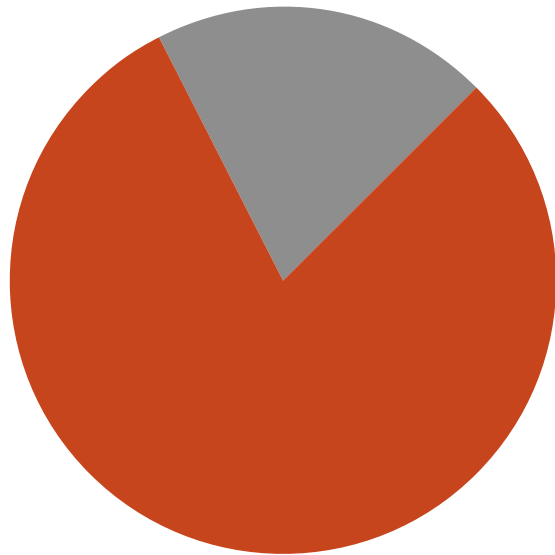




WMO El Niño/La Niña Update

MAY 2026

ESTIMATED ENSO PROBABILITIES FOR JUNE-JULY-AUGUST 2026



- ~ 80% El Niño
- ~ 20% ENSO-Neutral
- ~ 0% La Niña

- As of mid-May, tropical Pacific sea surface temperature anomalies continue to increase.
- Model predictions and expert assessments indicate that **El Niño is very likely to emerge, with an 80% probability**, while the likelihood of ENSO-neutral conditions is around 20% during June-July-August 2026.
- For the remainder of the forecast period (July–September, August–October and September–November), El Niño is predicted to become firmly established, with probabilities rising to around 90%, while ENSO-neutral conditions decline to 10%.
- La Niña redevelopment is unlikely throughout the entire forecast period.

Information on ENSO should be combined with other regionally and locally relevant factors in order to anticipate its effects on regional climates.