

NWS Wilmington, Ohio February 2026 Regional Weather Summary

Regional Weather Summary

The beginning of February continued a period of much below normal temperatures across the region stretching back into January. Temperatures trended warmer throughout the month with above normal temperatures helping to balance the month closer to normal. The region largely avoided any major snowfall events, but a few light snow events did lead to monthly totals between three and eight inches. All three climate sites ended the month below normal for precipitation.

Temperatures

Temperatures were significantly below normal in January, and that pattern would continue into the start of February with much below normal temperatures through the first full week of the month. A deep snow pack remaining from the widespread snow event at the end of January supported these colder temperatures.

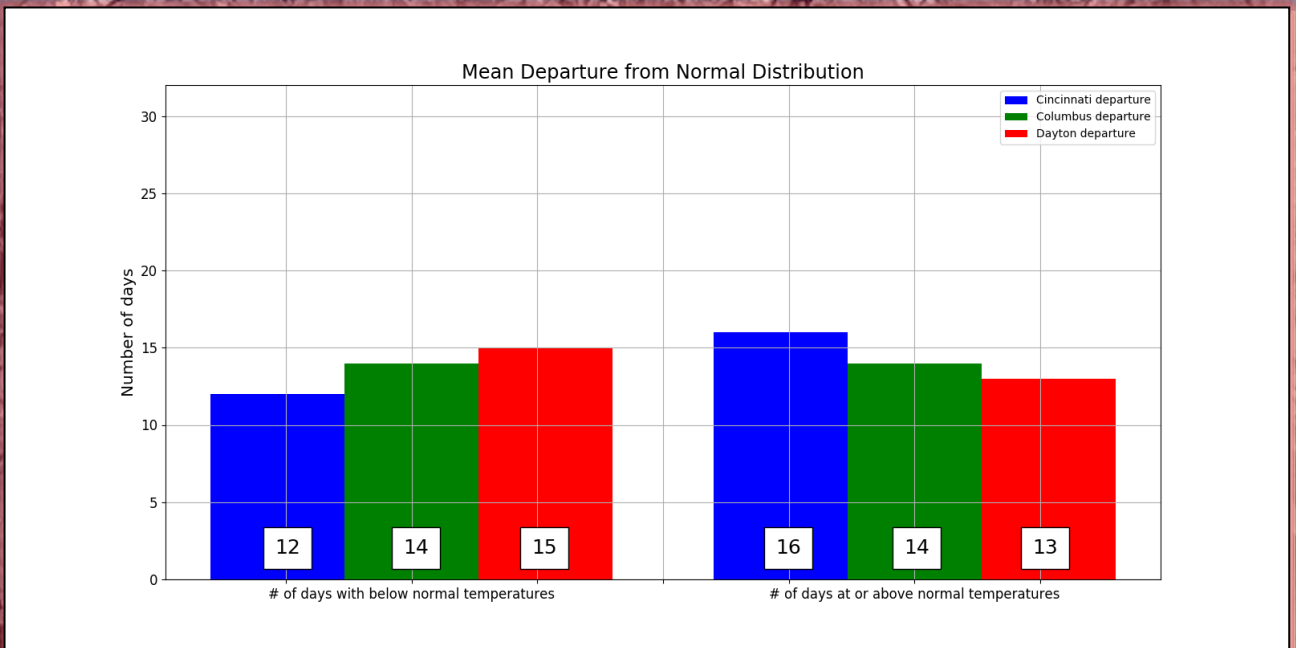
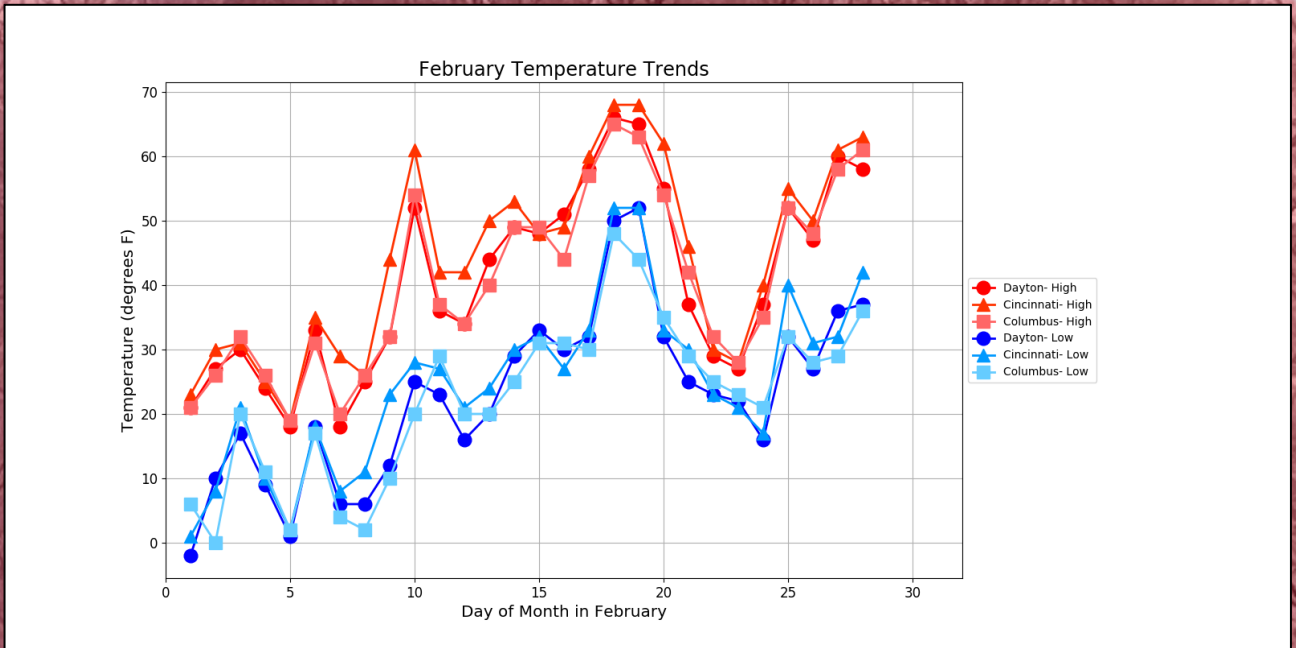
Temperatures finally reached above freezing for the first time on the 9th or 10th day of the month. Temperatures were near normal through the middle part of the month with a pattern change starting around the 17th of the month. In fact, both Cincinnati and Dayton set record high temperatures on the 18th of the month.

The last week or so of the month were a bit more variable. Several weak systems moved through, causing some days of well above normal and well below normal. All in all, the month would end slightly below 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)	34.6	44.2	24.9	-0.1	68 on 18 th and 19 th	1 on 1 st
Columbus (CMH)	31.5	40.5	22.4	-1.0	65 on 18 th	0 on 2 nd
Dayton (DAY)	31.6	40.5	22.8	-1.2	66 on 18 th	-2 on 1 st



Temperatures (Continued)



Precipitation

With the significant snow pack on the ground, temperatures in the first part of the month supported mainly snow. Two separate light snow events would occur on the 3rd and 6th. Several inches were observed at the climate sites, but some localized areas saw higher amounts of three to five inches.

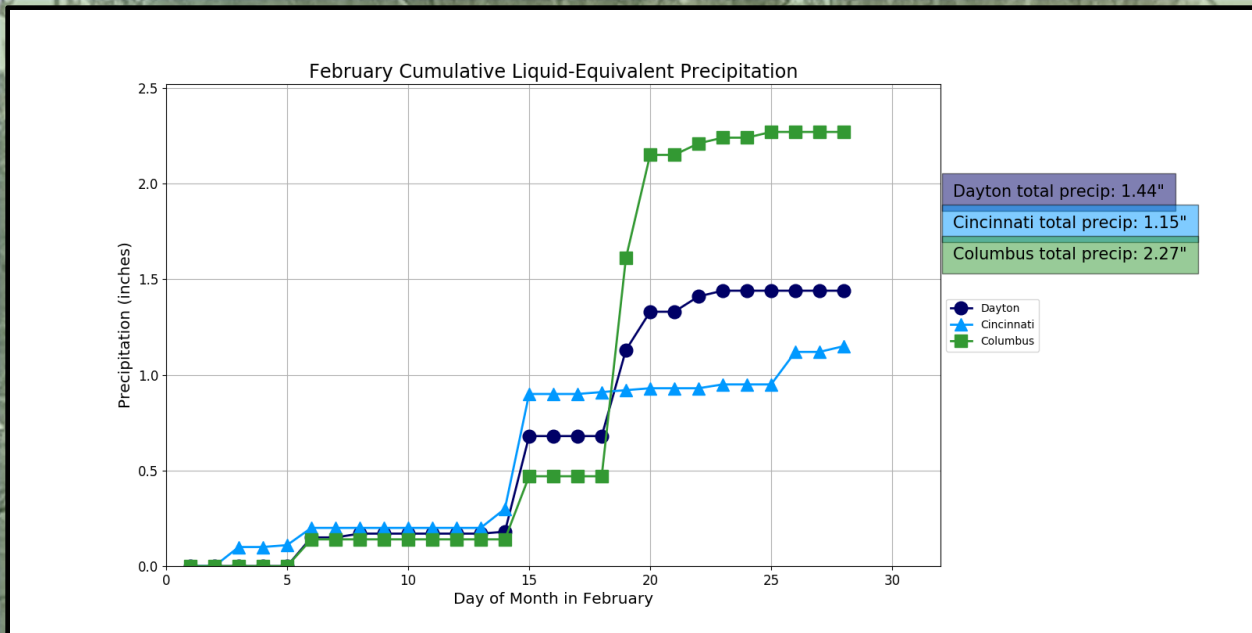
As the temperatures began to warm and the snow began to melt, much of the middle portion of the month saw rainfall return to the region. Two separate events on the 15th and the 19th provided the highest precipitation days of the month for the climate sites.

Colder air would later funnel in behind this pattern, supporting additional light snowfall events during the last week of the month. Overall, despite the La Nina pattern, precipitation ended below normal for the month.

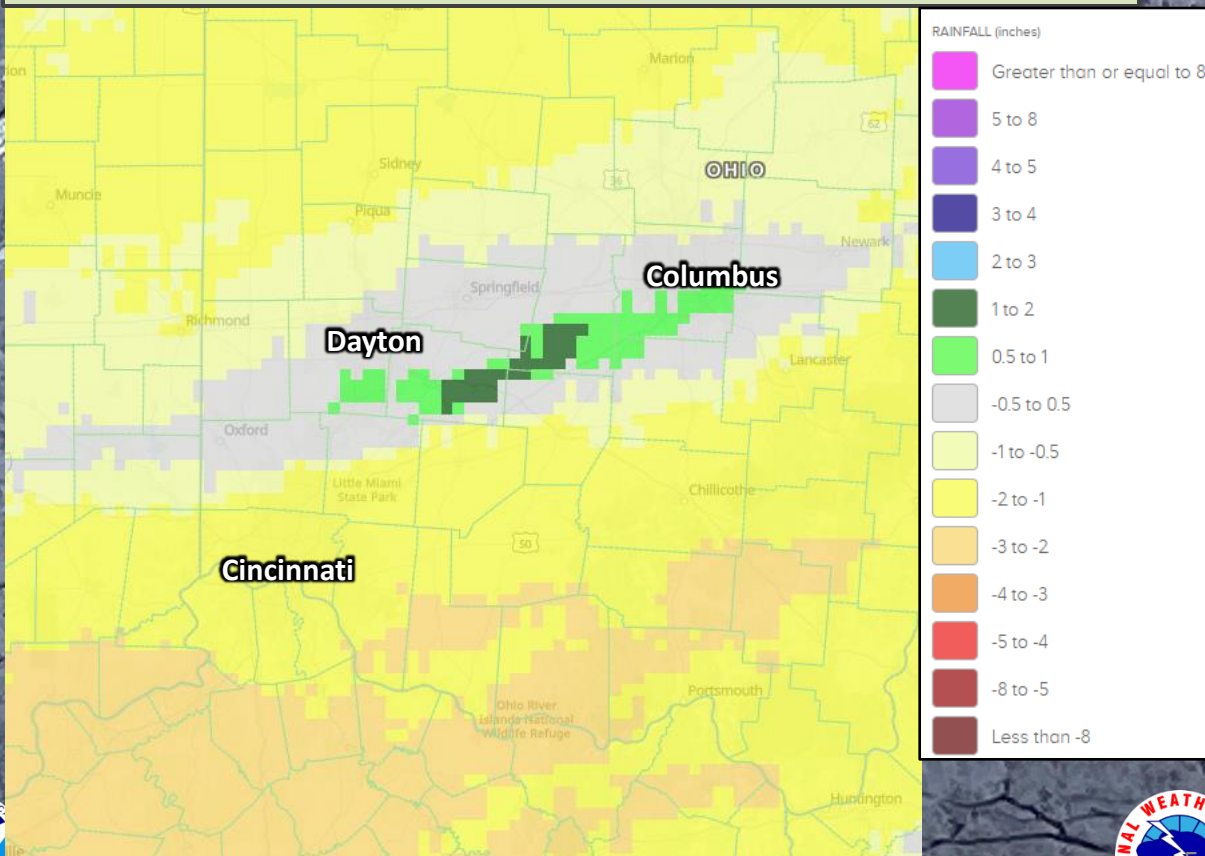
Site	Total Precipitation (in.)	Departure From Normal (in.)	Max Daily Precipitation (in./date)		Total Snowfall (in.)	Max Daily Snowfall (in./date)	
Cincinnati (CVG)	1.15	-2.02	0.60	15 th	7.9	3.2	26 th
Columbus (CMH)	2.27	-0.14	1.14	19 th	3.2	1.5	6 th
Dayton (DAY)	1.44	-0.91	0.50	15 th	5.1	2.8	6 th



Precipitation (Continued)



February Precipitation Departure From Normal (In.)



March Outlook

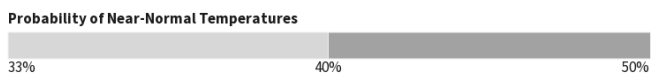
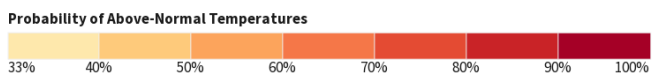
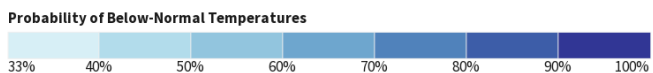
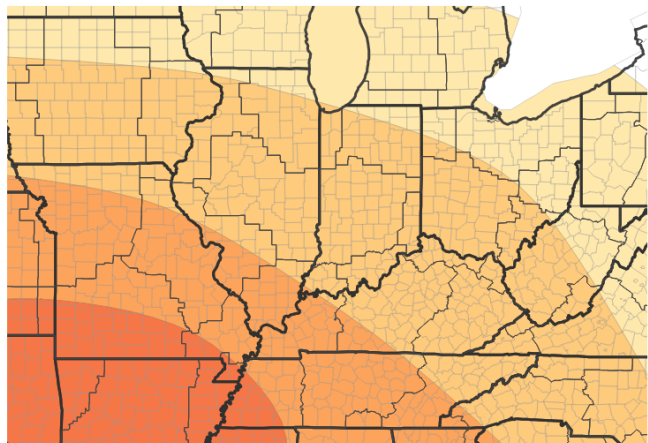
The latest outlook from the Climate Prediction Center has an increased likelihood for above normal temperatures and precipitation.

Site	Normal Avg Temp (°F)	Normal High (°F)	Normal Low (°F)
Cincinnati (CVG)	43.6	53.5	33.8
Columbus (CMH)	41.6	51.1	32.0
Dayton (DAY)	42.1	51.5	32.7

Site	Normal Precipitation (in.)	Normal Snowfall (in.)
Cincinnati (CVG)	4.16	3.4
Columbus (CMH)	3.62	4.1
Dayton (DAY)	3.50	3.9

Upcoming Temperature Outlook

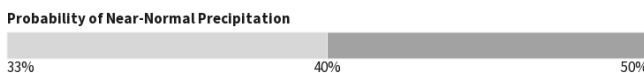
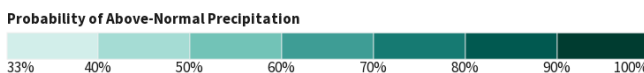
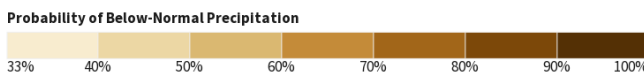
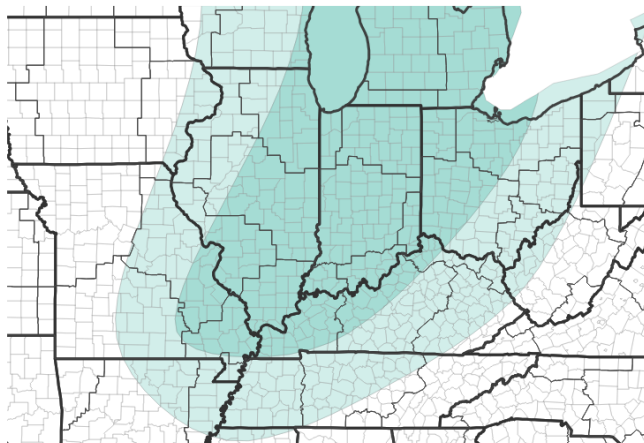
Monthly Temperature Outlook for March 1, 2026–March 31, 2026



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 02/19/26

Upcoming Precipitation Outlook

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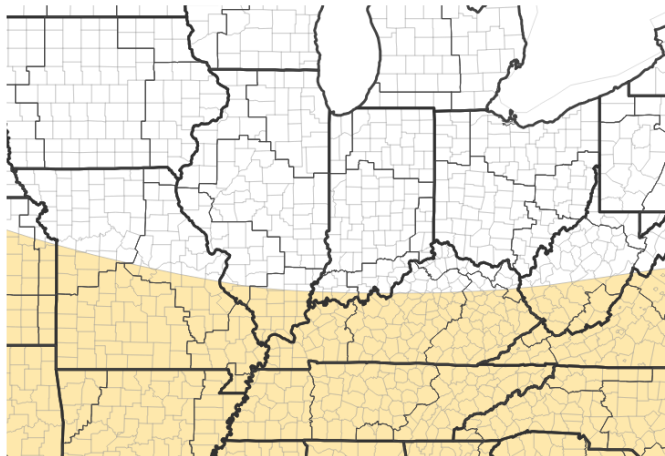


March-May Outlook

The latest outlook from the Climate Prediction Center has an increased likelihood for above normal precipitation and equal chances for below, normal, and above normal temperatures. A transition from La Nina to ENSO –neutral is likely (60% chance) during the spring.

Three-Month (MAM) Temp. Outlook

Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for March 1, 2026–May 31, 2026



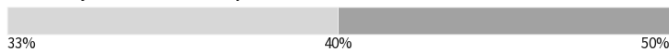
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Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures

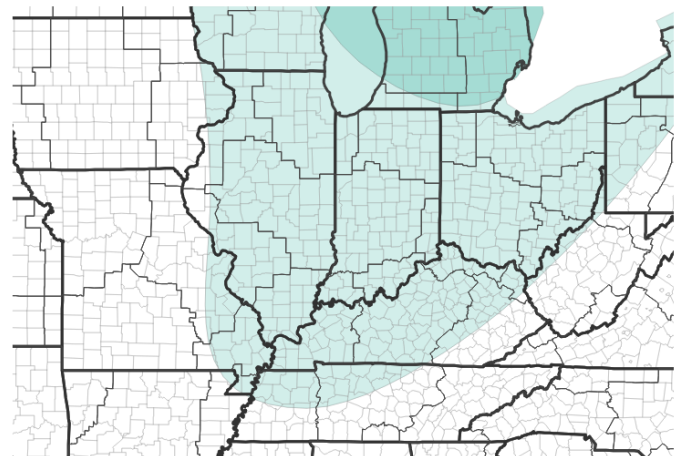


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Three-Month (MAM) Precip. Outlook

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