

Water Weekly

For the week of 10/20/25



Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of October 14 shows an increase in drought for the fifth consecutive week. In the last week, improvements in West Texas and the Panhandle couldn't keep pace with degradations across the rest of the state. Additional drought is likely on next week's map.

Drought conditions

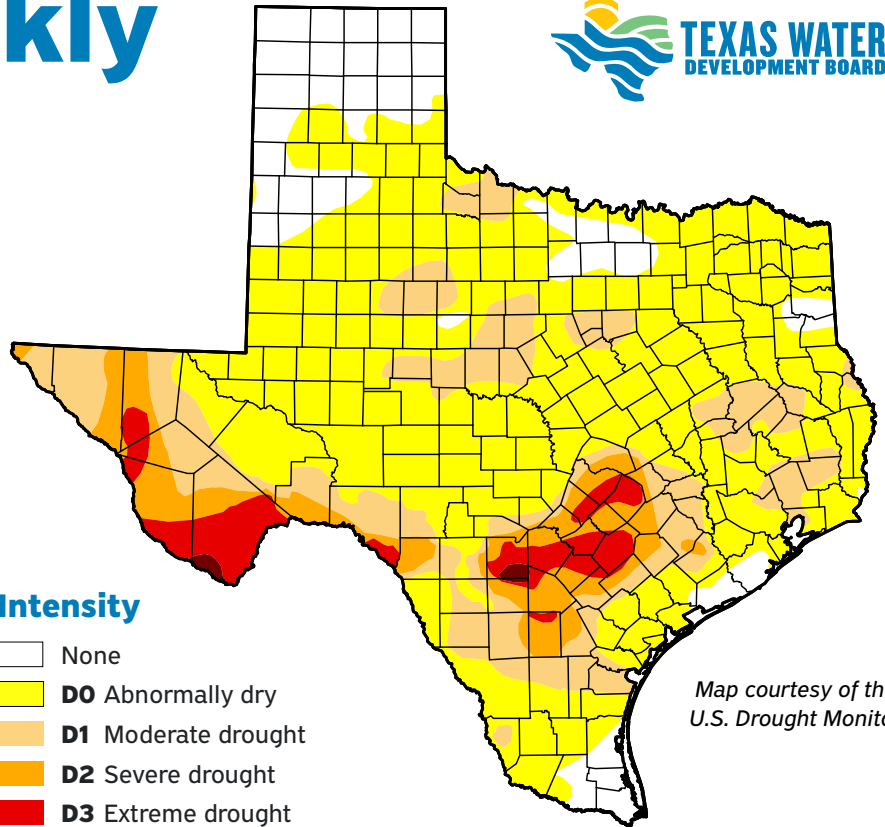
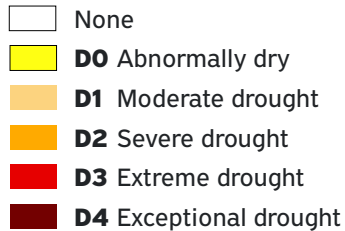
30% now

26% a week ago

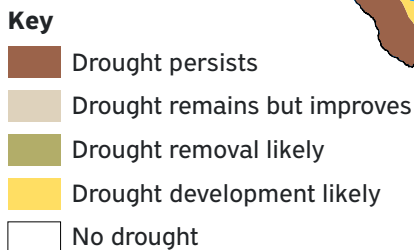
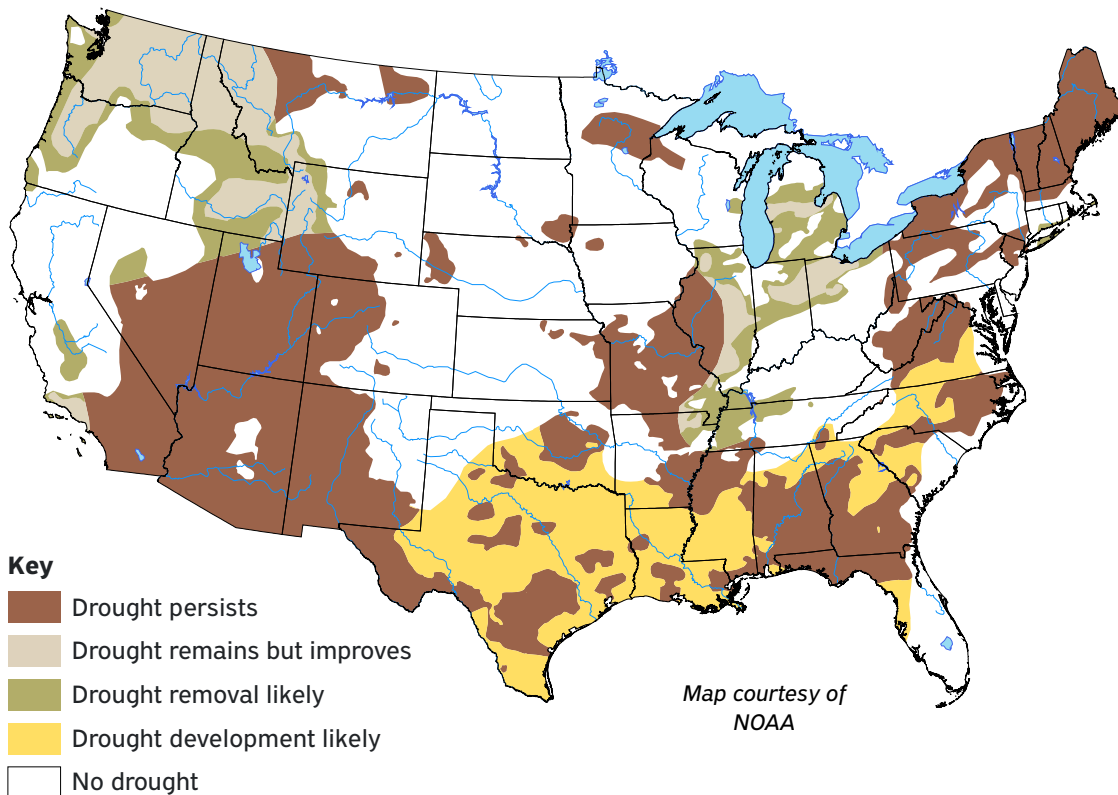
22% three months ago

55% a year ago

Intensity



Map courtesy of the
U.S. Drought Monitor



Map courtesy of
NOAA

U.S. seasonal drought outlook

The latest seasonal drought outlook for conditions through the end of January 2026 is a bit more optimistic for Texas than the previous outlook. Drought is still expected to expand across most of Texas—but thanks to recent moisture, most of the Panhandle is expected to escape drought conditions.

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