

# ARIZONA SHORT-TERM DROUGHT STATUS REPORT

## NOVEMBER 2020

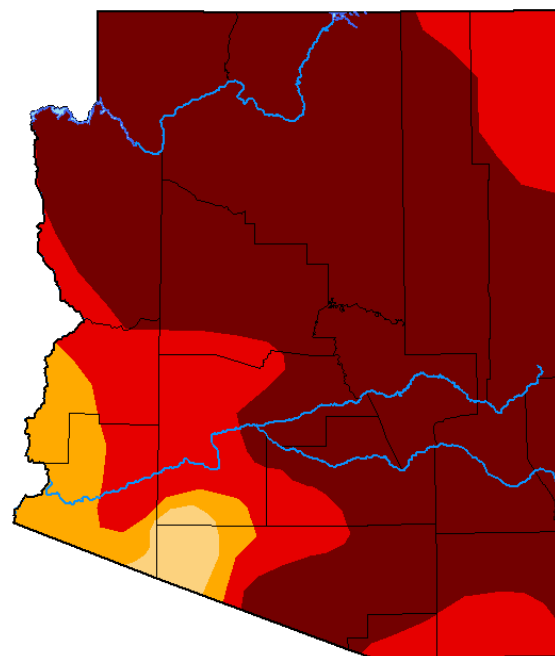
The unusually dry weather from the summer continued through November, leading to significant degradation of drought conditions across Arizona.

While only 9% of the state was in Exceptional Drought (D4) at the end of October, this drought condition expanded into every county except La Paz and Yuma and now covers 72% of the state. Meanwhile, Extreme Drought (D3) expanded throughout the southwest portion of the state, into La Paz and Yuma counties.

As extremely dry conditions continue, so does the risk of wildfire into the winter, until Arizona receives significant snow or rainfall. While a few areas along the rim reported very light snow showers during Thanksgiving week, the amounts were too small to alleviate drought or reduce wildfire risk significantly.

There is an increasing probability that the next several months will be drier than average as La Niña is now well established in the Pacific Ocean.

### U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	100.00	98.35	92.82	71.83
<b>Last Week</b> 11-17-2020	0.00	100.00	100.00	95.06	84.76	32.81
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 08-25-2020	0.00	100.00	97.45	82.36	42.25	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-31-2019	70.37	29.63	23.00	16.73	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-29-2020	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.97	69.95	3.37
<b>One Year Ago</b> 11-26-2019	8.68	91.32	70.86	38.52	1.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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