ARIZONA SHORT-TERM DROUGHT STATUS REPORT

APRIL 2026

A more active month brought light rain and small amounts of snow to mostly northern counties in April. Many of those locations, like Flagstaff, Williams, Winslow, and Jerome, received above average monthly precipitation. Central and southern counties largely had below average monthly precipitation, with only a trace measured at Phoenix, Yuma, and Tucson. A fairly dry but cold weather system briefly dropped temperatures across the state in mid-April. Still, monthly temperatures ended above average for Arizona.

In April, Moderate (D1) short-term drought expanded across Mohave, Yavapai, and Coconino counties (60% of state). Severe (D2) short-term drought advanced in western Maricopa County, western and northern Pima County, and much of Pinal County (25% of state). Abnormally Dry conditions (D0) and areas without short-term drought continued along southwestern and southeastern counties (15% of state).

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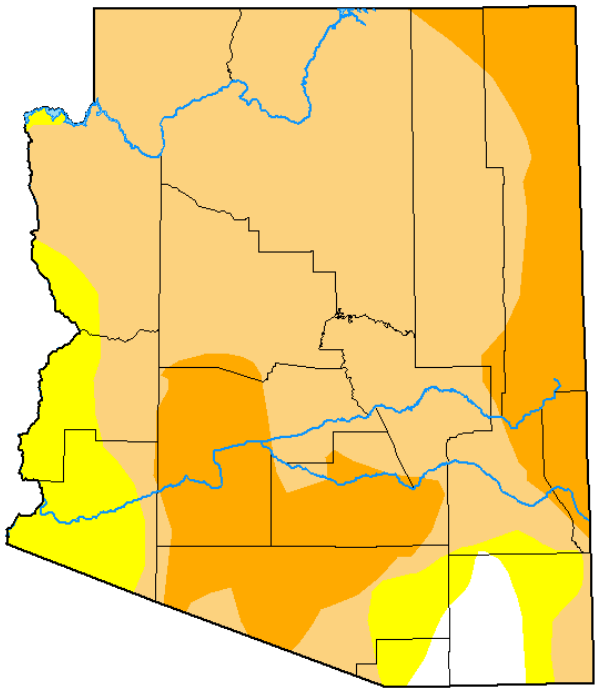
Arizona



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.84	97.16	85.57	25.02	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-21-2026	2.84	97.16	85.57	25.02	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-27-2026	31.98	68.02	34.36	6.18	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2026	27.93	72.07	47.69	13.76	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	0.00	100.00	100.00	79.21	25.06	1.49
One Year Ago 04-29-2025	0.00	100.00	99.34	88.72	67.16	12.34

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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Typical warm and dry spring conditions are expected over the next couple months, however a developing El Niño will likely to tilt the odds toward slightly increased chances of above-normal precipitation during the latter half of the year.

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