

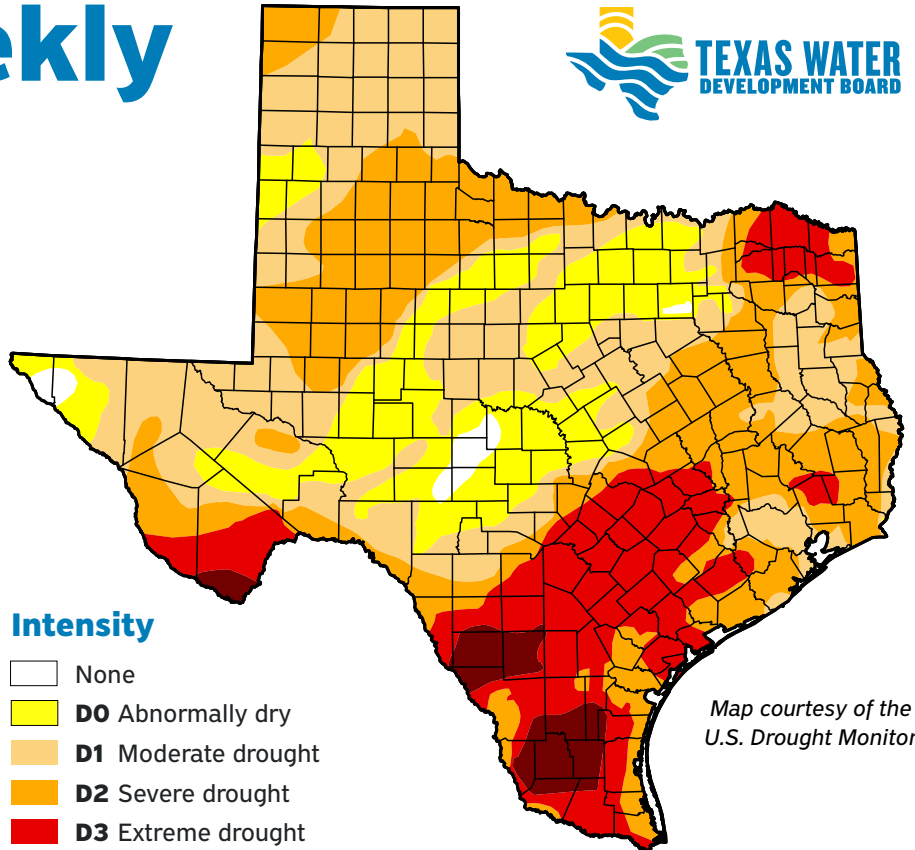
Water Weekly

For the week of 03/23/26



Water conditions

The latest map for conditions as of March 17 shows, for the second consecutive week, a small (less than half a percentage point) contraction in drought. The last time drought contracted for two consecutive weeks (early December 2025), drought area fell to less than 45 percent of the state.



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

Drought conditions

82% Now

82% A week ago

47% Three months ago

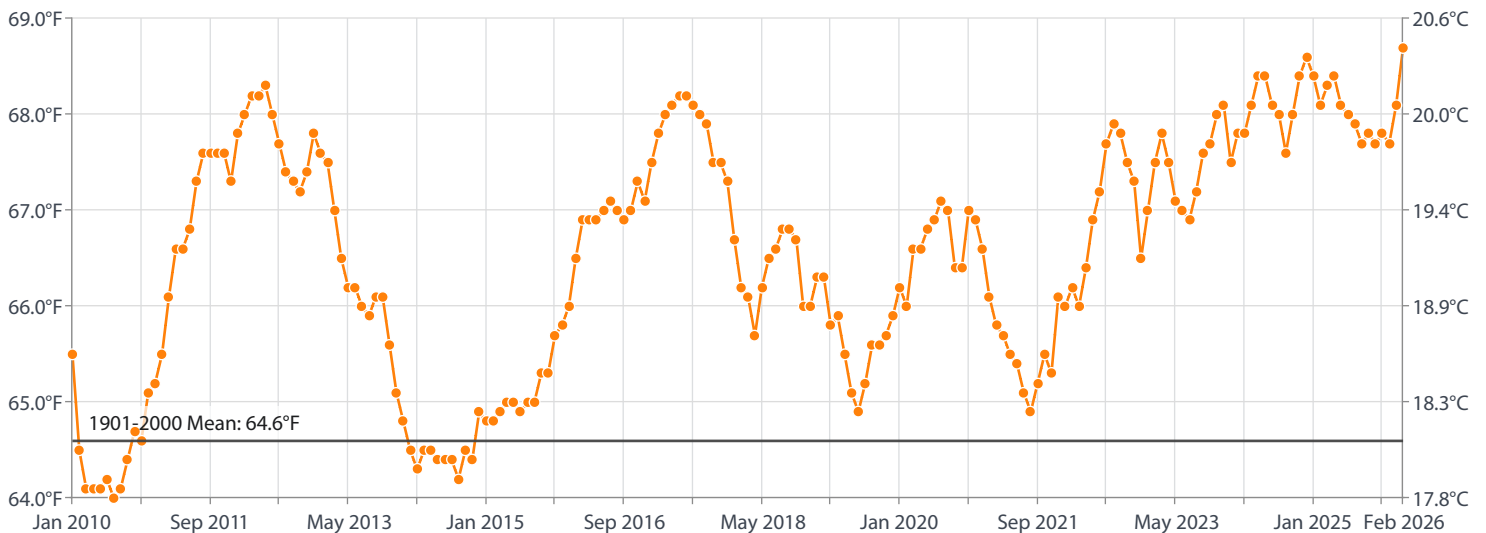
62% A year ago

Intensity

- None
- D0** Abnormally dry
- D1** Moderate drought
- D2** Severe drought
- D3** Extreme drought
- D4** Exceptional drought

Texas 12-month average temperature

During the 2011–2014 statewide drought, Texas recorded its hottest average temperature for twelve consecutive months in data going back to 1895 (68.3°F from June 2011 to May 2012). Since 2024, that record has been broken several times, most recently from March 2025 to February 2026 (68.7°F).



Graphic courtesy of NWS/NOAA

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