

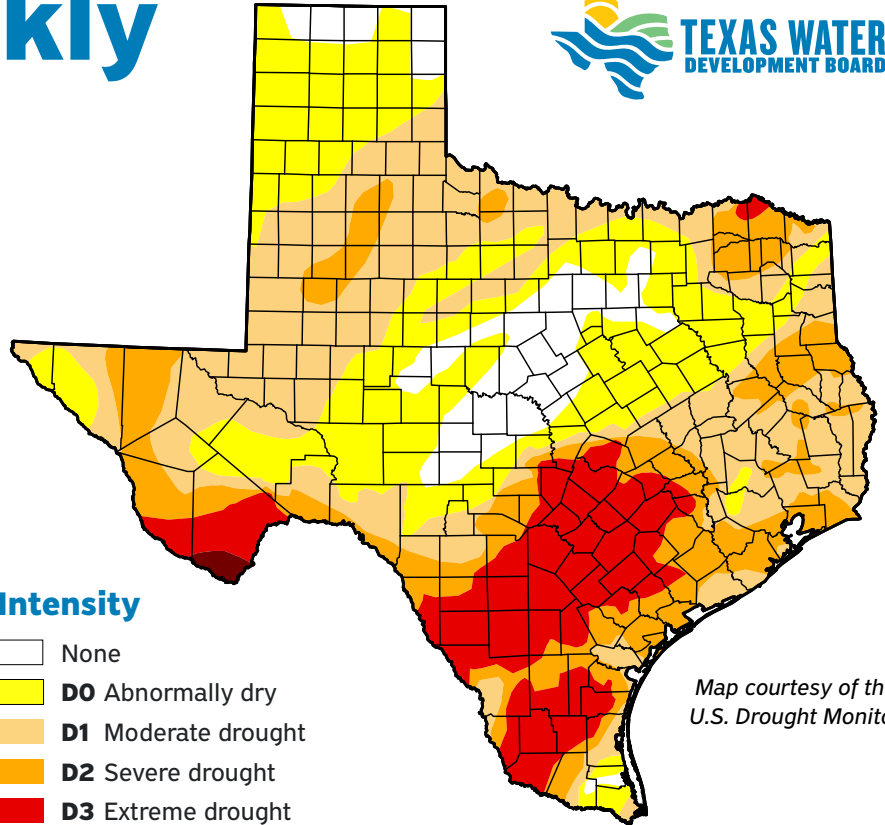
Water Weekly

For the week of 01/19/26



Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of January 13 shows an increase in drought area, the sixth consecutive week with an increase. Extreme or worse drought now impacts almost 15 percent of the state, its largest extent in half a year. Expect more drought on next week's map.



Map courtesy of the
U.S. Drought Monitor

Drought conditions

63% now

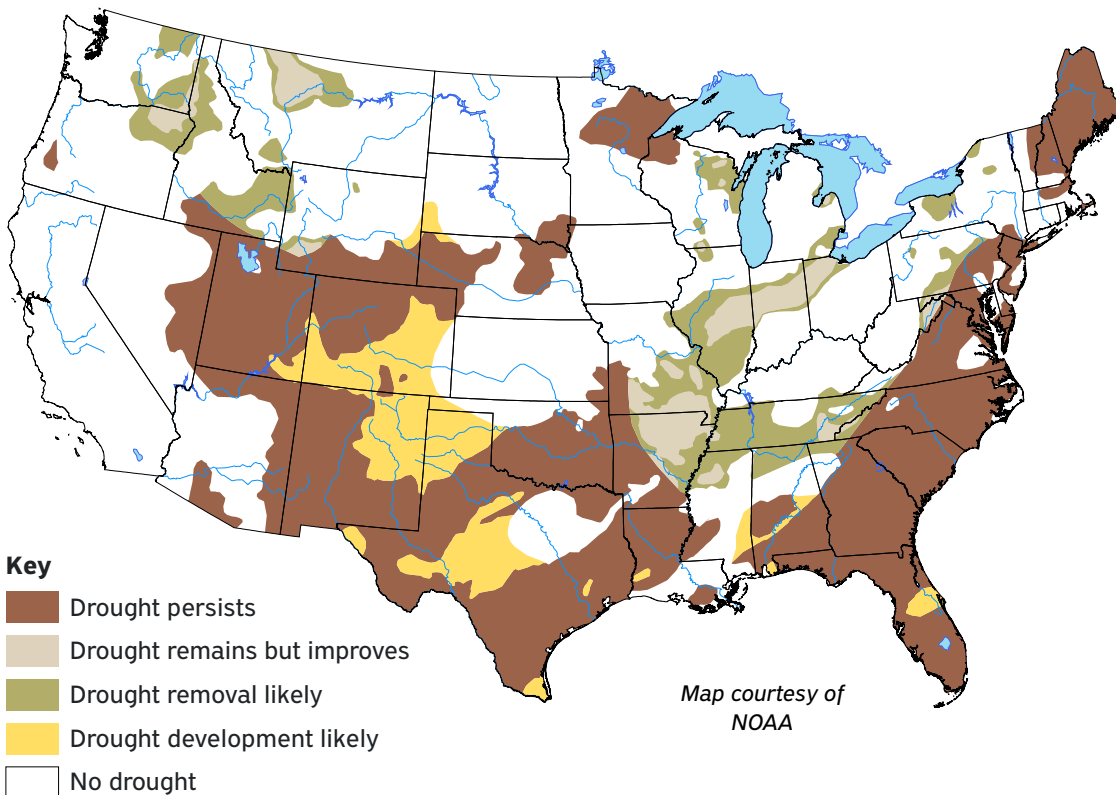
57% a week ago

30% three months ago

42% a year ago

Intensity

- None
- D0** Abnormally dry
- D1** Moderate drought
- D2** Severe drought
- D3** Extreme drought
- D4** Exceptional drought



Key

- Drought persists
- Drought remains but improves
- Drought removal likely
- Drought development likely
- No drought

Map courtesy of
NOAA

U.S. seasonal drought outlook

It looks like drought conditions will get worse before they get better. The latest seasonal drought outlook anticipates continued drought expansion across Texas through the end of April. Only a pocket of north-central and eastern Texas is expected to remain drought free, along with the northeast corner of the Panhandle.

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