

Water Weekly

For the week of 08/17/26



Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of August 11 shows the third consecutive week of drought expansion, the longest period of continuous drought expansion since March of this year. Extreme and exceptional drought area have reached their largest extent since early June of this year.

Drought conditions

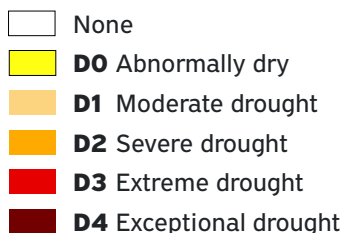
28% Now

25% A week ago

65% Three months ago

20% A year ago

Intensity

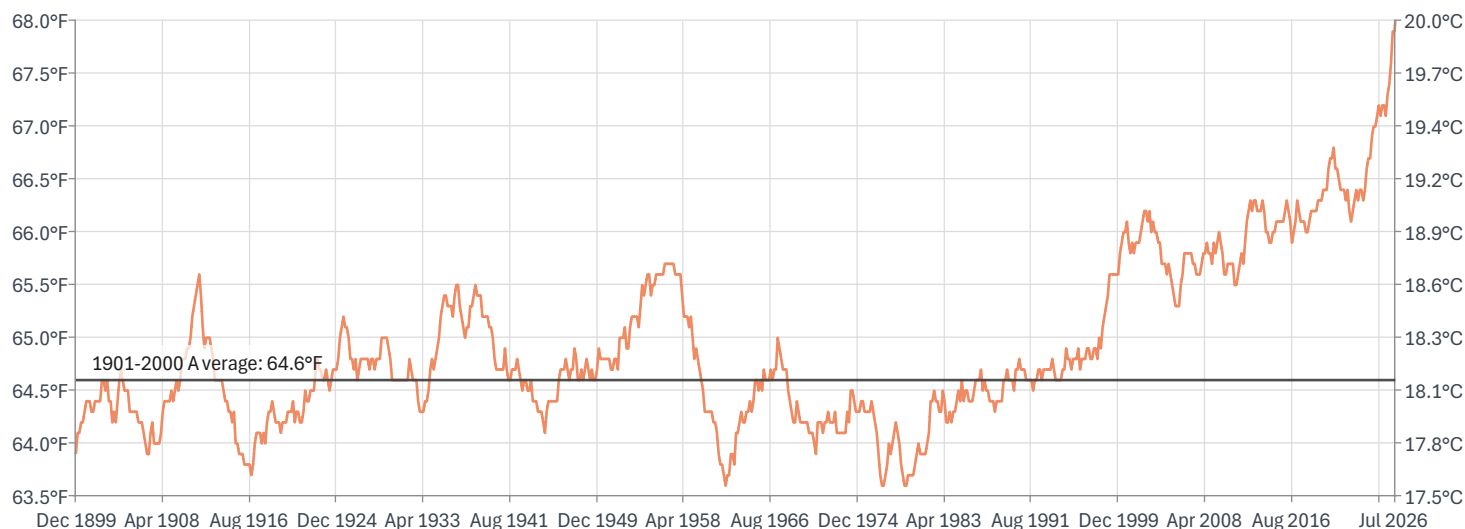


Map courtesy of the
U.S. Drought Monitor

Five-year average temperature

Texas' temperature from August 2021 through July 2026 averaged 68° Fahrenheit, the hottest five-year period in data going back to 1895. During the 1950's drought, the five-year average temperature reached 65.7° Fahrenheit. Texas hasn't had a five-year period that cool since January 2007 through December 2011.

Texas Average Temperature
60-Month Period



Graphic courtesy of NWS/NOAA

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