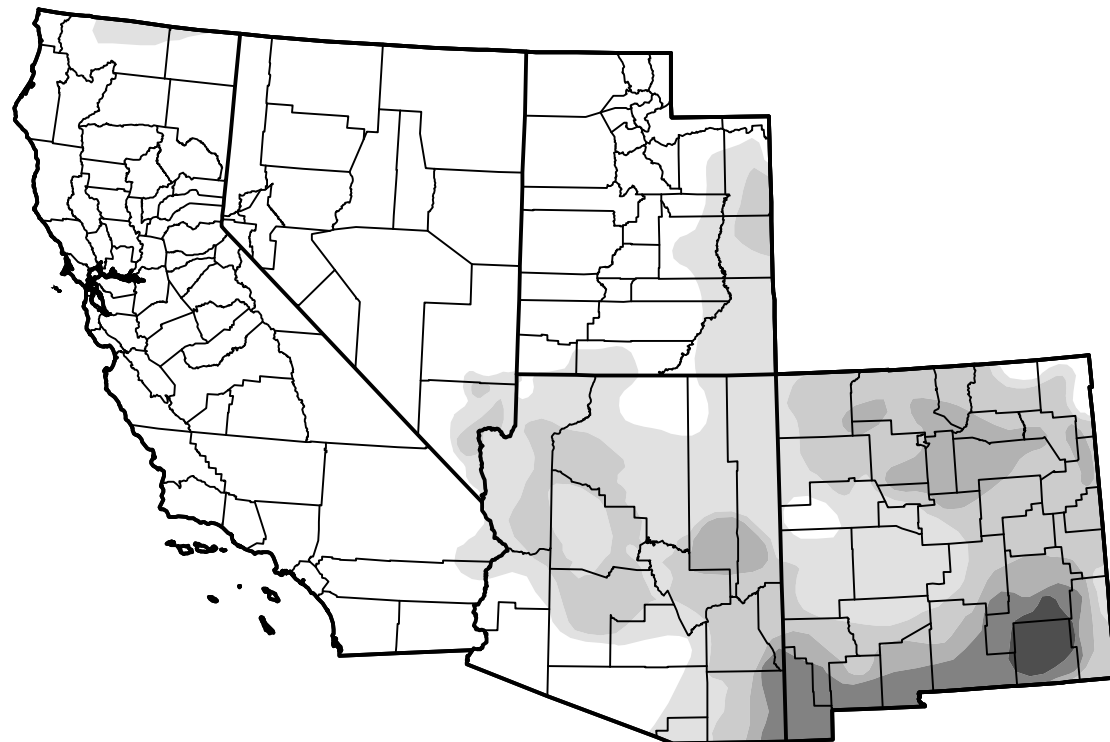


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**April 16, 2024**  
 (Released Thursday, Apr. 18, 2024)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 59.55 | 17.62 | 14.09 | 5.08  | 2.95 | 0.72 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-09-2024</i>              | 59.38 | 17.71 | 14.16 | 5.09  | 2.95 | 0.72 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-16-2024</i>           | 54.86 | 11.95 | 10.24 | 14.21 | 7.42 | 1.32 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2024</i> | 54.68 | 14.00 | 8.68  | 13.70 | 7.62 | 1.32 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2023</i>    | 55.08 | 14.27 | 12.34 | 10.69 | 6.22 | 1.40 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>04-18-2023</i>           | 54.14 | 29.25 | 11.74 | 4.02  | 0.81 | 0.04 |

*Note: Statistics do not include areas represented by points.*

### Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  None                  |  D2 Severe Drought        |
|  D0 Abnormally Dry    |  D3 Extreme Drought      |
|  D1 Moderate Drought |  D4 Exceptional Drought |

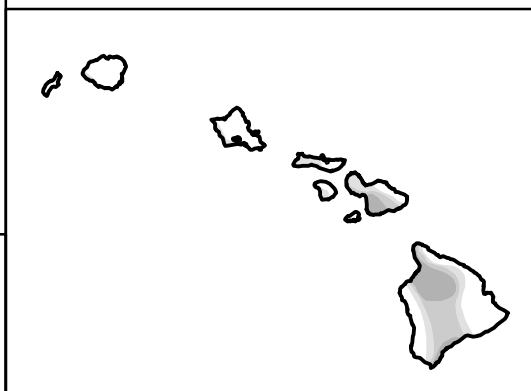
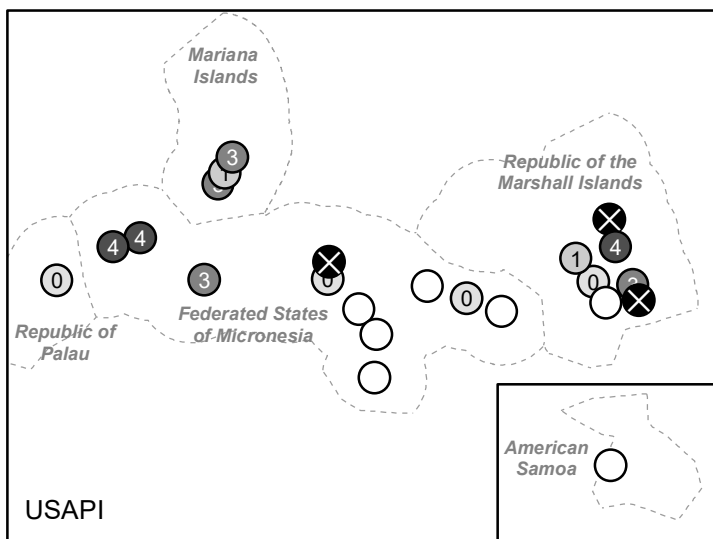
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