

February 2026 Monthly Weather Review

Temperature Overview

February 2026 was another below normal month in terms of average temperature. All long-term climate sites and select COOP sites were between 2-6°F below normal. The coastal sites saw the largest departures (4-6°F below normal), whereas inland sites saw a lesser departure (2-3°F). This is likely due in part to the anomalously cold-water temperatures that influenced these temperatures, especially during periods of onshore flow. The first half of February saw the coldest temperatures, followed by a week (February 15-21st) of generally above normal temperatures that brought average temperatures up a few degrees. Looking at the highest temperatures recorded for the month at each respective site; each site recorded their highest temperature of the month generally around 5°F below the normal highest temperature recorded in February (+/- 2°F). Another notable stat is that Richmond did not reach 70°F throughout the entirety of meteorological winter for the first time since the 2009-2010 season. Despite how cold this February was, no sites recorded any top 10 coldest Februarys, and only Elizabeth City recorded any low temperature records of 28° (1st) and 31° (8th).

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Precipitation & Snow/Ice Overview

Numerous systems impacted the Wakefield forecast area this February, bringing in much needed precipitation to the region, with most long-term climate and select COOP sites measuring between 2.5-4" of precipitation for the month. To start off the month, a coastal low brought a good amount of snow to NE NC, and Edenton, NC measured 6.0" on the 1st. While higher totals were expected in SE VA, some dry air kept those totals from coming to fruition. A clipper system moved through the region on February 6th/7th and brought the highest snowfall totals recorded this month to inland VA, though these totals were between 1-2" at the climate and COOP sites. A warmer low-pressure system moved through the area on February 15th/16th, bringing widespread rainfall to the area. Some areas, including Richmond, measured over an inch of rainfall during this event, though no daily rainfall records were set. The last big event for the month was a coastal low that moved along the Mid-Atlantic Coast February 22nd/23rd and brought rainfall to most areas, with coastal areas seeing some snowfall and the Eastern Shore experiencing blizzard conditions. Norfolk set both a daily precipitation record (1.66") and a daily snowfall record (1.4") on the 22nd as rain transitioned to snow as colder air moved in. Salisbury recorded not one, but two daily snowfall records (7.5" on the 22nd, 3.3" on the 23rd) since the event continued overnight. At Salisbury, this system ended with a total snowfall amount of 10.8", bringing February 2026 to the 6th snowiest February on record for the site.

The following table on page 3 shows detailed temperature and precipitation statistics for February 2026 at many locations within the Wakefield CWA. Page 4 shows national temperature departures and rankings. On page 5, daily high temperature departures are shown at Richmond and Norfolk, followed by monthly precipitation maps (page 6), with daily records set during the month at our 4 main long-term sites on the last page.

Tabular Summary of Data for Selected Climate Sites (February):

February 2026 Temperature Summary Data															* also on other dates			All Normals are 1991-2020		
Site	Avg Max		Avg Min		Avg Temp		Daily Highs					Daily Mins					Remarks			
	(°F)		(°F)		(°F)		Warmest (°F)			Coldest (°F)		Warmest (°F)			Coldest (°F)					
	Actual	Dep	Actual	Dep	Actual	Dep	Actual	Date	Dep	Actual	Date	Dep	Actual	Date	Dep	Actual		Date	Dep	
Richmond	48.7	-2.9	28.3	-2.1	38.5	-2.5	66	20th	-7	30	8th	-3	47	18th	-1	9	8th	-7		
Norfolk	47.7	-5.7	31.8	-3.3	39.8	-4.4	69	18th	-5	29	1st	-5	45	18th	-6	18	8th	-4		
Salisbury	43.9	-4.3	25.8	-3.4	34.8	-3.9	63	28th	-6	24	8th	-6	45	20th	-1	12	9th	0		
Wallops Island	44.4	-4.1	27.5	-3.6	35.9	-3.9	64	20th	-4	26	*8th	-5	42	20th	-3	14	*9th	-3		
Elizabeth City	49.6	-5.4	30.8	-4.2	40.2	-4.8	72	20th	-2	28	1st	-9	48	*21st	-4	13	1st	-7		
Ashland, VA	49.0	-2.1	26.5	-2.5	37.8	-2.2	65	*28th	-7	29	*8th	-3	48	18th	1	2	8th	-11		
Cape Charles, VA	44.0	-4.7	30.3	-3.0	37.1	-3.9	64	19th	-5	27	*8th	-5	46	19th	-4	17	8th	-2		
Crozier, VA	47.3	-2.2	25.3	-2.2	36.3	-2.2	68	21st	-4	18	1st	-13	50	19th	5	0	9th	-12		
Wakefield, VA	49.9	-3.1	27.5	-2.6	38.7	-2.8	67	*20th	-6	31	8th	-3	46	*20th	-3	8	2nd	-7		
Williamsburg, VA	47.5	-4.8	28.9	-3.1	38.2	-4.0	66	*28th	-7	30	*8th	-4	46	20th	-3	16	*9th	-1		
Edenton, NC	49.8	-6.2	32.5	-3.3	41.1	-4.8	70	*28th	-3	30	1st	-8	54	19th	3	14	2nd	-6		

February 2026 Precipitation & Snowfall Summary Data															* also on other dates			All Normals are 1991-2020		
Site	Total Pre		# Pre Days		# Pre Days		Greatest		Total Snow		# Snow Days		# Snow Days		Greatest		Remarks			
	(in.)		(≥0.01")		(≥0.10")		(in.)		(in.)		(≥0.1")		(≥1.0")		(in.)					
	Actual	Dep	Actual	Dep	Actual	Dep	Act	Date	Act	Dep	Act	Dep	Act	Dep	Daily	Date		Storm	Date	
Richmond	3.55	0.94	8	-1	6	0	1.29	15th	2.0	-0.2	1	-1	1	0	2.0	6th	2.0	6th		
Norfolk	4.18	1.28	7	-2	5	-1	1.66	22nd	1.5	0.0	2	1	1	1	1.4	22nd	1.4	22nd		
Salisbury	2.83	-0.42	8	-2	6	0	1.03	22nd	10.8	7.4	2	1	2	1	7.5	22nd	10.8	22-23		
Wallops Island	3.89	1.08	9	-1	6	0	1.13	22nd	11.2	8.9	2	1	2	1	8.0	22nd	11.2	22-23	**6th snowiest on record**	
Elizabeth City	3.03	0.16	8	-2	4	-2	1.17	22nd	1.8	1.1	1	0	1	1	1.8	1st	1.8	1st		
Ashland, VA	1.66	-1.16	9	0	4	-2	0.51	19th	1.6	-2.4	4	2	1	0	1.0	6th	1.2	6-7		
Cape Charles, VA	M	####	M	####	M	####	M		M	####	M	####	M	####	M		M			
Crozier, VA	2.91	0.13	6	-1	4	-1	1.16	16th	2.0	-1.6	1	0	1	0	2.0	7th	2.0	7th		
Wakefield, VA	4.03	1.23	8	-1	4	-2	1.13	15th	1.4	0.0	2	1	0	-1	0.8	6th	0.8	6th		
Williamsburg, VA	3.73	0.68	8	-2	4	-2	1.36	15th	1.5	-0.1	2	1	1	1	1.2	22nd	1.2	22nd		
Edenton, NC	2.58	-0.66	11	3	7	1	0.55	26th	6.0	5.4	1	0	1	0	6.0	1st	6.0	1st		

* **“Dep”= Departure** from the 30-year normals (1991-2020). Temperature departures are shaded orange for 1 F or more warmer than average (dark red for 4 F or greater anomalies) and blue for 1 F or more cooler than average (dark blue for 4 F or more below normal). Similarly, precipitation departures are shaded green for 0.50” or more wetter than average (dark green for 2.00” or more) and tan for 0.50” or more drier than average (dark brown for 2.00” or more drier). Snowfall departures are shaded purple for 1” or more above average and tan for 1” or more below average.

Daily Average Temperature Departures at Richmond & Norfolk, VA

February 2026: Richmond, VA

Observed Average Temperature Departure from Normal (°F)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24.5° -14.2° 38.7°	27.5° -11.4° 38.9°	33.0° -6.0° 39°	34.5° -4.6° 39.1°	29.5° -9.7° 39.2°	28.0° -11.4° 39.4°	23.5° -16.0° 39.5°
19.5° -20.2° 39.7°	26.5° -13.4° 39.9°	41.5° +1.5° 40°	47.0° +6.8° 40.2°	34.5° -5.9° 40.4°	32.0° -8.6° 40.6°	40.5° -0.2° 40.7°
44.5° +3.6° 40.9°	41.0° -0.1° 41.1°	47.0° +5.7° 41.3°	55.0° +13.5° 41.5°	51.5° +9.7° 41.8°	54.0° +12.0° 42°	48.5° +6.3° 42.2°
38.0° -4.4° 42.4°	37.5° -5.1° 42.6°	35.5° -7.4° 42.9°	45.0° +1.9° 43.1°	47.5° +4.2° 43.3°	43.0° -0.6° 43.6°	48.0° +4.2° 43.8°

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February 2026: Norfolk, VA

Observed Average Temperature Departure from Normal (°F)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24.0° -18.3° 42.3°	30.5° -11.9° 42.4°	34.0° -8.5° 42.5°	36.5° -6.1° 42.6°	33.0° -9.7° 42.7°	33.0° -9.8° 42.8°	28.5° -14.5° 43°
24.0° -19.1° 43.1°	26.5° -16.7° 43.2°	44.5° +1.1° 43.4°	45.0° +1.5° 43.5°	36.0° -7.7° 43.7°	31.0° -12.9° 43.9°	41.0° -3.0° 44°
48.0° +3.8° 44.2°	40.5° -3.9° 44.4°	46.5° +1.9° 44.6°	57.0° +12.3° 44.7°	51.0° +6.1° 44.9°	54.5° +9.4° 45.1°	52.0° +6.7° 45.3°
39.5° -6.0° 45.5°	38.0° -7.7° 45.7°	37.0° -8.9° 45.9°	47.0° +0.9° 46.1°	47.0° +0.7° 46.3°	41.0° -5.5° 46.5°	46.5° -0.2° 46.7°

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Figure 2: Daily Average Temperature Departures at RIC and ORF

Regional Precipitation Maps: February 2026

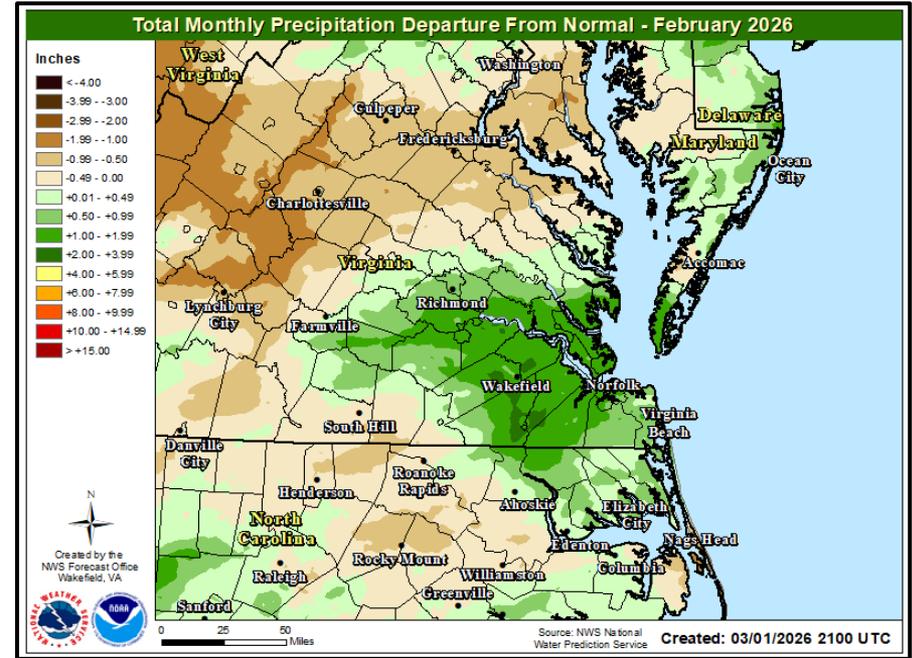
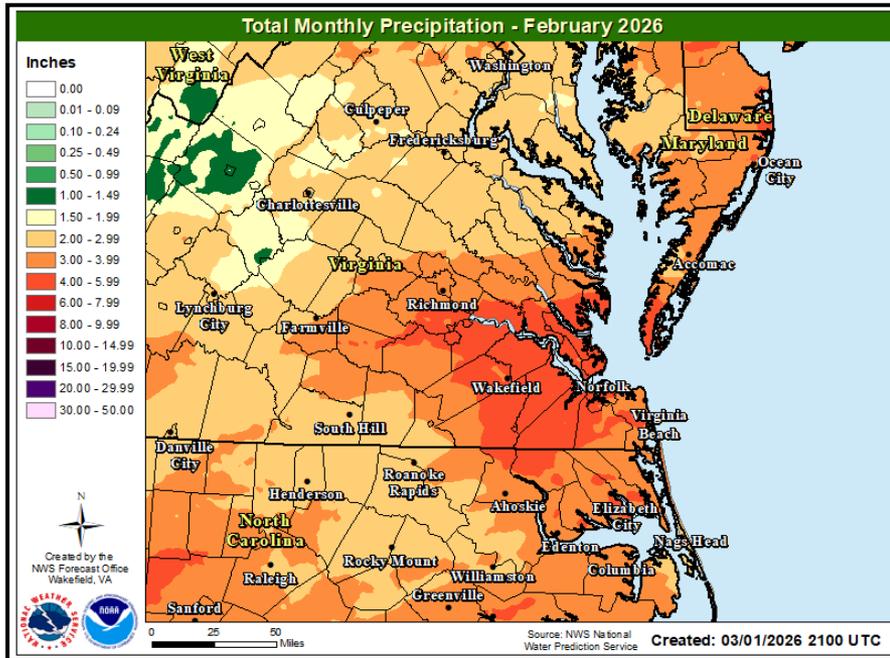


Figure 3: *Total Precipitation* for the month is shown in the map on the left. *Departures* from the 30-year normals (1991-2020) are shown on the map on the right.

Daily Records for Long Term Sites (February):

Norfolk, VA Records (Period of Record 153 yrs./1874-2026) **tie*

Record Highs: none set.

Record Low Maximums: none set.

Record Lows: none set.

Record High Minimums: none set.

Daily Precipitation: 1.66" (22nd).

Daily Snowfall: 1.4" (22nd).

Richmond, VA Records (Period of Record 130 yrs./1897-2026) **tie*

Record Highs: none set.

Record Low Maximums: none set.

Record Lows: none set.

Record High Minimums: none set.

Daily Precipitation: none set.

Daily Snowfall: none set.

Salisbury, MD Records (Period of Record 120 yrs./1907-2026) **tie*

Record Highs: none set.

Record Low Maximums: none set.

Record Lows: none set.

Record High Minimums: none set.

Daily Precipitation: none set.

Daily Snowfall: 7.5" (22nd), 3.3" (23rd).

Elizabeth City, NC Records (Period of Record 93 yrs./1934-2026) **tie*

Record Highs: none set.

Record Low Maximums: *28° (1st), 31° (8th).

Record Lows: none set.

Record High Minimums: none set.

Daily Precipitation: none set.

Daily Snowfall: none set.