NWS Wilmington, Ohio
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A record breaking winter storm occurred during the month. This storm brought significant snowfall to the region. Several other smaller snowfall amounts occurred on about half of the days during the month. While there were some temperature fluctuations for the month, the month as a whole was well below normal.

Temperatures

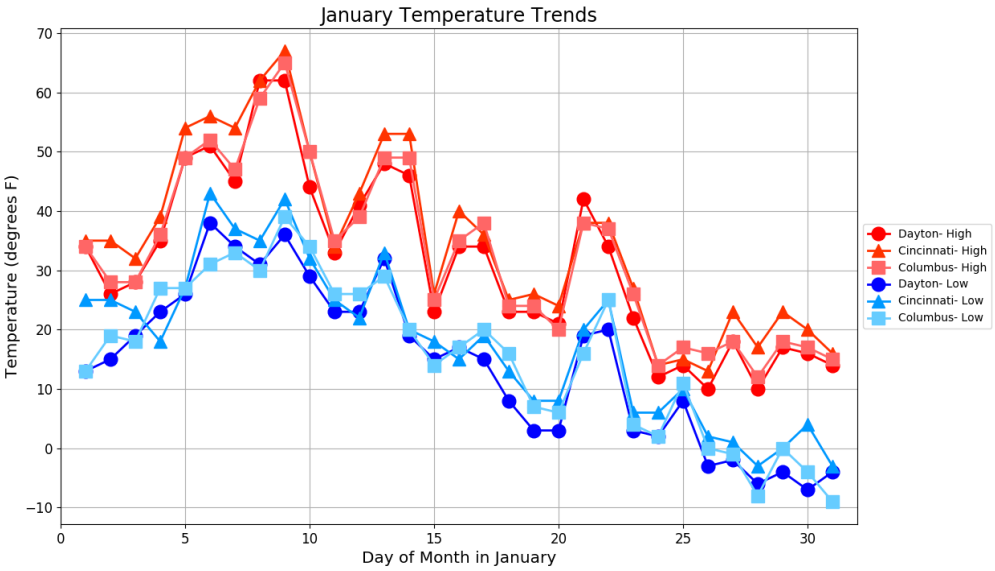
After a cool start to the month with slightly below normal temperatures, temperatures were generally above normal for around a week. Temperatures were 10 to over 20 degrees above normal during this time. A record high temperature of 67 degrees was set for the day at Cincinnati on January 9th, breaking the old record for the day of 64 degrees set in 1949 and 1880. A record high temperature of 62 degrees was set for the day at Dayton on January 9th breaking the old record of 61 degrees in 1939 and 1946. A record high temperature of 65 degrees was set at Columbus for the day on January 9th breaking the old record for the day of 62 degrees set in 1949 and 1946.

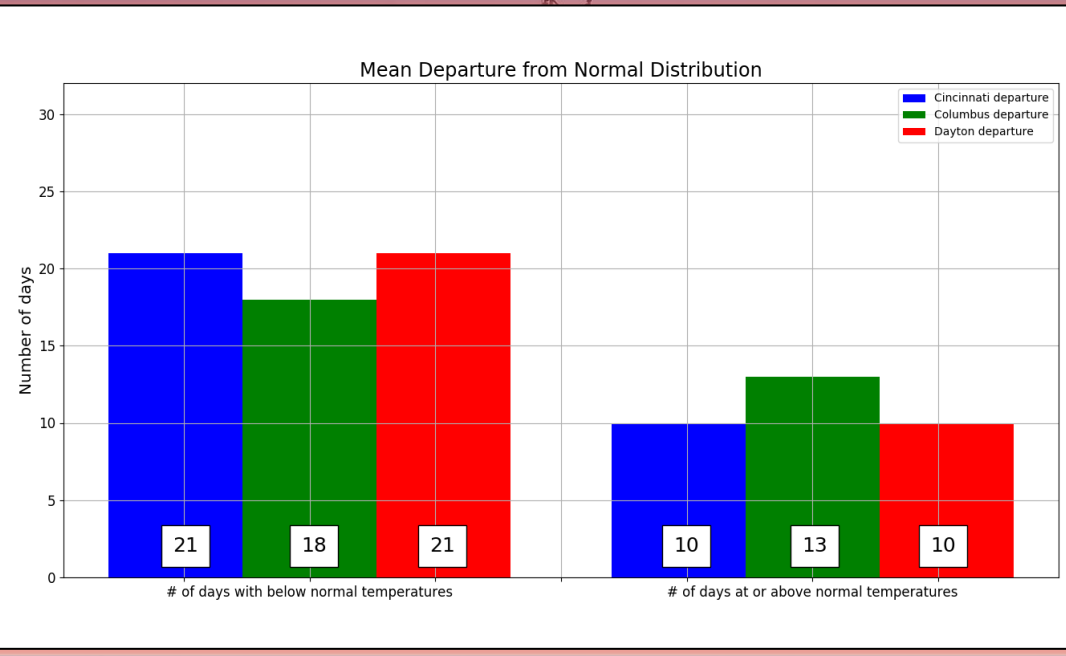
A mix of above normal and below normal temperatures occurred around the middle of the month before much colder air moved in. Temperatures during the final week of the month were over 10 to 20 degrees below normal, in some cases over 25 degrees below normal. Temperatures did not reach above freezing during this final week. A record low temperature for the day of -9 degrees occurred on the 31st breaking the old record for the day of -6 set in 2004.

Despite periods of both above and below normal temperatures, temperatures overall for the month were well 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)	26.5	35.1	17.9	-4.9	67 on 9th	-3 on 28th and 31st
Columbus (CMH)	24.2	32.7	15.7	-5.4	65 on 9th	-9 on 31st
Dayton (DAY)	22.9	31.3	14.5	-6.5	62 on 8th and 9th	-7 on 30th

Temperatures (Continued)





Precipitation

Precipitation occurred on several days throughout the month, with snowfall occurring on around half of the days during the month. The highest precipitation amounts occurred with the record breaking snowstorm from January 24th to January 25th. See the winter weather section for more information. Record precipitation values occurred on the 25th for the day for both Dayton and Columbus. Dayton received 1.00 inches of precipitation breaking the old record for the day of 0.95 set in 1978. Columbus received 1.09 inches of precipitation for the day, breaking the old record for the day of 0.68 inches set in 1952.

While precipitation values were below normal for the month at Cincinnati, Columbus, and Dayton, snowfall values for the month were all above normal at these locations. In fact, snowfall values from the January 24th to 25th snow storm were greater than the normal snowfall for the entire month.

Site	Total Precipitation (in.)	Departure From Normal (in.)	Max Daily Precipitation (in./date)		Total Snowfall (in.)	Max Daily Snowfall (in./date)	
Cincinnati (CVG)	1.38	-1.92	0.86	25th	10.8	9.2	25th
Columbus (CMH)	1.63	-1.37	1.09	25th	13.1	11.9	25th
Dayton (DAY)	2.01	-1.07	1.00	25th	17.0	12.4	25th

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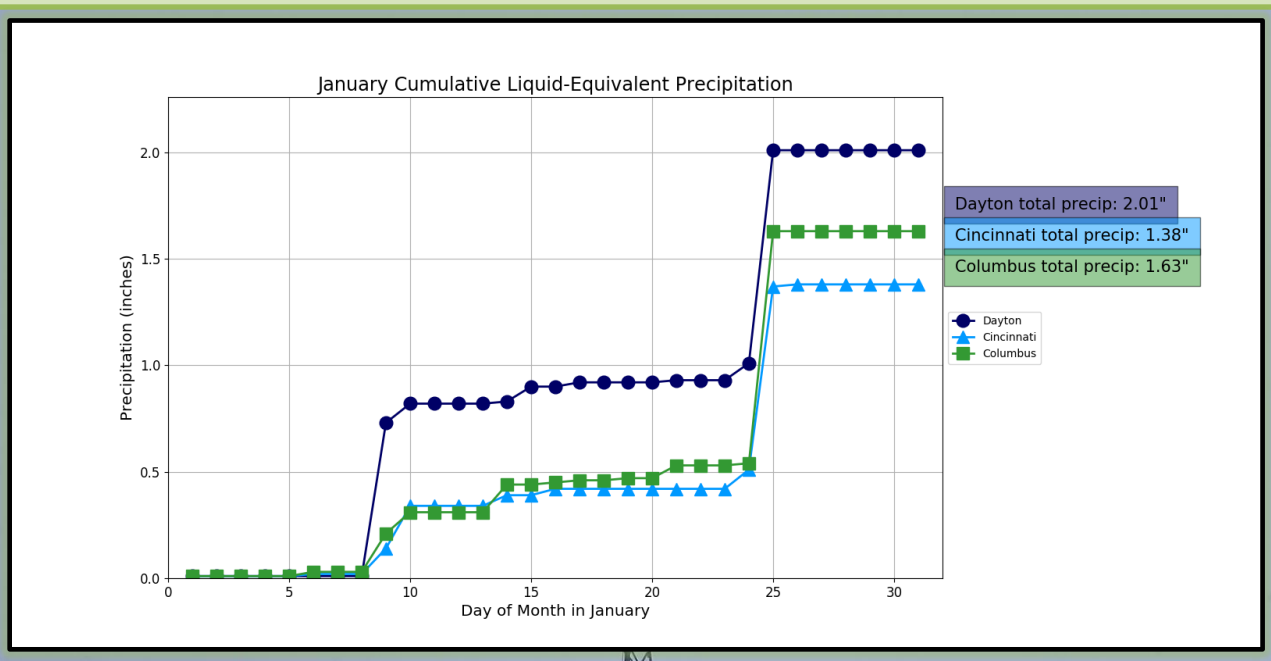
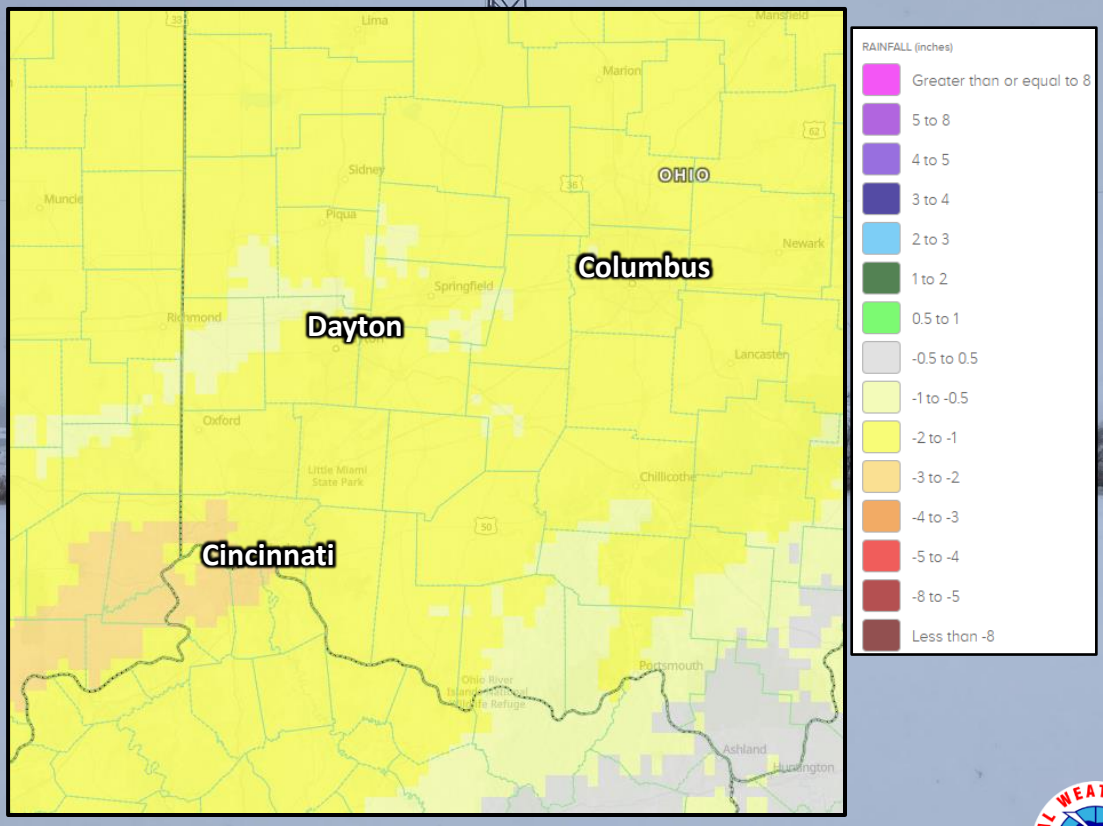
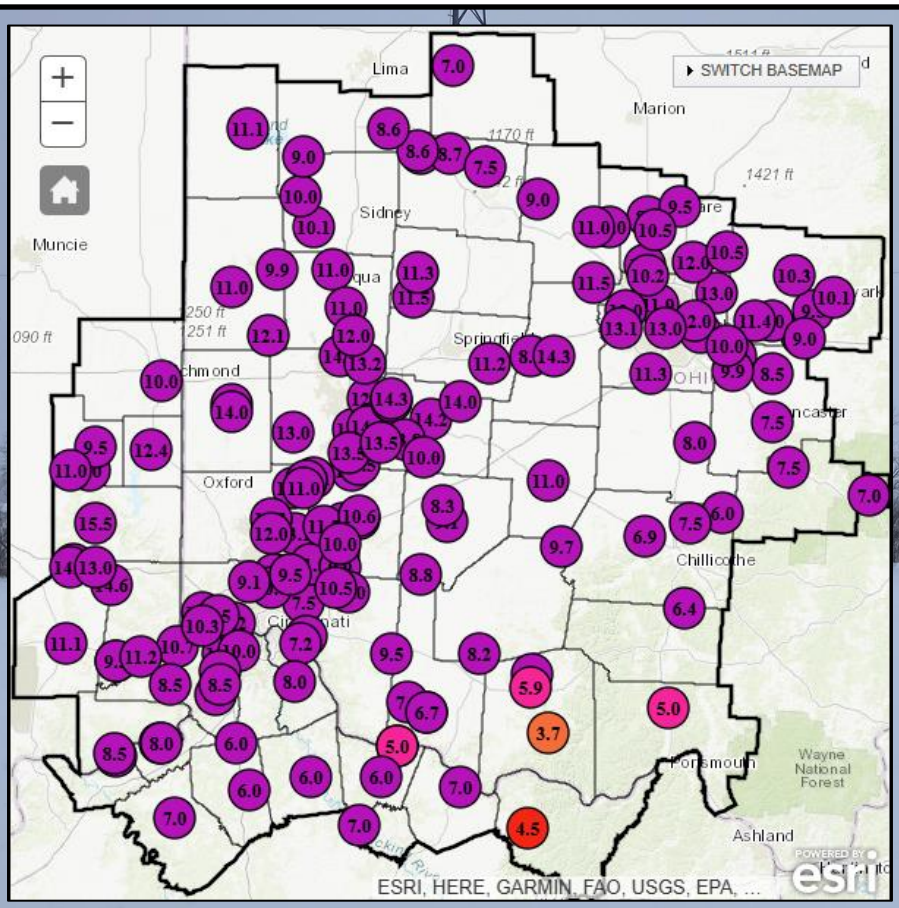


January Precipitation Departure From Normal (In.)



Winter Weather

While there were several smaller snowfall events during the month, the largest snowfall totals were from the 24th to the 25th. Snowfall amounts from the record breaking January 24-25th snowstorm are below. Some sleet and freezing rain kept values across portions of northern Kentucky and the lower Scioto Valley lower than the rest of the region. A record snowfall of 9.2 inches was set at Cincinnati on January 25th. This broke the old record for the day of 5.8 inches set in 2004. A record snowfall of 12.4 inches of snow was set at Dayton on January 25th. This broke the old record of 5.0 inches set in 2023 for the day. This was also the record single day snowfall which broke the record of 12.2 inches set on January 26, 1978. A record snowfall of 11.9 inches was set at Columbus for the day on January 25th. This breaks the old record of 4.7 inches for the day in 1988. The two day storm totals were 10.2 inches at Cincinnati, 14.0 inches at Dayton, and 12.0 inches at Columbus.



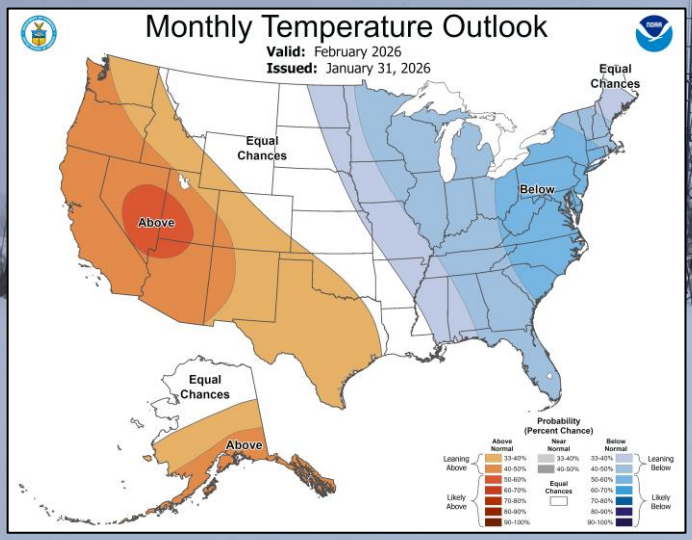
February Outlook

The latest outlook from the Climate Prediction Center calls for an increased likelihood of below normal temperatures. There is not as clear of a signal for precipitation with equal chances of above, below, and normal precipitation amounts.

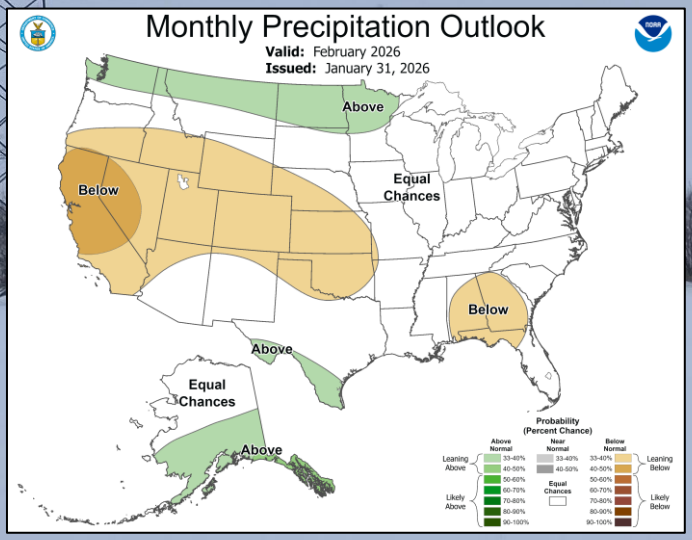
Site	Normal Avg Temp (°F)	Normal High (°F)	Normal Low (°F)
Cincinnati (CVG)	34.7	43.7	25.8
Columbus (CMH)	32.5	40.8	24.2
Dayton (DAY)	32.8	41.2	24.5

Site	Normal Precipitation (in.)	Normal Snowfall (in.)
Cincinnati (CVG)	3.17	6.7
Columbus (CMH)	2.41	7.6
Dayton (DAY)	2.35	6.6

Upcoming Temperature Outlook



Upcoming Precipitation Outlook

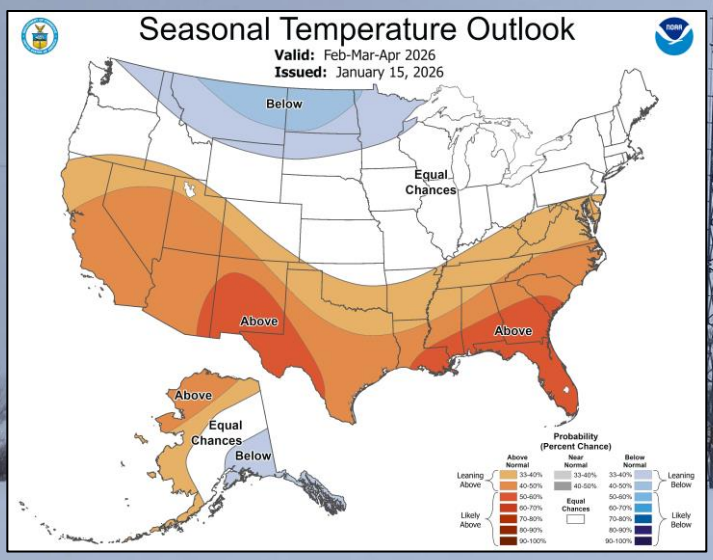


February-April Outlook

A La Niña advisory continues. La Niña persists followed by a 75% chance of a transition to ENSO-neutral conditions by March. ENSO-neutral is likely through at least late spring.

There is an increased likelihood of above normal precipitation across the entire region during the February through April timeframe. The signal is not as pronounced for temperatures with most of the region expecting equal chances for below, normal, and above normal temperatures. There is a slight favoring of above normal temperatures across portions of Kentucky and far southern Ohio.

Three-Month (FMA) Temp. Outlook



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