

**...Windshield Tour**

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1. Good. I have never heard anything negative regarding the services that do exist.

2. School is clean and well kept. Health Center and retirement home is really visible and well kept.

**Visibility**

From highways and thoroughfares, are community services easily identified through signage?

- 1. Yes, mostly.
- 2. Yes

**Appearance**

Are they clean, well-maintained with pleasing architecture? Is the signage tasteful and uncluttered?

- 1. Yes
- 2. Yes

**Image**

Is there a personality, sense of identity and pride?

- 1. Yes
- 2. Yes

**Accessibility**

How easy is it to access once the service has been identified?

- 1. There appears to be no apparent problems in accessing these services.
- 2. Good

\* Both reviewers answered "I don't know" on the following questions regarding community services. However, the questions are included for consideration as plans are formulated to improve the quality of life and services in Bronte.

**Promotion**

What kind of advertising is done for services? Is there community cooperation and support? What are they doing to let people know they are here?

**Convenience**

Time required for scheduling appointments? Wait time involved? Sufficient parking? Proximity of parking to services?

**Range of Services**

Are the following services available –Emergency evening service, overnight, trauma, accident, fire department (volunteer? rating?), dental, general practitioners, transportation, funeral home?

**Variety**

Is there a variety of practitioners' services, including dental, general practitioner, osteopathy, evening services? Is there a variety of personnel in each profession?

**Educational Services**

"The signage off of Hwy 277 pointing to the school is good. The school looks well maintained and landscaped. It projects a positive image to those passing by and appears to have a safe school zone. Both reviewers made note of the nice ag building."

**City Services**

"The city services office (city hall) was easy to find. The entire town was mowed and looked very nice compared to towns of similar size. Any city properties seen looked in order."

**Cultural/Social Services**

(Country Club, Restaurants, Tennis Courts, Theater – Movie, Plays, Musical, Ballet, Opera)

**Identifiability**

Do you know where they are

and are they easily visible?

1. I did not, but the Hwy 277 South signage directed me to the.

2. One sign designated to the park/pool, etc. off of Highway 277.

**Image**

Is there a personality, sense of identity and pride?

1. Yes! Everything was well maintained and looked kept up.

2. Park/pool area is well kept and nice. Yes, sense of pride.

**Quality of Service**

What kind of reputation do cultural and social services have?

- 1. Not sure.
- 2. I don't know.

**Number of Services**

Is the number of services sufficient for the community?

1. It appears to be for a community of this size. Wow on the pool and golf course! Beautiful area of Bronte's amazing scenery. Pool, golf course, park, frisbee golf, tennis courts, RV hookups!

2. Yes, nice facilities. Large area for small community.

**Accessibility**

Are the services easy to find and easily accessible?

- 1. Yes, looks to be.
- 2. Yes, maybe better signage?

**Convenience**

Are hours convenient? Is parking sufficient? Are parking areas well lighted?

- 1. Appears to be.
- 2. Yes

**Cost of Services**

Are there social events accessible to all income levels?

- 1. Not sure, but would assume so.
- 2. Appears for most.

**Promotion**

Is there sufficient advertising and promotion of social activities? Are events widely publicized?

- 1. Not sure.
- 2. Needs better signage.

**Range of Services**

What are the kinds of services and activities available –Country Club, School Programs, Church Programs, Cultural Activities, Recreational Activities? Is the number of services sufficient?

- 1. I was very impressed with

outdoor rec facilities and their upkeep.

2. Many services and different kinds of entertainment.

**Special Population Services**

Are there special provisions for services related to special populations, such as crime watch, latch key, drug prevention, rape prevention, community development programs, handicapped, bilingual, wheel chair access? Is there a program for all age ranges?

- 1. Not sure.
- 2. Not sure.

Reviewer #2 shared these overall comments of this section. "Not impressed with church in the theater. Golf course appears well kept. The whole park area is very nice for a community of this size. Is the community center by the pool/golf course? There is no sign. Park area/RV/Frisbie Golf/Baseball Field is really nice."

**Retail**

Retail was easy to find, accessible and most stores looked clean and well maintained. There was a nice

variety in a small area (hardware, cloth shop, taxidermy, groceries, etc.).

Reviewer #2 had these comments about the overall visit. "Residents seem friendly and helpful. Town is well kept and looks nice upon entry from either direction. The old abandoned prison is the only real eye sore I saw. It looks like it should be in the Walking Dead or maybe a haunted house."

Reviewer #1 gave these comments. "I have driven through Bronte many times, but this is the first time I have really explored past Main Street. I was blown away by the outdoor recreation facilities and how beautiful that area of town was. Overall, I was pleasantly surprised at how the majority of properties were clean, lawns mowed, etc. I am especially impressed with the fact that there are so few dilapidated houses, which is a blight on many communities of similar size. The downtown is nice, and it is great to see several thriving businesses. I love the public art I saw and would love to see even more!"

# Water Weekly

For the week of 07/23/18

## Water conditions

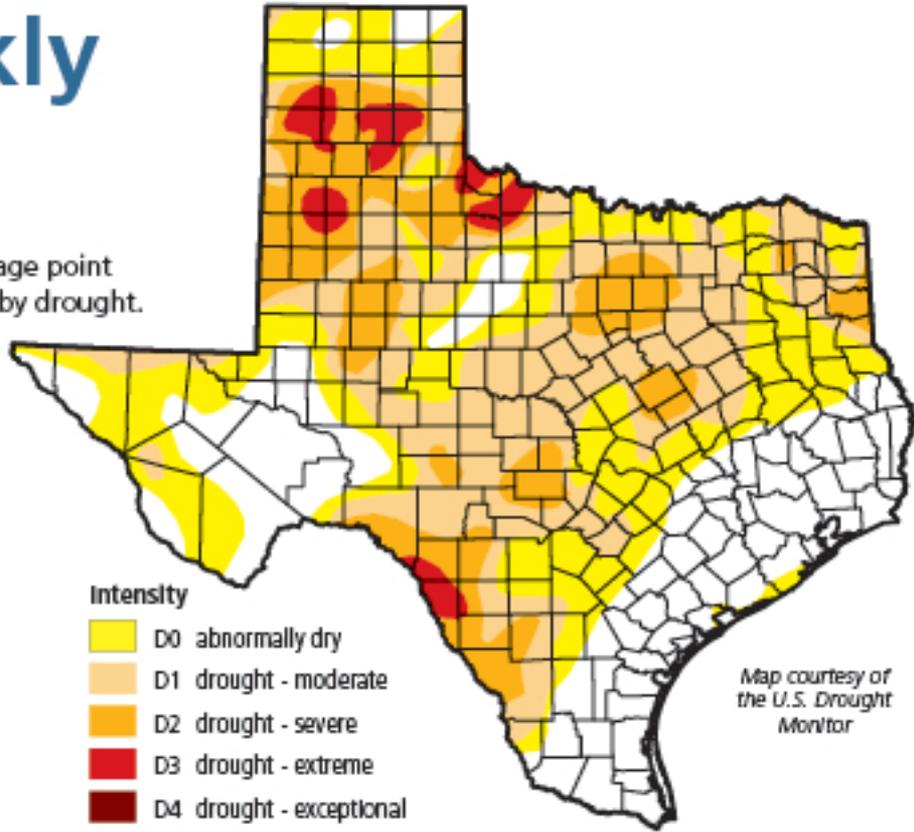
The latest drought map shows a 3 percentage point decrease in the area of the state impacted by drought. Scattered rains brought scattered areas of improvement across the northern half of the state. But drought continued to grow in Central Texas, expanding into Concho, McCulloch, and Menard counties.

### Drought conditions

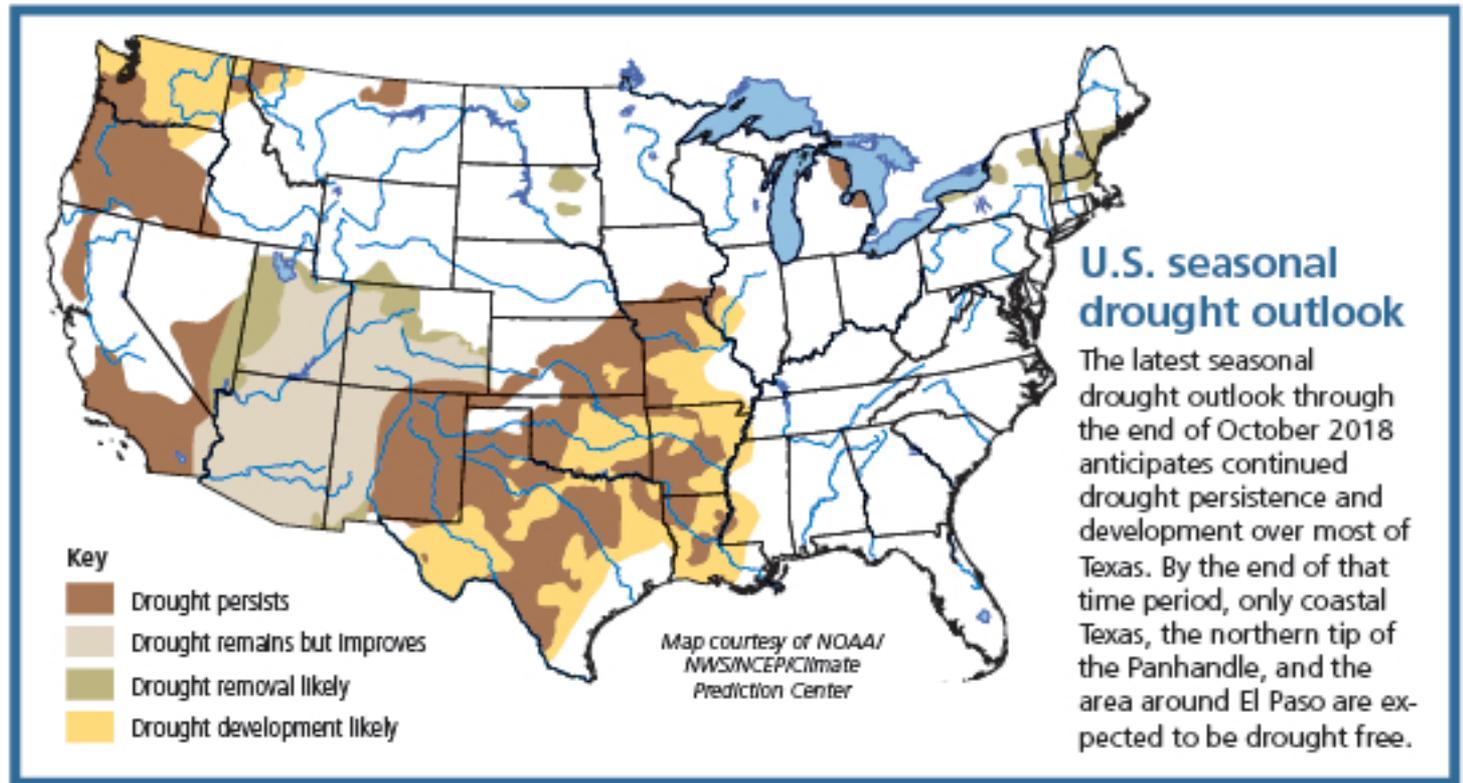
- ◆ 46% now
- ◆ 49% a week ago
- ◆ 49% three months ago
- ◆ 8% a year ago

**Intensity**

- ◆ D0 abnormally dry
- ◆ D1 drought - moderate
- ◆ D2 drought - severe
- ◆ D3 drought - extreme
- ◆ D4 drought - exceptional



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor



## U.S. seasonal drought outlook

The latest seasonal drought outlook through the end of October 2018 anticipates continued drought persistence and development over most of Texas. By the end of that time period, only coastal Texas, the northern tip of the Panhandle, and the area around El Paso are expected to be drought free.

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