

Weather 101

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El Paso's Above Average Rainfall - At this Point

As of now, El Paso has had a wetter-than-normal first half of the year, although the bulk of its annual rainfall season (the North American monsoon) is only just beginning.

Here's our rainfall so far in 2026:

Based on official climate observations at the El Paso International Airport:

Period	Rainfall	Normal	Departure
Jan. 1 – July 7, 2026	~4.29 inches	~2.2 inches	+2.3 inches (about 200% of normal)

For perspective

Average annual precipitation in El Paso is about 8.9 inches.
Roughly half of that normally falls during the July–September monsoon season.

Why it's been wetter

Most of the surplus came from:

- An unusually wet January
- A much wetter than normal June, which received nearly three times its normal rainfall

•**July–September:** This is El Paso's climatological rainy season due to the North American Monsoon. Seasonal outlooks do not strongly favor above- or below-normal precipitation for far west Texas, meaning thunderstorms should occur, but it's difficult to predict whether totals will end up significantly above or below average.

•**October–November:** Rainfall normally decreases sharply. Current long-range outlooks continue to show weak to moderate precipitation signal rather than a strong wet or dry tilt for our area

•**December:** Forecast confidence is lower this far out. A developing El Niño is expected to persist into late 2026 and often increases winter storm activity across parts of the southern U.S., but its influence on far west Texas is variable. El Paso can see wetter winters during some El Niño events, but others have produced little departure from normal.

Weather Trivia:

On average, how much rain falls in **El Paso, Texas**, during the month of July?

- A. About 0.25 inches
- B. About 0.90 inches
- C. About 1.70 inches
- D. About 3.50 inches

Answer: C. About 1.70 inches

Fun Fact: July is typically El Paso's wettest month, thanks to the North American Monsoon, which brings afternoon and evening thunderstorms to the region.

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