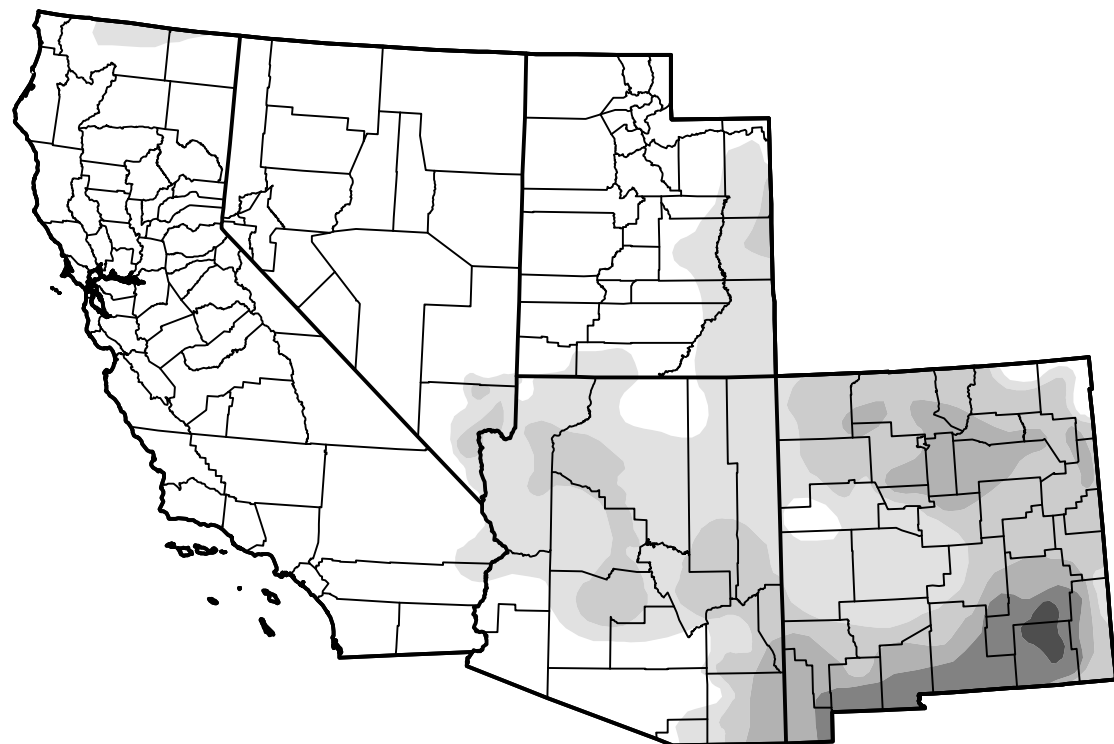


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**April 30, 2024**  
 (Released Thursday, May. 2, 2024)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 60.50 | 39.50 | 20.88 | 8.05  | 2.74  | 0.31 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-23-2024</i>              | 60.35 | 39.65 | 21.13 | 8.05  | 2.74  | 0.31 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-30-2024</i>           | 51.56 | 48.44 | 32.32 | 19.97 | 6.24  | 1.13 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2024</i> | 54.68 | 45.32 | 31.32 | 22.64 | 8.94  | 1.32 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2023</i>    | 55.08 | 44.92 | 30.65 | 18.31 | 7.62  | 1.40 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-02-2023</i>           | 55.81 | 44.19 | 15.83 | 4.55  | 1.02  | 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 |

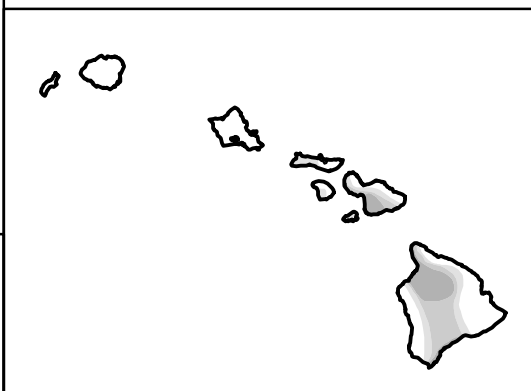
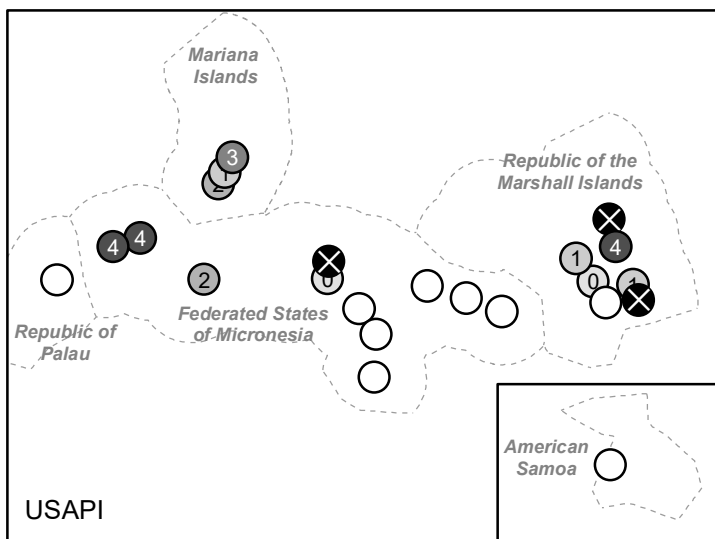
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