

Water Weekly

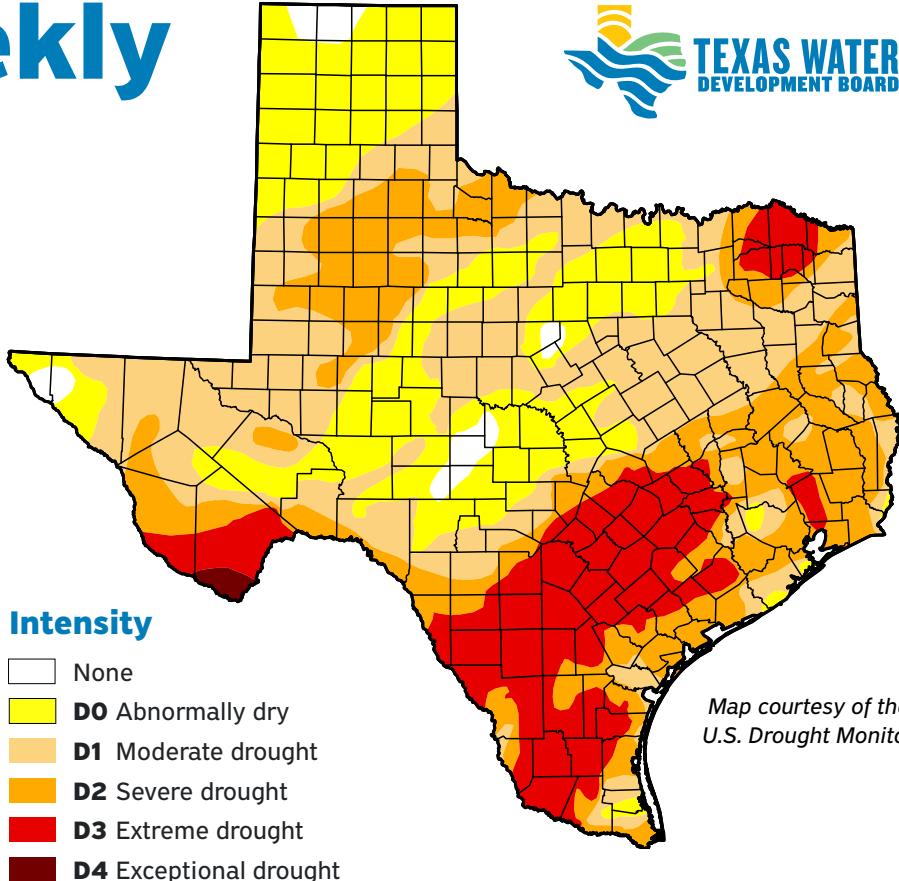
For the week of 02/16/26



Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of February 10 shows drought has reached its largest extent since October 2023.

Over the last week, drought has expanded or intensified in north-central, eastern, and southern Texas. A quarter of the state remains abnormally dry and susceptible to drought in coming weeks.



Drought conditions

74% Now

69% A week ago

54% Three months ago

42% A year ago

Intensity

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

2021-2025 Drought

In October 2021, 10 percent of the state was impacted by drought, and drought extent has only grown in the years that followed. Since then, drought area peaked at 97 percent in July 2022 and reached a low of 19 percent in September 2025. Drought has been continuously present in Bexar (Central Texas) and Brewster (West Texas) counties since January 2022.

Texas percent area in U.S. Drought Monitor categories

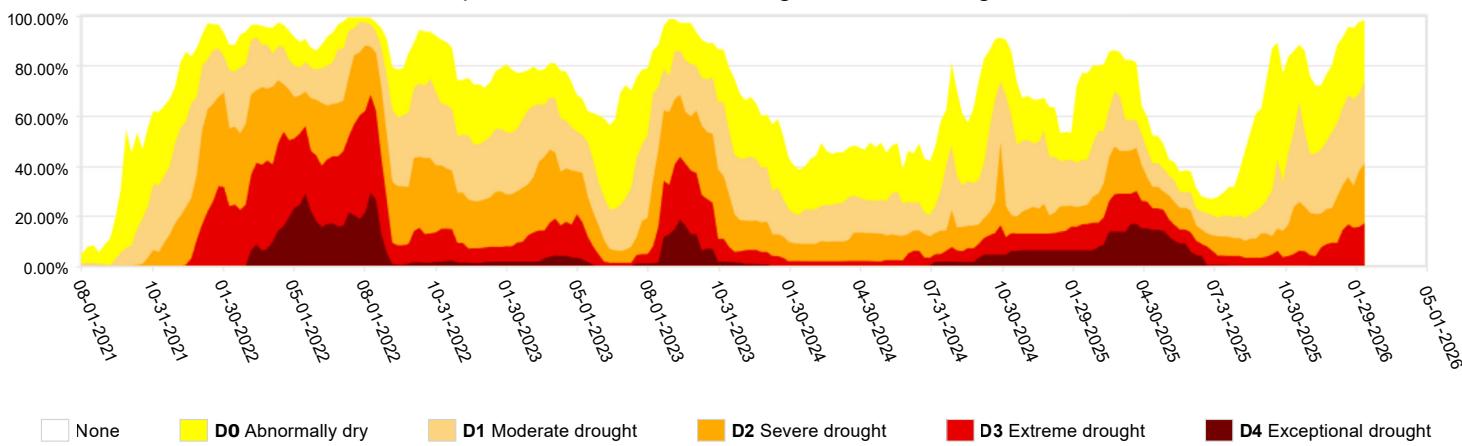


Chart courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

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