

# ARIZONA SHORT-TERM DROUGHT STATUS REPORT

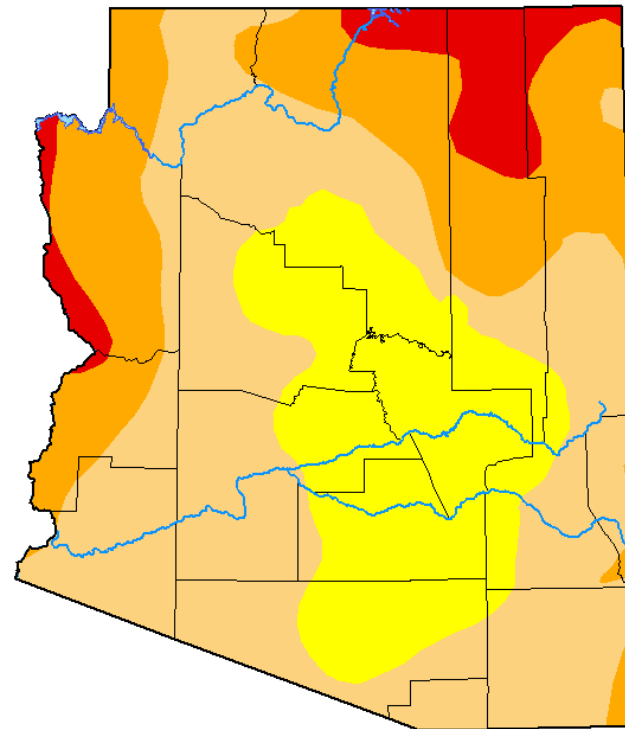
## FEBRUARY 2022

While most of Arizona received below-average precipitation during February, portions of Apache and Navajo counties received near normal amounts. There were two systems during the month that brought some precipitation to most of the state. At the end of February, snow water equivalent was 124% of median at Mormon Mountain and 147% of median at Happy Jack on the Mogollon Rim. Statewide temperatures were average or slightly below average throughout the month.

Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions decreased to 25% throughout Arizona. Moderate Drought (D1) increased to 46%, moving into central and southern Maricopa, western Pima, western Yavapai, and the majority of Yuma, Santa Cruz, and Cochise counties. Severe Drought (D2) extended into northwestern Mohave County and western La Paz County, now covering 23% of the state. Extreme Drought (D3) remained in northwestern Coconino, north and central Navajo, and northwestern Apache counties, and appeared slightly along western Mohave County, increasing total Extreme Drought to 6% of the state. There was no Exceptional Drought (D4) in the state in February.

La Niña continues in a weakening phase and should become neutral by the summer. However, odds favor below-normal precipitation for the remainder of the spring.

### U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



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	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	75.35	29.49	6.28	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 02-22-2022	0.00	100.00	56.71	25.89	5.08	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 11-30-2021	0.00	100.00	76.78	34.08	8.89	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-04-2022	0.00	100.00	55.74	26.15	5.08	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-28-2021	0.00	100.00	80.38	40.02	13.69	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 03-02-2021	0.00	100.00	98.92	94.60	84.67	53.50

**Intensity:**

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

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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