

October 2024

The month of October in Blantyre District is expected to be hot and generally dry. There is, however, a chance of experiencing *Chizimalupya* rains, which may be accompanied by lightning and gusty winds. These early rains are typically isolated and brief in nature.

November 2024

For the month of November, Blantyre is forecasted to receive **normal to below-normal** rainfall amounts. Effective rainfall is expected to commence from the **third week of November** and may extend into early December. These rains are likely to be accompanied by gusty winds and lightning.

December 2024

Rainfall amounts in December are expected to range between **100mm and 200mm** across much of the district. However, some parts of Blantyre City and TA Somba are likely to receive higher rainfall, reaching up to **250mm**. These forecasted amounts are considered to be within the **normal to above-normal** range for the district.

January 2025

In January, most areas in Blantyre are expected to receive rainfall amounts ranging from **200mm to 250mm**, while parts of Blantyre City and TA Somba could receive up to **300mm**. These amounts suggest a **normal to above-normal** rainfall scenario for the district, with an above-normal outlook particularly for the highlighted localities.

February 2025

Rainfall in February is expected to vary across the district. The **northern and western** areas are forecasted to receive between **150mm and 200mm**, while the **eastern and southern** areas are likely to receive between **200mm and 250mm**. Overall, these anticipated rainfall amounts indicate a **normal to above-normal** pattern for most areas in the district. However, there is a possibility of a **dry spell lasting more than seven days** during this month.

March 2025

In March, rainfall amounts are expected to range from **100mm to 150mm** over much of the district. However, parts of **TA Kuntaja, TA Kapeni, and TA Somba** may receive as much as **250mm**. These forecasted values are within the **above-normal to well above-normal** range for the month.

April 2025

As the rainfall season draws to a close, rainfall amounts between **50mm and 100mm** are anticipated in April across Blantyre District. These values fall within the **normal to above-normal** range for this time of year. Rainfall **cessation is expected from the first week of April**.

Season Summary

Rainfall **onset** in Blantyre District is anticipated between the **third week of November and the first week of December 2024**, with **cessation** expected from the **first week of April 2025**. This will result in a **seasonal length of between 120 and 135 days**. While **normal to below-normal** rainfall is expected between October and December 2024, **normal to above-normal** rainfall is forecasted from January through April 2025. The season is expected to be influenced by a **weak La Niña**, characterized by the cooling of ocean waters over the eastern-central equatorial Pacific Ocean.