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Arizona Climate Summary

Summary of conditions for March 2026

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March 2026 Summary

This March ranked as the hottest March on record for the state as well as for each county, resulting in an anomaly of 13.3°F above the 1895-2026 mean of 50.1°F. Several locations across the state also experienced their hottest March on record, including Flagstaff, Phoenix, and Tucson. A few weather disturbances brought a statewide average of 0.15 inches of precipitation, ranking as the 13th driest March on record. For the water year to date (October-March), Arizona ranked as the hottest and the 59th driest. By March 31, snowpack was well below average with the Little Colorado basin at 8% median snow water equivalent (SWE) and the Verde and Salt basins with no measurable SWE.

From March 5-6, a trough and attendant cold front brought rain showers to portions of northern Arizona, including Canyon de Chelly (0.15 inches), Phantom Ranch (0.10 inches), and Window Rock (0.04 inches).

A strong weather system brought scattered rain showers, thunderstorms, and high elevation snow to many locations across the state from March 9-10. Alpine received 0.75 inches of precipitation (2.0 inches of snow), Douglas received 0.47 inches of precipitation, Payson received 0.37 inches of precipitation, Safford Airport received 0.30 inches of precipitation, Tucson received 0.27 inches of precipitation, Natural Bridge State Park received 0.18 inches of precipitation, Apache Junction received 0.10 inches of precipitation, Tempe received 0.07 inches of precipitation, and Deer Valley received 0.06 inches of precipitation. On March 9, marble-sized hail (0.50 inches in diameter) was reported in Miami.

A ridge of high pressure built over the West Coast on March 11. As it strengthened and moved over the Desert Southwest, much of Arizona saw temperatures that were about 20-30°F above normal. Numerous high temperature records were broken each day, with several locations breaking records by 5°F or more. On March 18, Phoenix reached 102°F, breaking the previous record of 95°F set in 2017 and marking the first time this year that they reached a high temperature of 100°F+. This was 45 days before the climatological normal date of May 2, and it also set a new record for Phoenix's earliest 100°F+ occurrence, which was previously set on March 26, 1988. On March 19, Tucson measured 101°F, breaking the previous record of 95°F set in 1907 and marking the first time this year that they reached a high temperature of 100°F+. This was 60 days before the climatological normal date of May 18, and it also marked the first time since 1895 that Tucson recorded a high temperature of 100°F+ in March, which set a new record for their earliest 100°F+ occurrence (previously set on April 11, 2025). In addition, several locations set new records for their all-time March high temperature, including Flagstaff (84°F on March 19; previous record 73°F set on 3/17/2007, 3/26/1988, and 3/31/1966), Prescott (91°F on March 19-20; previous record 83°F on 3/17/2007), Kingman (96°F on March 20; previous record 90°F on 3/16/1934), Tucson (102°F on March 21; previous record 99°F on 3/26/1988), Phoenix (105°F on March 19-21; previous record 100°F on 3/26/1988),

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and Yuma (109°F on March 20; previous record 102°F on 3/21/2004). While still under evaluation, Tacna appears to have measured the hottest March temperature in Arizona with 111°F on March 20.

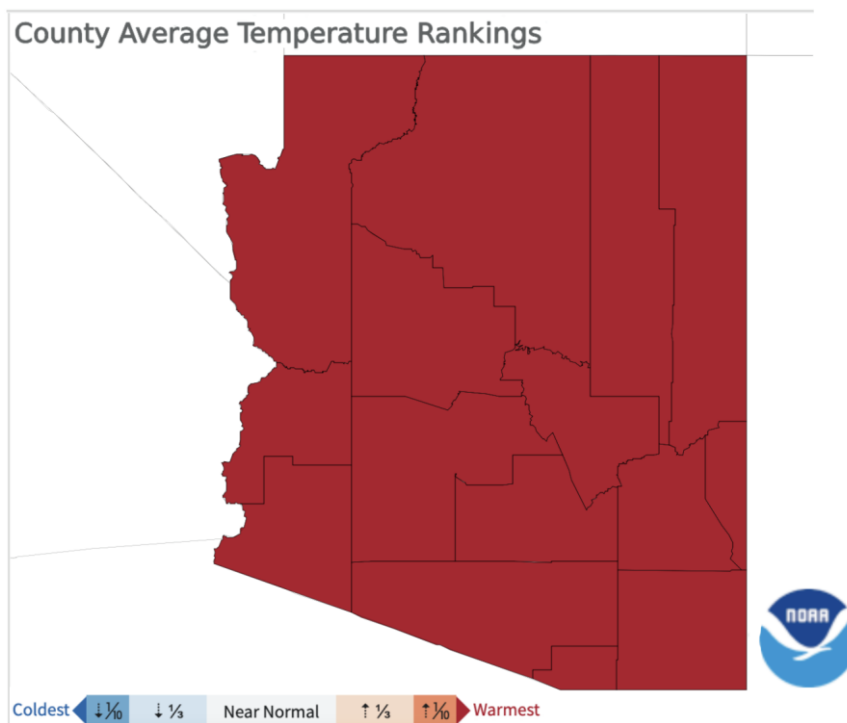
Rain showers were recorded in some areas from March 29-31. On March 29, Nogales received 0.05 inches, Anvil Ranch received 0.01 inches, and Tucson received a trace. On March 30, Window Rock, Douglas, and San Simon each received a trace. A dust storm was reported near Arizona City where the visibility dropped to 50-100 feet, causing people to pull over on the I-10. On March 31, the Grand Canyon Airport received 0.19 inches, Robson Ranch received 0.13 inches, Anvil Ranch and Coronado National Memorial each received 0.06 inches, and Prescott received 0.03 inches.

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.

Statewide Average Temperature per County

March 2026



The **average** state temperature for March was **63.6°F**, ranking as the **hottest** March within the period of record.
The **1895-2026 mean average** state temperature for March was **50.1°F**, resulting in an **anomaly** of **+13.5°F**.

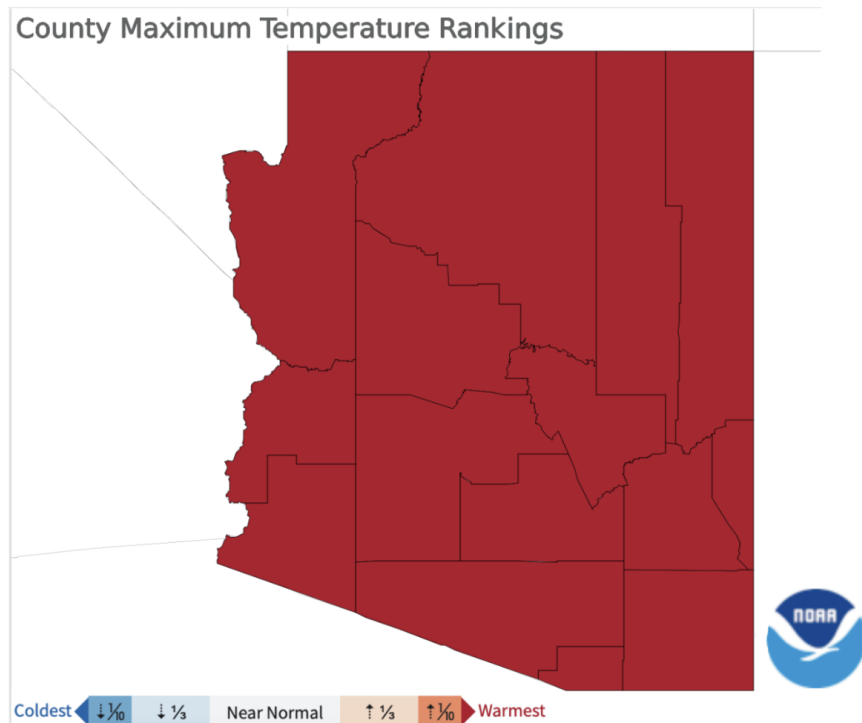
County	Average Temperature	Rank (132 Years)	Anomaly From the 1895-2026 mean
Apache	52.9°F	Hottest	+12.5°F
Cochise	63.1°F	Hottest	+11.1°F
Coconino	56.0°F	Hottest	+13.5°F
Gila	62.4°F	Hottest	+13.1°F
Graham	63.9°F	Hottest	+12.7°F
Greenlee	59.2°F	Hottest	+12.2°F
La Paz	75.4°F	Hottest	+14.4°F
Maricopa	74.5°F	Hottest	+14.7°F
Mohave	65.7°F	Hottest	+14.2°F
Navajo	55.3°F	Hottest	+13.4°F
Pima	71.6°F	Hottest	+14.1°F
Pinal	72.2°F	Hottest	+14.1°F
Santa Cruz	62.5°F	Hottest	+11.1°F
Yavapai	63.1°F	Hottest	+14.3°F
Yuma	75.3°F	Hottest	+13.0°F

Period of record: 1895-2026

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Statewide Maximum Temperature per County

March 2026



The **average maximum** state temperature for March was **80.0°F**, ranking as the **hottest** March within the period of record. The **1895-2026 mean maximum** state temperature for March was **63.9°F**, resulting in an **anomaly** of **+16.1°F**.

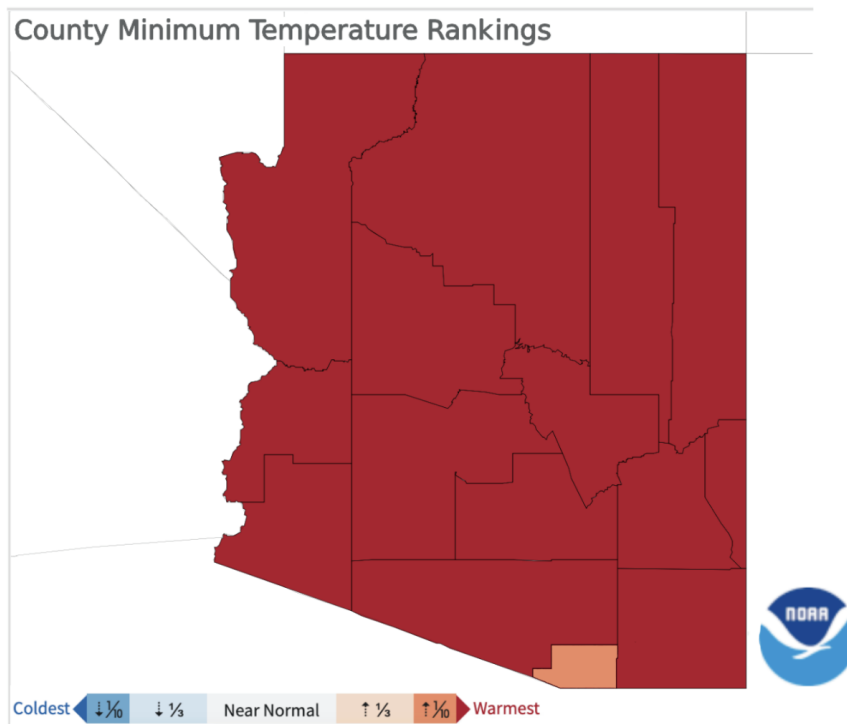
County	Maximum Temperature	Rank (132 Years)	Anomaly From the 1895-2026 mean
Apache	70.2°F	Hottest	+16.0°F
Cochise	81.0°F	Hottest	+13.6°F
Coconino	72.5°F	Hottest	+16.6°F
Gila	78.8°F	Hottest	+16.2°F
Graham	79.8°F	Hottest	+15.2°F
Greenlee	75.1°F	Hottest	+14.6°F
La Paz	90.0°F	Hottest	+15.2°F
Maricopa	91.4°F	Hottest	+17.3°F
Mohave	79.6°F	Hottest	+16.0°F
Navajo	72.5°F	Hottest	+16.8°F
Pima	88.5°F	Hottest	+16.3°F
Pinal	88.7°F	Hottest	+16.5°F
Santa Cruz	81.2°F	Hottest	+14.8°F
Yavapai	79.6°F	Hottest	+16.9°F
Yuma	92.6°F	Hottest	+15.5°F

Period of record: 1895-2026

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Statewide Minimum Temperature per County

March 2026



The **average minimum** state temperature for March was **47.2°F**, ranking as the **hottest** March within the period of record. The **1895-2026 mean minimum** state temperature for March was **36.3°F**, resulting in an **anomaly** of **+10.9°F**.

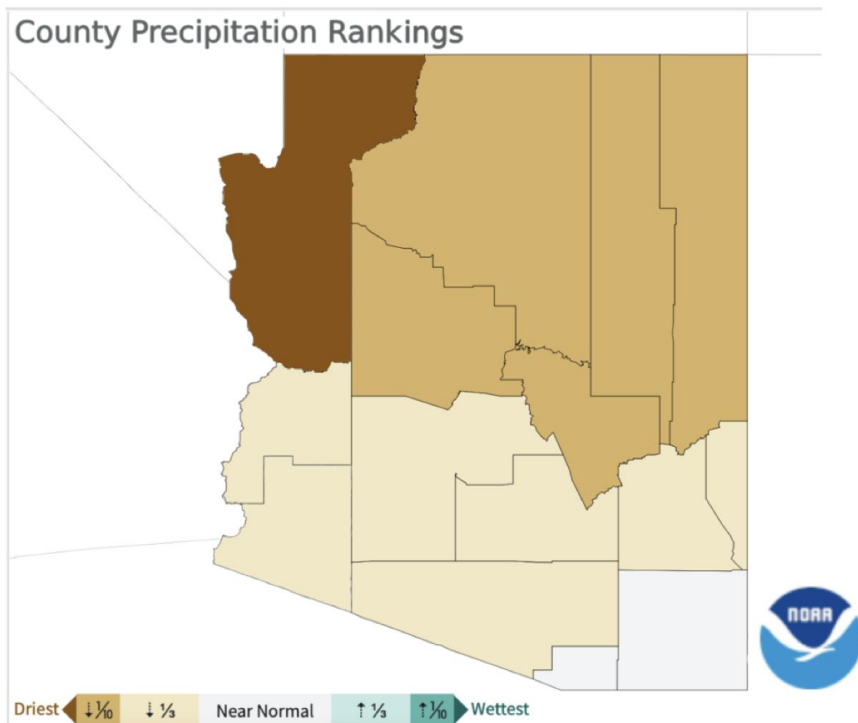
County	Minimum Temperature	Rank (132 Years)	Anomaly From the 1895-2026 mean
Apache	35.6°F	Hottest	+9.0°F
Cochise	45.2°F	Hottest	+8.7°F
Coconino	39.4°F	Hottest	+10.2°F
Gila	46.1°F	Hottest	+10.2°F
Graham	48.0°F	Hottest	+10.3°F
Greenlee	43.3°F	Hottest	+10.0°F
La Paz	60.7°F	Hottest	+13.5°F
Maricopa	57.6°F	Hottest	+12.0°F
Mohave	51.9°F	Hottest	+12.6°F
Navajo	38.0°F	Hottest	+9.9°F
Pima	54.8°F	Hottest	+12.1°F
Pinal	55.6°F	Hottest	+11.5°F
Santa Cruz	43.9°F	2 nd hottest	+7.6°F
Yavapai	46.6°F	Hottest	+11.7°F
Yuma	58.0°F	Hottest	+10.5°F

Period of record: 1895-2026

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Statewide Total Precipitation per County

March 2026



The **average state precipitation** for March was **0.13 inches**, ranking as the **12th driest** March within the period of record. The **1895-2026 mean state precipitation** for March was **1.03 inches**, resulting in an **anomaly of -0.90 inches**.

County	Precipitation	Rank (132 Years)	Anomaly From the 1895-2026 mean
Apache	0.13"	11 th driest	-0.91"
Cochise	0.35"	Tied 54 th driest	-0.39"
Coconino	0.06"	5 th driest	-1.16"
Gila	0.18"	Tied 10 th driest	-1.74"
Graham	0.49"	38 th driest	-0.59"
Greenlee	0.65"	Tied 43 rd driest	-0.45"
La Paz	0.02"	Tied 14 th driest	-0.49"
Maricopa	0.06"	17 th driest	-0.81"
Mohave	0.00"	Tied driest	-1.05"
Navajo	0.04"	Tied 5 th driest	-0.91"
Pima	0.28"	Tied 37 th driest	-0.52"
Pinal	0.13"	Tied 18 th driest	-0.92"
Santa Cruz	0.52"	Tied 60 th driest	-0.45"
Yavapai	0.06"	7 th driest	-1.45"
Yuma	0.07"	Tied 32 nd driest	-0.33"

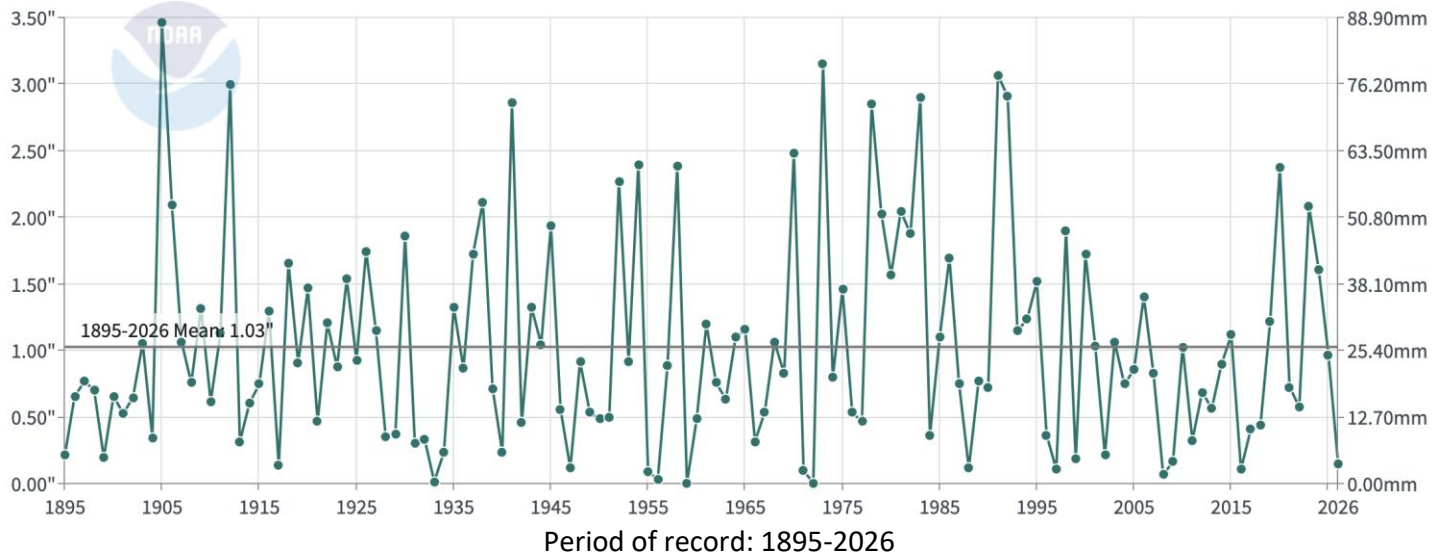
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March Statewide Precipitation (1895 to date)

Arizona Precipitation

March



This chart shows average Arizona precipitation each March through the period of record (1895 to present). March 2026 ranked as the **12th driest** with an average of **0.13 inches**, which is **0.90 inches below** the **1895-2026 average** of **1.03 inches**.

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Flagstaff Climate Statistics

March 2026

This ranked as the hottest March on record (9/10/1898 to present). With 0.04 inches of precipitation, it tied as the 3rd driest March on record.

Avg Max Temp: 66.9°F Normal: 52.2°F
Avg Min Temp: 30.0°F Normal: 23.8°F
Avg Mean Temp: 48.5°F Normal: 38.0°F

Highest Monthly Avg Temp: 48.5°F in 2026
Lowest Monthly Avg Temp: 26.8°F in 1973

Highest Temp this month: 84°F on 19th
Lowest Temp this month: 20°F on 8th

Record High: 84°F on 3/19/2026
Record Low: -16°F on 3/4/1966

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

Minimum Temp 32°F or lower	23
Minimum Temp 0°F or lower	0
Maximum Temp 80°F or greater	2
Maximum Temp 32°F or lower	0
Measurable Precipitation (0.01" or greater)	2
Trace Precipitation (less than 0.01")	1

Total March Precipitation: 0.04"
Normal March Precipitation: 1.88"
Departure from Normal: -1.84"
Greatest 24-Hr Precip: 0.02" on 9th, 31st
(Midnight to Midnight)

Total Precipitation Year-to-Date: 3.07"
Normal Precipitation Year-to-Date: 6.10"
Departure from Normal: -3.03"
Total Precip Year-to-Date (Last Year): 4.05"

Greatest March Precipitation: 7.27" in 2023
Least March Precipitation: 0.00" in 1972

Total March Snowfall: 0.0"
Normal March Snowfall: 15.6"
Departure from Normal: -15.6"

Greatest March Snowfall: 79.4" in 1991
Least March Snowfall: 0.0" in 2026
and 7 other years

Average Wind Speed: 6.5 mph
Highest Wind Speed: 32 mph from 220° on 2nd, 31st
Highest Peak Gust: 52 mph from 220° on 5th

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Normals on this page are from 1991-2020

Flagstaff Highest Maximum Temperature Records

March 2026

10 records set, 2 records tied

Date	Record	Previous record
March 17, 2026	73°F (tied)	73°F in 2007
March 18, 2026	76°F	68°F in 2004, 1978, 1907
March 19, 2026	84°F	71°F in 1907
March 20, 2026	83°F	72°F in 2004
March 21, 2026	79°F	70°F in 2004, 1997
March 22, 2026	75°F	68°F in 2004
March 23, 2026	74°F	67°F in 1990, 1940
March 24, 2026	76°F	71°F in 2025
March 25, 2026	77°F	72°F in 2025, 1988
March 26, 2026	74°F	73°F in 1988
March 27, 2026	77°F	72°F in 2015
March 28, 2026	70°F (tied)	70°F in 2015

- Out of the top 10 hottest March days on record in Flagstaff, all 10 occurred this year.

Flagstaff Highest Minimum Temperature Records

March 2026

1 record set, 2 records tied

Date	Record	Previous record
March 22, 2026	37°F (tied)	37°F in 1929
March 29, 2026	38°F (tied)	38°F in 2002, 1904
March 31, 2026	43°F	41°F in 1903

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Flagstaff observed 30 days of above average temperatures and 1 day of below average temperatures this month.

Phoenix Climate Statistics

March 2026

This ranked as the hottest March on record (8/6/1895 to present). With 0.06 inches of precipitation, it tied as the 20th driest March on record.

Avg Max Temp: 92.9°F Normal: 78.1°F
Avg Min Temp: 64.8°F Normal: 54.5°F
Avg Mean Temp: 78.8°F Normal: 66.3°F

Highest Monthly Avg Temp: 78.8°F in 2026
Lowest Monthly Avg Temp: 54.3°F in 1897

Highest Temp this month: 105°F on 19th, 20th, 21st
Lowest Temp this month: 53°F on 6th

Record High: 105°F on 3/19/2026, 3/20/2026,
3/21/2026
Record Low: 25°F on 3/4/1966

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

Maximum Temp 90°F or greater	22
Maximum Temp 100°F or greater	9
Measurable Precipitation (0.01" or greater)	2
Trace Precipitation (less than 0.01")	0

Total March Precipitation: 0.06"
Normal March Precipitation: 0.83"
Departure from Normal: -0.77"
Greatest 24-Hr Precip: 0.05" on 9th
(Midnight to Midnight)

Total Precipitation Year-to-Date: 0.32"
Normal Precipitation Year-to-Date: 2.57"
Departure from Normal: -2.25"
Total Precip Year-to-Date (Last Year): 0.87"

Greatest March Precipitation: 4.82" in 1941
Least March Precipitation: 0.00" in 2016
and 12 other years

Average Wind Speed: 5.9 mph
Highest Wind Speed: 32 mph from 190° on 9th
32 mph from 180° on 29th
Highest Peak Gust: 45 mph from 200° on 29th

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Phoenix Highest Maximum Temperature Records

March 2026

13 records set, 1 record tied

Date	Record	Previous record
March 1, 2026	93°F	89°F in 2016, 1986
March 2, 2026	93°F	90°F in 2016, 1921, 1910
March 13, 2026	93°F	92°F in 2017, 1972
March 15, 2026	92°F (tied)	92°F in 2013, 2007
March 18, 2026	102°F	95°F in 2017
March 19, 2026	105°F	96°F in 2017
March 20, 2026	105°F	96°F in 2017
March 21, 2026	105°F	97°F in 2004
March 22, 2026	102°F	94°F in 1990
March 23, 2026	100°F	93°F in 1990
March 24, 2026	100°F	96°F in 2025
March 25, 2026	100°F	99°F in 2025
March 27, 2026	102°F	98°F in 1986
March 28, 2026	96°F	95°F in 2015, 1986

Phoenix Highest Minimum Temperature Records

March 2026

14 records set

Date	Record	Previous record
March 2, 2026	64°F	63°F in 1926
March 9, 2026	62°F	61°F in 1989, 1898
March 17, 2026	69°F	66°F in 2007
March 18, 2026	68°F	65°F in 2007
March 19, 2026	69°F	64°F in 2017
March 20, 2026	69°F	67°F in 2017
March 21, 2026	70°F	67°F in 2004
March 24, 2026	70°F	65°F in 2025
March 25, 2026	68°F	66°F in 2025, 2004
March 27, 2026	69°F	67°F in 1990
March 28, 2026	75°F	74°F in 1986
March 29, 2026	72°F	67°F in 1986
March 30, 2026	73°F	70°F in 2015
March 31, 2026	76°F	70°F in 1986

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Phoenix recorded 30 days of above average temperatures and 1 day of below average temperatures this month.

Tucson Climate Statistics

March 2026

This ranked as the hottest March on record (9/1/1894 to present). With 0.27 inches of precipitation, it tied as the 40th driest March on record.

Avg Max Temp: 88.1°F Normal: 75.8°F
Avg Min Temp: 56.0°F Normal: 48.0°F
Avg Mean Temp: 72.1°F Normal: 61.9°F

Highest Monthly Avg Temp: 72.1°F in 2026
Lowest Monthly Avg Temp: 51.5°F in 1973

Highest Temp this month: 102°F on 21st
Lowest Temp this month: 40°F on 7th

Record High: 102°F on 3/21/2026
Record Low: 20°F on 3/4/1965

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

Maximum Temp 90°F or greater	15
Maximum Temp 100°F or greater	4
Measurable Precipitation (0.01" or greater)	1
Trace Precipitation (less than 0.01")	3

Total March Precipitation: 0.27"
Normal March Precipitation: 0.56"
Departure from Normal: -0.29"
Greatest 24-Hr Precip: 0.27" on 9th
(Midnight to Midnight)

Total Precipitation Year-to-Date: 2.11"
Normal Precipitation Year-to-Date: 2.24"
Departure from Normal: -0.13"
Total Precip Year-to-Date (Last Year): 0.48"

Greatest March Precipitation: 3.88" in 1905
Least March Precipitation: 0.00" in 2018
and 8 other years

Average Wind Speed: 6.9 mph
Highest Wind Speed: 32 mph from 120° on 28th
Highest Peak Gust: 52 mph from 120° on 28th,
marking the 5th time since
1950 that a gust of 50 mph
or greater was recorded in
March

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Tucson Highest Maximum Temperature Records

March 2026

8 records set, 3 records tied

Date	Record	Previous record
March 1, 2026	89°F	87°F in 1986
March 18, 2026	95°F (tied)	95°F in 1907
March 19, 2026	101°F	95°F in 1907
March 20, 2026	101°F	94°F in 2017
March 21, 2026	102°F	92°F in 2017
March 22, 2026	100°F	91°F in 2018
March 23, 2026	96°F	92°F in 1896
March 24, 2026	96°F	93°F in 1896
March 27, 2026	98°F	94°F in 1988
March 29, 2026	92°F (tied)	92°F in 2015
March 31, 2026	91°F (tied)	91°F in 2012, 1989, 1969

- The 11 record highs are the most for March, dating back to 1910 (previous record 9 days in 1989 and 1910). March 2026 is the 11th calendar month since 1910 to record 11 or more record high temperatures.
- There were 10 days that had a high temperature of 95 degrees or hotter this month, while the combined total for March from 1895 to 2025 was 8.

Tucson Highest Minimum Temperature Records

March 2026

6 records set, 1 record tied

Date	Record	Previous record
March 21, 2026	63°F (tied)	63°F in 2007
March 24, 2026	60°F	59°F in 1966
March 25, 2026	59°F	58°F in 1998, 1953, 1931
March 28, 2026	68°F	63°F in 1986, 1895
March 29, 2026	66°F	60°F in 2025
March 30, 2026	67°F	66°F in 2004
March 31, 2026	67°F	61°F in 1986

- The 7 record warm lows are the most for March (previous record 6 days in 2004).

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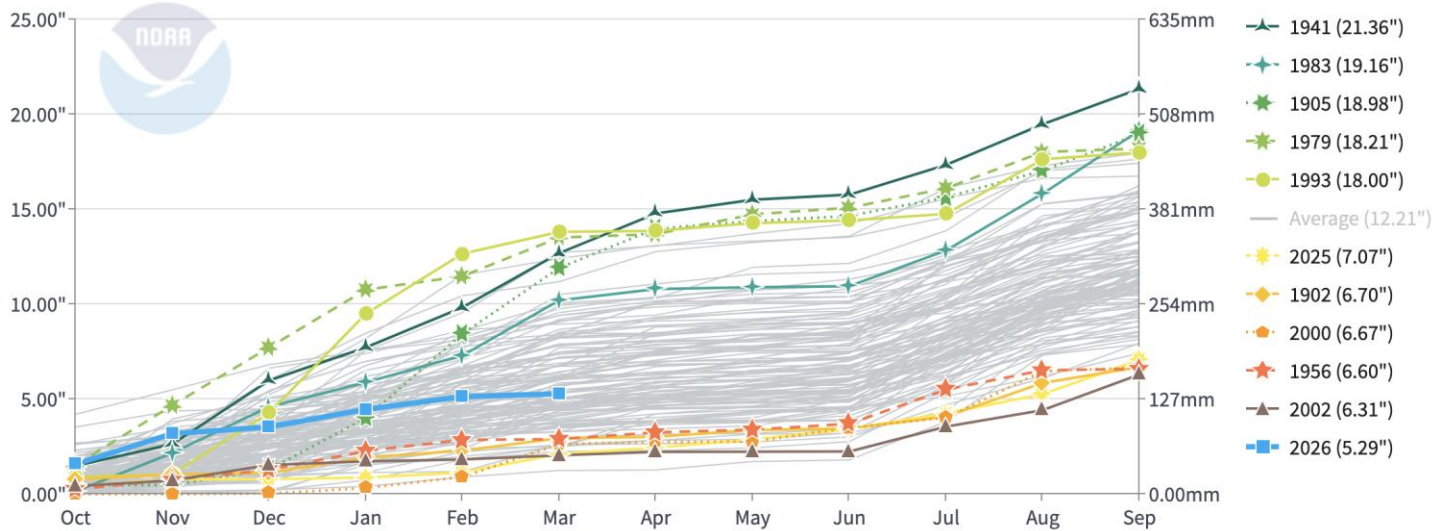


Tucson measured 28 days of above average temperatures and 3 days of below average temperatures this month.

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

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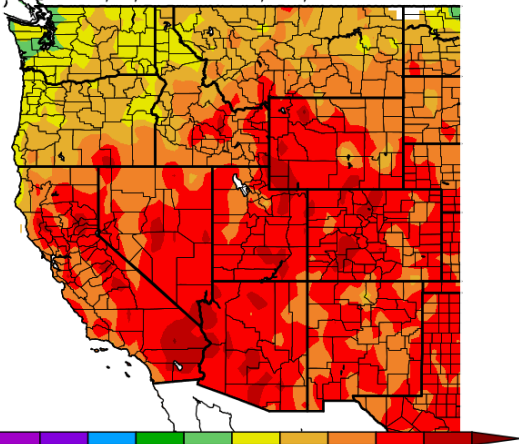
October-September Precipitation



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-March)** was **5.27 inches**, which is **0.81 inches below** the **October-March average of 6.08 inches**.

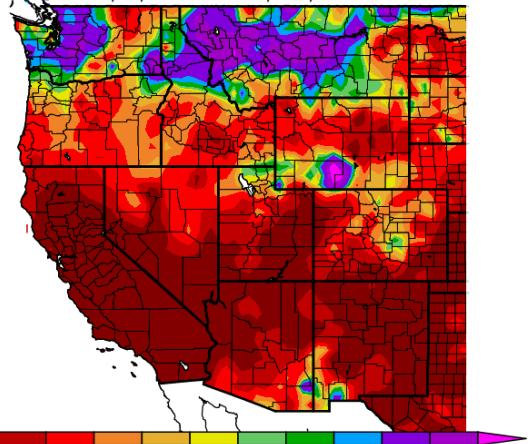
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Ave. Temperature dep from Ave (deg F)
3/1/2026 – 3/31/2026



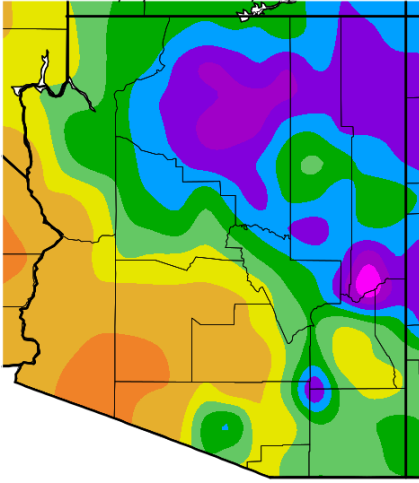
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Percent of Average Precipitation (%)
3/1/2026 – 3/31/2026



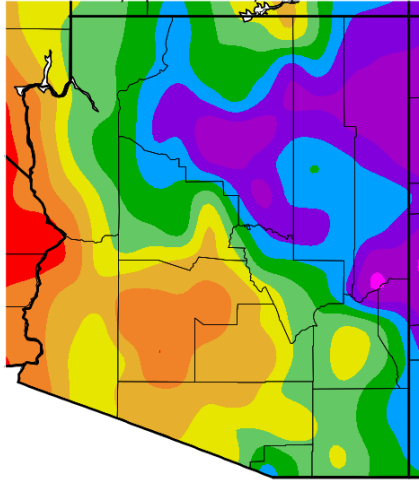
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Av. Max. Temperature (deg. F)
3/1/2026 – 3/31/2026



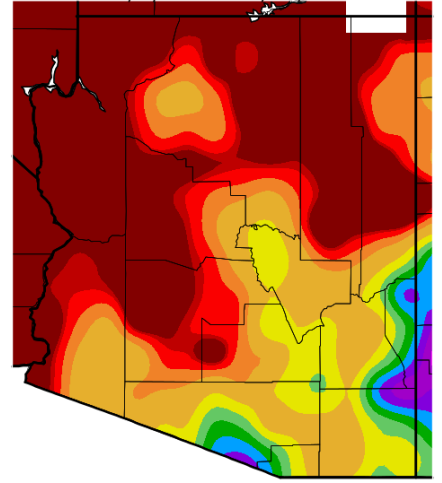
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3/1/2026 – 3/31/2026



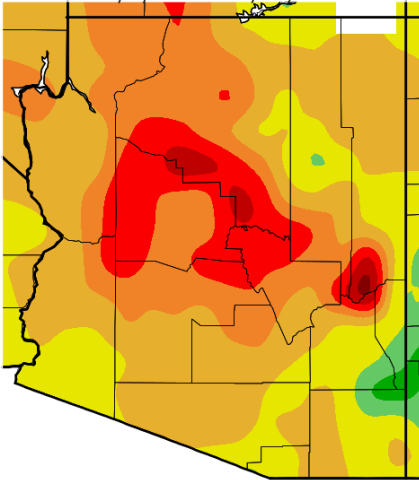
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Total Precipitation (in.)
3/1/2026 – 3/31/2026



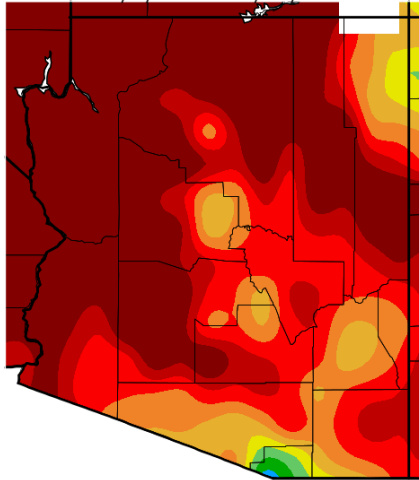
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Precipitation Departure from Average (in.)
3/1/2026 – 3/31/2026



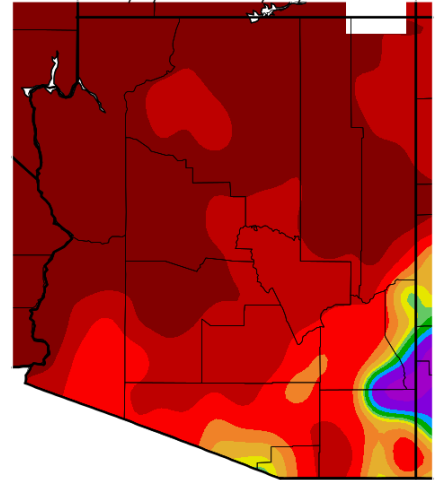
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Precipitation # Days > 0.01"
3/1/2026 – 3/31/2026



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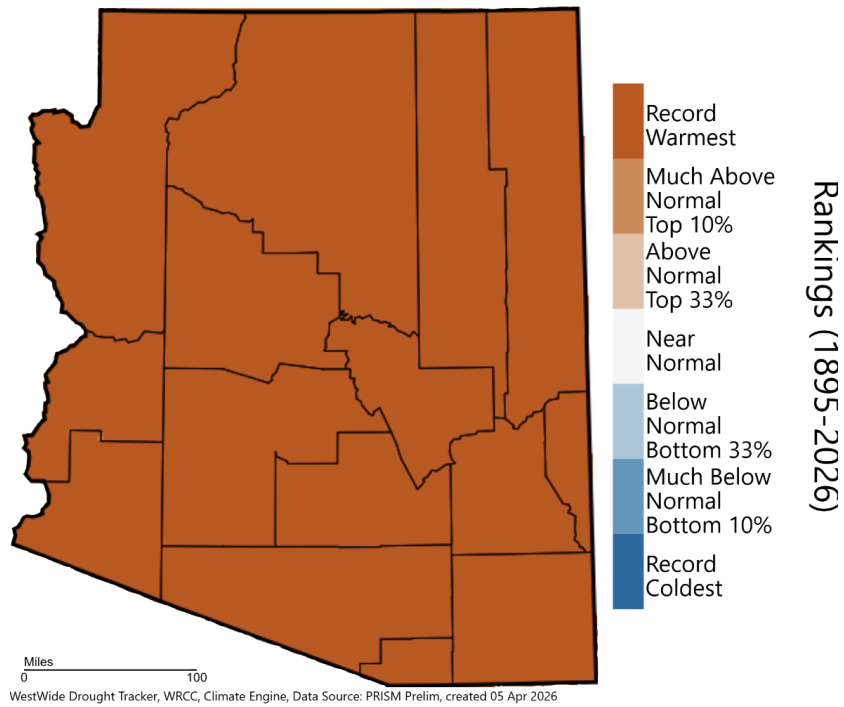
Percent of Average Precipitation (%)
3/1/2026 – 3/31/2026



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Arizona - Mean Temperature

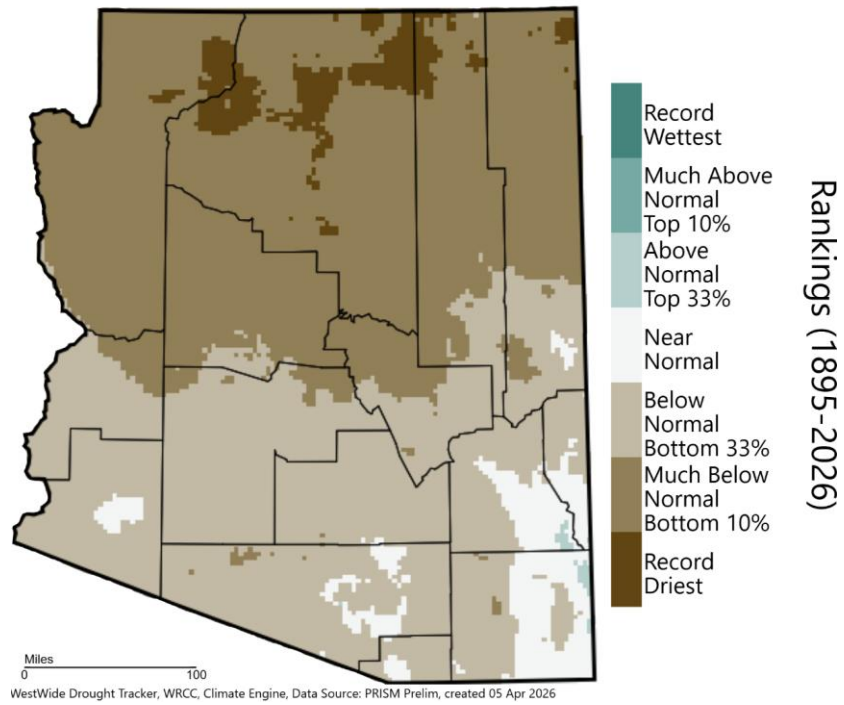
March 2026, Percentile



Record-breaking temperatures were measured across the state.

Arizona - Precipitation

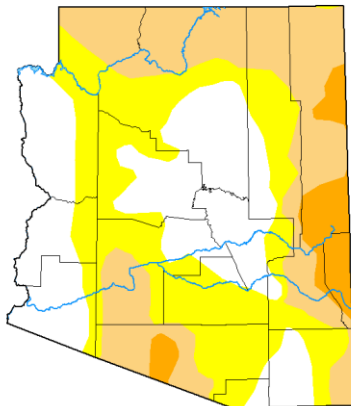
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Precipitation was below normal to much below normal across most of the state, while portions of southeastern counties recorded near normal precipitation.

Short-term Drought

U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



March 3, 2026
(Released Thursday, Mar. 5, 2026)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	32.01	33.63	28.19	6.18	0.00	0.00
Last Week (02-24-2026)	32.01	33.63	28.19	6.18	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (12-03-2025)	8.23	16.88	45.92	27.94	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	54.16	23.57	1.48
One Year Ago (03-04-2025)	0.00	0.87	11.11	32.62	48.20	7.21

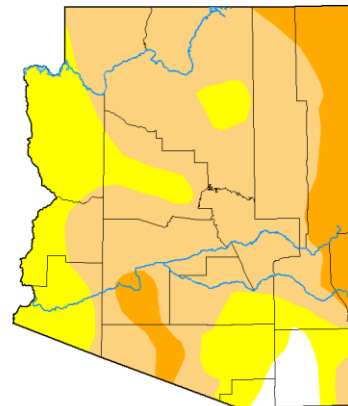
Intensity:
None
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought

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March 31, 2026
(Released Thursday, Apr. 2, 2026)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.84	25.62	58.04	13.50	0.00	0.00
Last Week (03-24-2026)	4.41	48.01	34.07	13.50	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (12-03-2025)	10.55	20.55	40.15	27.71	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	54.16	23.57	1.48
One Year Ago (03-04-2025)	0.00	0.74	11.15	29.66	51.24	7.21

Intensity:
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Percent of Statewide Area Change in Short-term Drought

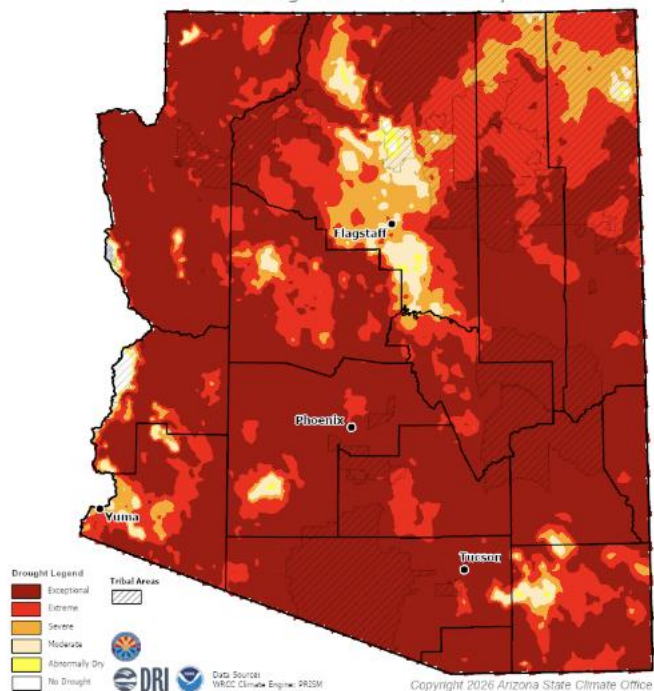
Category	March 3, 2026	March 31, 2026	Change
No Drought	32	3	-29
D0 – Abnormally Dry	34	26	-8
D1 – Moderate Drought	28	58	+30
D2 – Severe Drought	6	14	+8
D3 – Extreme Drought	0	0	0
D4 – Exceptional Drought	0	0	0



Long-term Drought

Arizona Long-Term Drought

Average SPEI Published April 2026



The Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index (SPEI) takes into account temperature and precipitation for long-term drought. From April 2022 to March 2026, Arizona ranked as the hottest and the 27th driest.

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