

ARIZONA SHORT-TERM DROUGHT STATUS REPORT

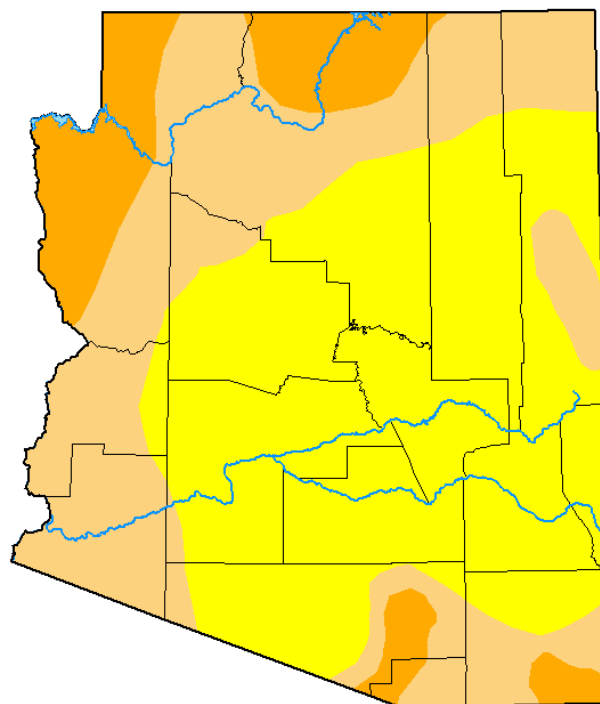
OCTOBER 2022

Much of Arizona received above-average precipitation for October (average statewide precipitation for October is 0.87 inches). Mohave, Yuma, western Pima, and western Coconino counties received below-average precipitation. While western counties experienced largely above-average October temperatures, temperatures throughout southeastern counties were well below -average.

Central Arizona advanced to Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions, which is technically not drought, and which now covers most the state (53%). Northern Apache, northern Navajo, western La Paz, and southwestern Coconino counties improved from Severe (D2) to Moderate (D1) drought; with Moderate (D1) drought continuing in Yuma, La Paz, and central Coconino counties (34%). Western Mohave, northern Coconino, southeastern Cochise, western Santa Cruz, and eastern Pima remained in Severe (D2) drought (13%). The state did not observe any Extreme (D3) or Exceptional (D4) drought in October.

La Niña conditions will continue into early 2023 with climate models indicating drier than average weather somewhat more likely through the winter.

U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



November 1, 2022
(Released Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	46.83	12.78	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-25-2022	0.00	100.00	46.83	12.78	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 08-02-2022	0.00	100.00	90.06	59.65	14.41	1.32
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	0.00	100.00	55.74	26.15	5.08	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	0.00	100.00	56.72	18.47	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 11-02-2021	0.00	100.00	76.78	34.08	8.89	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>

Author:

Brian Fuchs
National Drought Mitigation Center



droughtmonitor.unl.edu