

March 2009 Weather in Review

The storm track began to come further south in March 2009, bringing with it more rain and also severe weather events. March 2009 ended up with rainfall above normal at many locations. March 2009 rainfall was the most monthly rainfall at Austin Bergstrom since March 2008; since April 2008 at Austin Mabry; and the most monthly rainfall since August 2008 at Del Rio and San Antonio. From March 10th to 15th more rain fell at Burnet, Del Rio, Hondo, and San Antonio than had fallen from September 2008 to February 2009. Record daily rainfall amounts for March 12th was observed at Austin Bergstrom, 1.85 inches, and San Antonio, 1.72 inches. Del Rio tied the record daily rainfall for March 11th in 2009 of 1.45 inches, previously observed 100 years ago on March 11, 1909.

Extremes from warm to cold and cold to warm continued in March of 2009. After unseasonably warm conditions March 9th and 10th, it turned colder March 11th, as temperatures fell 25 to 30 degrees from the morning through the afternoon. Additional reinforcements of cold air swept across South Central Texas March 12th and 13th, under cloudy skies with rain. The coldest March 13th daily highs of record came in 2009, with highs of 42 at Austin Mabry, 42 at Austin Bergstrom, 46 at San Antonio, and 51 at Del Rio. The cloudiness and below normal temperatures continued March 14th. After a warming trend the afternoon of Sunday, March 15th, an extended period of warm afternoons followed through the 27th, when conditions cooled off again in the afternoon and evening on Friday, March 27th. With the beginning of Spring on March 20th, several severe weather events in March followed. The first one on March 25th came in the late afternoon to the evening, followed by another severe weather event from the morning to the early afternoon on March 26th. A strong cold front moved across the area in the afternoon of the 27th, bringing windy conditions and cooler temperatures the evening of the 27th through the 28th. Temperatures fell between 40 and 50 degrees by early Saturday the 28th, from their highs on the 27th. A similar pattern came in February also, on the same days of the week and month, from Friday, February 27th to Saturday, February 28th. After morning lows mostly in the 30s on Sunday March 29th, conditions warmed between 40 and 50 degrees by the afternoon. As the month ended, another severe weather event came on March 31st in the morning. Skies briefly cleared up in the afternoon of the 31st, followed by increasing high cloudiness late in the day through the evening.

March 2009 Summary

Location	Average Temperature	Average High	Average Low	Warmest/Coolest	Rainfall
Austin Mabry	63.8 +2.1	75.4	52.2	86 on 5th and 6th 33 on 2nd	3.04+0.90
Austin Bergstrom	62.3 +0.2	76.0	48.6	88 on 6th 26 on 2nd	3.21+0.85
Burnet	61.6 +3.6	73.4	49.9	85 on 5th 30 on 1st	5.02+2.69

Del Rio	65.4 +1.6	77.7	53.1	91 on 26th 35 on 1st	1.53+0.57
Hondo	64.3 +2.1	78.4	50.2	88 on 9th 28 on 2nd	2.30+0.75
New Braunfels	65.7 +5.5	78.9	52.5	90 on 6th and 27th 31 on 2nd	2.27+0.23
San Antonio International Airport	65.1 +3.0	77.5	52.8	88 on 9th 34 on 2nd	2.51+0.62
San Antonio Stinson	65.5	78.4	52.6	88 on 27th 34 on 2nd	1.19

The outlook for April 2009 from the Climate Prediction Center calls for the average monthly temperature to have a 33 to 40 percent chance of being warmer than usual; a 33.3 percent chance of being near Normal, and a 26.7 to 33.3 percent chance of being cooler than Normal. The rainfall outlook for April shows a 33 to 40 percent chance of being drier than usual, except for Equal Chances of being wetter, near normal, or drier than usual over the northeast part of South Central Texas.

[Click Here to See the Latest One Month and Three Month Outlooks from the Climate Prediction Center.](#) The table below lists information on Climate Normals for the month of April for Austin, Del Rio and San Antonio.

April Climate Information

Location	Normal Monthly Temp.	Normal High	Normal Low	All time High	All time Low	Normal Rainfall	All Time Driest	All Time Wettest
Austin/Mabry	68.3	78.9	57.6	99	30	2.51	Trace	19.82
Austin/Bergstrom	68.9	79.6	58.1	99	31	2.77	0.03	12.18
Del Rio	70.6	82.7	58.5	106	33	1.71	Trace	7.51
San Antonio	68.6	80.4	56.9	101	31	2.60	Trace	11.64

Daily Climate Information for the Month

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