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...WETTEST NOVEMBER IN NEARLY 60 YEARS AT DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES...

...LAST MONTH OVERALL WAS ONE OF THE WETTEST NOVEMBERS IN THE LAST 50 PLUS YEARS ACROSS SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA...

A series of storm systems brought copious amounts of early season rain to southwestern California from November 13th through 17th and again from November 20th to the 21st. The heaviest storm system occurred from November 13th through 15th, followed by rounds of moderate to occasionally heavy rain at times from late on the 16th through the 17th and from the 20th into the 21st. This heavy early-season rainfall has resulted in near-record to record November rain across much of the region.

For downtown Los Angeles, with records dating back to 1877 (149 years inclusive), November 2025 turned out to be the 5th wettest November ever recorded with 5.53 inches. Last month was also the wettest November at downtown Los Angeles in the last 58 years when in November 1967 there was 8.67 inches. The most recent year with at least 5 inches of rain in November for downtown Los Angeles was in 1970 with 5.05 inches. The all-time wettest November for downtown Los Angeles occurred in 1965 with 9.68 inches.

Downtown Los Angeles also recorded its 5th wettest start to the water year (Oct 1-Sep 30) with 6.94 inches and the 4th wettest start to the traditional rainfall year (Jul 1-Jun 30) with 7.03 inches. Through the end of November, downtown Los Angeles seasonal rainfall total since October 1st was running 5.58 inches above normal.

Southern Santa Barbara County to the southern Ventura County mountains were hit the hardest in November, with some parts of the Santa Ynez Mountains having more than 15 inches of rain from those storms. The highest rain amount noted last month was San Marcos Pass with 16.32 inches. In Ventura County, Nordhoff Ridge recorded 14.64 inches of rain in November.

According to the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, Santa Barbara County had experienced one of the wettest starts to a water-year (Sep 1-Aug 31) on record through November. Following the storms, Countywide percentage of Normal-to-Date and Normal Water-Year rainfall was at about 460% and 44%, respectively.

Further, the City of Santa Barbara (with rain records dating back to 1899-1900) has already reported the wettest water-year start on record through November with over 9.5 of rain so far this water-year. November has accounted for most of that rain, with over 8 last month alone (also a record). Water-year 2026 eclipsed water-year 1983 as the wettest start on record in the City of Santa Barbara over the past 127 years.

The following table lists the rainfall at various official climate stations across southwestern California for November 2025, normal full-month November rainfall, the most November rainfall ever recorded at each site and year of occurrence, and the November rank for 2025.

Station	Rain Nov 2025	Nrml Nov Rain	Most Nov Rain	Year	Rank For Nov 2025
L.A.Downtown	5.53	0.78	9.68	1965	5th wettest
L.A. Airport	4.59	0.82	7.92	1946	5th wettest
Long Beach AP	3.66	0.75	6.05	1965	5th wettest
UCLA	6.49	0.99	11.30	1965	4th wettest
Burbank AP	6.03	0.69	10.63	1965	5th wettest
Van Nuys AP +	5.18	0.75	5.18	2025	Wettest
Woodland Hills	6.77	0.83	12.60	1965	4th wettest
Lancaster AP	3.09	0.37	4.65	1965	3rd wettest
Palmdale AP	2.18	0.36	4.89	1965	6th wettest

Sandberg	7.08	0.78	9.80	1965	3rd wettest
Camarillo AP	6.02	0.87	7.98	1946	4th wettest
Oxnard NWS	7.11	1.01	7.98	1946	3rd wettest
Santa Barbara AP	8.90	1.27	8.90	2025	Wettest
Santa Maria AP	4.14	1.12	4.74	1965	4th wettest
San Luis Obispo AP *	3.69	1.43	3.69	2025	Wettest
Paso Robles AP	3.02	0.87	5.22	1965	6th wettest

+ Period of record 30 years
* Period of record 28 years

Notable Rainfall Facts for Santa Barbara Airport (since 1941):

October and November rain total: 9.91 inches. This is the most rainfall in October–November on record. The 2nd most October–November rainfall was in 1982 (7.00 inches)

November Rain Total: 8.90 inches is the most rainfall in November on record. The 2nd most November rain was in 1965 (6.92 inches).

November 2025, with the 8.90 inches of rain is also the 19st wettest of any month since records began in 1941. The all–time wettest month for Santa Barbara Airport was 13.62 inches in February 1962.

Highest 3–day November rain total: November 14–16 (6.67 inches)
Second highest 3–day November rain total: November 13–15 (6.01 inches)

Third highest single day November rainfall: November 15 (2.90 inches). Fourth highest single day November rainfall: November 16 (2.51 inches)

Notable Rainfall Facts for Oxnard (since 1924):

October and November rain total: 8.30 inches. This is the 2nd most rainfall in October–November on record and the most October–November rainfall since 1946 (8.33 inches...most ever). October–November 1965 was the third wettest with 7.88 inches.

Second highest 2–day November rain total: November 14–15 (5.08 inches).

Third highest single day November rainfall: November 15 (3.18 inches).

RECORD DAILY RAINFALL FOR NOVEMBER 2025 ACROSS SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

DATE	LOCATION	DAILY PCPN	OLD RECORD
11/14	Lancaster Fox Field	0.41	0.32 set in 1952
11/14	Sandberg	1.95	1.60 set in 1953
11/14	Oxnard NWS	1.90	1.67 set in 1955
11/14	Santa Barbara AP	2.42	2.17 set in 1953
11/15	Los Angeles Downtown	1.65	1.64 set in 1952
11/15	Long Beach AP	1.34	0.74 set in 1965
11/15	Burbank AP	1.71	1.62 set in 1952
11/15	UCLA *	1.72	1.10 set in 1952
11/15	Woodland Hills *	1.90	1.13 set in 1965
11/15	Lancaster Fox Field	0.83	0.68 set in 1952
11/15	Palmdale AP	0.61	0.57 set in 1952
11/15	Sandberg	2.46	1.85 set in 1965
11/15	Oxnard NWS	3.18	1.80 set in 1934
11/15	Camarillo AP	2.78	1.80 set in 1934
11/15	Santa Barbara AP	2.90	1.92 set in 1952
11/15	Paso Robles AP	1.49	0.78 set in 1952
11/17	Santa Barbara AP	1.15	0.72 set in 1973
11/17	Santa Maria AP	0.82	0.73 set in 1934
11/17	Paso Robles AP	0.51	0.44 set in 1973
11/20	Lancaster Fox Field	0.98	0.76 set in 1967

* 4 PM to 4 PM Observations

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