

ARIZONA SHORT-TERM DROUGHT STATUS REPORT

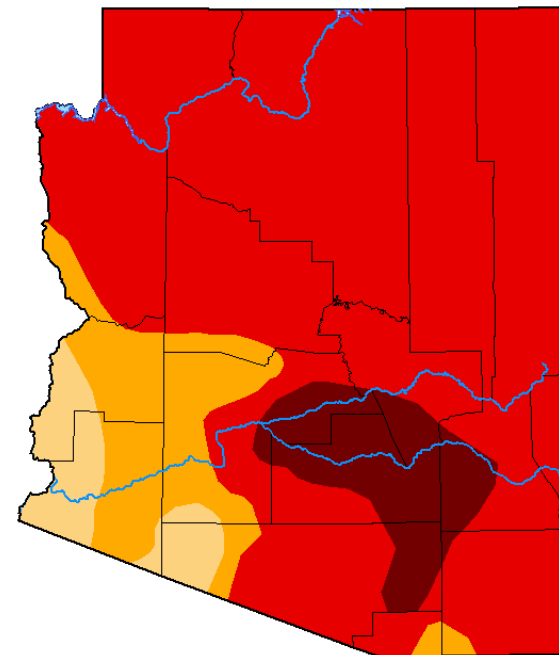
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Similar to the last five months, October was extremely dry across Arizona. As a result, drought conditions worsened throughout the state.

Exceptional Drought (D4) expanded from Maricopa and Pinal counties into Gila, Graham, and Pima counties. Extreme Drought (D3) increased from 67% at the end of September, to 75% at the end of October. This drought condition moved through the southern parts of the state, from Pinal County into central Pima, Santa Cruz, and southern Cochise counties, and through the north, covering Navajo and Apache counties.

As drought conditions increase throughout the state, so does the potential for wildfires. This is especially concerning as Arizona trends towards a warmer and drier than normal winter as a result of La Niña conditions in the Pacific Ocean.

U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	95.01	83.85	8.70
Last Week <small>10-20-2020</small>	0.00	100.00	100.00	95.01	83.85	8.70
3 Months Ago <small>07-28-2020</small>	14.30	85.70	46.89	15.99	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <small>12-31-2019</small>	70.37	29.63	23.00	16.73	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <small>09-29-2020</small>	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.97	69.95	3.37
One Year Ago <small>10-29-2019</small>	8.18	91.82	78.35	39.52	0.00	0.00

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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