



**ARIZONA STATE  
CLIMATE OFFICE**

# Arizona Climate Summary

## Summary of conditions for January 2026

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### January 2026 Summary

This January tied with 2000 and 1981 as the 5<sup>th</sup> hottest on record with an anomaly of 4.7°F above the 1895-2026 mean of 41.1°F. A few weather systems brought a statewide average of 0.97 inches of precipitation, ranking as the 66<sup>th</sup> wettest January on record. Larger amounts of precipitation were measured in southeastern counties, including Cochise (3.20 inches, ranking as the 4<sup>th</sup> wettest January on record and wettest January since 1993) and Santa Cruz (3.39 inches, ranking as the 6<sup>th</sup> wettest January on record and wettest January since 2010) counties. For the water year to date (October-January), the state ranked as the 2<sup>nd</sup> hottest and 43<sup>rd</sup> wettest. By January 31, snowpack was well below average in the Little Colorado (31% median SWE), Verde (19% median SWE), and Salt (17% median SWE) basins.

A weather disturbance brought rain showers to some areas from January 1-2. On January 1, Walnut Grove received 0.75 inches of precipitation (breaking the previous record of 0.51 inches in 2017), the Grand Canyon Airport received 0.44 inches of precipitation (breaking the previous record of 0.33 inches in 2000), Natural Bridge State Park received 0.38 inches of precipitation, Tucson received 0.25 inches of precipitation, Kingman received 0.24 inches of precipitation, and Deer Valley received 0.11 inches of precipitation. A trained storm spotter observed a landspout tornado north-northeast of Three Points, which was the United States' first tornado of 2026. There were no injuries or damages that were reported. Locations that received rain on January 2 include Betatakin (0.55 inches; breaking the previous record of 0.39 inches in 2023), Teec Nos Pos (0.35 inches), Bellemont (0.19 inches), Carefree (0.15 inches), San Simon (0.05 inches), and Tempe (0.04 inches).

From January 4 into January 5, a shortwave brought rain to a few northern locations, including Heber (trace on 4<sup>th</sup>), Tuzigoot (0.22 inches on 5<sup>th</sup>), Williams (0.14 inches on 5<sup>th</sup>), and Flagstaff (0.03 inches on 5<sup>th</sup>).

A series of winter storm systems brought rain and mountain snow to several areas from January 7-8. Nogales Airport received 1.00 inches of precipitation, Tucson received 0.93 inches of precipitation, Alpine received 0.70 inches of precipitation (5.0 inches of snow), Douglas received 0.66 inches of precipitation, Flagstaff received 0.56 inches of precipitation (6.3 inches of snow), Robson Ranch received 0.41 inches of precipitation, and Phoenix received 0.15 inches of precipitation. On January 8, pea-sized hail (0.25 inches in diameter) was reported near many locations, including Strawberry (where it covered the ground), Camp Verde, Buckeye, Phoenix, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, and Maricopa, while marble-sized hail (0.50 inches in diameter) was observed southeast of North Scottsdale. Heavy rainfall near Bisbee loosened a utility anchor, resulting in a power outage to 1,400 people.

On January 9, lingering rain and high elevation snow showers occurred in portions of northern Arizona, including Williams (0.57 inches of precipitation), Springerville (0.50 inches of precipitation; 1.0 inches of snow), Heber (0.25 inches of precipitation; 1.0 inches of snow), and Bellemont (0.06 inches of precipitation; 2.0 inches of snow). Strong gusty winds were prevalent in some areas from January 10-11, including Mount Hopkins where a 98 mph wind gust was

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measured on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 7,120 feet, and Tucson where a 52 mph wind gust was recorded on the 11<sup>th</sup>, which is Tucson's 2<sup>nd</sup> highest January wind gust since 1970.

On January 14, a few locations set or tied their highest maximum temperature record due to a strong ridge of high pressure over the region, including Prescott (68°F; previous record 67°F in 1996) and East Mesa (79°F; tied record set in 2018). Phoenix and Yuma both reached 81°F, tying the record set in 2000 and 2021, respectively, and marking the first time this year that they reached a high temperature of 80°F+. For Phoenix, this is 20 days earlier than the climatological normal date of February 3, and for Yuma, this is 16 days earlier than the climatological normal date of January 30.

A low pressure system brought rain and mountain snow to many areas throughout the state from January 22-25. Douglas received 2.40 inches of precipitation, McNeal received 1.67 inches of precipitation, Nogales Airport received 1.21 inches of precipitation, Alpine received 0.78 inches of precipitation (2.0 inches of snow), Tucson received 0.52 inches of precipitation, Safford Airport received 0.46 inches of precipitation, Show Low received 0.44 inches of precipitation (2.5 inches of snow), Springerville received 0.35 inches of precipitation (1.5 inches of snow), Apache Junction received 0.32 inches of precipitation, and Litchfield Park received 0.24 inches of precipitation. New daily maximum rainfall records were set in a few locations from January 23-24, including Safford Airport (0.30 inches on 23<sup>rd</sup>; previous record 0.24 inches in 2010), Nogales Airport (0.66 inches on 24<sup>th</sup>; previous record 0.08 inches in 2021), and Douglas (0.89 inches on 23<sup>rd</sup>; previous record 0.36 inches in 2024 and 1.42 inches on 24<sup>th</sup>; previous record 0.88 inches in 1962). Dense fog was also reported by a trained storm spotter south of Safford on January 24 with an estimated visibility of a quarter of a mile or less.

**Data are preliminary** and are from NOAA Regional Climate Centers and the National Weather Service Forecast Offices in Flagstaff, Phoenix, Tucson, and Las Vegas.

Note: Weather stations across the state have different reporting times. Official daily temperature and precipitation values are recorded at the airports from midnight to midnight, while statewide observations are taken at varying times throughout the day.

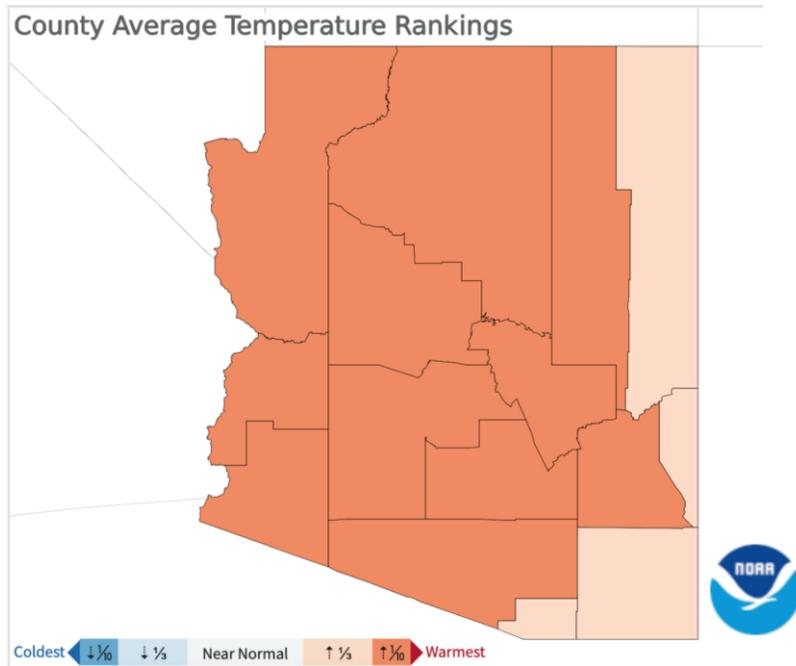
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## Statewide Average Temperature per County

January 2026



The **average** state temperature for January was **45.8°F**, tying as the **5<sup>th</sup> hottest** January within the period of record. The **1895-2026 mean average** state temperature for January was **41.1°F**, resulting in an **anomaly of +4.7°F**.

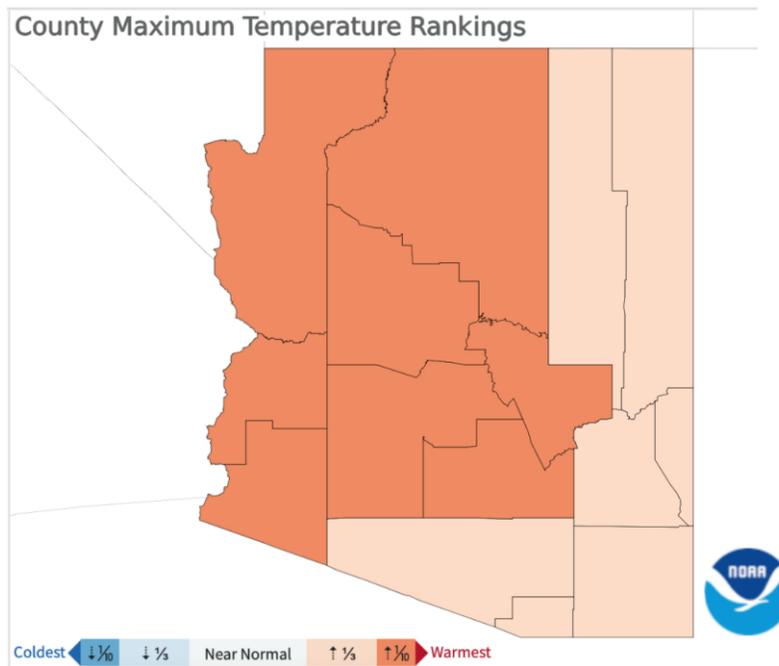
County	Average Temperature	Rank (132 Years)	Anomaly From the 1895-2026 mean
Apache	34.3°F	17 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+4.2°F
Cochise	46.9°F	19 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+3.1°F
Coconino	37.8°F	Tied 8 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.4°F
Gila	45.6°F	Tied 8 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+4.2°F
Graham	46.6°F	11 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+3.7°F
Greenlee	42.1°F	15 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+3.4°F
La Paz	56.8°F	6 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.0°F
Maricopa	56.8°F	5 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.4°F
Mohave	48.3°F	5 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.4°F
Navajo	35.6°F	13 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+4.8°F
Pima	54.0°F	Tied 8 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+4.0°F
Pinal	54.5°F	4 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+4.6°F
Santa Cruz	48.1°F	Tied 16 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+3.4°F
Yavapai	46.4°F	5 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.0°F
Yuma	58.4°F	5 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.0°F

Period of record: 1895-2026

Data are from the National Centers for Environmental Information and are **preliminary**.

## Statewide Maximum Temperature per County

January 2026



The **average maximum** state temperature for January was **58.4°F**, tying as the **12<sup>th</sup> hottest** January within the period of record. The **1895-2026 mean maximum** state temperature for January was **53.5°F**, resulting in an **anomaly of +4.9°F**.

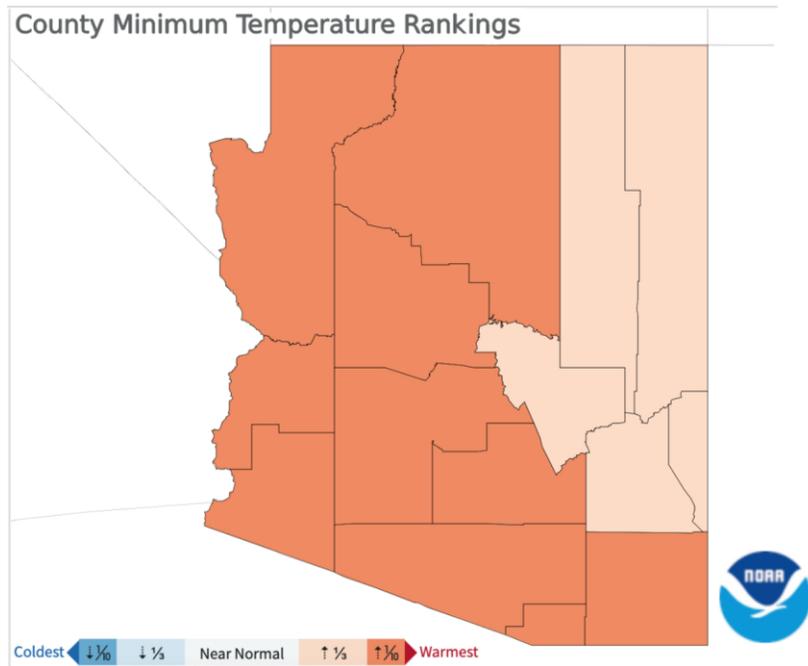
County	Maximum Temperature	Rank (132 Years)	Anomaly From the 1895-2026 mean
Apache	48.1°F	15 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.5°F
Cochise	60.2°F	30 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+2.4°F
Coconino	50.0°F	11 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.7°F
Gila	58.0°F	Tied 12 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+4.6°F
Graham	58.2°F	Tied 21 <sup>st</sup> hottest	+3.6°F
Greenlee	54.2°F	Tied 23 <sup>rd</sup> hottest	+3.5°F
La Paz	69.0°F	12 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+4.6°F
Maricopa	69.6°F	7 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.4°F
Mohave	58.5°F	9 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.1°F
Navajo	48.6°F	14 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.6°F
Pima	67.3°F	Tied 19 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+3.6°F
Pinal	67.0°F	Tied 12 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+4.5°F
Santa Cruz	61.7°F	30 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+2.8°F
Yavapai	59.2°F	Tied 12 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.1°F
Yuma	71.9°F	8 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.1°F

Period of record: 1895-2026

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## Statewide Minimum Temperature per County

January 2026



The **average minimum** state temperature for January was **33.3°F**, tying as the **8<sup>th</sup> hottest** January within the period of record. The **1895-2026 mean minimum** state temperature for January was **28.8°F**, resulting in an **anomaly of +4.5°F**.

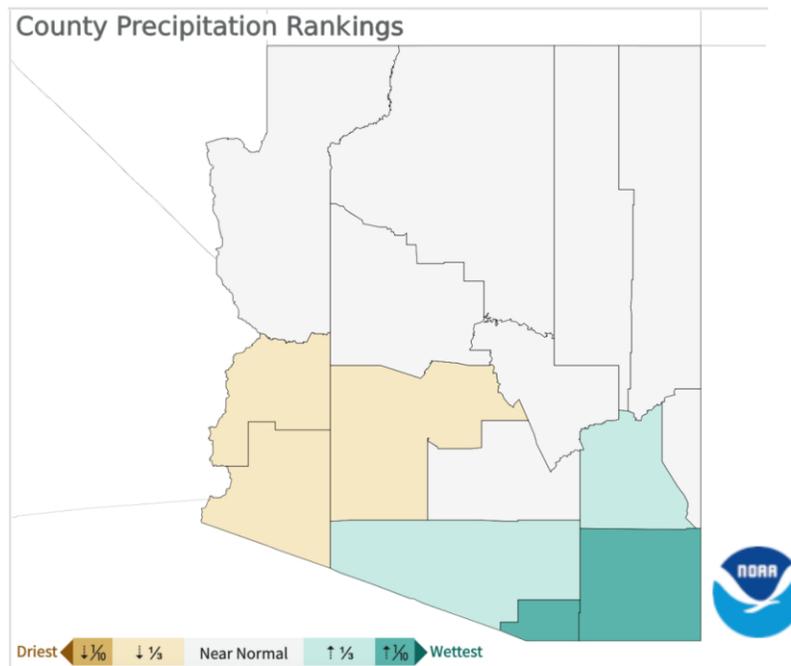
County	Minimum Temperature	Rank (132 Years)	Anomaly From the 1895-2026 mean
Apache	20.4°F	Tied 39 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+2.8°F
Cochise	33.6°F	Tied 9 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+3.8°F
Coconino	25.7°F	Tied 10 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.2°F
Gila	33.2°F	Tied 17 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+3.8°F
Graham	35.0°F	14 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+3.9°F
Greenlee	30.0°F	Tied 22 <sup>nd</sup> hottest	+3.2°F
La Paz	44.6°F	Tied 4 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.5°F
Maricopa	44.0°F	4 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.4°F
Mohave	38.1°F	4 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+5.7°F
Navajo	22.5°F	24 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+3.9°F
Pima	40.6°F	11 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+4.3°F
Pinal	41.9°F	Tied 11 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+4.6°F
Santa Cruz	34.4°F	11 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+3.9°F
Yavapai	33.6°F	Tied 7 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+4.8°F
Yuma	44.8°F	11 <sup>th</sup> hottest	+4.8°F

Period of record: 1895-2026

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## Statewide Total Precipitation per County

January 2026



The **average state precipitation** for January was **0.97 inches**, ranking as the **66<sup>th</sup> wettest** January within the period of record. The **1895-2026 mean state precipitation** for January was **1.15 inches**, resulting in an **anomaly of -0.18 inches**.

County	Precipitation	Rank (132 Years)	Anomaly From the 1895-2026 mean
Apache	0.67''	55 <sup>th</sup> driest	-0.34''
Cochise	3.20''	4 <sup>th</sup> wettest	+2.18''
Coconino	0.87''	61 <sup>st</sup> driest	-0.36''
Gila	1.22''	56 <sup>th</sup> driest	-0.98''
Graham	2.43''	17 <sup>th</sup> wettest	+1.13''
Greenlee	1.64''	48 <sup>th</sup> wettest	+0.27''
La Paz	0.15''	Tied 43 <sup>rd</sup> driest	-0.54''
Maricopa	0.32''	42 <sup>nd</sup> driest	-0.70''
Mohave	0.66''	56 <sup>th</sup> driest	-0.47''
Navajo	0.54''	Tied 49 <sup>th</sup> driest	-0.42''
Pima	1.32''	37 <sup>th</sup> wettest	+0.34''
Pinal	0.91''	61 <sup>st</sup> driest	-0.29''
Santa Cruz	3.39''	6 <sup>th</sup> wettest	+2.10''
Yavapai	0.91''	Tied 58 <sup>th</sup> driest	-0.74''
Yuma	0.02''	Tied 18 <sup>th</sup> driest	-0.58''

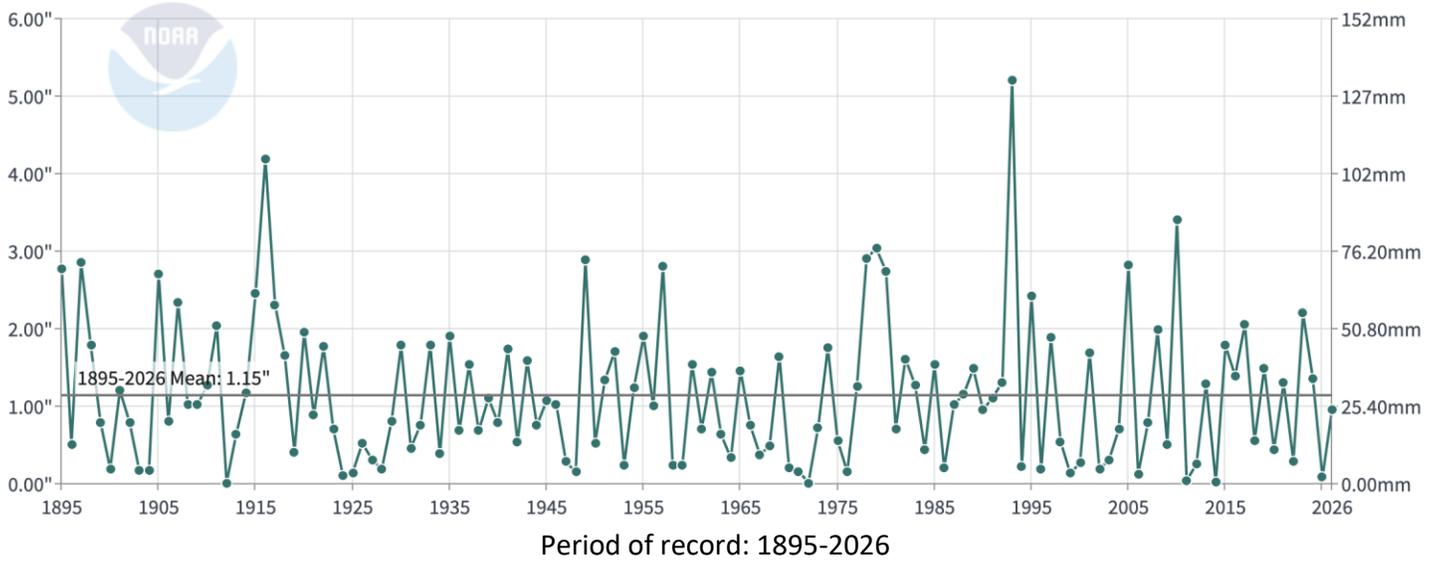
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# January Statewide Precipitation (1895 to date)

## Arizona Precipitation

January



This chart shows average Arizona precipitation each January through the period of record (1895 to present). January 2026 ranked as the **66<sup>th</sup> wettest** with an average of **0.97 inches**, which is **0.18 inches below** the **1895-2026 average of 1.15 inches**.

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## Flagstaff Climate Statistics

January 2026

This tied as the 8<sup>th</sup> hottest January on record (9/10/1898 to present). With 1.01 inches of precipitation, it ranked as the 44<sup>th</sup> driest January on record.

Avg Max Temp: 47.1°F Normal: 43.4°F  
Avg Min Temp: 21.5°F Normal: 17.6°F  
Avg Mean Temp: 34.3°F Normal: 30.5°F

Highest Monthly Avg Temp: 37.1°F in 2003  
Lowest Monthly Avg Temp: 12.7°F in 1937

Highest Temp this month: 62°F on 18<sup>th</sup>  
Lowest Temp this month: 3°F on 9<sup>th</sup>

Record High: 66°F on 1/30/1971  
Record Low: -30°F on 1/22/1937

Temperature or precipitation records this month:  
Highest Minimum Temperature: 37°F on 1/1/2026;  
previous record 34°F on 1/1/1934

Flagstaff Number of Days of:

Minimum Temp 32°F or lower	30
Minimum Temp 0°F or lower	0
Maximum Temp 32°F or lower	1
Measurable Precipitation (0.01" or greater)	7
Trace Precipitation (less than 0.01")	0

Total January Precipitation: 1.01"  
Normal January Precipitation: 2.05"  
Departure from Normal: -1.04"  
Greatest 24-Hr Precip: 0.51" on 8<sup>th</sup>  
(Midnight to Midnight)

Total Precipitation Year-to-Date: 1.01"  
Normal Precipitation Year-to-Date: 2.05"  
Departure from Normal: -1.04"  
Total Precip Year-to-Date (Last Year): 0.19"

Greatest January Precipitation: 9.55" in 1993  
Least January Precipitation: 0.00" in 1972

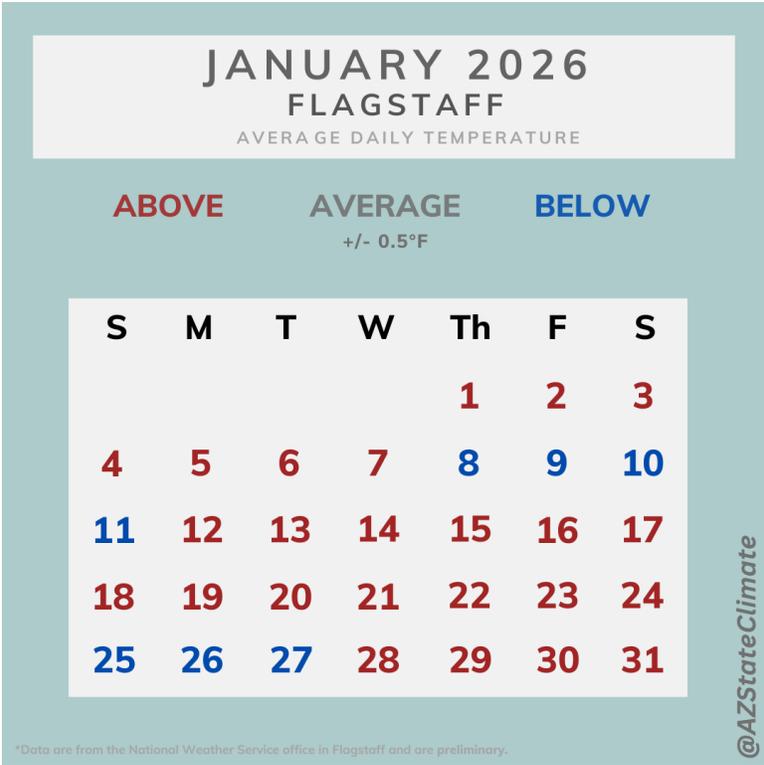
Total January Snowfall: 7.3"  
Normal January Snowfall: 20.9"  
Departure from Normal: -13.6"  
Greatest 24-Hr Snowfall: 6.2" on 8<sup>th</sup>  
(Midnight to Midnight)

Greatest January Snowfall: 104.8" in 1949  
Least January Snowfall: 0.0" in 1972

Average Wind Speed: 7.1 mph  
Highest Wind Speed: 33 mph from 60° on 9<sup>th</sup>  
Highest Peak Gust: 46 mph from 60° on 9<sup>th</sup>

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Normals on this page are from 1991-2020



Flagstaff measured 24 days of above average temperatures and 7 days of below average temperatures this month.

# Phoenix Climate Statistics

## January 2026

This ranked as the 4<sup>th</sup> hottest January on record (8/6/1895 to present). With 0.18 inches of precipitation, it tied as the 34<sup>th</sup> driest January on record.

Avg Max Temp: 72.3°F Normal: 67.6°F  
Avg Min Temp: 50.0°F Normal: 46.0°F  
Avg Mean Temp: 61.1°F Normal: 56.8°F

Highest Monthly Avg Temp: 62.0°F in 2003  
Lowest Monthly Avg Temp: 43.1°F in 1937

Highest Temp this month: 81°F on 14<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>  
Lowest Temp this month: 39°F on 10<sup>th</sup>

Record High: 88°F on 1/19/1971  
Record Low: 16°F on 1/7/1913

Temperature or precipitation records this month:  
Highest Maximum Temperature: 81°F on 1/14/2026;  
tied record set on 1/14/2000

Highest Minimum Temperature: 58°F on 1/1/2026;  
tied record set on 1/1/1962

Highest Minimum Temperature: 57°F on 1/2/2026;  
tied record set on 1/2/2012

Highest Minimum Temperature: 57°F on 1/15/2026;  
previous record 56°F on 1/15/1983

### Phoenix Number of Days of:

Minimum Temp 32°F or lower	0
Measurable Precipitation (0.01" or greater)	3
Trace Precipitation (less than 0.01")	1

Total January Precipitation:	0.18"
Normal January Precipitation:	0.87"
Departure from Normal:	-0.69"
Greatest 24-Hr Precip: (Midnight to Midnight)	0.11" on 8 <sup>th</sup>

Total Precipitation Year-to-Date:	0.18"
Normal Precipitation Year-to-Date:	0.87"
Departure from Normal:	-0.69"
Total Precip Year-to-Date (Last Year):	0.01"

Greatest January Precipitation:	5.22" in 1993
Least January Precipitation:	0.00" in 2014 and 10 other years

Average Wind Speed:	4.9 mph
Highest Wind Speed:	24 mph from 280° on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Highest Peak Gust:	32 mph from 280° on 8 <sup>th</sup> 32 mph from 70° on 12 <sup>th</sup>

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Phoenix observed 26 days of above average temperatures and 5 days of below average temperatures this month.

## Tucson Climate Statistics

January 2026

This ranked as the 10<sup>th</sup> hottest January on record (9/1/1894 to present). With 1.70 inches of precipitation, it tied as the 21<sup>st</sup> wettest January on record.

Avg Max Temp: 67.0°F Normal: 66.5°F  
Avg Min Temp: 43.5°F Normal: 40.8°F  
Avg Mean Temp: 55.3°F Normal: 53.6°F

Highest Monthly Avg Temp: 59.1°F in 2018  
Lowest Monthly Avg Temp: 41.2°F in 1937

Highest Temp this month: 75°F on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>  
Lowest Temp this month: 34°F on 10<sup>th</sup>

Record High: 88°F on 1/4/1927  
Record Low: 6°F on 1/7/1913

No temperature or precipitation records this month.

### Tucson Number of Days of:

Minimum Temp 32°F or lower	0
Measurable Precipitation (0.01" or greater)	5
Trace Precipitation (less than 0.01")	0

Total January Precipitation: 1.70"  
Normal January Precipitation: 0.84"  
Departure from Normal: +0.86"  
Greatest 24-Hr Precip: 0.71" on 7<sup>th</sup> (Midnight to Midnight)

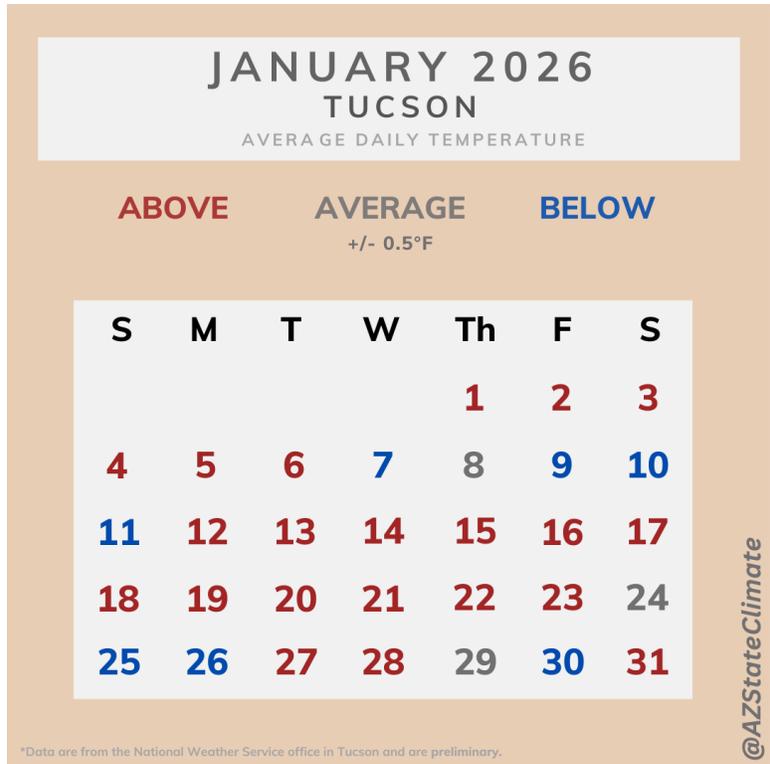
Total Precipitation Year-to-Date: 1.70"  
Normal Precipitation Year-to-Date: 0.84"  
Departure from Normal: +0.86"  
Total Precip Year-to-Date (Last Year): 0.10"

Greatest January Precipitation: 4.81" in 1993  
Least January Precipitation: 0.00" in 2014 and 10 other years

Average Wind Speed: 6.0 mph  
Highest Wind Speed: 37 mph from 120° on 11<sup>th</sup>  
Highest Peak Gust: 52 mph from 110° on 11<sup>th</sup>

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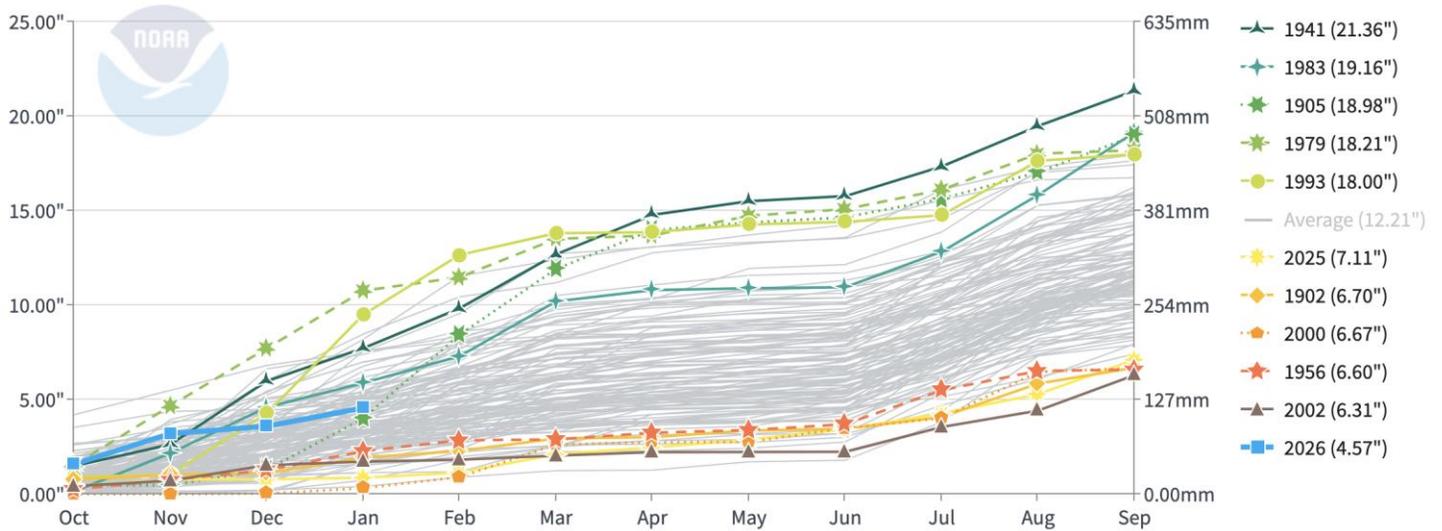


Tucson recorded 21 days of above average temperatures, 3 days of average temperatures, and 7 days of below average temperatures this month.

# Cumulative Statewide Precipitation per Water Year (Oct 2025-Sept 2026)

## Arizona

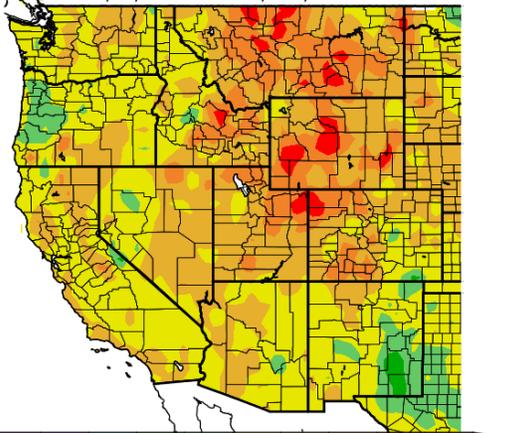
October-September Precipitation



The 5 wettest Water Years are shown with green lines, the 5 driest Water Years are shown with brown lines, and the current Water Year is the blue line. The **average state cumulative Water Year precipitation (October-January)** was **4.57 inches**, which is **0.62 inches** above the **October-January average of 3.95 inches**.

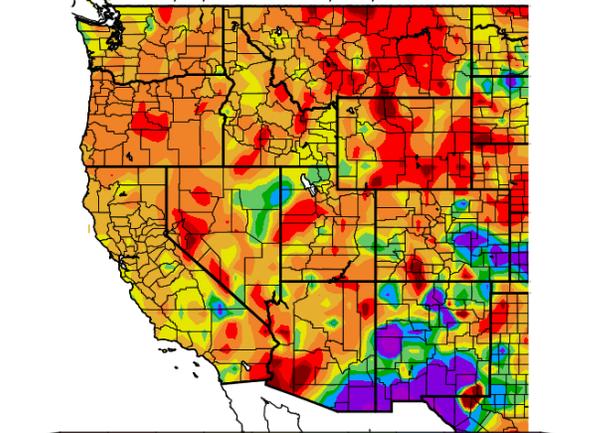
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Ave. Temperature dep from Ave (deg F)  
1/1/2026 - 1/31/2026



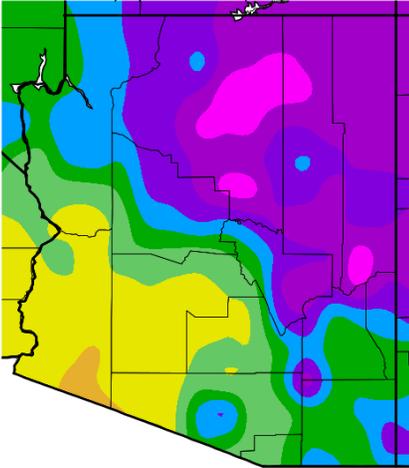
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Percent of Average Precipitation (%)  
1/1/2026 - 1/31/2026



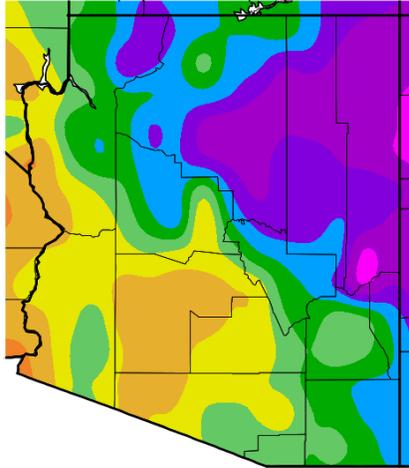
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Av. Max. Temperature (deg. F)  
1/1/2026 – 1/31/2026



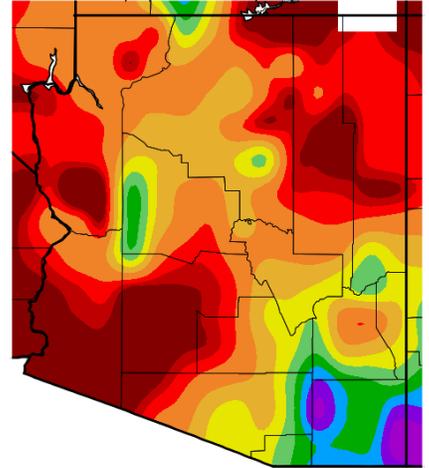
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Av. Min. Temperature (deg. F)  
1/1/2026 – 1/31/2026



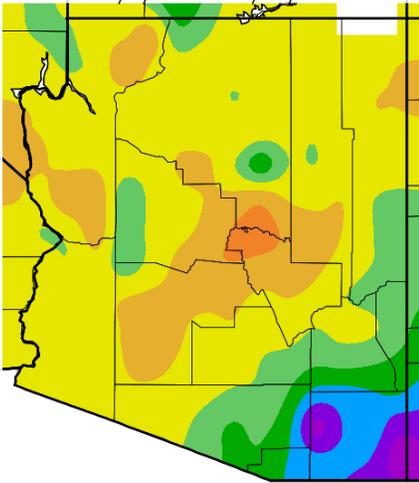
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Total Precipitation (in.)  
1/1/2026 – 1/31/2026



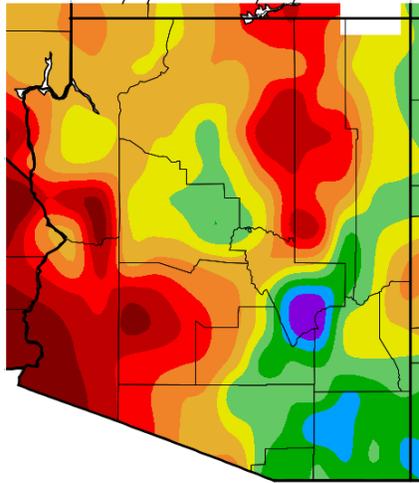
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Precipitation Departure from Average (in.)  
1/1/2026 – 1/31/2026



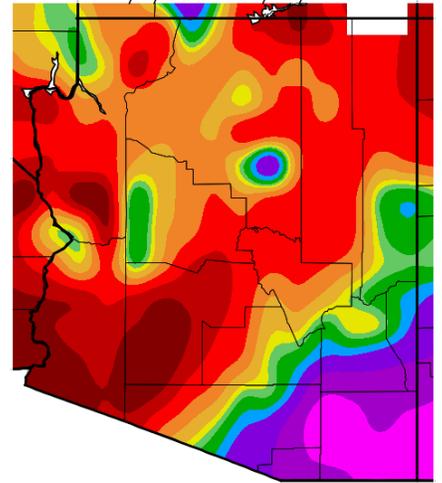
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Precipitation # Days > 0.01"  
1/1/2026 – 1/31/2026



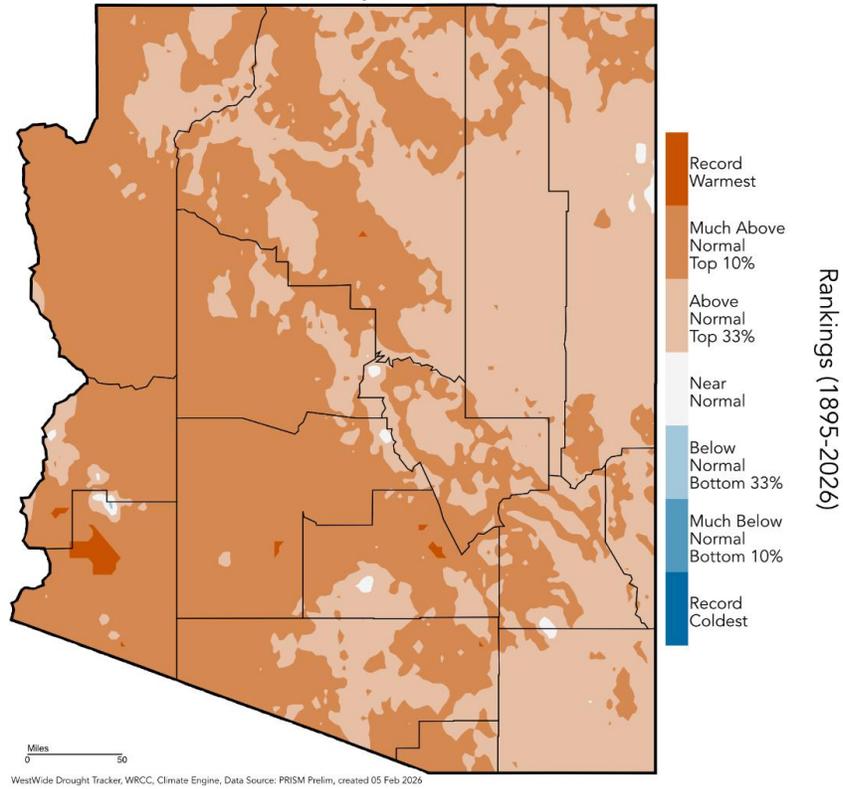
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Percent of Average Precipitation (%)  
1/1/2026 – 1/31/2026



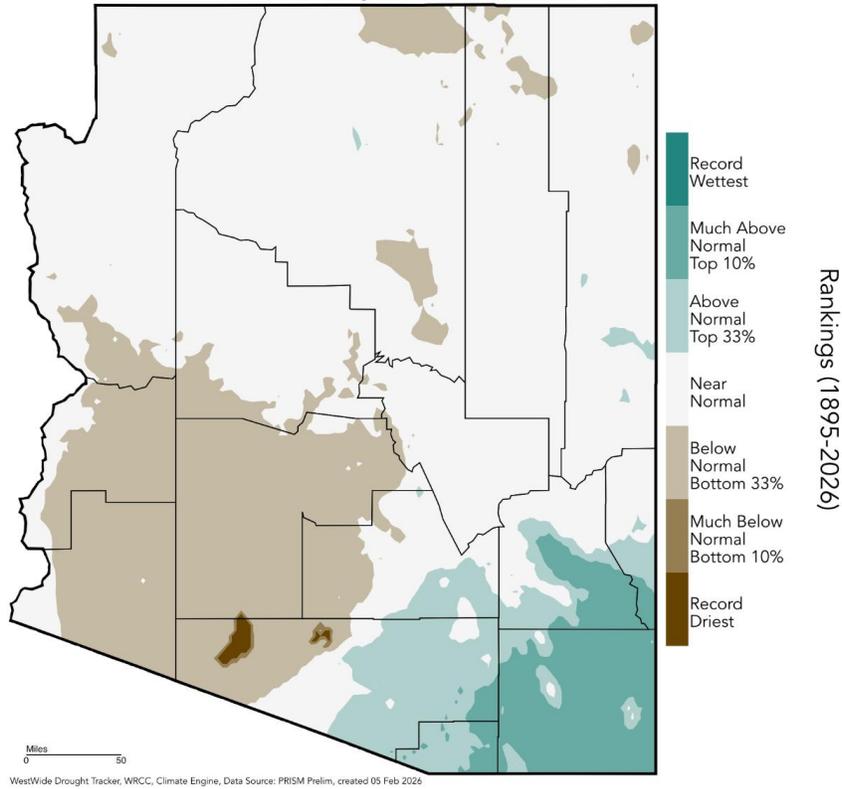
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### Arizona - Mean Temperature January 2026, Percentile



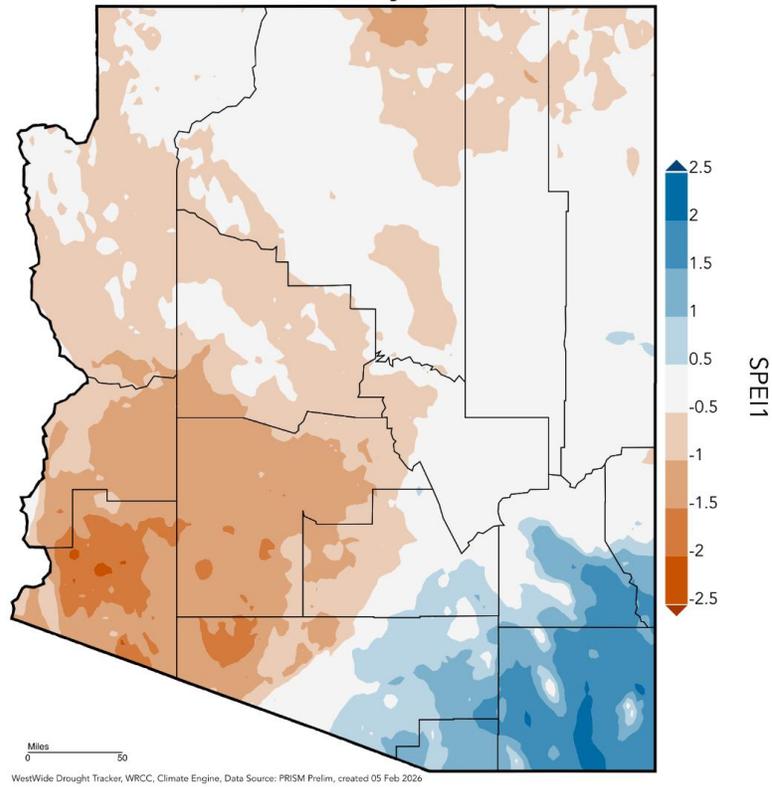
Temperatures were above normal to much above normal across most of the state.

### Arizona - Precipitation January 2026, Percentile



Below normal precipitation was recorded in portions of western and southcentral counties, while above normal to much above normal precipitation was observed in southeastern counties.

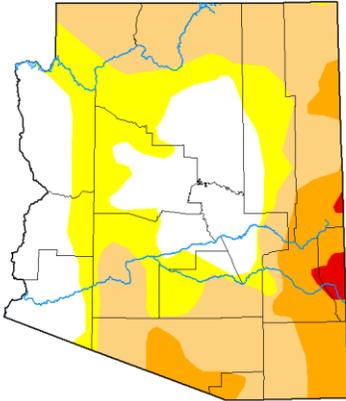
### Arizona - 1 Month SPEI January 2026



This map shows the Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index (SPEI) across Arizona. January precipitation and evapotranspiration totals are measured across the state and are compared to previous January precipitation and evapotranspiration totals through the period of record (1895-present). Positive values represent wet conditions, while negative values represent dry conditions.

# Short-term Drought

## U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



**January 6, 2026**  
(Released Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	27.93	24.39	33.93	12.73	1.03	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-30-2025	10.55	20.55	40.15	27.71	1.03	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 10-01-2025	0.00	0.00	23.13	51.81	23.57	1.49
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-01-2026	27.93	24.39	33.93	12.73	1.03	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-30-2025	0.00	0.00	20.79	54.15	23.57	1.49
<b>One Year Ago</b> 01-01-2025	3.74	19.63	31.09	31.50	14.03	0.00

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

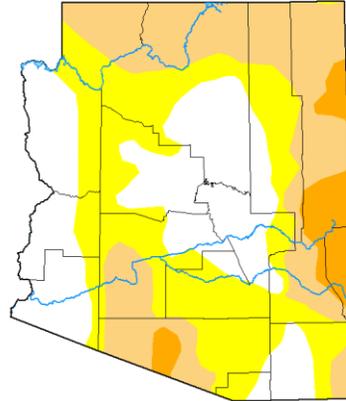
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## U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



**January 27, 2026**  
(Released Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	31.98	33.66	28.19	6.16	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 01-20-2026	29.03	33.40	31.00	6.56	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 10-01-2025	0.66	5.27	27.32	59.31	10.44	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-01-2026	27.93	24.39	33.93	12.73	1.03	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-30-2025	0.00	0.00	20.79	54.15	23.57	1.49
<b>One Year Ago</b> 01-01-2025	0.00	16.30	19.76	42.77	21.16	0.00

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

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A wetter January in southeastern Arizona allowed all Extreme short-term drought to be removed by the end of the month.

## Percent of Statewide Area Change in Short-term Drought

Category	January 6, 2026	January 27, 2026	Change
No Drought	28	32	+4
D0 – Abnormally Dry	24	34	+10
D1 – Moderate Drought	34	28	-6
D2 – Severe Drought	13	6	-7
D3 – Extreme Drought	1	0	-1
D4 – Exceptional Drought	0	0	0



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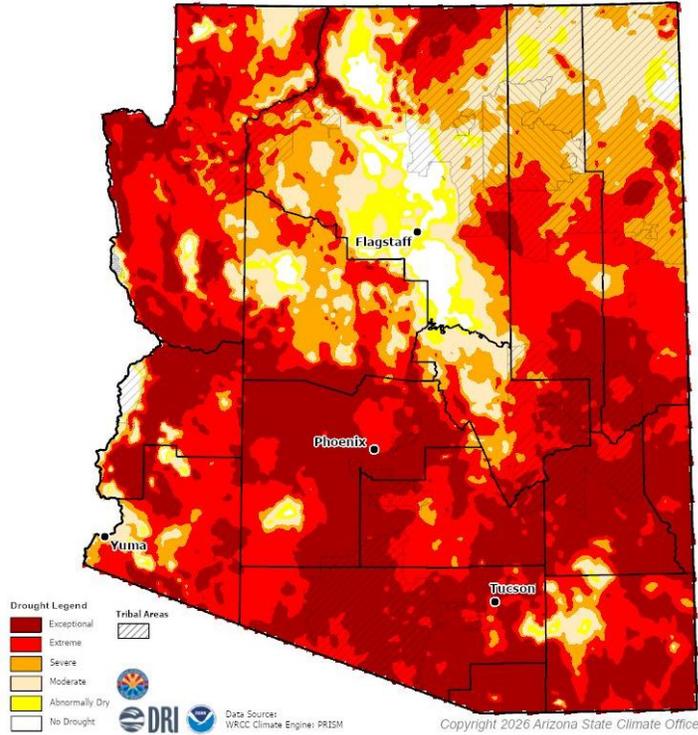
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# Long-term Drought

## Arizona Long-Term Drought

Published January 2026

Average SPEI (24-36-48-months)



The Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index (SPEI) takes into account temperature and precipitation for long-term drought. From January 2021 to December 2025, Arizona tied as the 4<sup>th</sup> hottest and ranked as the 30<sup>th</sup> driest.

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