

# NWS Wilmington, Ohio April Regional Weather Summary

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*Similar to March, the month of April was characterized by temperatures well above normal for the month. In fact, April of 2026 ended as the warmest monthly average temperature for Columbus, with Dayton and Cincinnati coming in as the 2<sup>nd</sup> warmest April on record. Precipitation on the other hand was below normal across much of the Ohio Valley, even with the active pattern to end the month that brought several days of decent rainfall to the area.*

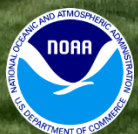
# Temperatures

*April started out with temperatures well above normal across the Ohio Valley. In fact, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, all 3 major climate sites observed high temperature departures of 20+ degrees above normal for that day. These unseasonably warm temperatures on the 3<sup>rd</sup> were aided by record breaking minimum high temperatures across all 3 sites, which occurred several times throughout the month. Numerous days throughout the month would observe high temperature departures of 10+ degrees above normal values.*

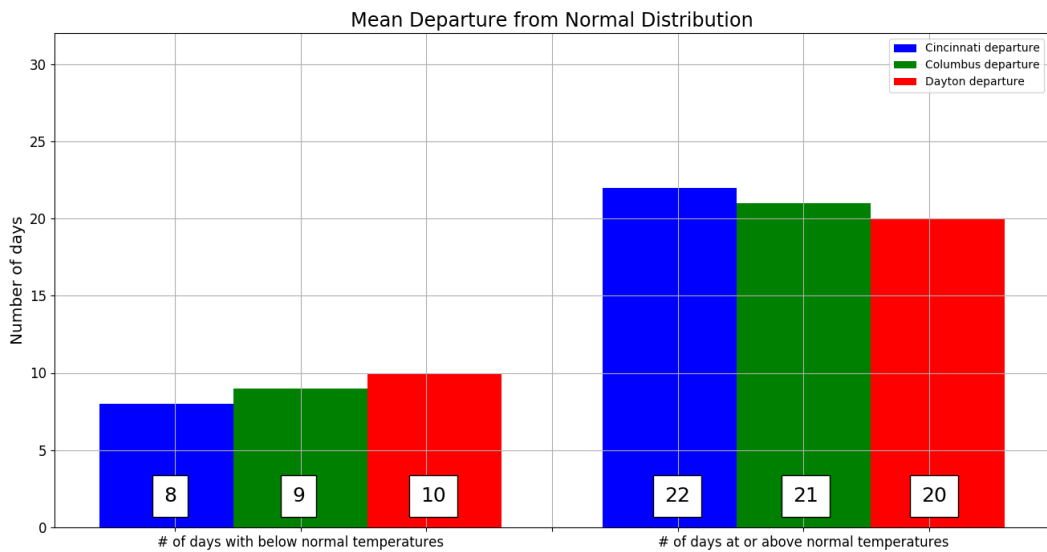
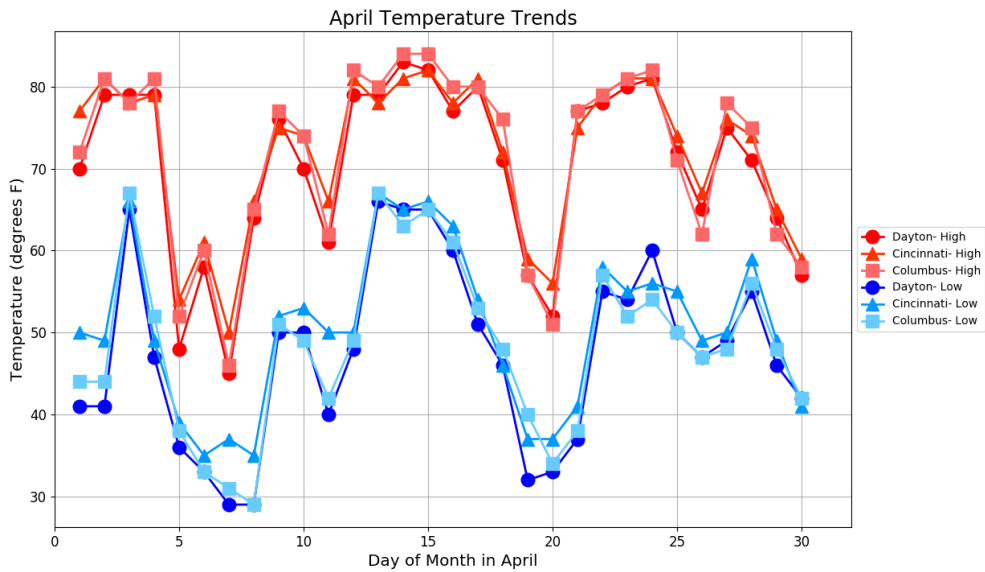
*Not all of April was warmer than normal, however. Immediately after the record breaking warmth to start the month, the first full week would end with maximum temperatures around 10 degrees below normal. The next shot of Arctic air would arrive near the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April. This would result in another two-day period with high temperatures ~10 degrees below seasonal normals.*

*Even with the large temperature swings in both directions, the month of April was primarily characterized by the seasonably warm temperatures as all 3 major climate sites ended 5-7 degrees above normal.*

Site	Avg Temp (°F)	Avg High Temp (°F)	Avg Low Temp (°F)	Departure From Normal (°F)	Maximum Temperature (°F)	Minimum Temperature (°F)
Cincinnati (CVG)	61.2	72.0	50.4	+6.6	82 on 15 <sup>th</sup>	35 on 6 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>
Columbus (CMH)	60.0	71.6	48.4	+6.8	84 on 14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup>	29 on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Dayton (DAY)	58.9	70.3	47.4	+5.2	83 on 14 <sup>th</sup>	29 on 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>



# Temperatures (Continued)



# Precipitation

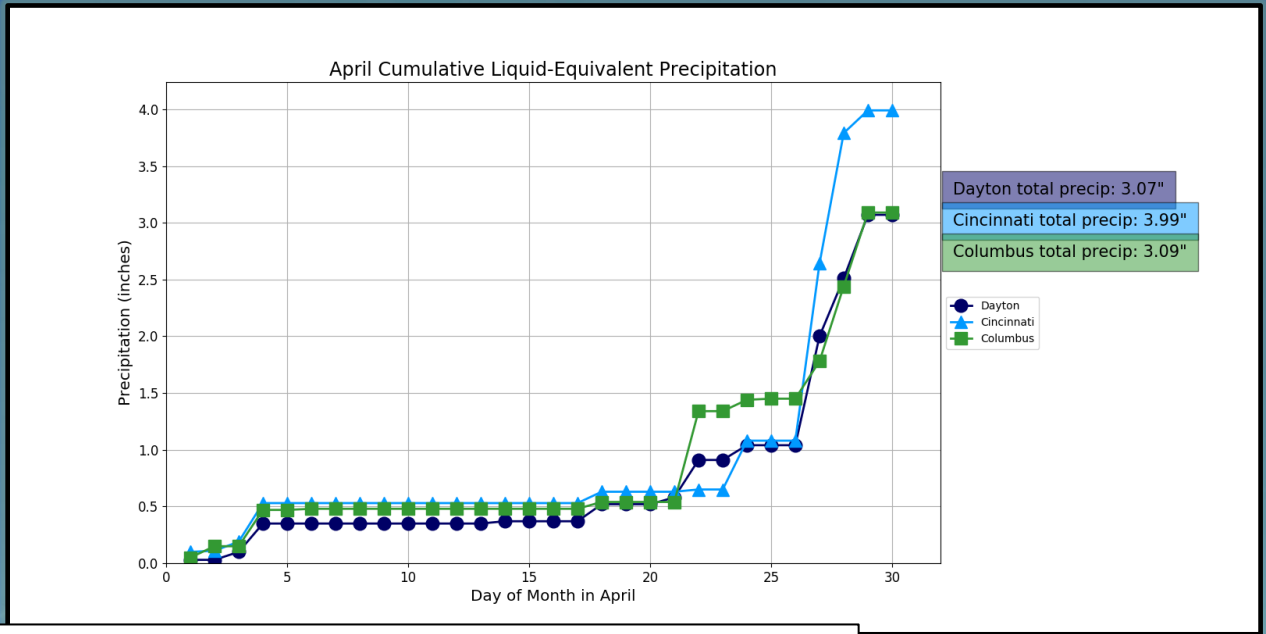
*The phrase “April Showers” wasn’t quite as fitting this year as a large portion of the Ohio Valley was in a deficit for rainfall the month of April. All 3 major climate sites observed below normal values, with the Dayton airport recording a rainfall deficit of over an inch. Given the abnormally warm temperatures, snowfall was kept at bay. However, the Columbus airport did observe hail on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, so there was still a trace (T) of snow that was recorded there. Otherwise, no frozen precipitation was observed at our major climate sites.*

*The month began with multiple days of rainfall, but totals were generally light given the more stratiform-like precipitation. The bulk of the rain fell in the final week or so of the month, which helped to bring up totals a bit more. Interestingly, neither Dayton nor Columbus airports recorded over an inch of rainfall in a single calendar day. The Cincinnati airport on the other hand did have two days near the end of the month that recorded over an inch of rain (27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>). The lack of convective rainfall/thunderstorm activity throughout a good chunk of the month limited the days with heavy rainfall, ultimately leading to the rainfall shortage.*

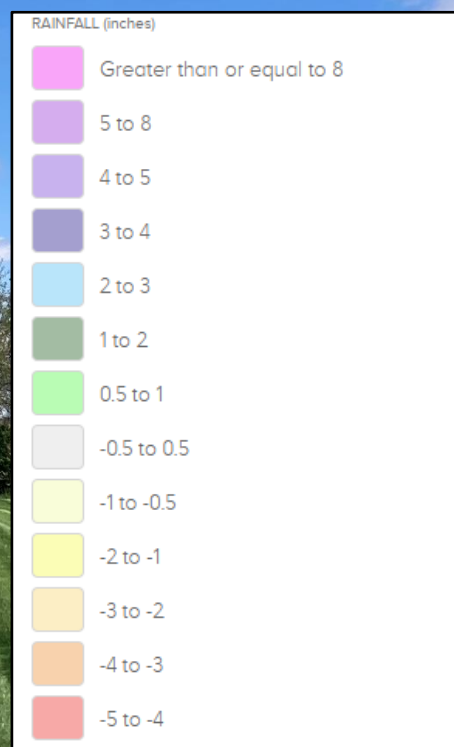
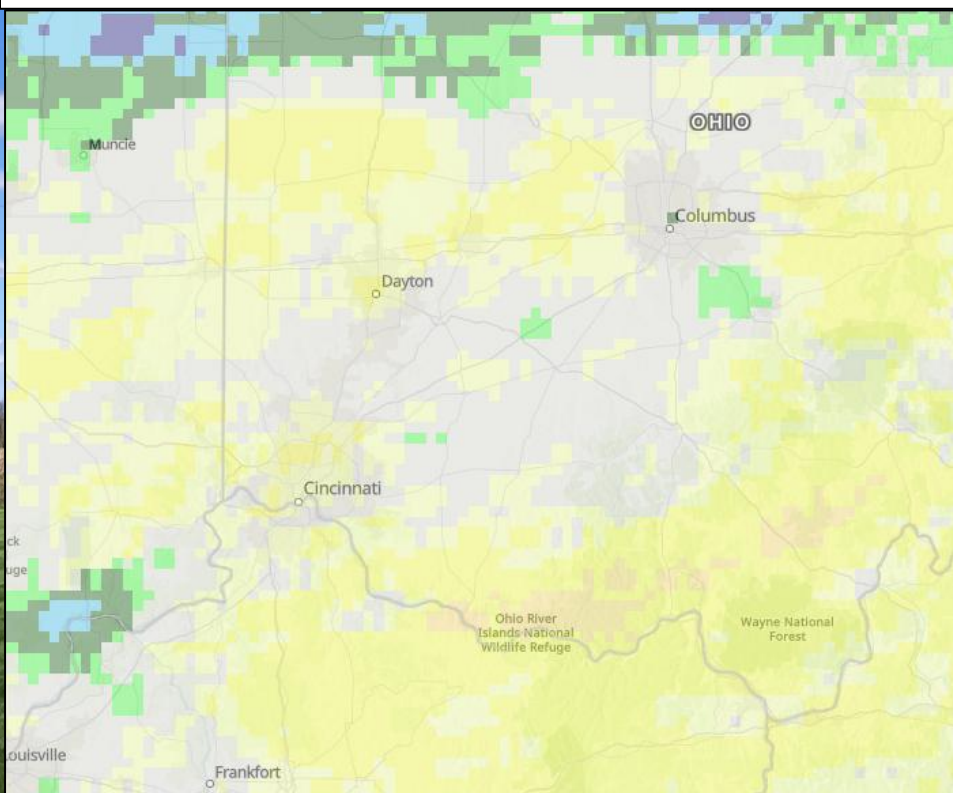
Site	Total Precipitation (in.)	Departure From Normal (in.)	Max Daily Precipitation (in./date)	Total Snowfall (in.)	Max Daily Snowfall (in./date)	
Cincinnati (CVG)	3.99	-0.54	2.71	27 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	N/A
Columbus (CMH)	3.09	-0.76	0.99	27 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	T	T
Dayton (DAY)	3.07	-1.39	1.47	27 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	N/A



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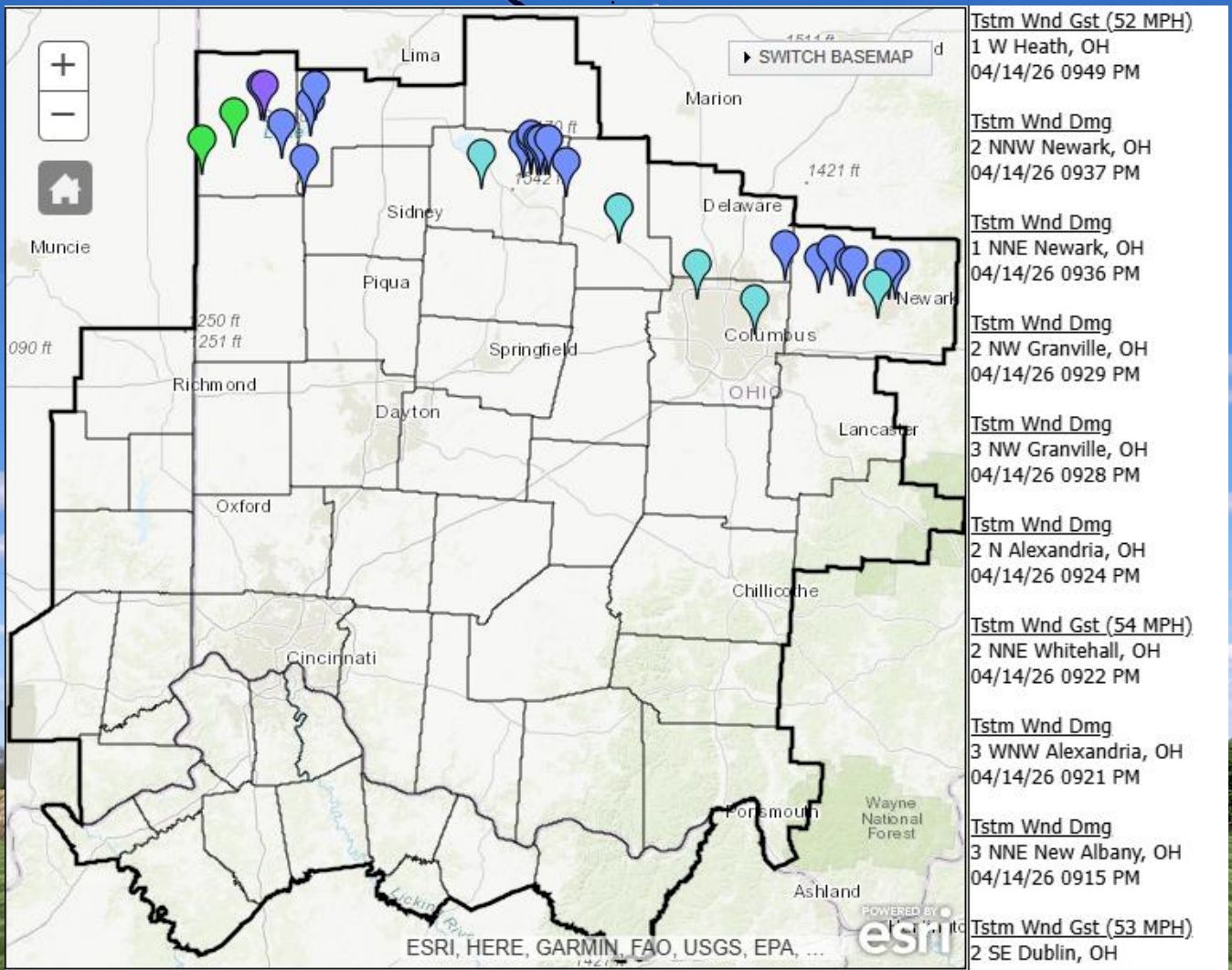
## April 2026 Precipitation Departure from Normal





# Severe Weather

On the 14<sup>th</sup>, storms moving across northern portions of the region near and north of I-70 reached severe limits and brought damaging wind gusts. Additionally, storms moved near and north of I-70 during the evening hours on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. These storms brought severe hail and covered the roadways in parts of the Columbus, Ohio area.



**LOCAL STORM REPORTS:**

- Tornado
- Hail
- Thunderstorm Wind Gust
- Thunderstorm Wind Damage
- Flood
- Flash Flood
- Non-Thunderstorm Wind Gust
- Non-Thunderstorm Wind Damage



# May Outlook

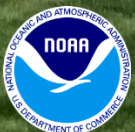
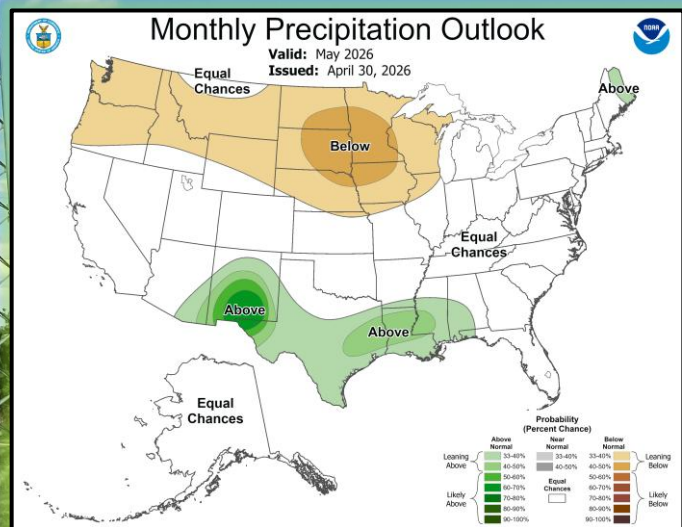
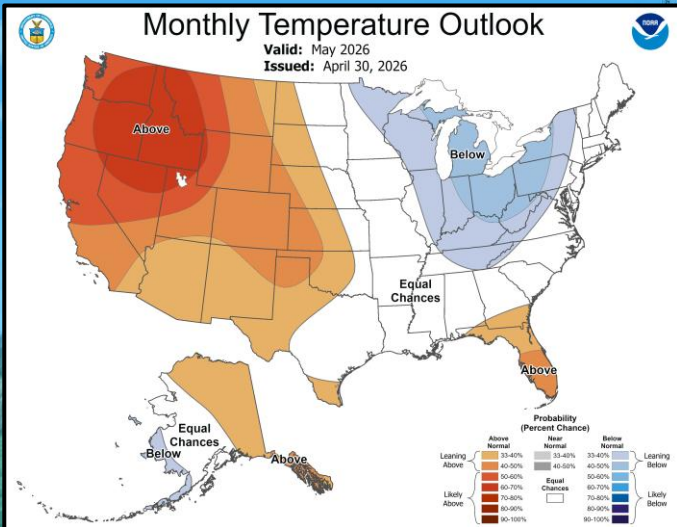
The latest outlook from the Climate Prediction Center favors below normal temperatures across the Ohio Valley in May, but equal chances for below, above or near normal precipitation.

Site	Normal Avg Temp (°F)	Normal High (°F)	Normal Low (°F)
Cincinnati (CVG)	64.1	74.5	53.7
Columbus (CMH)	63.3	74.1	52.4
Dayton (DAY)	64.0	74.2	53.8

Site	Normal Precipitation (in.)	Normal Snowfall (in.)
Cincinnati (CVG)	4.67	0.0
Columbus (CMH)	3.99	0.0
Dayton (DAY)	4.51	0.0

## Upcoming Temperature Outlook

## Upcoming Precipitation Outlook



# May-July Outlook

*A transition from La Nina to ENSO-neutral conditions have occurred, with ENSO-neutral conditions favored through June (80% chance). However, with continued warming that is expected to occur in the equatorial Pacific Ocean, El Nino is likely to emerge (61%) and persist through at least the end of 2026.*

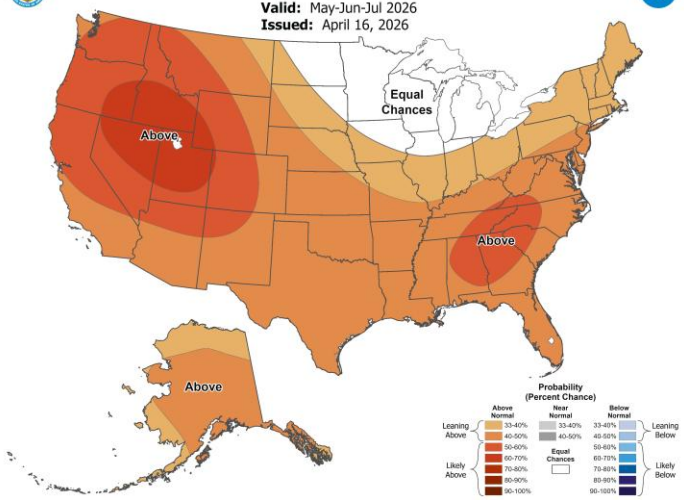
*The three month outlook from May-July favors warmer than normal temperatures across the Ohio Valley, whereas precipitation has equal chances for below, above and near normal values.*

## Three-Month (MJJ) Temp. Outlook

## Three-Month (MJJ) Precip. Outlook

### Seasonal Temperature Outlook

Valid: May-Jun-Jul 2026  
Issued: April 16, 2026



### Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

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