


A little rain goes long way for city totals now

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Tuesday's blustery storm added just enough rainfall to push this season to the [third driest on record in Bakersfield](#).

A few hundredths of an inch — enough to smudge the windshield — can make a difference at this time of year, especially in the southern San Joaquin. Bakersfield had .04 of an inch by midday Tuesday.

Like Fresno, the driest year on record in Bakersfield is 1933-1934 when it recorded 2.21 inches. Bakersfield's second-driest is 2007-2008 with 2.38 inches. This season, it has 2.41 inches so far.

At last check, Fresno had 4.78 inches of rain for the July 1 through June 30 precipitation season. [That's still second-driest on record](#), but only another tenth of an inch of rain will move it to third.

As I have noted this year, May rainfall is not unusual, even in the driest of seasons.