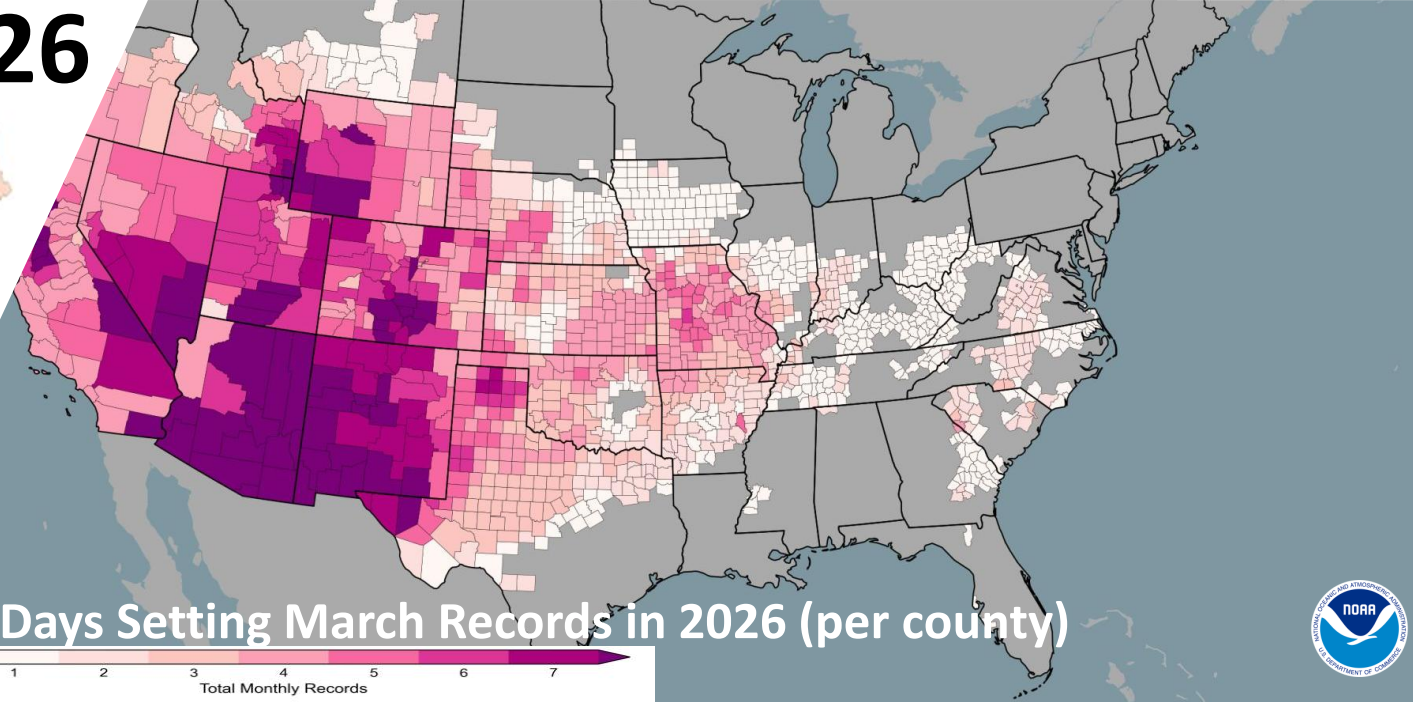
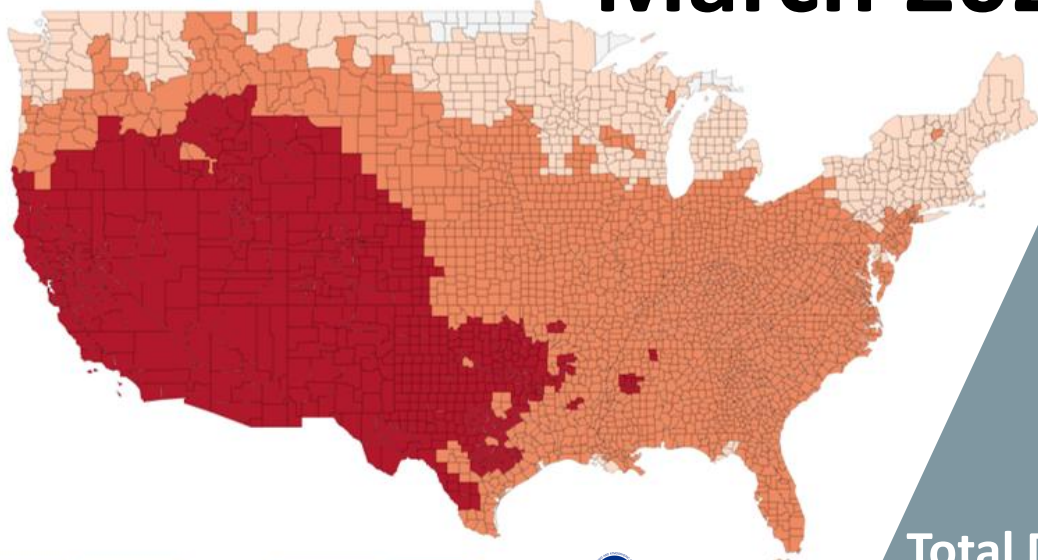


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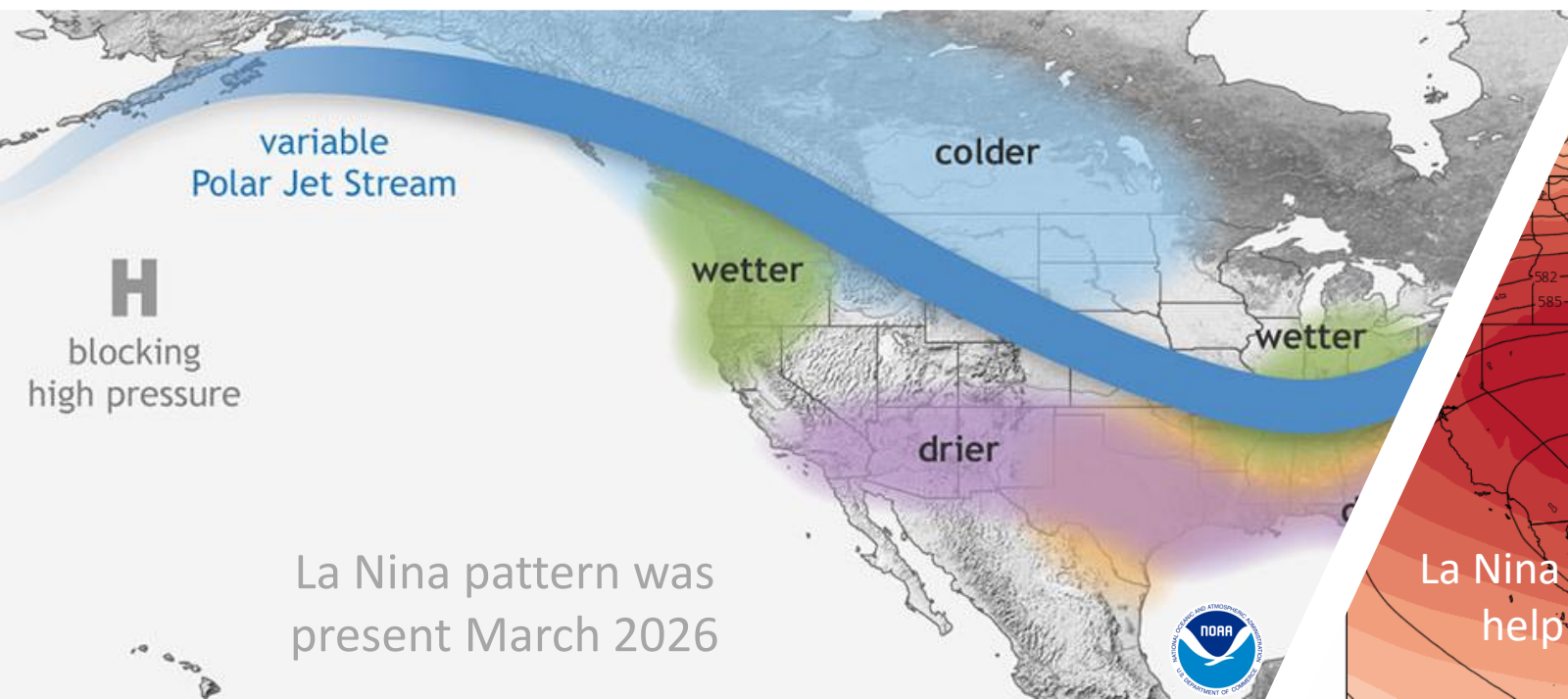


Total Days Setting March Records in 2026 (per county)

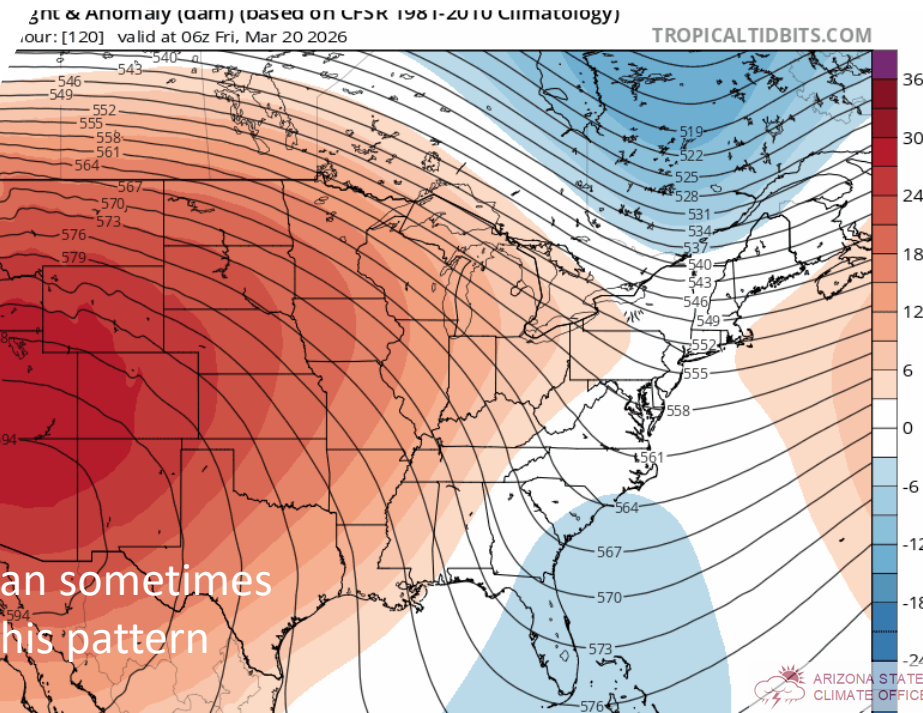


Continuous U.S. (Hour over a County)

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La Nina pattern was present March 2026



La Nina can sometimes help this pattern

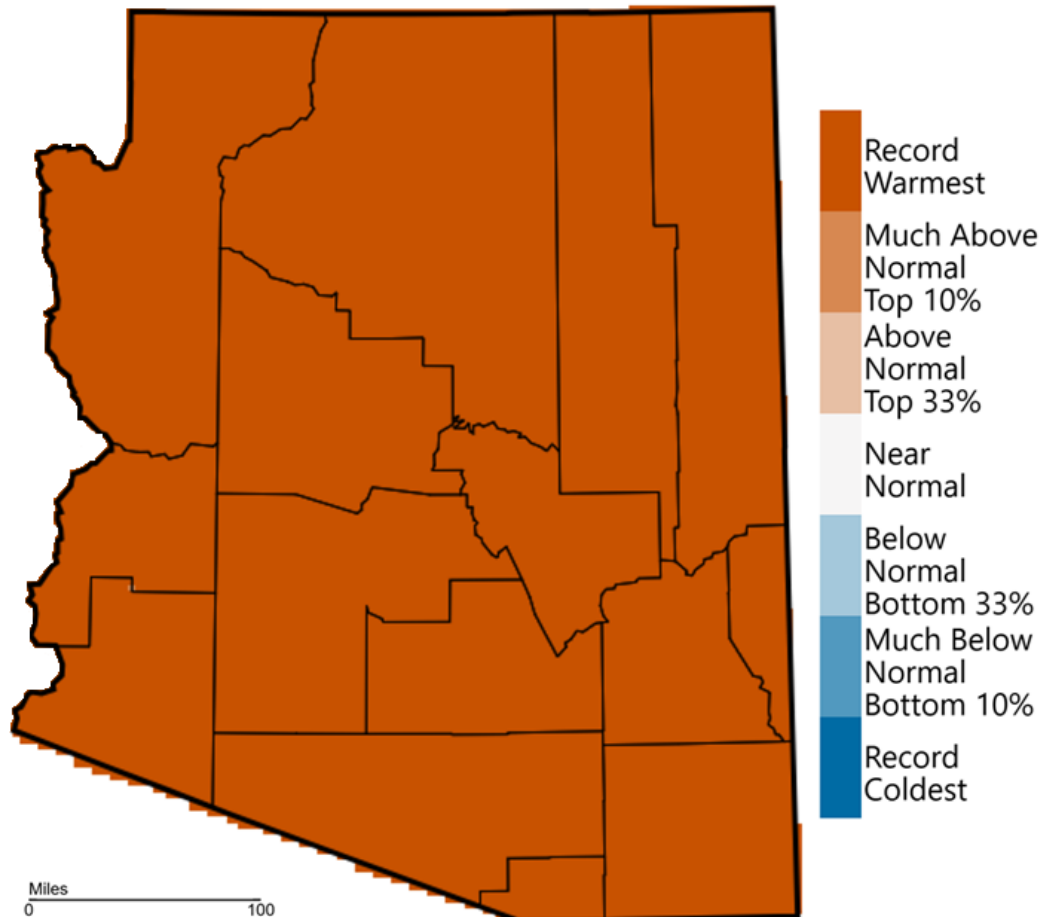


March 2026: hottest

Temp: 63.4°F Rank: hottest Anomaly: +13.3°F

Arizona - Mean Temperature

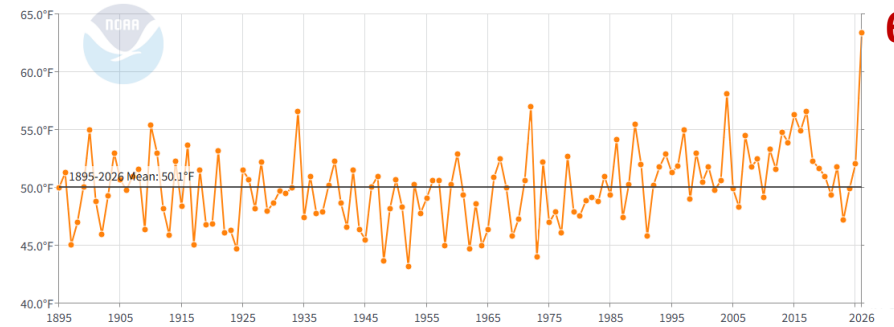
March 2026, Percentile



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Arizona Average Temperature

March



63.4°F

Rankings (1895-2026)

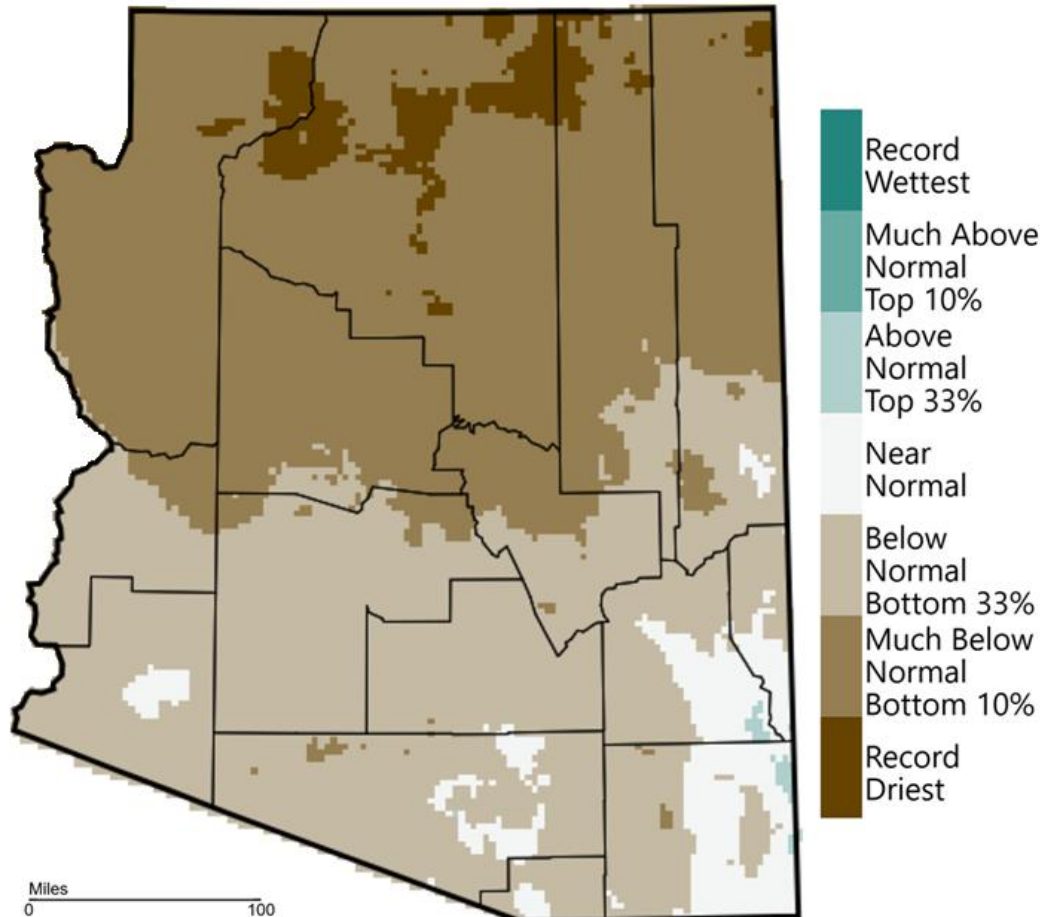
Flagstaff hottest (+10.5°F avg T)
Phoenix hottest (+12.5°F avg T)
Tucson hottest (+10.2°F avg T)

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March 2026: very dry

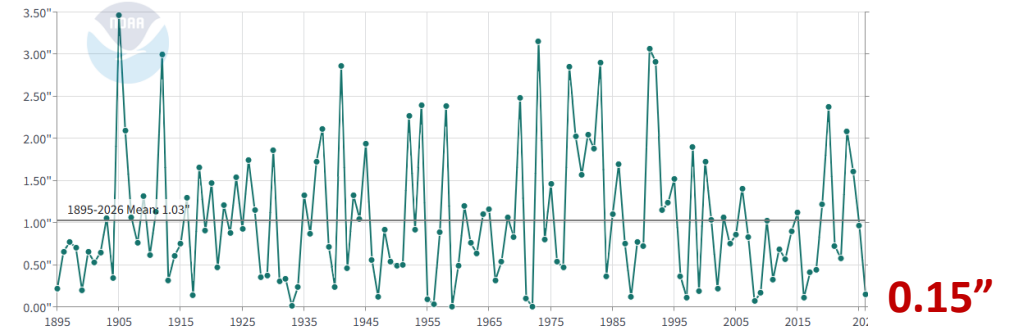
Total: 0.15" Rank: 13th driest Anomaly: -0.88"

Arizona - Precipitation March 2026, Percentile



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Arizona Precipitation
March



Rankings (1895-2026)

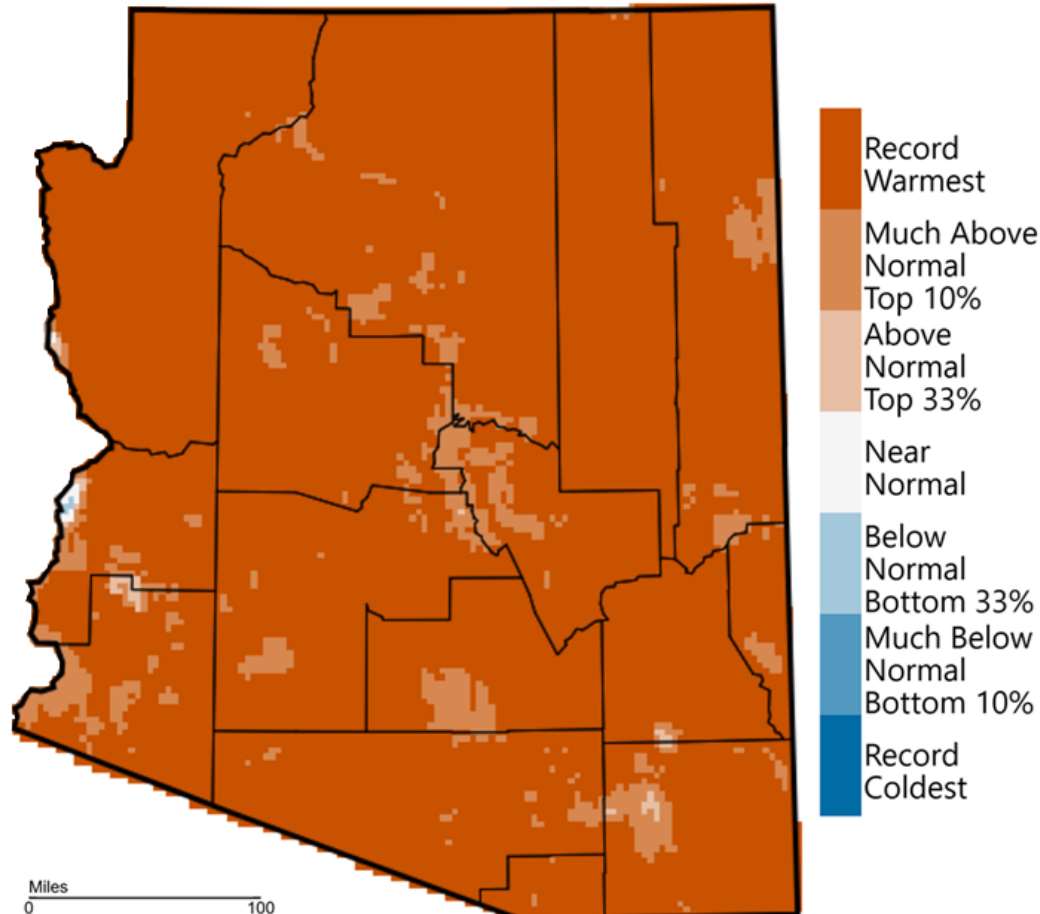
Flagstaff 3rd driest (tie) (0.04")
Phoenix 20th driest (tie) (0.06")
Tucson 34th driest (tie) (0.27")

Preliminary data from NOAA/NCEI as of 4/12/26

Last 12 months: hottest

Temp: 64.4°F Rank: hottest Anomaly: +5.1°F

Arizona - Mean Temperature April 2025 - March 2026, Percentile



Rankings (1895-2026)

Monthly Average Temperature April 2025 – March 2026	
<small>Preliminary data from NOAA/NCEI as of 4/12/26</small>	
Month	Rank
April 2025	38 th hottest (tie)
May 2025	30 th hottest (tie)
June 2025	16 th hottest (tie)
July 2025	24 th hottest (tie)
August 2025	2 nd hottest
September 2025	27 th hottest
October 2025	20 th hottest (tie)
November 2025	4 th hottest
December 2025	Hottest
January 2026	5 th hottest (tie)
February 2026	Hottest
March 2026	Hottest

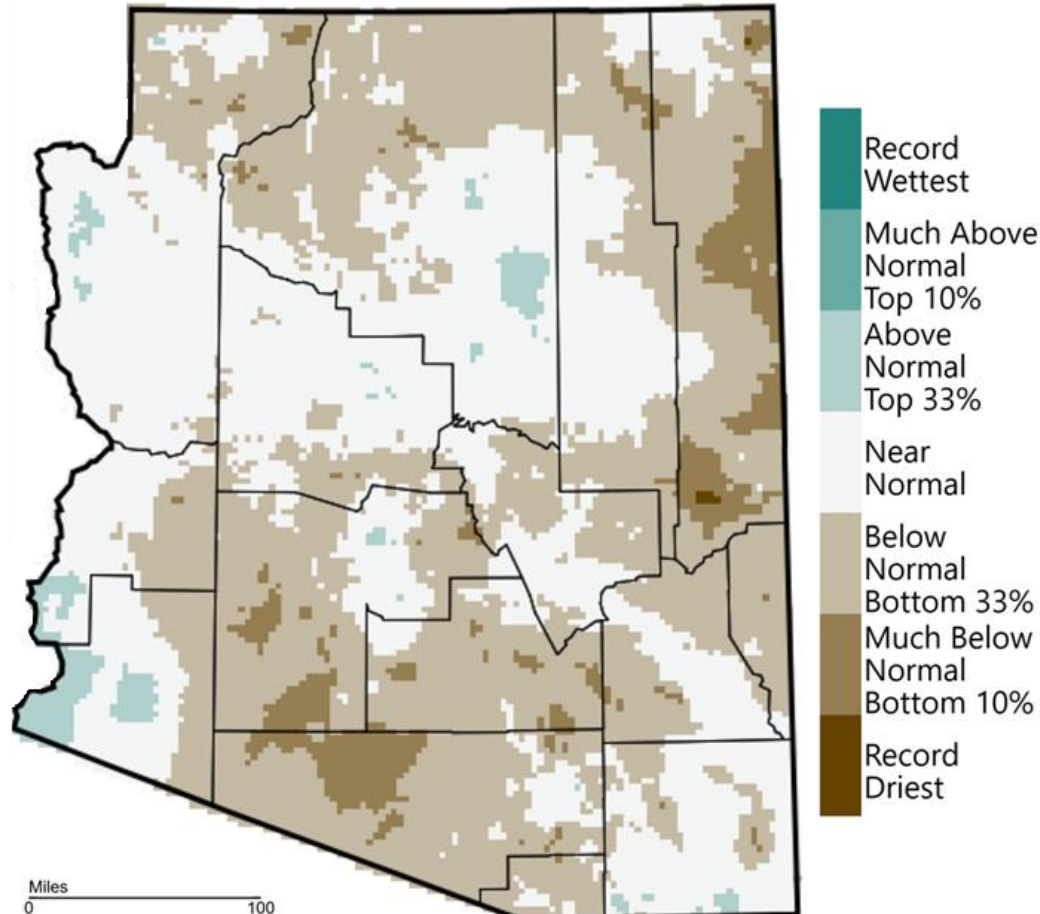
Miles
0 100

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Last 12 months: drier

Total: 10.24" Rank: 37th driest Anomaly: -2.37"

Arizona - Precipitation April 2025 - March 2026, Percentile



Rankings (1895-2026)

Monthly Precipitation April 2025 – March 2026	
<small>Preliminary data from NOAA/NCEI as of 4/12/26</small>	
Month	Rank
April 2025	54 th driest (tie)
May 2025	38 th wettest
June 2025	20 th wettest (tie)
July 2025	14 th driest
August 2025	11 th driest
September 2025	24 th wettest (tie)
October 2025	20 th wettest
November 2025	21 st wettest
December 2025	30 th driest
January 2026	66 th driest
February 2026	52 nd driest
March 2026	13 th driest

Miles
0 100

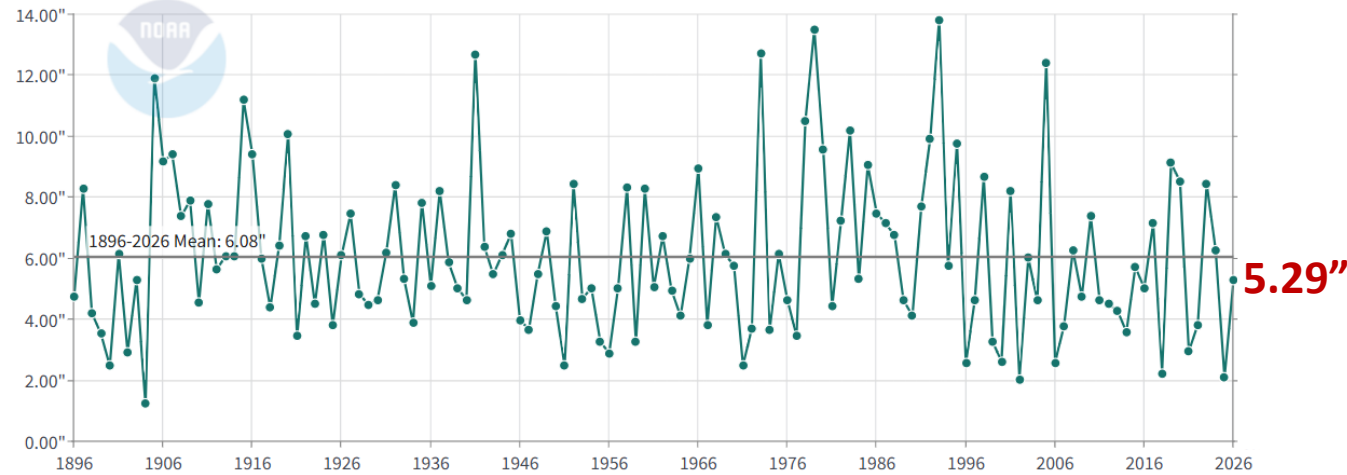
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WY2026: wet fall 2025 now getting lost in dry winter 2026

Water Year runs from Oct 1- Sep 30 and is how US and Canada manage water supply

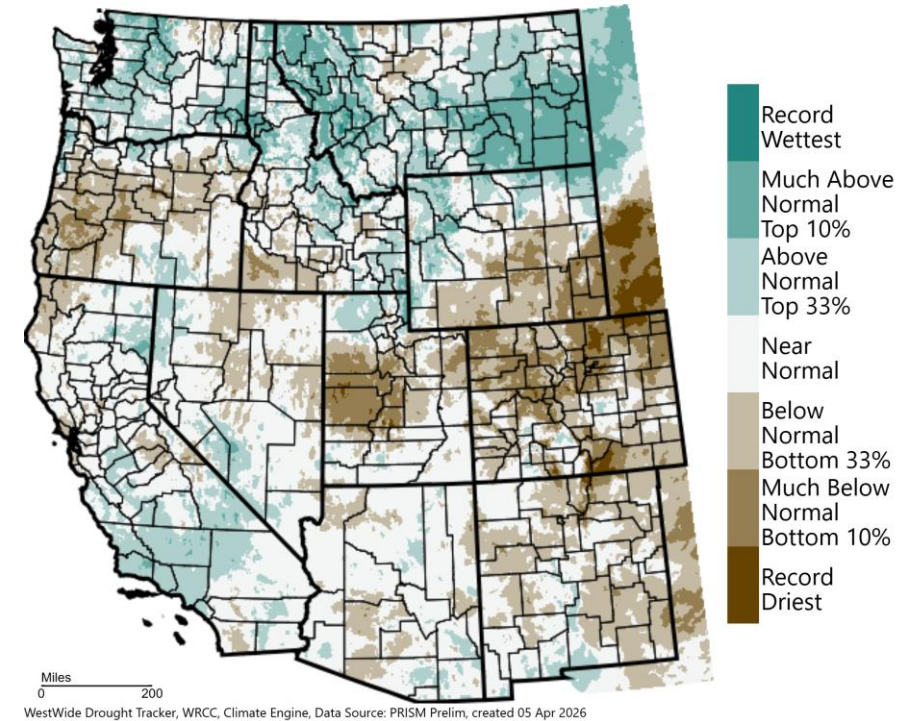
WY2026 Oct-Mar:
Statewide Total: 5.29"
Rank: 59th driest
Anomaly: -1.03"
(Last year? Oct -Mar...2.12")

Arizona Precipitation
October-March



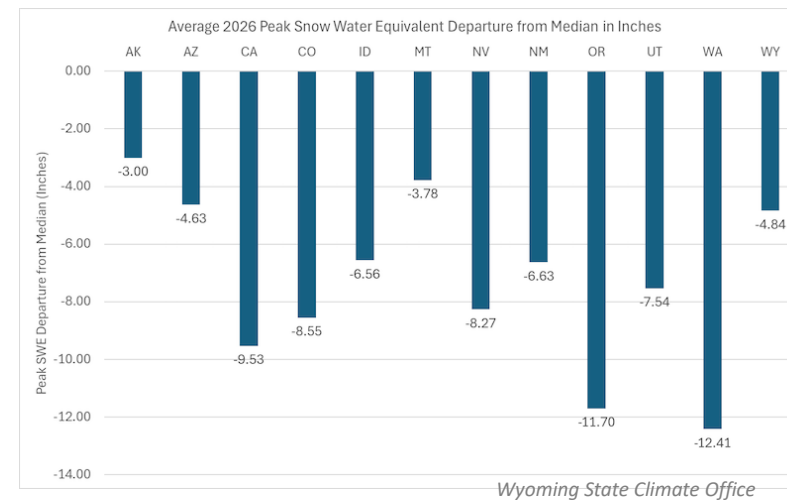
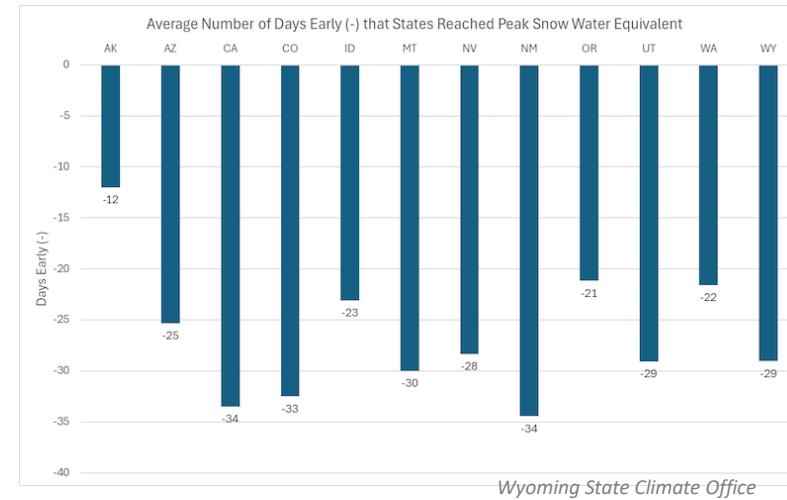
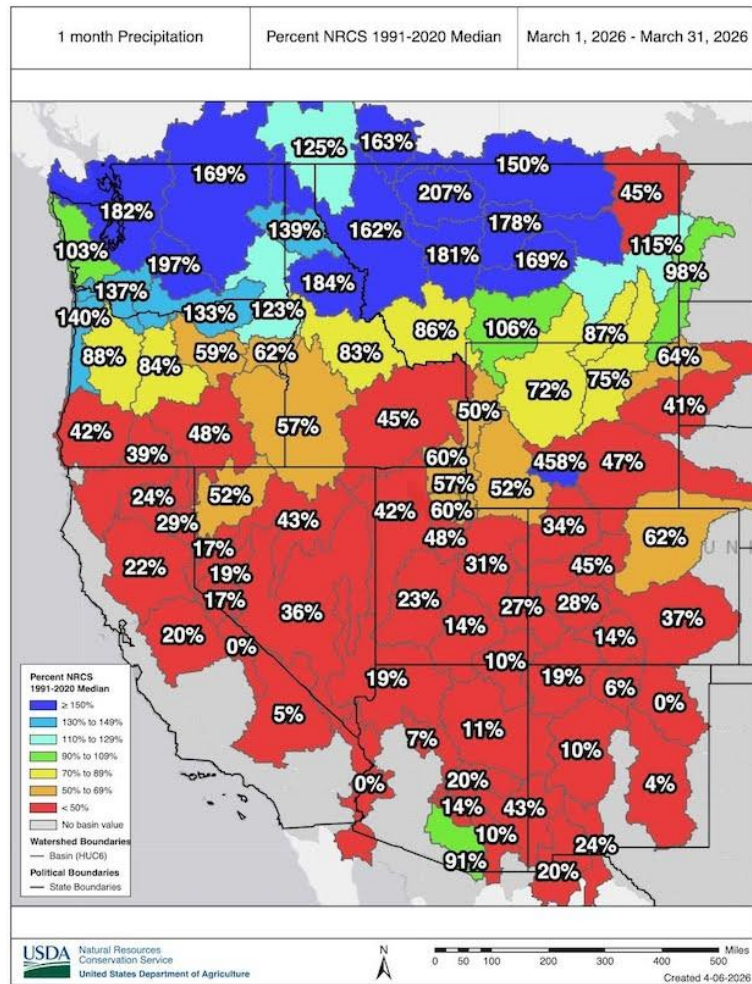
Long-term average Oct-Mar: 6.08"
1994-2026 average Oct-Mar: 5.44"
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Western United States - Precipitation
October 2025 - March 2026, Percentile

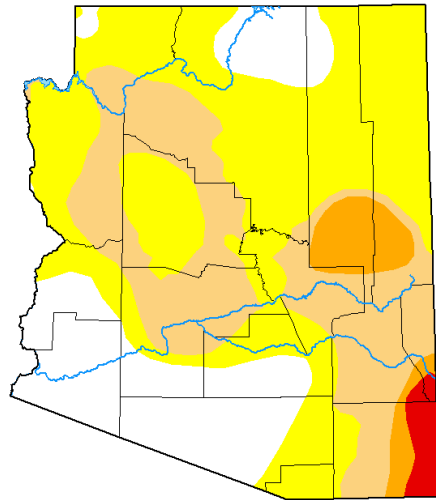


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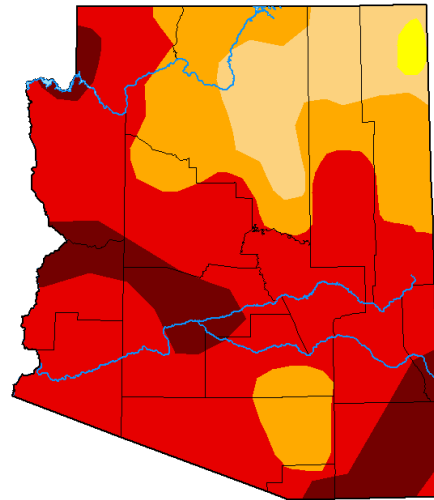
Snow drought in AZ and the Colorado Basin



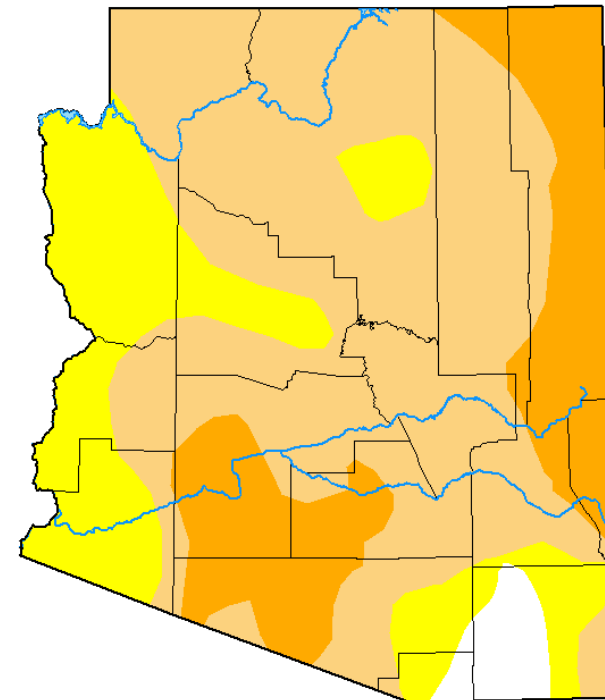
After improvement, short-term drought advanced



April 16, 2024
 Dry monsoon 2023
 Wet winter 2024



April 15, 2025
 Dry monsoon 2024
 Dry winter 2025



*Wet May, early June 2025 helped slightly improve
 Dry monsoon 2025, very wet fall 2025, dry winter 2026*

U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona

April 14, 2026
 (Released Thursday, Apr. 16, 2026)
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.85	21.50	55.51	20.14	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-07-2026	2.84	25.45	58.21	13.50	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-13-2026	29.07	33.37	31.00	6.56	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2026	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	1.49
One Year Ago 04-15-2025	0.00	0.74	11.15	21.04	54.73	12.34

Intensity:
 None (White) D2 Severe Drought (Orange)
 D0 Abnormally Dry (Yellow) D3 Extreme Drought (Red)
 D1 Moderate Drought (Light Orange) D4 Exceptional Drought (Dark Red)

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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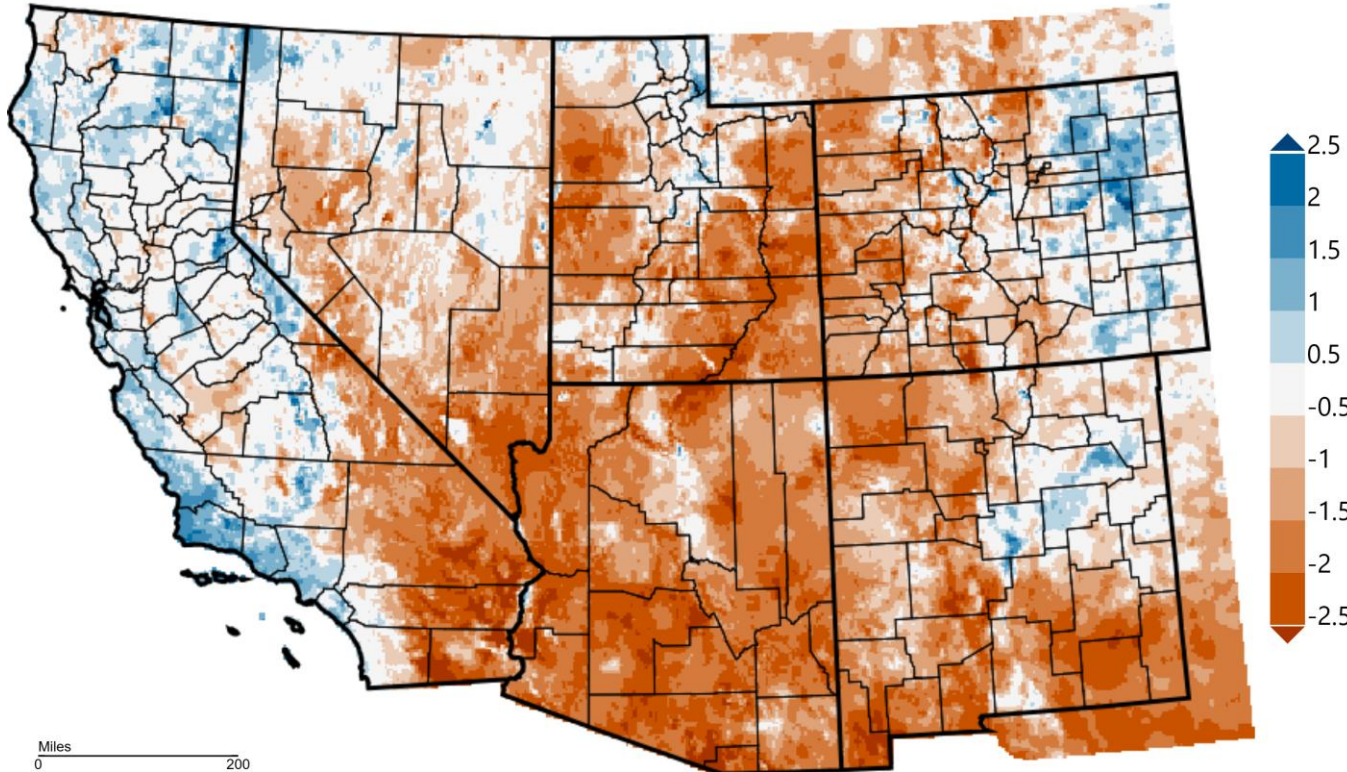


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Long-term deficits continue across Arizona

Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index shows hot temperatures and dry conditions

Southwest - 48 Month SPEI March 2026



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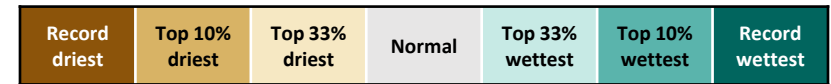
60-month rankings

Arizona
April 2021 to March 2026
Hottest



Preliminary data from NOAA/NCEI as of 4/12/26

Arizona
April 2021 to March 2026
25th driest

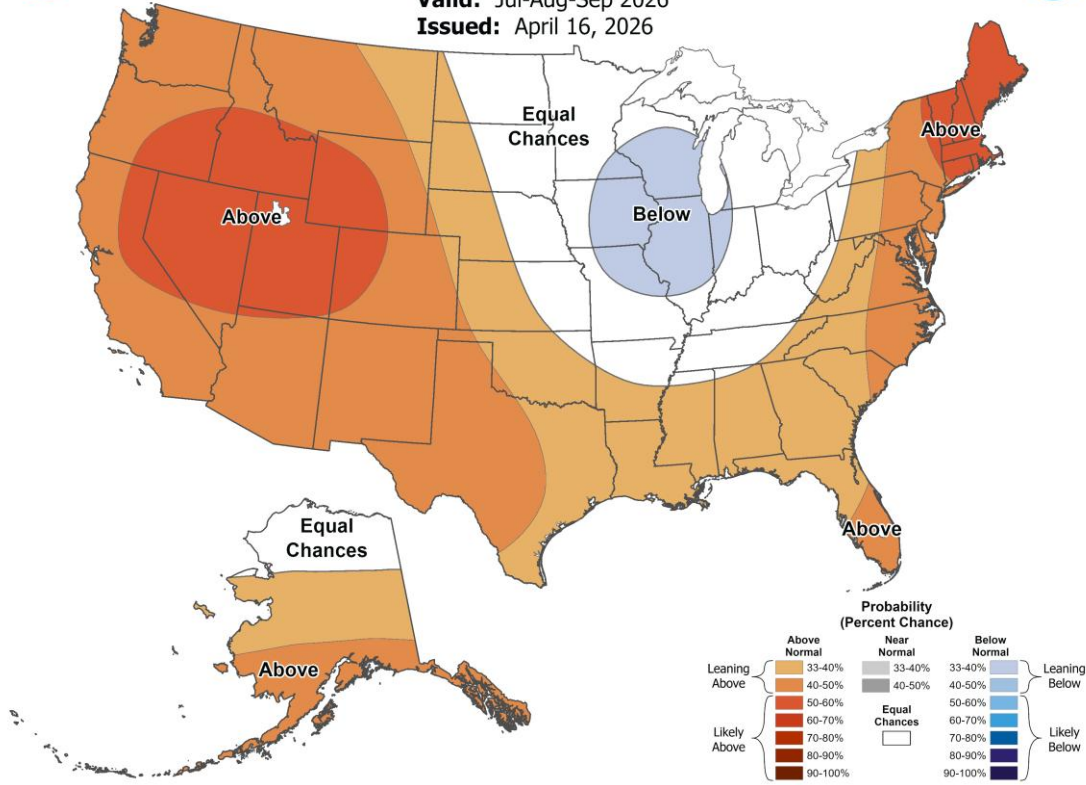


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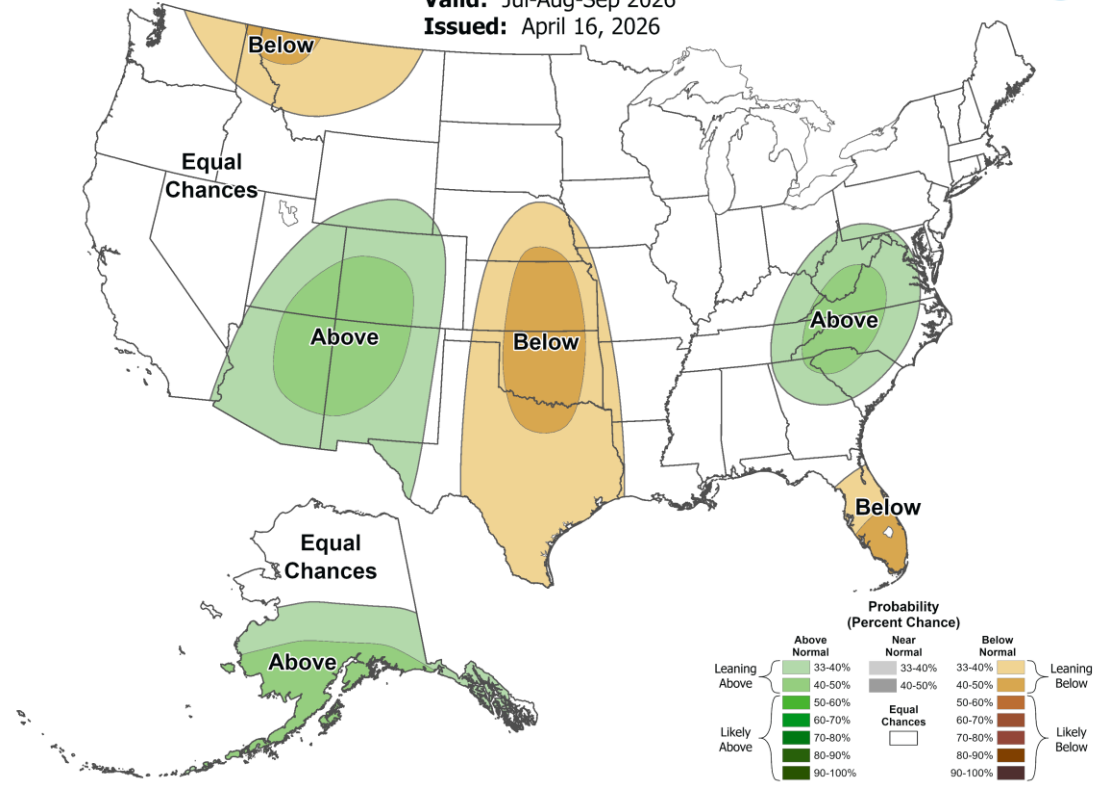
Seasonal Temperature Outlook

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Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

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ENSO-neutral conditions are present

80% chance ENSO-neutral through Apr-Jun 2026
61% chance El Nino emerges May-Jul 2026
then persist at least through end of 2026

Preliminary data from NOAA/CPC as of 4/12/26

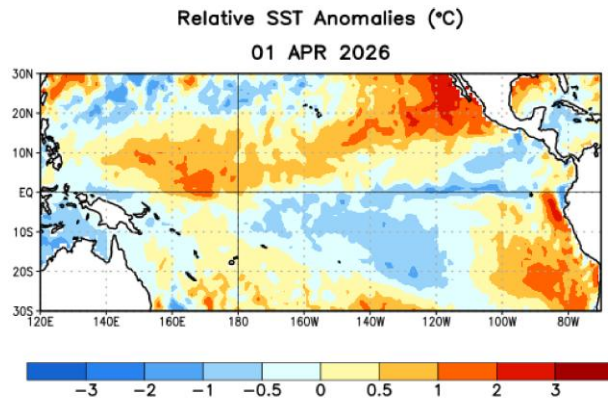
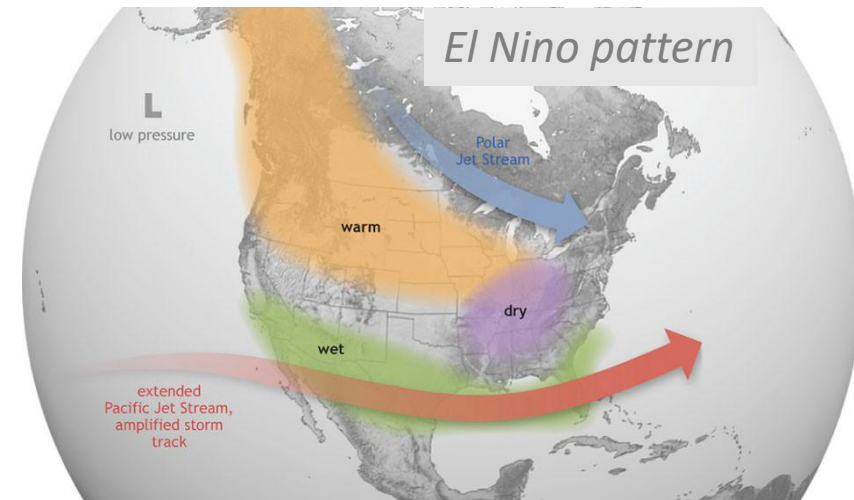
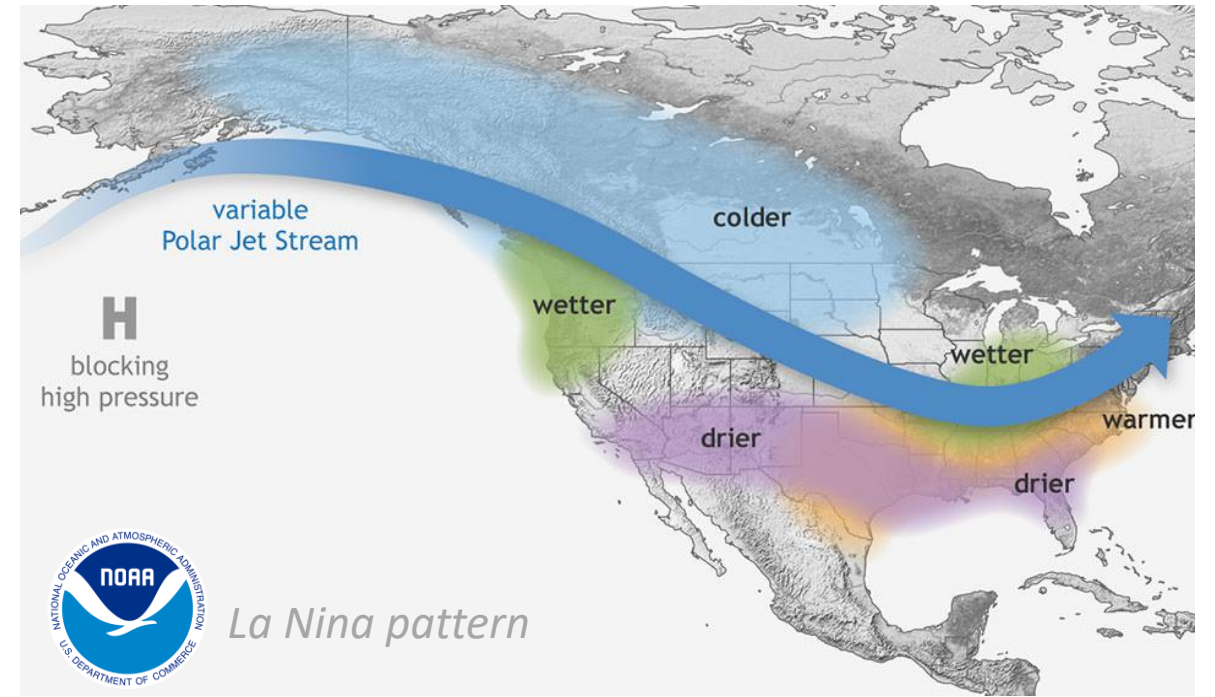


Figure 1. Average relative sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies (°C) for the week centered on 1 April 2026. Anomalies are computed with respect to the 1991-2020 base period weekly means.



Thank you!

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