

May 2009 Weather in Review

May 2009 was more like July and August from the 1st to the 15th, and was on track to becoming one of the warmest Mays of record. The May 6th record high of 107 at Del Rio was the earliest day in the year that it has been as warm as 107 at Del Rio. The previous earliest time in the year was May 10, 2008, when the high was also 107. Many locations from the Rio Grande to west and southwest of San Antonio to Pleasanton had the first 100 degree day of the year on May 6th, about 1 to 2 months earlier than average. On Friday May 8th another 100 degree day came from the Rio Grande and extending east to San Antonio and Pleasanton. Uvalde had a high of 108 on May 8th, 2009. An extended period of warm days continued on Sunday through Friday of the following week, and then conditions changed Saturday the 16th. On Saturday May 16th the storm track to the north migrated south again, and brought a series of disturbances for the rest of the month, with several late May cool fronts. This resulted in 8 active weather events with showers and thunderstorms from the 16th to the 31st, compared to 2 active weather events from the 1st to the 15th. The strongest wave of cool air came in the day and night of the 16th to the early morning of the 17th, leaving lows cooler than usual from Sunday the 17th to Thursday the 21st. The coolest mornings were on the 18th and 19th. On the 19th lows were in the 40s across the Hill Country to the 50s across adjacent parts of South Central Texas. The low of 51 at Austin Bergstrom the 18th and 52 at Austin Mabry May 19th, were a record daily lows. Although the 2nd half of the month had moderated conditions across South Central Texas, May 2009 still ended as the 7th warmest May at San Antonio; a tie with May 1974 for the 10th warmest May at Del Rio; the 12th warmest at Austin Mabry; and a tie for the 15th warmest May at Austin Bergstrom, with May of 1995, 2006 and 2008.

The rainfall variation from west to east across South Central Texas was very uneven in May 2009. During May 2009 most of South Central Texas had less than half of the usual amount of rain for May, although a few isolated locations received rainfall just below, near or slightly above normal. The first 15 days of the month was very warm and very dry, as most locations received little or no rain. Most of the rainfall in May 2009 was from the 16th to the 31st. A few rainfall amounts and the percentage of normal for May are as follows: Austin Mabry 1.77 inches or 35 percent of normal; Austin Bergstrom 1.73 inches or 34 percent of normal; Burnet 1.51 inches or 33 percent of normal; Del Rio 0.49 inches or 21 percent of normal; Hondo 3.01 inches or 80 percent of normal; New Braunfels 1.37 inches or 27 percent of normal; and San Antonio 1.57 inches or 33 percent of normal.

| May 2009 Summary | | | | | |
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| Location | Average Temperature | Average High | Average Low | Warmest/Coolest | Rainfall |
| Austin Mabry | 78.4 +3.3 | 89.0 | 67.9 | 97 on 8th 52 on 19th | 1.77 -3.26 |
| Austin Bergstrom | 76.7 +1.1 | 88.0 | 65.4 | 94 on 8th 48 on 19th | 1.73 -3.39 |
| Burnet | 75.2 +2.7 | 85.4 | 65.0 | 94 on 8th 54 on 18th and 19th | 1.51 -3.07 |
| Del Rio | 80.6 +2.9 | 92.1 | 69.1 | 107 on 6th 60 on 19th | 0.49 -1.82 |
| Hondo | 78.9 +3.2 | 91.2 | 66.6 | 103 on 8th 53 on 19th | 3.01 -0.77 |

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| New Braunfels | 80.0 +6.1 | 91.4 | 68.5 | 100 on 8th 54 on 19th | 1.37 -3.64 |
| San Antonio International Airport | 79.5 +3.7 | 90.5 | 68.4 | 100 on 8th 56 on 19th | 1.57 -3.15 |
| San Antonio Stinson | 80.2 | 91.6 | 68.8 | 103 on 8th 54 on 9th | 2.30 |

The outlook for June 2009 from the Climate Prediction Center calls for the average monthly temperature to have a 40 to 50 percent chance of being warmer than usual; a 33.3 percent chance of being near Normal, and a 17.7 to 26.7 percent chance of being cooler than Normal. The rainfall outlook for June 2009 shows Equal Chances of being wetter; drier or near normal for 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 May for Austin, Del Rio and San Antonio.

June 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 | 81.0 | 90.9 | 71.1 | 108 | 51 | 3.81 | 0 | 14.96 |
| Austin/Bergstrom | 80.1 | 89.9 | 70.2 | 109 | 56 | 3.38 | T | 15.59 |
| Del Rio | 82.9 | 93.7 | 72.1 | 112 | 49 | 2.34 | T | 13.71 |
| San Antonio | 81.5 | 91.4 | 71.6 | 107 | 48 | 4.30 | T | 11.95 |

Daily Climate Information for the Month

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