Many states in the southwest rely on the water from the Colorado River, but where does the river’s water come from?

We often think of rainfall as a source of water but it’s actually only 10% of the water in the Colorado River.

The main source, a whopping 90% of the water, actually begins as snowfall in the Rocky Mountains in the river’s upper basin.

This springtime snow melt is the main source of water for users in both the upper and lower basin.