly amount - 8.45 inches
 - 5.30 inches above normal
- Valdosta (VLD):
 - **Missing data**
- Albany (ABY):
 - monthly amount - 10.67 inches
 - **3rd wettest May on record**
- Dothan (DHN):
 - monthly amount - 7.67 inches
 - 4.75 inches above normal

Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
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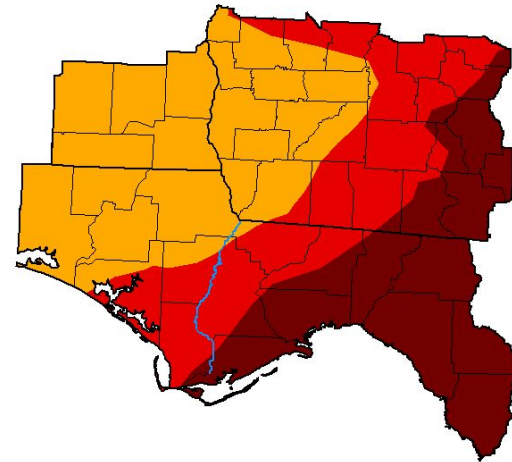


Drought Monitor

Notable drought improvement west of the Apalachicola-Flint River basin

- **Exceptional D4 Drought** - Much of the FL Big Bend towards and Southwest GA.
- **Extreme D3 Drought** - portions of the Southeast FL Peninsula, western FL Big Bend, and Southwest GA.
- **Severe D2 Drought** - Along and west of the Flint River Valley.
- Much needed rainfall brought noticeable improvement to much of the region, though long-term drought and impacts persist.
- Rivers have improved, along with ponds and lakes, mainly in Southeast AL.
- Further improvement expected in coming weeks as summer rainy season continues to provide additional precipitation.

U.S. Drought Monitor Tallahassee, FL WFO



May 26, 2026

(Released Thursday, May 28, 2026)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	57.17	29.72
Last Week 05-19-2026	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	86.69	51.66
3 Months Ago 03-24-2026	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	66.41	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-08-2026	0.00	100.00	100.00	48.72	10.97	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	1.00	99.00	92.99	33.10	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 05-27-2025	49.96	50.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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>

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Image Caption: Weekly [Local Drought Monitor](#) valid May 28, 2026



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Other Relevant Climate Data

Based on current 30-yr climatology (1991-2020)

- Tallahassee (TLH):
 - days of measurable rain - 14
 - greatest 24-hr rainfall - 2.02 inches, 1st-2nd
 - [daily records](#) (6)
 - highest wind gust - 39 mph, 7th
 - Number of 90 days - 15
- Apalachicola (AAF):
 - days of measurable rain - 13
 - greatest 24-hr rainfall - 2.97 inches, 9th-10th
 - [daily records](#) (6)
 - highest wind gust - 45 mph, 23rd
 - Number of 90 days - 0
- Albany (ABY):
 - days of measurable rain - 18, ***tied for most in May on record (1919)***
 - greatest 24-hr rainfall - 2.76 inches, 22nd-23rd
 - [daily records](#) (1)
 - highest wind gust - 40 mph, 22nd
 - Number of 90 days - 5
- Panama City NW (ECP):
 - days of measurable rain - 16
 - greatest 24-hr rainfall - 2.47 inches, 24th-25th
 - highest wind gust - 33 mph, 7th
 - Number of 90 days - 0
- Marianna (MAI):
 - days of measurable rain - 12
 - greatest 24-hr rainfall - 2.65 inches, 1st-2nd
 - highest wind gust - 43 mph, 7th
 - Number of 90 days - 7
- Valdosta (VLD):
 - ***Missing data***
- Dothan (DHN):
 - days of measurable rain - 16
 - greatest 24-hr rainfall - 1.82 inches, 1st-2nd
 - highest wind gust - 36 mph, 20th
 - Number of 90 days - 3

Sources: [National Center for Environmental Information](#), NOAA [NOWData](#).





June Normals

Based on current 30-yr climatology (1991-2020)

- Tallahassee (TLH):
 - mean monthly temp - 80.8°
 - high/low - 90.8°/70.7°
 - mean monthly rainfall - 7.76 inches
- Apalachicola (AAF):
 - mean monthly temp - 80.6°
 - high/low - 88.4°/72.8°
 - mean monthly rainfall - 5.86 inches
- Panama City NW (ECP):
 - mean monthly temp - 80.2°
 - high/low - 89.1°/71.2°
 - mean monthly rainfall - 5.72 inches
- Marianna (MAI):
 - mean monthly temp - 81.2°
 - high/low - 91.2°/71.1°
 - mean monthly rainfall - 5.07 inches
- Valdosta (VLD):
 - mean monthly temp - 79.0°
 - high/low - 90.1°/67.9°
 - mean monthly rainfall - 7.08 inches
- Albany (ABY):
 - mean monthly temp - 80.9°
 - high/low - 91.2°/70.6°
 - mean monthly rainfall - 5.06 inches
- Dothan (DHN):
 - mean monthly temp - 81.0°
 - high/low - 91.3°/70.8°
 - mean monthly rainfall - 5.08 inches

Sources: [National Center for Environmental Information](#), NOAA [NOWData](#).

