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Arizona Climate Summary

Summary of conditions for February 2026

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February 2026 Summary

This February ranked as the hottest on record with an anomaly of 7.1°F above the 1895-2026 mean of 45.0°F. Many locations across the state also experienced their hottest February on record, including Anvil Ranch, Casa Grande, Phoenix, Picacho, Sasabe, Tacna, Tucson, and Williams. Statewide, Arizona received an average of 0.68 inches of precipitation, ranking as the 52nd driest February on record. For the water year to date (October-February), Arizona ranked as the hottest and the 56th wettest. By the end of the month, snowpack was well below average across the state, with the Little Colorado basin at 26% of median snow water equivalent (SWE), Verde basin at 14% of median SWE, and Salt basin with no measurable SWE.

A ridge of high pressure over the western United States brought record-breaking temperatures to central and southern locations from February 1-9. On February 1, Anvil Ranch reached 81°F (previous record 80°F in 2018), Picacho reached 87°F (previous record 85°F in 2003), and Tempe reached 87°F (previous record 84°F in 1954). On February 2, Picacho reached 82°F (previous record 80°F in 2025) and Tacna reached 84°F (previous record 83°F in 2018 and 1995). On February 5 and 6, new record high minimum temperatures were set in Phoenix (58°F on 5th; previous record 57°F in 1976 and 59°F on 6th; previous record 57°F in 1992). On February 7, East Mesa reached 84°F (tying the record set in 2006). Meanwhile, in southeastern Arizona, a weather disturbance brought rain to a few locations, including San Simon (0.24 inches), McNeal (0.12 inches), and Coronado National Memorial (0.09 inches). On February 8, Phoenix reached 86°F (tying the record set in 1970), and on February 9, Tacna reached 89°F (previous record 87°F in 1996 and 1970).

From February 11-14, a storm system brought rain and mountain snow to many areas. On February 11, Canyon de Chelly received 0.30 inches of precipitation, Window Rock received 0.01 inches of precipitation, and Kingman received a trace of precipitation. On February 12, Teec Nos Pos received 0.16 inches of precipitation, the Grand Canyon Airport received 0.01 inches of precipitation, and Page received a trace of precipitation. On February 13, precipitation was recorded in Bellemont (0.58 inches; 2.2 inches of snow), Payson (0.55 inches), Flagstaff (0.43 inches; 1.5 inches of snow), Saint Johns (0.27 inches), Safford Airport (0.15 inches), Apache Junction (0.10 inches), and Tucson (0.04 inches). Locations that measured rainfall on February 14 include Coronado National Memorial (0.20 inches), Picacho (0.10 inches), Show Low (0.09 inches), Anvil Ranch (0.08 inches), Natural Bridge State Park (0.06 inches), Tuzigoot National Monument (0.03 inches), and Carefree (0.02 inches).

From February 16-20, a series of weather disturbances brought strong winds, rain, and high elevation snow to several locations, including Flagstaff (1.59 inches of precipitation; 9.7 inches of snow), Bellemont (1.10 inches of precipitation; 6.3 inches of snow), Payson (0.99 inches of precipitation), Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument (0.80 inches of precipitation), Kingman (0.72 inches of precipitation), Prescott (0.67 inches of precipitation), Carefree (0.65 inches of precipitation), Deer Valley (0.33 inches of precipitation), Picacho (0.27 inches of precipitation), Falcon Field (0.20 inches of precipitation), Tucson (0.10 inches of precipitation), and Phoenix (0.08 inches of precipitation). On February 17, new daily maximum rainfall records were set in Flagstaff (0.57 inches; previous record 0.49 inches in 1971) and tied at Nogales Airport (0.09 inches; previously set in 2005). On February 18, gusty winds were prevalent in portions of

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northern Arizona, including Pinedale (81 mph), Vernon (79 mph), Springerville (76 mph), Taylor (70 mph), and Flagstaff (66 mph). A railroad crossing barrier was snapped in half in downtown Flagstaff, and utility equipment was damaged in Show Low, leaving about 2,800 people without power.

A strong ridge of high pressure brought record-breaking temperatures to multiple locations across the state from February 22-28. On February 22, East Mesa reached 84°F (previous record 80°F in 2016) and Picacho reached 85°F (previous record 84°F in 2002). On February 24, Winslow reached 75°F (tying the record set in 2009 and 1989) and Tacna reached 87°F (tying the record set in 2009 and 1989). On February 25, Paradise reached 75°F (tying the record set in 2009) and Tacna reached 91°F (previous record 89°F in 1989 and 1986). On February 26, Bellemont reached 65°F (previous record 64°F in 2016), Safford Airport reached 84°F (previous record 83°F in 2025), and Apache Junction reached 87°F (previous record 86°F in 2025). On February 27, Flagstaff reached 68°F (previous record 64°F in 1921), Tucson reached 89°F (previous record 88°F in 1986 and 1906), and Phoenix reached 92°F (tying the record set in 1986 and marking the first day this year that they measured a high temperature of 90°F+). Phoenix also tied the record for their all-time hottest February temperature, which was previously set on February 27, 1986 and February 25, 1921. On February 28, Flagstaff reached 70°F (previous record 65°F in 1999), Tucson reached 89°F (previous record 85°F in 2009 and two other years), and Phoenix reached 92°F (previous record 89°F in 1986 and tying the record for their all-time hottest February temperature again).

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

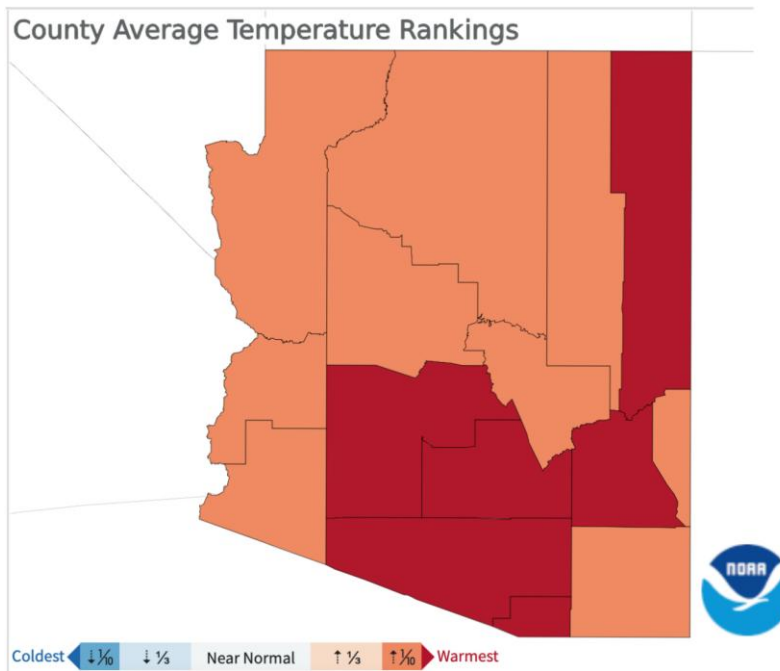
Note: Weather stations across the state have different reporting times. Official daily temperature and precipitation values are recorded at the airports from midnight to midnight, while statewide observations are taken at varying times throughout the day.

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Statewide Average Temperature per County

February 2026



The **average** state temperature for February was **52.1°F**, ranking as the **hottest** February within the period of record. The **1895-2026 mean average** state temperature for February was **45.0°F**, resulting in an **anomaly of +7.1°F**.

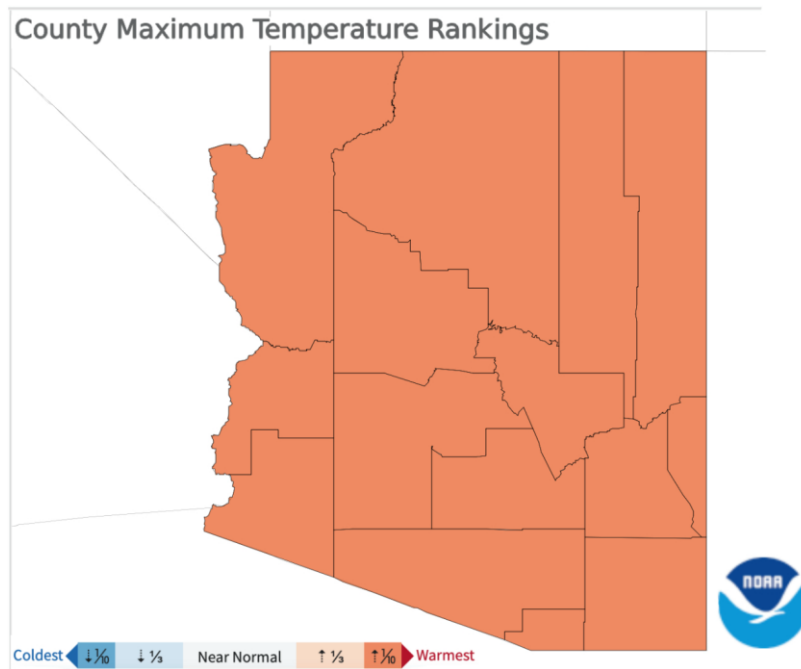
County	Average Temperature	Rank (132 Years)	Anomaly From the 1895-2026 mean
Apache	41.6°F	Hottest	+6.9°F
Cochise	53.8°F	2 nd hottest	+6.6°F
Coconino	43.6°F	Tied 2 nd hottest	+6.8°F
Gila	51.8°F	2 nd hottest	+7.1°F
Graham	53.5°F	Hottest	+7.2°F
Greenlee	49.0°F	Tied 2 nd hottest	+6.7°F
La Paz	63.0°F	2 nd hottest	+7.1°F
Maricopa	62.9°F	Hottest	+7.9°F
Mohave	53.5°F	2 nd hottest	+7.0°F
Navajo	42.9°F	2 nd hottest	+6.9°F
Pima	60.4°F	Hottest	+7.4°F
Pinal	61.0°F	Hottest	+7.6°F
Santa Cruz	54.8°F	Hottest	+7.5°F
Yavapai	51.7°F	2 nd hottest	+7.2°F
Yuma	64.1°F	3 rd hottest	+6.8°F

Period of record: 1895-2026

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Statewide Maximum Temperature per County

February 2026



The **average maximum** state temperature for February was **65.6°F**, ranking as the **5th hottest** February within the period of record. The **1895-2026 mean maximum** state temperature for February was **58.0°F**, resulting in an **anomaly of +7.6°F**.

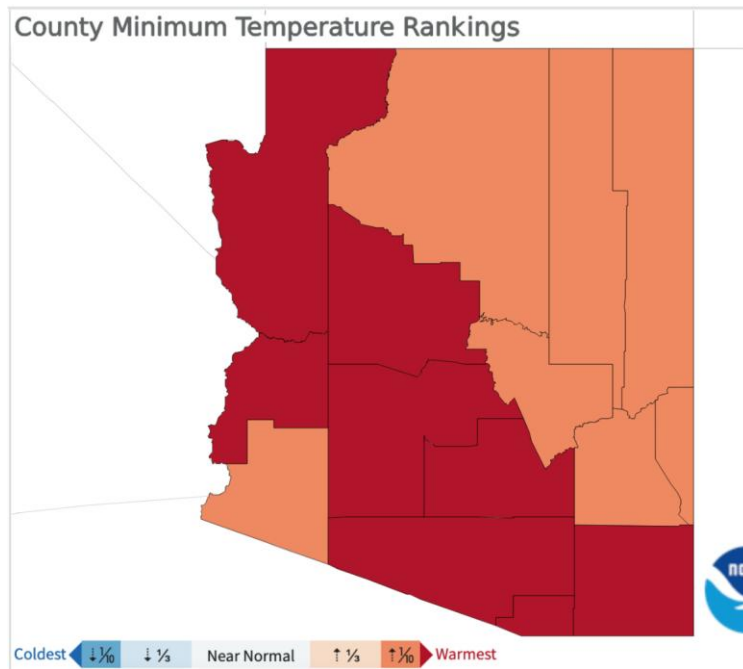
County	Maximum Temperature	Rank (132 Years)	Anomaly From the 1895-2026 mean
Apache	55.9°F	Tied 2 nd hottest	+8.4°F
Cochise	68.3°F	9 th hottest	+6.3°F
Coconino	56.8°F	5 th hottest	+7.5°F
Gila	64.6°F	5 th hottest	+7.3°F
Graham	65.7°F	Tied 5 th hottest	+6.7°F
Greenlee	61.6°F	6 th hottest	+6.7°F
La Paz	76.2°F	4 th hottest	+7.0°F
Maricopa	77.2°F	2 nd hottest	+8.7°F
Mohave	64.8°F	6 th hottest	+7.1°F
Navajo	56.9°F	4 th hottest	+8.1°F
Pima	74.8°F	3 rd hottest	+7.6°F
Pinal	74.6°F	3 rd hottest	+7.9°F
Santa Cruz	69.0°F	4 th hottest	+7.1°F
Yavapai	65.2°F	6 th hottest	+7.5°F
Yuma	79.4°F	Tied 2 nd hottest	+8.0°F

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Statewide Minimum Temperature per County

February 2026



The **average minimum** state temperature for February was **38.6°F**, tying as the **hottest** February within the period of record. The **1895-2026 mean minimum** state temperature for February was **32.0°F**, resulting in an **anomaly of +6.6°F**.

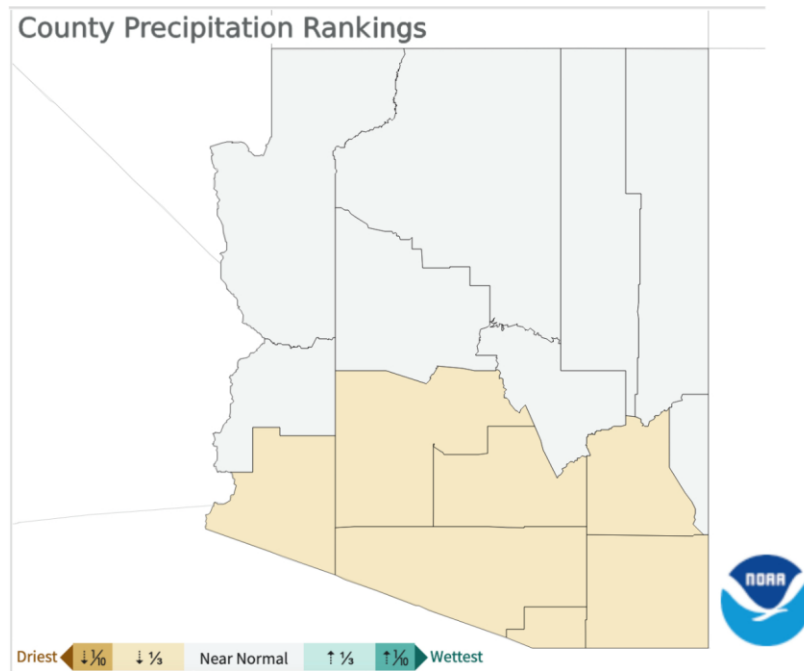
County	Minimum Temperature	Rank (132 Years)	Anomaly From the 1895-2026 mean
Apache	27.4°F	Tied 9 th hottest	+5.5°F
Cochise	39.3°F	Hottest	+7.0°F
Coconino	30.3°F	Tied 5 th hottest	+6.1°F
Gila	38.9°F	3 rd hottest	+6.9°F
Graham	41.2°F	2 nd hottest	+7.5°F
Greenlee	36.5°F	Tied 2 nd hottest	+6.9°F
La Paz	49.9°F	Hottest	+7.2°F
Maricopa	48.6°F	Hottest	+7.0°F
Mohave	42.2°F	Hottest	+7.1°F
Navajo	28.9°F	Tied 7 th hottest	+5.8°F
Pima	46.1°F	Hottest	+7.3°F
Pinal	47.3°F	Hottest	+7.2°F
Santa Cruz	40.5°F	Hottest	+7.9°F
Yavapai	38.2°F	Hottest	+6.9°F
Yuma	48.8°F	5 th hottest	+5.6°F

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Statewide Total Precipitation per County

February 2026



The **average state precipitation** for February was **0.68 inches**, ranking as the **52nd driest** February within the period of record. The **1895-2026 mean state precipitation** for February was **1.08 inches**, resulting in an **anomaly of -0.40 inches**.

County	Precipitation	Rank (132 Years)	Anomaly From the 1895-2026 mean
Apache	0.68"	Tied 49 th driest	-0.25"
Cochise	0.34"	36 th driest	-0.54"
Coconino	0.96"	61 st driest	-0.23"
Gila	1.73"	65 th wettest	-0.28"
Graham	0.54"	44 th driest	-0.62"
Greenlee	0.79"	Tied 53 rd driest	-0.40"
La Paz	0.18"	Tied 46 th driest	-0.49"
Maricopa	0.37"	41 st driest	-0.57"
Mohave	0.75"	Tied 58 th driest	-0.42"
Navajo	0.75"	62 nd driest	-0.16"
Pima	0.26"	34 th driest	-0.64"
Pinal	0.40"	37 th driest	-0.71"
Santa Cruz	0.39"	40 th driest	-0.77"
Yavapai	1.21"	Tied 63 rd driest	-0.42"
Yuma	0.11"	Tied 42 nd driest	-0.42"

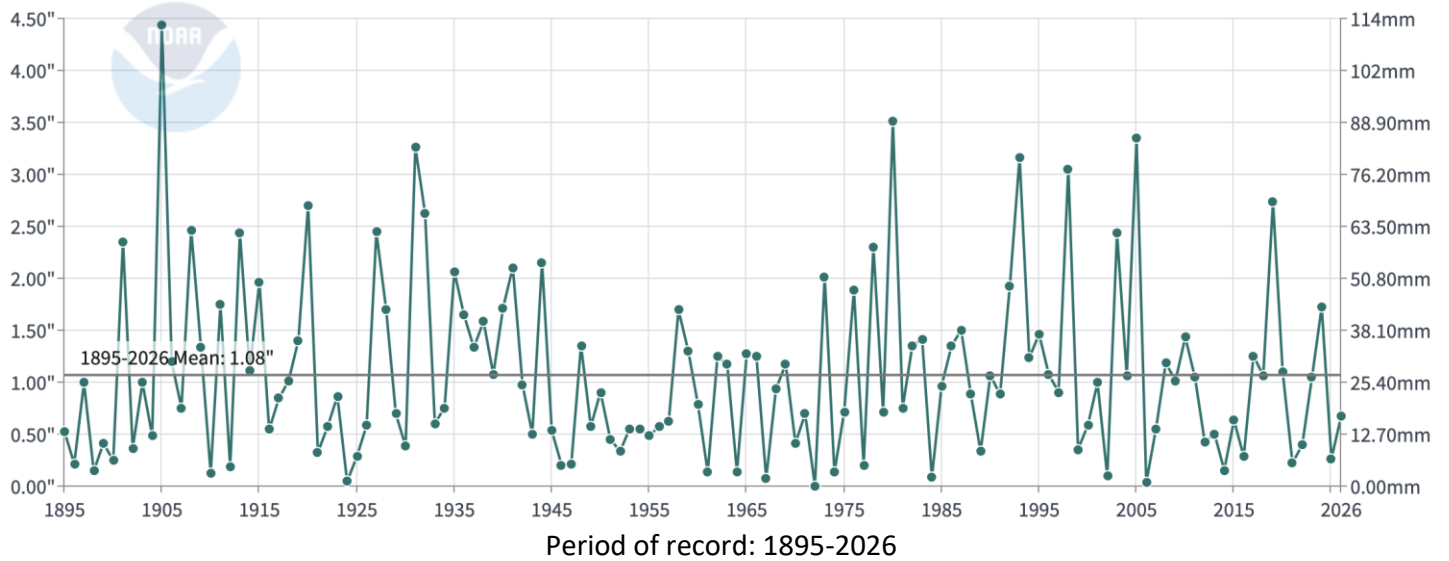
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February Statewide Precipitation (1895 to date)

Arizona Precipitation

February



This chart shows average Arizona precipitation each February through the period of record (1895 to present). February 2026 ranked as the **52nd driest** with an average of **0.68 inches**, which is **0.40 inches below** the **1895-2026 average of 1.08 inches**.

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Flagstaff Climate Statistics

February 2026

This tied as the 5th hottest February on record (9/10/1898 to present). With 2.02 inches of precipitation, it ranked as the 52nd wettest February on record.

Avg Max Temp: 52.8°F Normal: 45.7°F
Avg Min Temp: 23.1°F Normal: 19.6°F
Avg Mean Temp: 37.9°F Normal: 32.6°F

Highest Monthly Avg Temp: 39.7°F in 2015
Lowest Monthly Avg Temp: 19.5°F in 1939

Highest Temp this month: 70°F on 28th
Lowest Temp this month: 4°F on 21st

Record High: 71°F on 2/26/1986
Record Low: -23°F on 2/1/1985

Temperature or precipitation records this month:

Highest Maximum Temperature: 68°F on 2/27/2026;
previous record 64°F on 2/27/1921

Highest Maximum Temperature: 70°F on 2/28/2026;
previous record 65°F on 2/28/1999

Highest Precipitation: 0.57" on 2/17/2026;
previous record 0.49" on 2/17/1971

Flagstaff Number of Days of:

Minimum Temp 32°F or lower	25
Minimum Temp 0°F or lower	0
Maximum Temp 32°F or lower	2
Measurable Precipitation (0.01" or greater)	6
Trace Precipitation (less than 0.01")	1

Total February Precipitation: 2.02"
Normal February Precipitation: 2.17"
Departure from Normal: -0.15"
Greatest 24-Hr Precip: 0.57" on 17th
(Midnight to Midnight)

Total Precipitation Year-to-Date: 3.03"
Normal Precipitation Year-to-Date: 4.22"
Departure from Normal: -1.19"
Total Precip Year-to-Date (Last Year): 1.58"

Greatest February Precipitation: 10.05" in 1993
Least February Precipitation: 0.00" in 1967

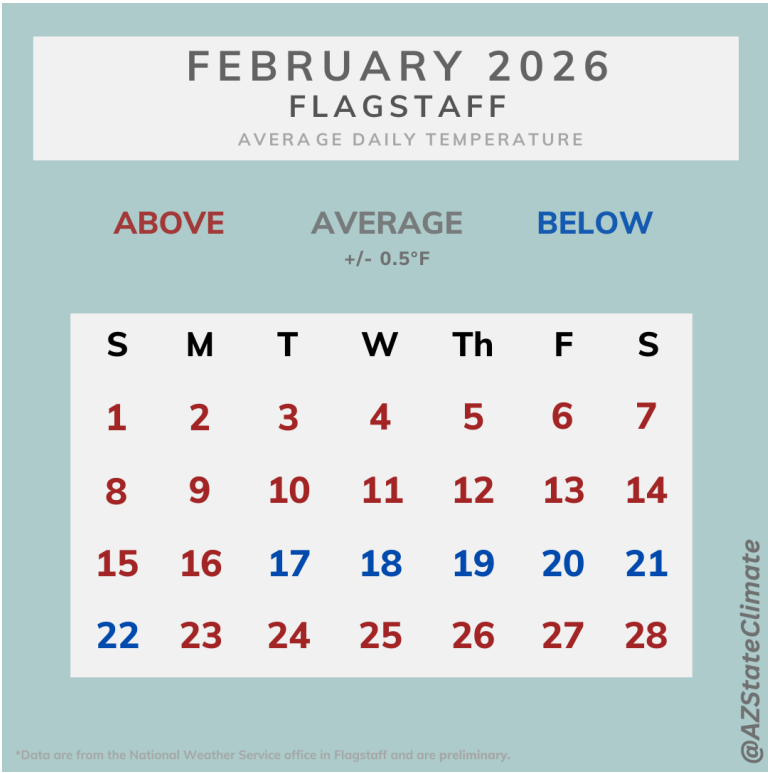
Total February Snowfall: 11.2"
Normal February Snowfall: 19.3"
Departure from Normal: -8.1"
Greatest 24-Hr Snowfall: 3.9" on 18th
(Midnight to Midnight)

Greatest February Snowfall: 84.3" in 1901
Least February Snowfall: 0.0" in 2006
and 5 other years

Average Wind Speed: 6.4 mph
Highest Wind Speed: 47 mph from 220° on 18th
Highest Peak Gust: 66 mph from 220° on 18th

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Normals on this page are from 1991-2020



Flagstaff recorded 22 days of above average temperatures and 6 days of below average temperatures this month.

Phoenix Climate Statistics

February 2026

This ranked as the hottest February on record (8/6/1895 to present). With 0.08 inches of precipitation, it tied as the 27th driest February on record.

Avg Max Temp: 80.0°F Normal: 70.8°F
Avg Min Temp: 55.4°F Normal: 49.0°F
Avg Mean Temp: 67.7°F Normal: 59.9°F

Highest Monthly Avg Temp: 67.7°F in 2026
Lowest Monthly Avg Temp: 48.5°F in 1939

Highest Temp this month: 92°F on 27th, 28th
Lowest Temp this month: 43°F on 21st

Record High: 92°F on 2/28/2026, 2/27/2026,
2/27/1986, 2/25/1921
Record Low: 24°F on 2/8/1933, 2/7/1899

Temperature or precipitation records this month:
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Phoenix Number of Days of:

Maximum Temp 90°F or greater	2
Measurable Precipitation (0.01" or greater)	1
Trace Precipitation (less than 0.01")	2

Total February Precipitation:	0.08"
Normal February Precipitation:	0.87"
Departure from Normal:	-0.79"
Greatest 24-Hr Precip: (Midnight to Midnight)	0.08" on 17 th

Total Precipitation Year-to-Date:	0.26"
Normal Precipitation Year-to-Date:	1.74"
Departure from Normal:	-1.48"
Total Precip Year-to-Date (Last Year):	0.03"

Greatest February Precipitation:	4.64" in 1905
Least February Precipitation:	0.00" in 2021 and 14 other years

Average Wind Speed:	5.8 mph
Highest Wind Speed:	25 mph from 200° on 16 th 25 mph from 310° on 18 th
Highest Peak Gust:	37 mph from 200° on 16 th

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Phoenix temperature or precipitation records this month:

Highest Maximum Temperature: 85°F on 2/1/2026;
previous record 83°F on 2/1/2003

Highest Maximum Temperature: 86°F on 2/8/2026;
tied record set on 2/8/1970

Highest Maximum Temperature: 92°F on 2/27/2026;
tied record set on 2/27/1986

Highest Maximum Temperature: 92°F on 2/28/2026;
previous record 89°F on 2/28/1986

Highest Minimum Temperature: 58°F on 2/5/2026;
previous record 57°F on 2/5/1976

Highest Minimum Temperature: 59°F on 2/6/2026;
previous record 57°F on 2/6/1992

Highest Minimum Temperature: 59°F on 2/13/2026;
tied record set on 2/13/2017 and 2/13/1996

Highest Minimum Temperature: 62°F on 2/27/2026;
previous record 60°F on 2/27/1986

Highest Minimum Temperature: 64°F on 2/28/2026;
previous record 62°F on 2/28/1986



Phoenix measured 24 days of above average temperatures, 1 day of average temperatures, and 3 days of below average temperatures this month.

Tucson Climate Statistics

February 2026

This ranked as the hottest February on record (9/1/1894 to present). With 0.14 inches of precipitation, it ranked as the 27th driest February on record.

Avg Max Temp: 76.0°F Normal: 69.2°F
Avg Min Temp: 49.1°F Normal: 43.2°F
Avg Mean Temp: 62.6°F Normal: 56.2°F

Highest Monthly Avg Temp: 62.6°F in 2026
Lowest Monthly Avg Temp: 45.3°F in 1903

Highest Temp this month: 89°F on 27th, 28th
Lowest Temp this month: 36°F on 21st

Record High: 92°F on 2/14/1957
Record Low: 17°F on 2/7/1899

Temperature or precipitation records this month:
Highest Maximum Temperature: 89°F on 2/27/2026;
previous record 88°F on 2/27/1986 and 2/27/1906

Highest Maximum Temperature: 89°F on 2/28/2026;
previous record 85°F on 2/28/2009 and 2/28/1986

Highest Minimum Temperature: 57°F on 2/5/2026;
previous record 54°F on 2/5/1978 and 2/5/1935

Tucson Number of Days of:

Maximum Temp 80°F or greater	8
Measurable Precipitation (0.01" or greater)	2
Trace Precipitation (less than 0.01")	1

Total February Precipitation: 0.14"
Normal February Precipitation: 0.84"
Departure from Normal: -0.70"
Greatest 24-Hr Precip: 0.10" on 17th
(Midnight to Midnight)

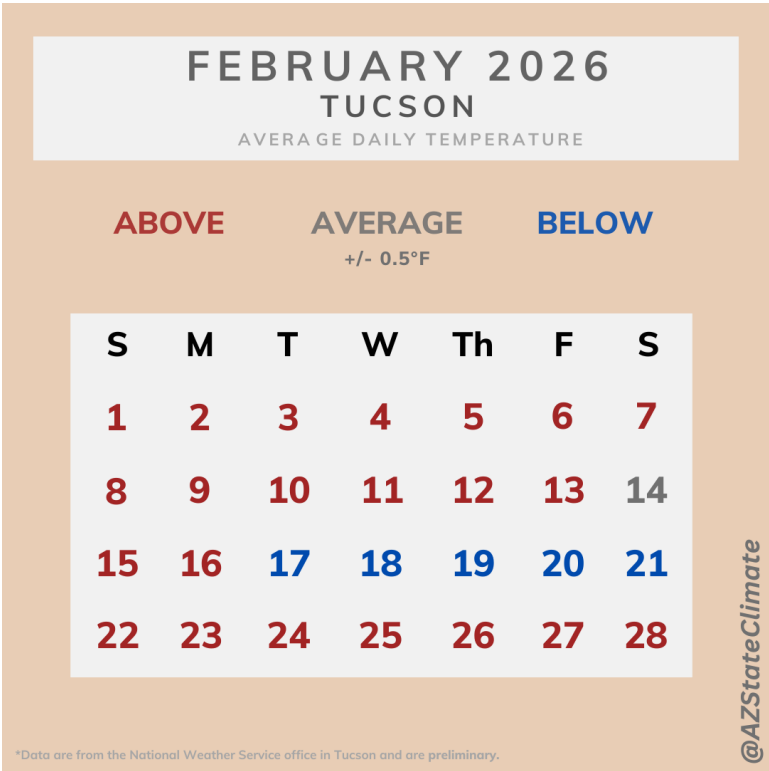
Total Precipitation Year-to-Date: 1.84"
Normal Precipitation Year-to-Date: 1.68"
Departure from Normal: +0.16"
Total Precip Year-to-Date (Last Year): 0.25"

Greatest February Precipitation: 4.15" in 1905
Least February Precipitation: 0.00" in 2021
and 10 other years

Average Wind Speed: 7.1 mph
Highest Wind Speed: 29 mph from 110° on 22nd
Highest Peak Gust: 48 mph from 130° on 5th

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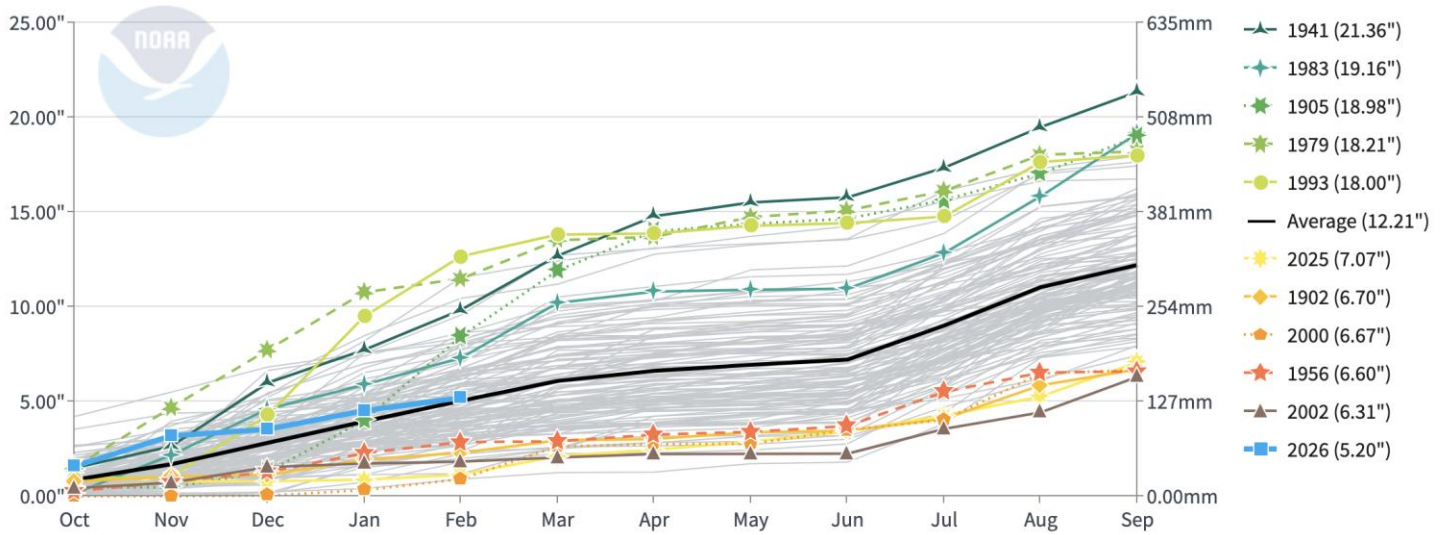


Tucson observed 22 days of above average temperatures, 1 day of average temperatures, and 5 days of below average temperatures this month.

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

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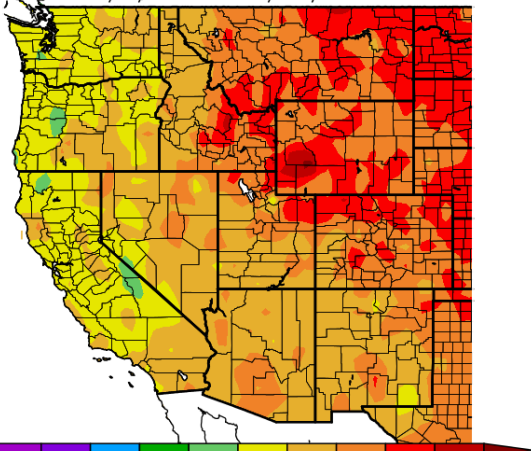
October-September Precipitation



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-February)** was **5.20 inches**, which is **0.16 inches** above the **October-February average of 5.04 inches**.

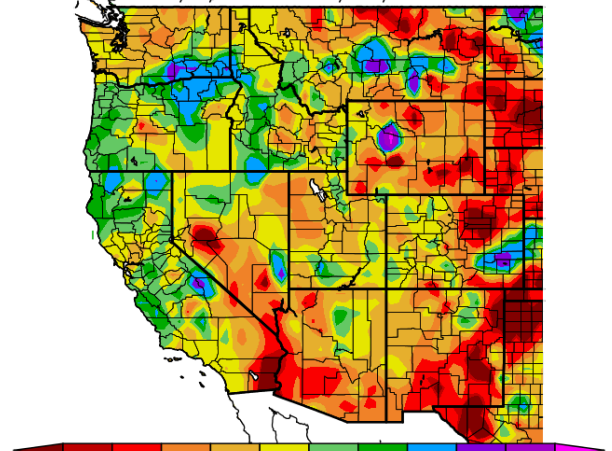
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2/1/2026 - 2/28/2026



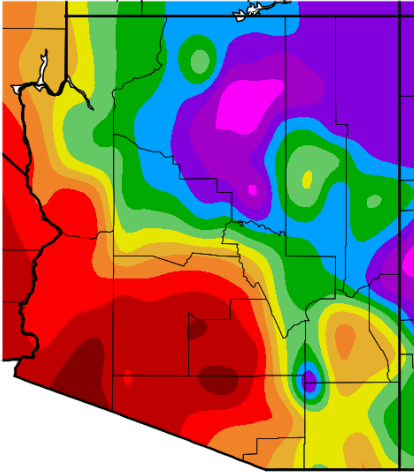
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Percent of Average Precipitation (%)
2/1/2026 - 2/28/2026



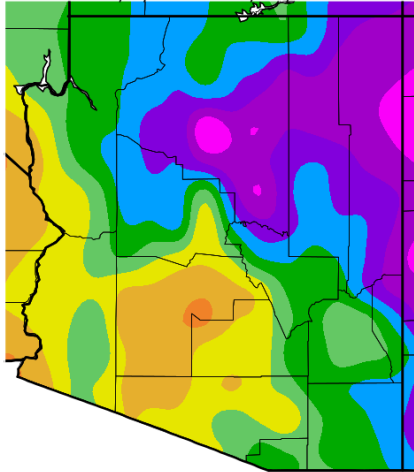
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Av. Max. Temperature (deg. F)
2/1/2026 – 2/28/2026



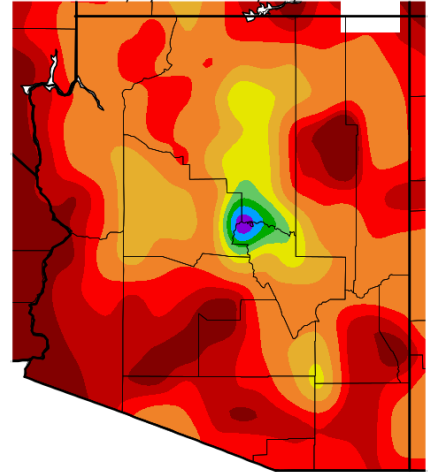
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Av. Min. Temperature (deg. F)
2/1/2026 – 2/28/2026



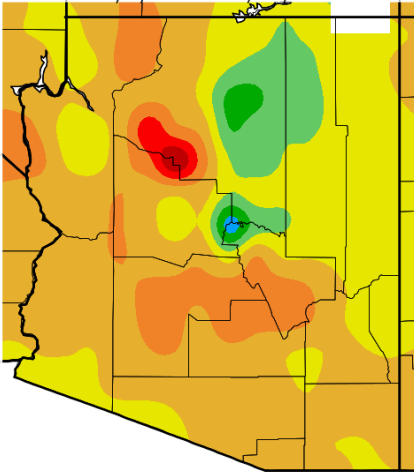
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Total Precipitation (in.)
2/1/2026 – 2/28/2026



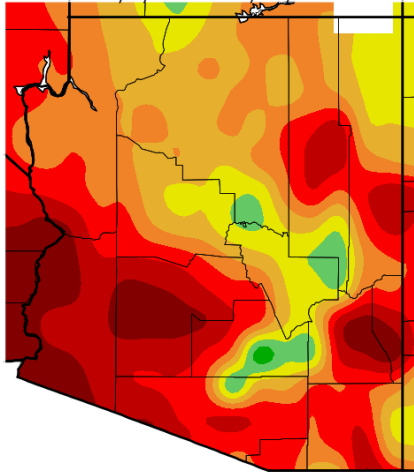
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Precipitation Departure from Average (in.)
2/1/2026 – 2/28/2026



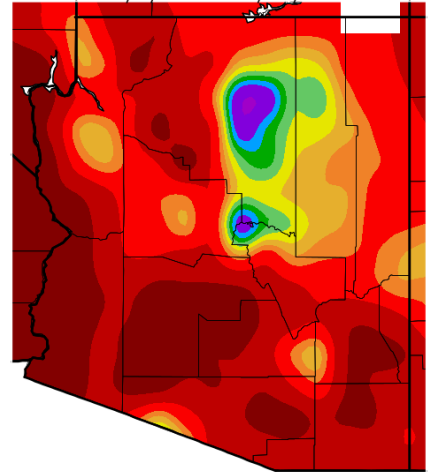
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Precipitation # Days > 0.01"
2/1/2026 – 2/28/2026



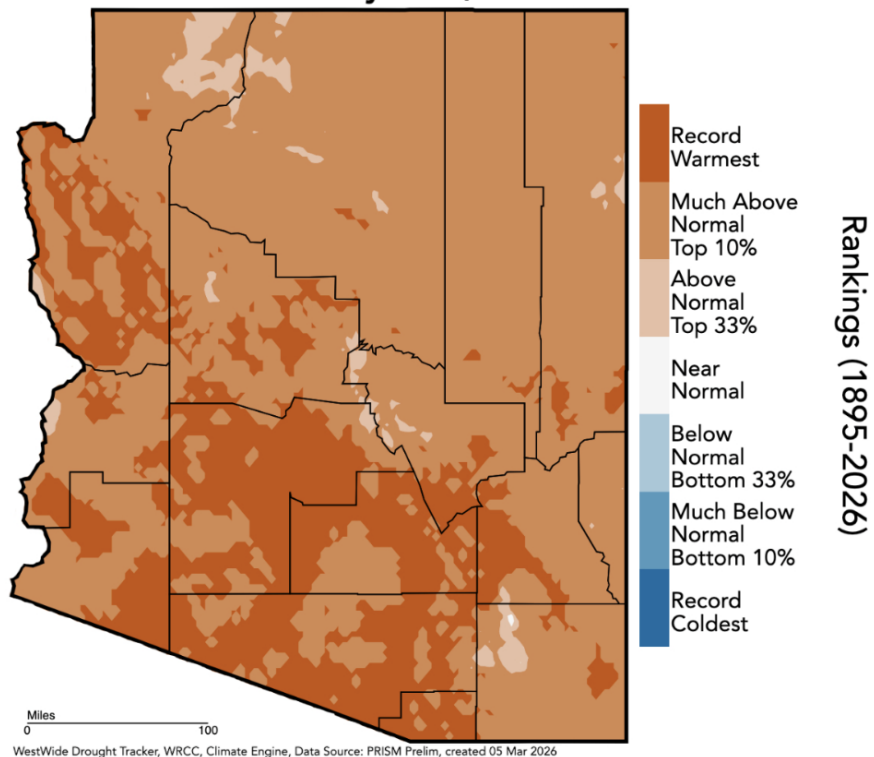
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Percent of Average Precipitation (%)
2/1/2026 – 2/28/2026



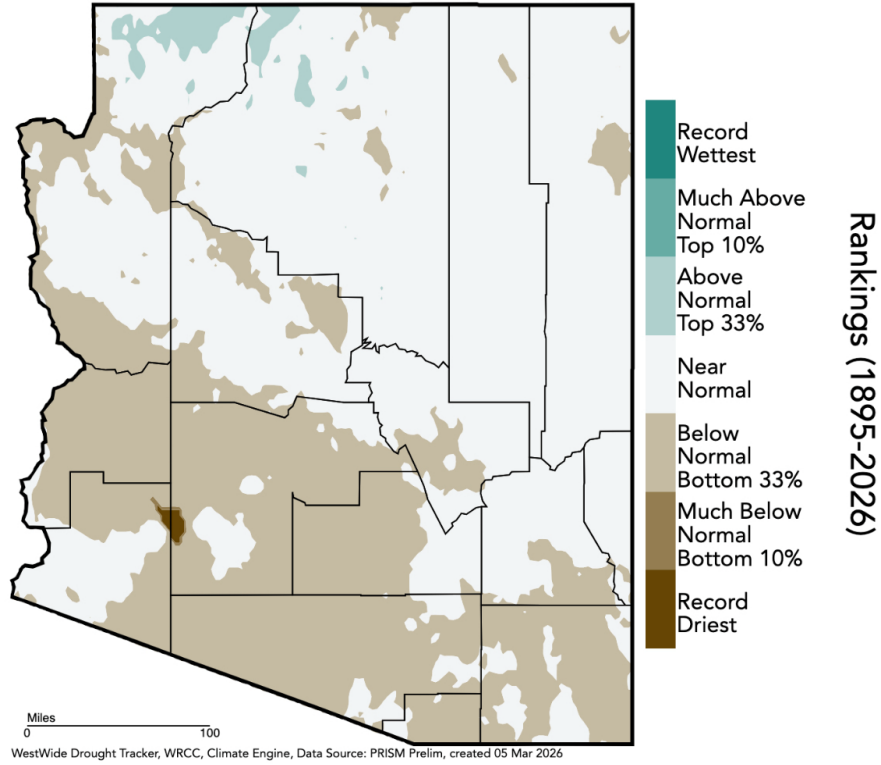
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Arizona - Mean Temperature February 2026, Percentile



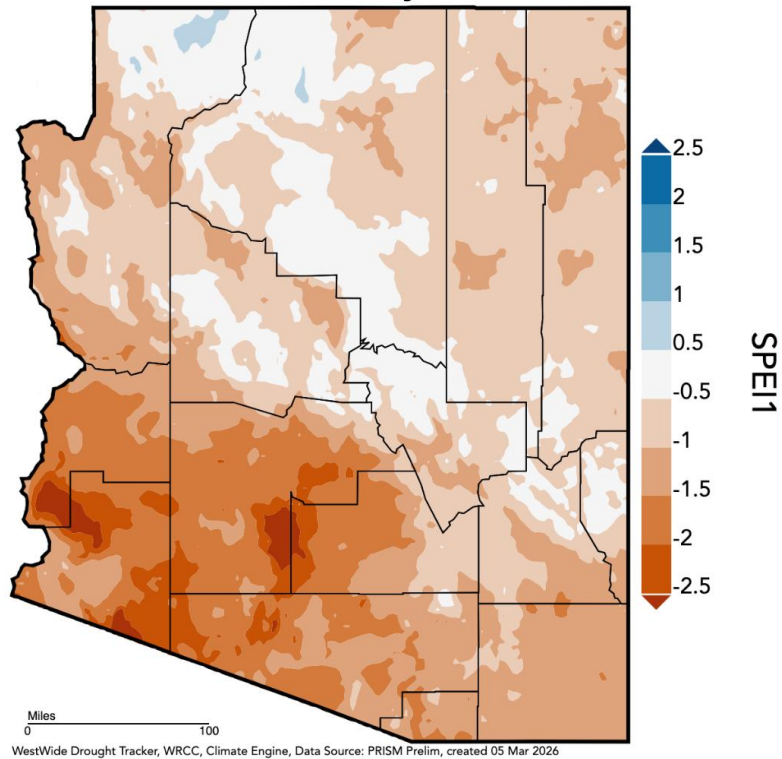
Much above normal temperatures were recorded across the state, with several locations experiencing record-breaking temperatures.

Arizona - Precipitation February 2026, Percentile



Portions of western, central, and southern counties received below normal precipitation, while northern Mohave and Coconino counties measured above normal precipitation.

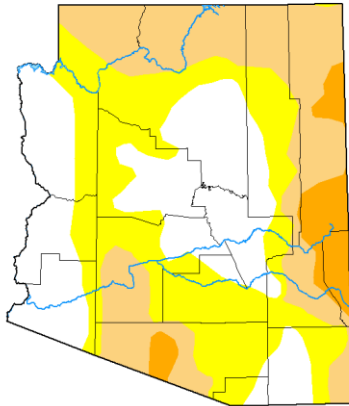
Arizona - 1 Month SPEI February 2026



This map shows the Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index (SPEI) across Arizona. February precipitation and evapotranspiration totals are measured across the state and are compared to previous February 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



February 3, 2026
(Released Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	31.98	33.66	28.19	6.16	0.00	0.00
Last Week 01-27-2026	31.98	33.66	28.19	6.16	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-03-2025	0.66	5.27	27.32	59.31	10.44	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2026	27.93	24.39	33.93	12.73	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	0.00	0.00	20.79	54.15	23.57	1.40
One Year Ago 02-04-2025	0.00	2.23	24.93	33.61	38.19	1.03

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

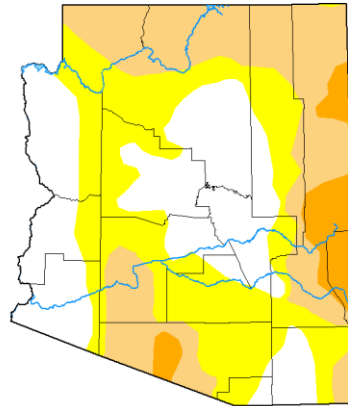
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February 24, 2026
(Released Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	32.01	33.63	28.19	6.16	0.00	0.00
Last Week 02-17-2026	31.98	33.66	28.19	6.16	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-03-2025	8.23	15.31	47.48	27.96	1.03	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2026	27.93	24.39	33.93	12.73	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	0.00	0.00	20.79	54.15	23.57	1.40
One Year Ago 02-04-2025	0.00	0.93	12.10	34.08	51.86	1.03

Intensity
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While statewide precipitation was near average in some locations and below average in others, short-term drought conditions were maintained statewide in February.

Percent of Statewide Area Change in Short-term Drought

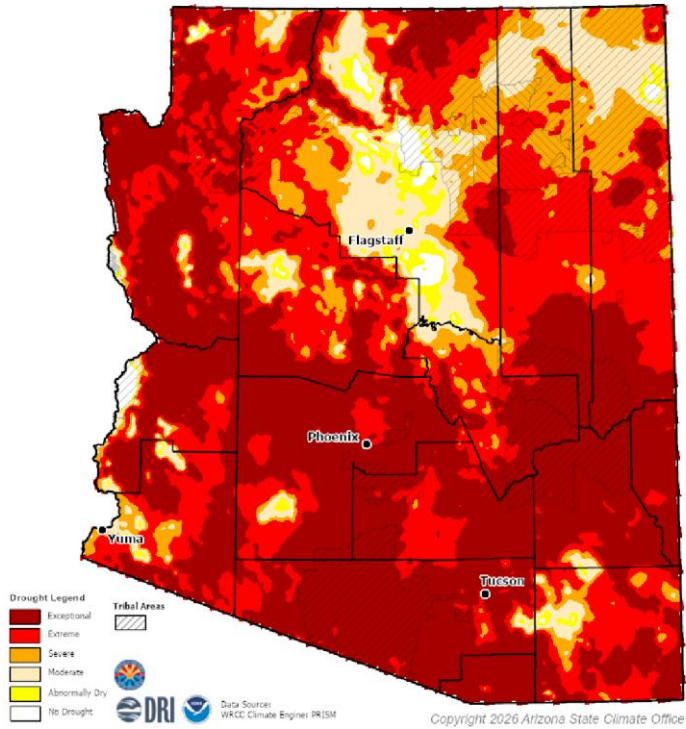
Category	February 3, 2026	February 24, 2026	Change
No Drought	32	32	0
D0 – Abnormally Dry	34	34	0
D1 – Moderate Drought	28	28	0
D2 – Severe Drought	6	6	0
D3 – Extreme Drought	0	0	0
D4 – Exceptional Drought	0	0	0

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Long-term Drought

Arizona Long-Term Drought

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The Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index (SPEI) takes into account temperature and precipitation for long-term drought. From March 2021 to February 2026, Arizona tied as the 3rd hottest and ranked as the 32nd driest.

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