

October 2011 Weather in Review

After one of the warmer Septembers of record, October 2011 brought cooler weather. October 2011 began with warm weather. Friday, October 7th was the warmest day of the month at most locations, with highs mostly in the 90s. The transition toward cooler weather began with a rain event the weekend of October 8th and 9th, that brought showers and thunderstorms. Some of the thunderstorms became severe the night of the 8th to early morning of the 9th. An EF1 tornado touched down on the west part of San Antonio at 110 AM, October 9th, from 1.5 miles southwest of Lackland AFB to 1 mile west of Lackland AFB. On Sunday, October 9th the daytime highs were the coolest since Monday, May 2nd this year. The highs on October 9, 2011 were in the Upper 60s to Low 70s across the Hill Country and Near 70 to the Mid 70s over adjacent parts of South Central Texas. A warming trend followed from Monday, October 10th to Monday October 17th. A strong cold front moved across the region the night of the 17th, bringing a windy and cooler day on Tuesday, October 18th. The cool nights and mild days continued the 19th and 20th. Another warming trend followed the 21st to the 26th. Thursday the 27th was a transition day, as a cold front moved across South Central Texas, bringing colder temperatures from the afternoon to the evening hours. Colder temperatures and windy conditions persisted the night of the 27th to Friday morning the 28th. As the winds diminished in the afternoon and became light the night of the 28th to early morning of the 29th, the coolest lows of October 2011 came. Lows fell to 32 at Fredericksburg, Kerrville and Boerne Stage Road Airport just before sunrise on Saturday morning the 29th. Overall lows were in the 30s across the Hill Country and in the Mid 30s to Low 40s across adjacent parts of South Central Texas. After the cool nights and mild days the weekend of October 29th and 30th, a warming trend came during the day on Monday, October 31st, as highs rose to the Upper 70s to Low 80s.

October 2011 brought more rain than what came in September 2011; however, for most places it was below normal for October. Most of the rain in October came the 8th and 9th. From October 2010 to October 2011 at Austin and San Antonio, January 2011 has been the only month with rainfall above normal, while at Del Rio August 2011 was the only month with rainfall greater than normal. The rainfall from October 2010 to September 2011 of 11.20 inches at Austin Mabry was the driest 1 Year Non-Overlapping period at Austin Mabry since 1856; and the 5th driest 1 Year Non-Overlapping period at San Antonio since 1871, with 10.71 inches of rain. At Del Rio, August 2010 to July 2011 was the 3rd driest 1 Year Non-Overlapping period since 1906, with 4.84 inches of rain.

In looking at rainfall for the calendar year of 2011, January to October 2011 was one of the drier January to October periods of record. The list below shows the amount of rain in 2011, its departure from the 1981 to 2010 Normal Rain for January to October, and its ranking among the driest January to October periods.

Location	Jan-Oct 2011 Rainfall	Dep. from from Normal	January to October Rank
San Antonio	12.93	-15.15	6th driest January to October 1871-2011
Austin Mabry	11.84	-17.04	3rd driest January to October 1856-2011
Del Rio	8.19	- 9.75	8th driest January to October 1906-2011
Austin Bergstrom	9.83	-17.12	2nd driest January to October 1943-2011

October 2011 Summary

Location	Average Temperature	Average High	Average Low	Warmest/Coolest	Rainfall
Austin Mabry	71.7 +0.5	84.3	59.1	95 on 7th 44 on 20th and 29th	2.19 -1.69
Austin Bergstrom	68.4 -0.6	84.0	52.7	94 on 7th 35 on 29th	1.82 -2.13
Burnet	70.0 +1.9	82.0	58.1	92 on 7th 35 on 29th	2.35 -1.05
Del Rio	71.8 +0.1	84.1	59.6	92 on 7th, 12th and 17th 37 on 29th	0.39 -1.84
Hondo	70.6 -0.1	85.3	55.9	96 on 7th 37 on 29th	4.17 +0.86
New Braunfels	69.3 -1.4	83.3	55.3	92 on 7th 37 on 29th	1.54 -2.71
San Antonio International Airport	71.0 -0.2	83.0	59.0	93 on 7th 40 on 29th	3.28 -0.83
San Antonio Stinson	72.8 +1.3	85.5	60.2	95 on 7th 40 on 29th	3.22 -0.53

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The revised outlook for November 2011 from the Climate Prediction Center issued October 31, calls for the average monthly temperature for November 2011 to have a 50 percent chance of being warmer than normal; a 33.3 percent chance of near normal; and a 16.7 percent chance of cooler than normal temperatures for November. The outlook for rain in November 2011 showed a 40 percent chance of being drier than usual; a 33.3 percent chance of near normal rainfall; and a 26.7 percent chance of wetter than normal rain for November. The 90 Day Outlook from November 2011 to January 2012 shows a 40 percent Chance of being warmer than usual; a 33.3 percent chance of being near normal; and a 26.7 percent chance of being cooler than normal. The November 2011 to January 2012 90 Day rainfall outlook over South Central Texas shows a 50 percent chance of being drier than usual; a 33.3 percent chance of near normal rain; and a 16.7 percent chance of above normal rain. [Click Here to See the Latest One Month Outlook from the Climate Prediction Center.](#) The table below lists information on Climate Normals for the month of November for Austin, Del Rio and San Antonio.

November Climate Information Referencing 1981 to 2010 Normals

Location	Normal Monthly Temp.	Normal High	Normal Low	All time High	All time Low	Normal Rainfall	All Time Driest	All Time Wettest
Austin/Mabry	61.0	71.4	50.6	91	20	2.96	0	14.10
Austin/Bergstrom	58.4	71.4	45.5	90	20	2.95	T	12.49
Del Rio	60.8	72.0	49.6	96	17	0.93	0	4.54
San Antonio	61.1	72.2	50.1	94	21	2.28	0	9.46