

National Weather Service Indianapolis
Central Indiana Weather History
March

01. 1910: At Indianapolis, 0.02 inches of rain fall, followed by only 0.05 inches for the rest of the month. This makes March 1910 the driest month on record for the city.
02. 1992: At Indianapolis, the record high temperatures for the date is set at 74 degrees.
03. 1976: Ping pong ball size hail pelts Bedford causing damage to automobiles.
04. 1880: At Indianapolis, a tornado strikes the north side of the city killing one boy who sought shelter in an icehouse. A church is demolished and many houses lose their roofs and chimneys. The tornado's rumble is said to sound like an approaching train of cars.
04. 1988: An ice storm in the central part of state leaves up to 2 inches of ice accumulation.
05. 1897: At Indianapolis, the record precipitation amount for the date is set at 3.06 inches.
06. 1961: At Kokomo, a tornado picks up a mobile home and hurls it into a 2 story home.
07. 2008: Six inches of snow fall near Muncie.
08. 2009: At Vincennes, automated weather equipment measures a wind gust of 91 mph.
09. 1992: Strong winds hit central Indiana, with 69 mph recorded at Sullivan. Winds caused a building under construction at Indianapolis to collapse.
10. 1986: Eight tornadoes touch down in central and southern Indiana, leaving one person dead.
11. 1917: From New Castle to Millville to Hagerstown to near Greens Fork, at least 21 people are killed by a tornado with a path from 1 to 2 blocks wide. Destruction is complete in the path of the tornado as 75 buildings are wrecked beyond repair, and 100 families are left homeless. Two railroad freight cars loaded with iron are picked up and hurled a distance.
12. 1948: At Indianapolis, a low temperature of -5 marks the latest date in the spring for a temperature below zero.
13. 1991: A 2 day ice and snow storm in the northern half of the state brings up to 3 inches of ice, 12 inches of snow and wind gusts to 40 mph.
14. 1989: Severe thunderstorms bring hail up to golf ball size along with damaging winds to areas near Columbus, Seymour, and Greensburg.
15. 1971: A tornado touches down near Shelbyville, destroying mobile homes and damaging nearly 30 other structures.
16. 1900: At Indianapolis, the record low temperature for the date is set at 3 degrees.

17. 1989: Severe thunderstorms bring damaging winds to Tippecanoe, Clinton, and Warren counties. Some garages are destroyed, and trees are knocked down.
18. 1933: At Indianapolis, the record precipitation amount for the date is set at 2.03 inches.
19. 1906: At Indianapolis, the record snowfall for the date is set at 12.1 inches.
20. 1996: Snowfall amounts from 12 to 18 inches fall on the 19-20th across west central, southwest, and south central Indiana. Winds to 35 mph coupled with the weight of the snow topple thousands of trees in Hoosier National Forest and knock out power to 200,000 residents.
21. 1991: Flash flooding occurs in Plainville in Daviess County as 2 inches of rain fall in 2 hours.
22. 1907: At Indianapolis, the record high temperature for the date is set at 82 degrees.
23. 1913: A tornado rips through Prarieton, Gardentown, Terre Haute to near Brazil, killing 21 people and injuring 250 others. Chickens are said to be de-feathered, and a baby is reportedly carried by the wind and set down unharmed a block away. A woman reports that bed clothing was drawn off her and up through a fireplace. The storm is followed by flooding.
23. 1917: South of Carlisle in Sullivan County, a killer tornado, with a path of a quarter of a mile wide and path length of 18 miles, kills 2 and injures 20 others at 1:15 PM.
24. 1975: Severe thunderstorm winds overturn planes in Montgomery County and destroy a mobile home in Clinton County.
- 24: 2018: The latest 10 inch snowfall on record occurs at Indianapolis. Avon reports 13 inches of snow.
25. 1913: From the 25th to the 29th, the flood of record occurs along the White and East Fork White rivers. The White River crests up to 20 feet above flood stage at Indianapolis and Centerton. The East Fork crests up to 27 feet above flood stage.
26. 1948: A tornado, that moves from southeast of Brazil to Danville, kills twenty people and injures another 200 around 5:00 PM. The greatest losses occur in Coatesville. A second tornado near Fortville kills another person.
27. 1913: From the 25th to the 31st, the flood of record along the Wabash River occurs. The crest is nearly 22 feet above flood stage at Lafayette, where the river is 3 miles wide.
27. 1991: Widespread thunderstorms produce 81 mph wind gusts in Westfield.
28. 1997: A small tornado touches down on the far south side of Indianapolis, damaging roofs and carports.
29. 1974: At Freetown in Jackson County, severe thunderstorm winds damage several farm homes and outbuildings.

30. 1982: Sixty mph winds knock down trees and power lines near Columbus.

31. 2006: An F2 tornado moves along a 17 mile path from Johnson County into Shelby County.

31. 2023: One of the largest tornado outbreaks in Indiana history occurs on this date. Twenty-three tornadoes touched down in Indiana, causing extensive property and tree damage, as well as some fatalities.