

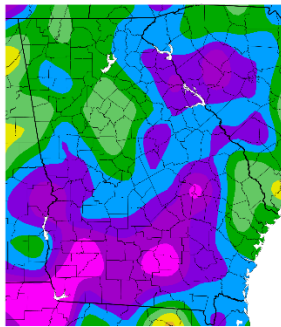
May 2026 Climate Summary – Georgia

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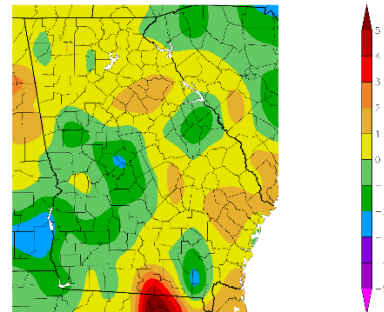
The month of May was very wet across Georgia with near normal temperatures. The state received an average of 7.26 inches of rain, which was 3.55 inches above normal and made it the 4th wettest May on record going back to 1895. Most of Georgia saw above-normal rainfall, with many areas in central, eastern, and southern parts of the state picking up 4 to 8 inches more rain than average. Temperatures during the month were close to what is typically expected for this time of year. The statewide average temperature was 71.2°F, only 0.2°F above normal. While most days felt seasonable, there were a few notable swings in temperature. Atlanta tied its record high for 5/17 with 90°F, while Athens tied its record high of 92°F on the same day. Meanwhile, Savannah set a record low of 46°F on 5/3. The wet weather also led to a daily rainfall record of 1.43 inches in Savannah on 5/27, which broke the previous record for the date of 1.38 inches set in 2023.

Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
5/1/2026 – 5/31/2026



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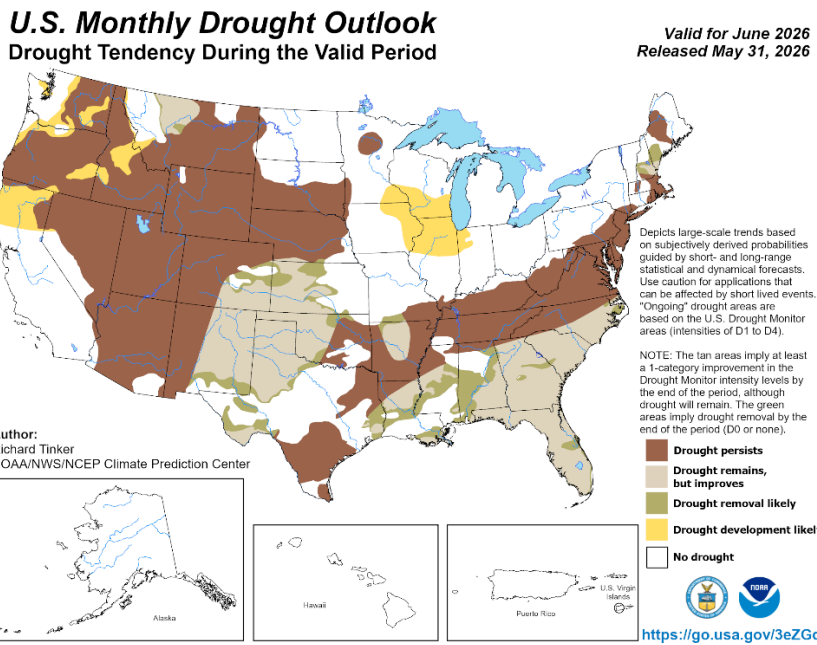
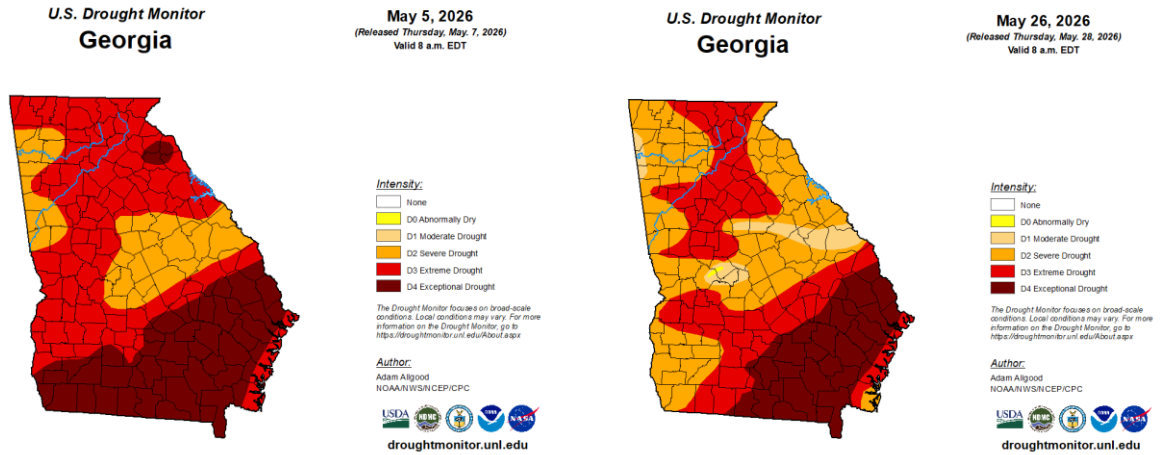
Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
5/1/2026 – 5/31/2026



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According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, drought conditions improved in Georgia during the month of May. The footprint of the widespread Extreme Drought (D3) shrunk, and the Exceptional Drought (D4) in northeast Georgia and southern Georgia improved. By the end of the month, a large swath of D4 was still present in southern Georgia, but major improvements were seen across the state. According to the Climate Prediction Center, drought is likely to remain but improve in the majority of the state, with some small areas likely to be drought-free by the end of June.

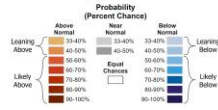
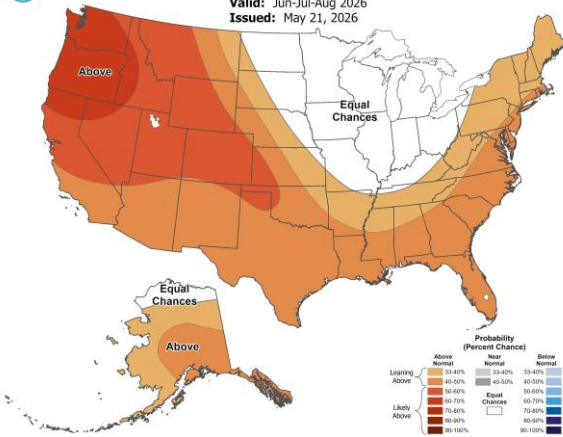


According to the Climate Prediction Center, ENSO-neutral conditions are present in the east-central Pacific Ocean as equatorial sea surface temperatures are near-to-above average. El Niño is likely to emerge soon (82% chance in May-July 2026) and continue through Northern Hemisphere winter. The seasonal outlooks from the Climate Prediction Center show a 40-50% chance of above normal temperatures and equal chances of above or below normal precipitation for June through August.



Seasonal Temperature Outlook

Valid: Jun-Jul-Aug 2026
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Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

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