



May 2018 RESERVOIR STORAGE*

At the end of May 2018, total conservation storage* in 117 of the state's major water supply reservoirs plus Elephant Butte reservoir in New Mexico was 25.19 million acre-feet or 81 percent of total conservation storage capacity. This is approximately 0.69 million acre-feet less than a month ago and 1.45 million acre-feet less than storage at this time last year.

Nineteen (19) reservoirs held 100 percent of conservation storage capacity, primarily in the North Central (10 reservoirs) and East (8 reservoirs) regions. Three reservoirs, Palo Duro (1 percent), Twin Buttes (7 percent), and O. C. Fisher (9 percent) remained below 10 percent full.

Total combined storage was at or above normal (storage \geq 70 percent) in the East (97 percent), North Central (96 percent), Upper Coast (86 percent), and South Central (78 percent) regions. The High Plains (33 percent) and Trans-Pecos (24 percent) regions had the lowest percentage of storage. Overall, storage increased in one but decreased in eight regions over the past month.



*Storage is based on end of the month data in 117 major reservoirs that represent 96 percent of the total conservation storage capacity of 188 major water supply reservoirs in Texas plus Elephant Butte reservoir in New Mexico. Major reservoirs are defined as having a conservation storage capacity of 5,000 acre-feet or greater. Only the Texas share of storage in border reservoirs is counted.





*Reservoir Storage Index is defined as the percent full of conservation storage capacity.

CONSERVATION STORAGE DATA FOR SELECTED MAJOR TEXAS RESERVOIRS										
Name of lake or reservoir	Conservation storage capacity	Conservation storage end of May 2018		Change since end of April 2018		Change since end of May 2017				
	(acre-feet) (acre-feet) (%		(%)	(acre-feet)** (%)		(acre-feet)** (%)				
HIGH PLAINS										
MacKenzie Reservoir	46,450	6,370	14	-137	-0	-616	-1			
Meredith, Lake	500,000	197,448	39	-1,154	-0	74,044	15			
Palo Duro Reservoir	61,066	545	1	134	0	-274	-0			
White River Lake	29,880	4,900 16		33 0		-1,732	-6			
TOTAL	637,396	209,263	33	-1,124	-0	71,422	11			
LOW ROLLING PLAINS										
Abilene, Lake	7,900	3,723	47	-214	-3	-3,998	-51			
Alan Henry Reservoir	94,808	79,552	84	3,242	3	-7,017	-7			
Champion Creek Reservoir	41,580	19,075	46	505	1	-1,847	-4			
Coleman, Lake	38,075	32,172	84	-784	-2	-5,687	-15			
Colorado City, Lake	30,758	10,878	35	-533	-2	-3,738	-12			
Fort Phantom Hill, Lake	70,030	57,968	83	-1,617	-2	-12,062	-17			
Greenbelt Lake	59,968	14,160	24	-456	-1	-2,448	-4			
Hords Creek Lake	8,443	4,930	58	-186	-2	-2,007	-24			
J. B. Thomas, Lake	199,931	82,624	41	-3,217	-2	-33,894	-17			
Kemp, Lake	245,307	206,502	84	1,510	1	-38,805	-16			
Millers Creek Reservoir	26,768	22,060	82	-802	-3	-3,209	-12			
North Fork Buffalo Creek										
Reservoir	15,400	12,556	82	2,068 13		120	1			
Stamford, Lake	51,570	41,897	81	-2,078	-4	-3,706	-7			
Sweetwater, Lake	12,267	2,098	17	-137	-1	-850	-7			
TOTAL	902,805	590,195	65	-2,699	-0	-119,148	-13			
		NORTH CENTR	RAL							
Amon G Carter, Lake	19,266	19,266	100	0	0	56	0			
Aquilla Lake	43,243	42,353	98	-736	-2	-890	-2			
Arlington, Lake	40,188	36,749	91	-1,890	-5	1,106	3			
Arrowhead, Lake	230,359	205,220	89	-2,453	-1	-9,774	-4			
Bardwell Lake	46,122	45,684	99	-438	-1	-438	-1			
Belton Lake	435,225	411,675	95	3,522	1	-23,550	-5			
Benbrook Lake	85,648	80,620	80,620 94		-6	13,392	16			
Bonham, Lake	11,027	10,921 99		146	1	2,841	26			
Bridgeport, Lake	366,236	352,240	352,240 96		-0	-10,043	-3			
*Brownwood, Lake	128,839	100,177	78 -1,537		-1	-28,662	-22			
*UISCO, LAKE	29,003	22,964	2,964 79		-2	-2,566	-9			
Crook, Lake	9,195	9,091	9,091 99		0	32	0			
Eagle Mountain Lake	1/9,880	1/2,043	172,643 96		-/,005 -4 E16 1		0			
Georgetown, Lake	30,823	24,453 66 41,096 02		-694 -2		-9,798	-27			
Granbury Lake	45,200	41,986 93		-074 -2 -3179 2		-1,240	-5 2			
Grandury, Lake	132,949	120,371 F1 022	95 100	-3,1/0 -2		-3,098	-2			
Granger Lake	51,022	51,022	100	2 0 9 1	0	U 1 001	1			
*Halbort Lake	104,703	101,722 E 262	90 07	-2,901	-2	-1,001	-1			
Hubbard Crook Pacamoir	219.067	3,203	07	-121	-2	157	ט 15			
Hubbart H Moss Lako	24.058	239,002	02	-4,904	-2	-40,411	-15			
lim Chanman Lake (Cooper)	24,030	23,001	90 0E	-32	-0	75 4E 00E	10			
	175 258	174.020	95	-7,020	-0	43,903	10			
Kickapoo Lako	96 345	72 026	99	-293	-0	2,302	-2			
Lavon Lako	406 388	208 507	02	-7 701	-2	-2,432	-3			
Lavon Lake	400,300	21 006	90 70	-7,791	-2	13,032	3			
Leon, Lake	562 770	21,700 511,101	19 07	-01/	-3 _2	-1,240 _5 AF2	-4			
Lewisville Lake	203,440 202 700	344,491 106 0 <i>6 1</i>	77 02	-7,323	-2	-3,032	-1			
*Lost Crook Decompoin	203,780 11.050	11 024	92	-2,105 12	-3	-10,910 160	-0 1			
*Minoral Wolls, Lake	11,75U 5 979	11,024 1010	77 01	15	U 2	100	1			
Mountain Creek, Lake	22.850	22.850	100	-103	-3	-134	-5			

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	Conservation	Conservation storage		Change since		Change since		
Name of lake or reservoir	storage capacity	end of May 2	end of May 2018		end of April 2018		end of May 2017	
	(acre-feet)	(acre-feet)	(%)	(acre-feet)**	(%)	(acre-feet)**	(%)	
	(North Central continued)							
Navarro Mills Lake	49,827	49,827	100	330	1	142	0	
New Terrell City Lake	8,583	8,583	100	0	0	0	0	
Nocona, Lake (Farmers Crk)	21,444	21,418	100	-26	-0	134	1	
Palo Pinto, Lake	26,766	22,538	84	-948	-4	-2,009	-8	
Pat Cleburne, Lake	26,008	25,711	99 -282		-1	683	3	
*Pat Mayse Lake	113,683	113,683	100	0	0	0	0	
Possum Kingdom Lake	538,139	517,320	96	1,388	0	-18,673	-3	
Proctor Lake	54,762	42,334	77	-1,108	-2	-12,428	-23	
Ray Hubbard, Lake	439,559	428,206	97	-4,096	-1	1,834	0	
Ray Roberts, Lake	788,167	785,050	100	-3,117	-0	3,672	0	
Richland-Chambers Reservoir		no data		-301,933	-38	-291,255	-37	
Squaw Creek, Lake	151,250	151,250	100	0	0	0	0	
Stillhouse Hollow Lake	227,771	199,337	88	-1,154	-1	-28,434	-12	
Tawakoni, Lake	871,685	860,270	99	-8,827	-1	64,062	7	
Texoma, Lake (Texas)	1,258,113	1,258,113	100	48,015	4	0	0	
Texoma, Lake (Texas &		, ,						
Oklahoma)	2,525,281	2,678,694	100	258,492	10	-44,554	-2	
Waco, Lake	189,418	184,113	97	4,359	2	-5,305	-3	
Waxahachie, Lake	10,780	10,658	99	-51	-0	121	1	
Weatherford, Lake	17,812	16,922	95	-457	-3	221	1	
Whitney, Lake	553,344	516,139	93 7,062		1	18,420	3	
Worth, Lake	33,495	29,830	89	-264	-1	-363	-1	
TOTAL	9,547,846	9,131,743	96	-320,117	-3	-353,461	-4	
		EAST						
Athens, Lake	29,503	29,429	100	-74	-0	-74	-0	
B A Steinhagen Lake	66,961	61,882	92	-3,400	-5	2,814	4	
Bob Sandlin, Lake	190,822	190,822	100	0	0	0	0	
Caddo, Lake	29,898	29,898	100	0	0	0	0	
Cedar Creek Reservoir in Trinity	644,686	636,865	99	-2,598	-0	-3,249	-1	
Cherokee, Lake	40,094	40,074	100	-20	-0	-20	-0	
Conroe, Lake	410,988	408,688	99	-2,108	-1	-2,300	-1	
Cypress Springs, Lake	66,756	66,368	99	-291	-0	-388	-1	
Fork Reservoir, Lake	605,061	584,708	97	97 -7,752		-20,353	-3	
Houston County Lake	17,113	16,920	99	99 -193		-193	-1	
Jacksonville, Lake	25,670	25,670 100		0	0	0	0	
*Livingston, Lake	1,785,348	1,785,348 100		0 0		0	0	
Martin, Lake	75,726	73,759 97		-1,571 -2		-1,819	-2	
Monticello, Lake	34,740	29,683 85		-271 -1		-4,307	-12	
Murvaul, Lake	38,285	37,192 97		-1,093	-3	-1,093	-3	
Nacogdoches, Lake	39,522	37,594 95		-911 -2		-1,928	-5	
O' the Pines, Lake	268,566	254,777 95		13,414	5	-13,789	-5	
Palestine, Lake	367,303	361,325 98		-5,978 -2		-5,978	-2	
Sam Rayburn Reservoir	2,857,077	2,757,499	97	-99,578	-3	-39,000	-1	
Striker, Lake	16,934	16,932	100	-2	-0	-2	-0	
*Sulphur Springs, Lake	17,747	15,620	88	-486	-3	148	1	
Toledo Bend Reservoir (Texas)	2,236,450	2,064,572	2,064,572 92		-3	-171,878	-8	
Toledo Bend Reservoir (Texas &								
Louisiana)	4,472,900	4,133,244	92	-153,310	-3	-359,592	-8	
Tyler, Lake	72,073	71,462	99	-611	-1	-611	-1	
Wright Patman Lake	310,382	310,382	100	0	0	18,071	6	
TOTAL	10,247,705	9,907,469	97	-190,178	-2	-245,949	-2	

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TRANS-PECOS									
Elephant Butte Reservoir (Texas) Flephant Butte Reservoir (Texas	852,491	146,821	17	-24,090	-3	-69,560	-8		
& New Mexico)	1,973,358	339,863	17	-55,763	-3	-161,018	-8		
Red Bluff Reservoir	151,110	95,903	63	-12,848	-9	-25,281	-17		
TOTAL	1,003,601	242,724	24	-36,938	-4	-94,841	-9		
		EDWARDS PLAT	FEAU						
*Amistad Reservoir (Texas) *Amistad Reservoir (Texas &	1,840,849	1,348,756	73	78,980	4	-100,729	-5		
Mexico)	3,275,532	1,734,346	53	-111,916	-3	127,061	4		
Brady Creek Reservoir	28,808	15,295	53	171	1	-3,154	-11		
Buchanan, Lake	816,904	754,982	92	-13,978	-2	-53,468	-7		
E. V. Spence Reservoir	517,272	57,843	11	-2,098	-0	-17,652	-3		
Inks, Lake	13,962	12,952	93	60	0	157	1		
Lyndon B Johnson, Lake	115,249	110,636	96	427	0	244	0		
Marble Falls, Lake	6,901	6,836	99	54	1	11	0		
Nasworthy	9,615	7,576	79	-460	-5	-534	-6		
Oak Creek Reservoir	39,210	17,726	45	-360	-1	-5,205	-13		
O. C. Fisher Lake	119,445	10,693	9	-136	-0	-5,320	-4		
*O. H. Ivie Reservoir	554,340	94,796	17	-2,744	-0	-41,229	-7		
Twin Buttes Reservoir	182,454	12,786	7	2,255	1	-10,168	-6		
TOTAL	4,245,009	2,450,877	58	62,171	1	-237,047	-6		
		SOUTH CENTR	AL						
*Austin, Lake	23,972	22,757	95	107	0	123	1		
Canyon Lake	378,781	347,459	92	-1,559	-0	-29,595	-8		
*Coleto Creek Reservoir	31,040	24,967	80	-1,751	-6	-3,508	-11		
Medina Lake	254,823	147,494	58	-1,746	-1	-79,896	-31		
Somerville Lake	147,104	145,589	99	-1,515	-1	-1,515	-1		
Travis, Lake	1,113,348	834,909	75	-41,460	-4	-243,874	-22		
TOTAL	1,949,068	1,523,175	78	-47,924	-2	-358,265	-18		
		UPPER COAS	Т						
Houston, Lake	120,686	120,686	100	0	0	0	0		
Texana, Lake	159,566	119,766	75	-8,295	-5	-35,236	-22		
TOTAL	280,252	240,452	86	-8,295	-3	-35,236	-13		
SOUTHERN									
Choke Canyon Reservoir	662,820	180,837	27	-3,896	-1	-67,733	-10		
Corpus Christi, Lake	256,062	199,666	78	-15,490	-6	-24,617	-10		
*Falcon Reservoir (Texas)	1,551,007	516,015	33	-122,673	-8	12,634	1		
*Falcon Reservoir (Texas &									
Mexico)	2,646,817	665,496	25	-131,591	-5	-32,682	-1		
TOTAL	2,469,889	896,518	36	-142,059	-6	-79,716	-3		
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STATEWIDE TOTAL	31,283,571	25,192,416	81	-687,163	-2	-1,452,241	-5		

* Conservation volume is used as conservation storage capacity, because the dead storage is unknown.

**Monthly and yearly changes do not include reservoirs that did not have data in last month or last year, respectively.

Note:

Conservation storage capacity is the space available to store water above the lowest outlet and below the top of conservation pool (some may have seasonal variations), or normal maximum operating level. Conservation storage refers to the volume of water held within the conservation storage space. Not included is any water in flood control storage (above the top of conservation pool or normal maximum operating level) or any water in the dead pool storage. Conservation storage percentage is based on the conservation storage capacity of the reservoir and the conservation storage in the reservoir on date shown. Percent change is given by 100 * (current conservation storage - past conservation storage)/conservation storage capacity.

The computed 30-day mean flow status for 29 reporting index stations monitored this month is presented below. Mean flow increased at four index stations, decreased at 24 stations, and remained unchanged at one station.

Streamflow Status	Number of Stations		
Near or Above Normal (>30%)	13		
Abnormally Low (20-30%)	4		
Moderately Low (15-20%)	2		
Severely Low (10-15%)	4		
Extremely Low (5-10%)	5		
Exceptionally Low (<5%)	1		

On a regional basis, as shown below, stream flows were abnormally low in all except the Trans-Pecos, Edwards Plateau and North Central regions where flows were near or above normal. Streamflow in the Lower Valley region is not monitored.



*Streamflow Index is defined as the percentile flow that exceeds a given percent of observed flows.



Soil Moisture Condition

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Soil moisture at the end of May 2018 (*top image*), as compared to that at the end of April 2018 (*bottom image*), decreased in seven out of the ten regions, ranging from -12 to -37 percent, with greatest decreases in East Texas region. Moisture condition remained unchanged in High Plains, Trans-Pecos, and Edwards Plateau regions.

May 2018 GROUNDWATER LEVELS IN OBSERVATION WELLS



Water-level measurements were available for all 17 key monitoring wells in the state. Water levels rose in 3 monitoring wells since the beginning of May, ranging from an increase of 0.30 feet in the Martin County Ogallala Aquifer well (#3 on map) to 5.01 feet in the La Salle County Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer well (#10 on map). Water levels declined in 14 monitoring wells, ranging from a decline of 0.08 feet in the Hansford County Ogallala Aquifer well (#1 on map) to 18.40 feet in the Pecos County Edwards-Trinity Plateau Aquifer well (#15 on map). The J-17 well (#8 on map) in San Antonio recorded a water level of 76.81 feet below land surface or 654.19 feet above mean sea level. Water levels declined 5.81 feet below the Stage I critical management level for the San Antonio portion of the Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone) Aquifer. Consequently, drought restrictions have been in effect since May 21st.

*IDs used in this publication on the aquifer map to indicate the monitoring well location (IDs 1 - 17) are different than the TWDB's six- or seven-digit state well identification number.

Monitoring Well	May	April	Month	Year	Historical	First
			Change	Change	Change	Measured
(1) Hansford 0354301	159.28	159.20	-0.08	-1.01	-89.16	1951
(2) Lamb 1053602	148.66	148.56	-0.10	-1.25	-120.49	1951
(3) Martin 2739903	143.03	143.33	0.30	0.55	- 3 8.14	1964
(4) Dallas 3319101	492.79	493.10	0.31	-0.62	-270.79	1954
(5) Coryell 4035404	524.60	522.43	-2.17	-8.26	-232.60	1955
(6) Kendall 6802609	136.70	133.47	-3.23	-22.24	-76.70	1975
(7) Bell 5804816	126.19	125.44	-0.75	-4.89	-2.68	2008
(8) Bexar 6837203	76.81	69.61	-7.20	-16.90	- 30.17	1932
(9) Smith 3430907	433.06	431.00	-2.06	-2.55	-133.06	1977
(10) La Salle 7738103	514.99	520.00	5.01	-44.42	- 261.92	2003
(11) Harris 6514409	191.78	191.42	-0.36	-0.81	-56.28*	1947**
(12) Victoria 8017502	32.62	32.17	-0.45	-1.59	1.38	1958
(13) El Paso 4913301	294.16	294.15	-0.01	0.61	-62.26	1964
(14) Reeves 4644501	170.35	169.12	-1.23	-4.84	-78.26	1952
(15) Pecos 5216802	210.42	192.02	-18.40	0.11	36.46	1976
(16) Haskell 2135748	46.65	46.43	-0.22	-0.23	-3.65	2002
(17) Hudspeth 4807516	153.12	148.49	-4.63	NA	-49.20	1966

*Change since the original measurement of 135.5 feet below land surface in 1947 (**measurement not shown on the hydrograph)

May 2018 GROUNDWATER LEVELS IN OBSERVATION WELLS









The late May water-level measurement in this Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone) Aquifer well, elevation 731 feet above mean sea level, was 76.81 feet below land surface, or 654.19 feet above mean sea level. This was 7.20 feet below last month's measurement, 16.90 feet below last year's measurement and 30.17 feet below the initial measurement recorded in 1932.

Water levels below the red line indicate periods in which Edwards Aquifer Authority Stage I drought restrictions are in effect.

HYDROGRAPH OF THE MONTH

Each month this space features a new hydrograph (marked with the • symbol on the map) depicting different aquifers and their conditions in Texas.

The Igneous Aquifer is a minor aquifer located in Far West Texas. The aguifer consists of volcanic rocks made of a complex series of welded pyroclastic rock, lava, volcaniclastic sediments. It includes more than 40 different named units as much as 6,000 feet thick in total. Freshwater saturated thickness averages about 1,800 feet. The best water-bearing zones are found in igneous rocks with primary porosity and permeability, such as vesicular basalts, interflow zones in lava successions, sandstone, conglomerate, and breccia. Although water in the aquifer is fresh and contains less than 1,000 milligrams per liter of total dissolved solids, elevated levels of silica and fluoride have been found in water from some wells, reflecting the igneous origin of the rock. Water is primarily used to meet municipal needs for the cities of Alpine, Fort Davis, and Marfa, as well as some agricultural needs. There have been no significant water-level declines in wells measured by the TWDB throughout the aquifer.



The initial water-level measurement in this well was taken by the TWDB in August of 1999 at 133.03 feet below land surface. TWDB installed an automatic water-level recorder in this well in March of 2000 and has since collected nearweekly measurements. The period of record reveals a gradual decline of just over five feet in 18 years with the lowest water level of 138.14 feet below land surface measured in April of 2017.

Igneous Aquifer