

Austin records hottest summer on record, driest in 113 years

by: [David Yeomans](#)
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AUSTIN (KXAN) — For years, hot summers in Central Texas have been judged by comparison to 2011 — Austin's hottest summer on record. But as meteorological summer ended at 11:59 p.m. Aug. 31, it turns out this summer was even hotter in parts of town.

Austin records hottest summer on record

We averaged hourly temperature data from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport between Jun. 1 and Aug. 31, the entirety of meteorological summer. 2023 was the hottest meteorological summer on record at the airport, with records dating back to 1942.



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February 19, 2021 · 10:44 AM ET

By Noel King, Avie Schneider



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People wait in long lines at an H-E-B grocery store in Austin, Texas, on Wednesday. The weather disaster is an "absolutely awful nightmare," says Austin City Council member Natasha Harper-Madison.

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Austin, Travis County Works to Rebuild From Devastating Halloween Floods

KUT 90.5 | By KUT Staff

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Anna Vallejo cries as she looks at the damage to her flooded house on Bluff Springs Road in Austin, Texas, on Thursday October 31, 2013. She lost all her belongings in the flood.

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Remembering the 2015 Hays County deadly flood

by Mark Peña

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NEWS

Bastrop wildfires destroy 1,000-plus homes

By JIM VERTUNO and MICHAEL GRACZYK, ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sisters Laura, left, and Michelle Clements survey their fire-destroyed home, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011, in Bastrop, Texas. The Clements lost their home to fires Monday. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)

Texas ice storm leaves hundreds of thousands without power

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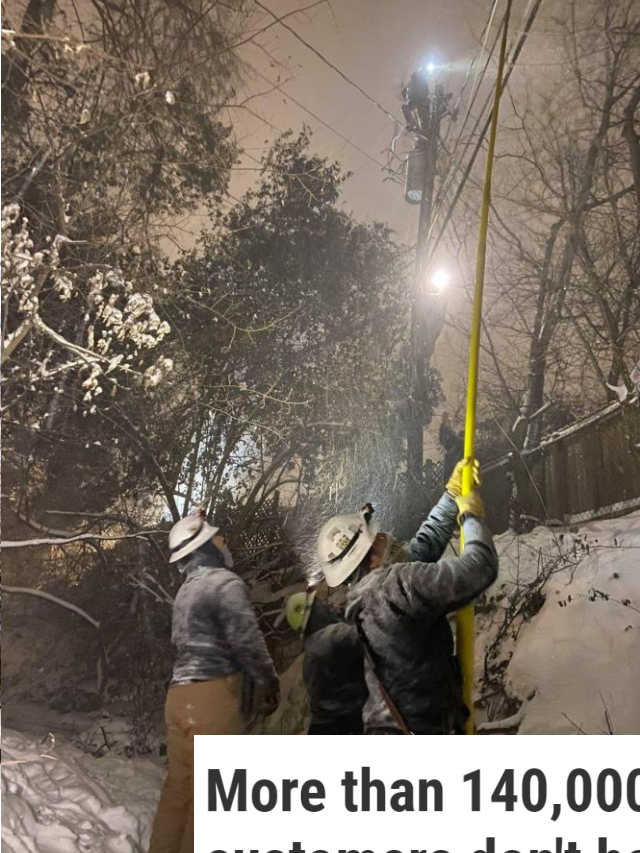
By Giulia Heyward



An iced-over pedestrian walkway is lined by trees that are covered with ice from a few days of sleet and rain Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, in Dallas.

Tony Gutierrez/AP

An intense winter storm finally passed through Texas on Thursday, but residents will feel the impact of the storm for more time. The storm led to power outages in hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses.



More than 140,000 Austin Energy customers don't have power. It's not clear when they'll get it back.

KUT 90.5 | By [Marisa Charpentier](#)
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LOCAL

Dozens of residents left homeless after devastating Cedar Park apartment fire



Claire Osborn

Austin American-Statesman

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AUSTIN / CEDAR PARK - FAR NORTHWEST AUSTIN / GOVERNMENT

37-acre brush fire 100% contained in Cedar Park



By [Chloe Young](#), [Grace Dickens](#) | 4:02 PM Aug 11, 2023 CDT
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Whitestone Landing Townhome residents were also evacuated due to the fire. (Courtesy city of Cedar Park)

The 37-acre brush fire that broke out off Parmer Lane on Aug. 8 has been **fully contained** as of Aug. 10, according to the city of Cedar Park.

The specifics

In the days following the fire, local emergency responders were **continuing to work** toward completely containing the fire with assistance from Texas A&M Forest Services bulldozers, which were creating a containment line around the perimeter to prevent the fire from spreading, Cedar Park fire Chief James Mallinger said.

Residents will continue to see firefighters in the area over the next few days as they continue to monitor conditions, according to the city.

Llano River floodwaters wash away Kingsland bridge in 'historic' flood event

The Llano River's floodwaters destroyed a traffic bridge in Kingsland, Texas Oct. 16.



Author: Chelsea Cunningham, Juan Rodriguez
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KINGSLAND, Texas — The FM 2900 bridge in Kingsland collapsed Tuesday morning due to rushing floodwaters from the Llano River.



State leaders urge residents to stay off roadways as winter storm pummels Texas



By **Hannah Norton** | 6:19 PM Jan 31, 2023 CST
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Officials said road conditions will be dangerous through Feb. 2. Texans who must drive should expect delays and ensure they have food, water, coats and blankets in their cars in case they become stopped or stranded. (Courtesy Texas Governor's Office)

Texans in the north, central and western parts of the state will be impacted by subfreezing temperatures, snow, freezing rain and ice through Feb. 2 as Winter Storm Mara moves through the southern United States. Portions of Central, East and Southeast Texas may also experience flash flooding on Feb. 1-2, according to Gov. Greg Abbott.

At a Jan. 31 news conference in Austin, Abbott and other state officials shared an update on the state's response to the severe weather.

Gov. Greg Abbott issues disaster declaration for Texas ice storm

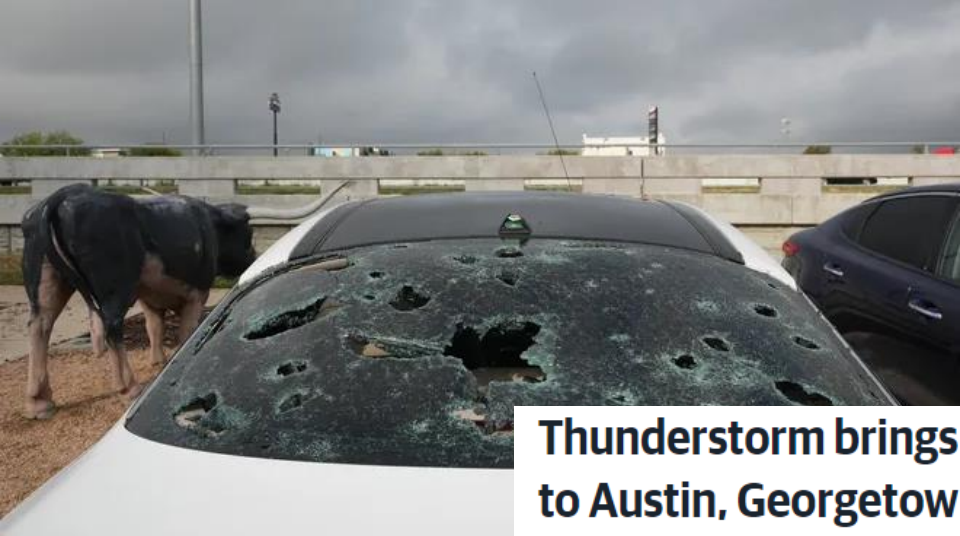
Abbott declared disaster in seven Texas counties hard hit by this week's winter storm. Austin has been the epicenter of a power crisis as tens of thousands wait for electricity to be restored.

BY **WILLIAM MELHADO** FEB. 4, 2023 5 PM CENTRAL

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Austin and Travis County issuing disaster declarations in wake of winter storm





Thunderstorm brings baseball-sized hail to Austin, Georgetown, Round Rock



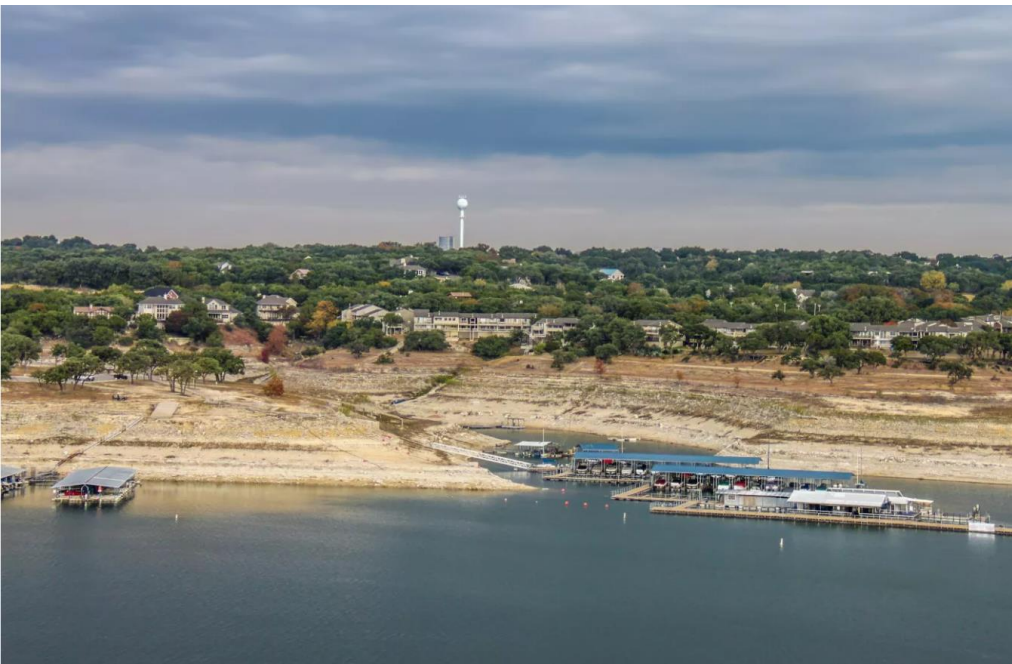
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Lake Travis water levels continue to cause concern as threats to drinking water rise

Advocates say the LCRA is banking on a wetter El Niño weather pattern. But without major rainfall, the drinking water supply could be in serious trouble.



LCRA in Stage 2 drought as lakes Travis, Buchanan fall to 46% capacity



By [Zara Flores](#) | 2:36 PM Aug 14, 2023 CDT

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The Lower Colorado River Authority moved into Stage 2 of its drought contingency plan Aug. 12 due to declining lake levels at Lake Travis and Lake Buchanan. (Falcon Sky Photography/Community Impact)

As the region continues to experience triple-digit temperatures, [water restrictions](#) and [wildfires](#), the Lower Colorado River Authority announced Aug. 12 its move to Stage 2 drought restrictions immediately and is asking customers to reduce water usage by 10%-20%.