



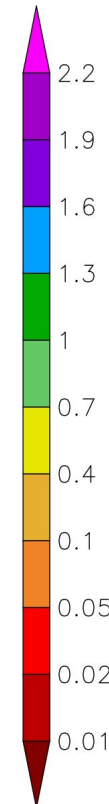
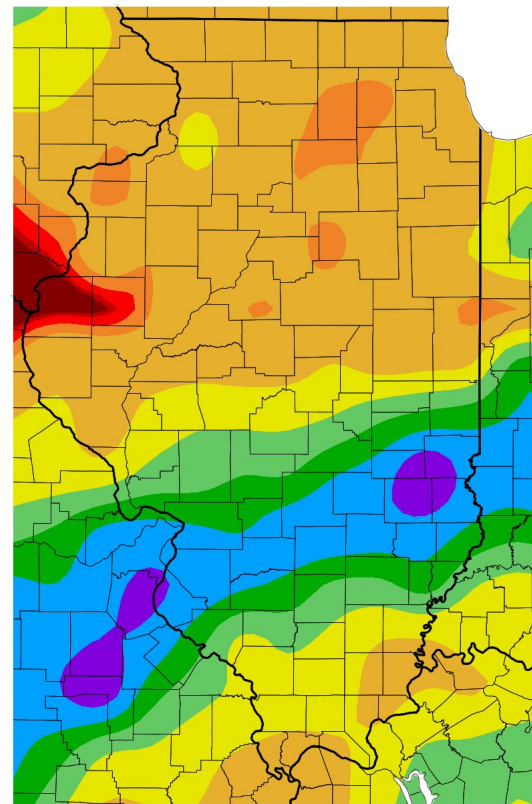
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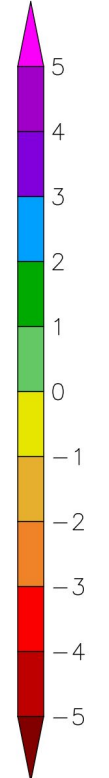
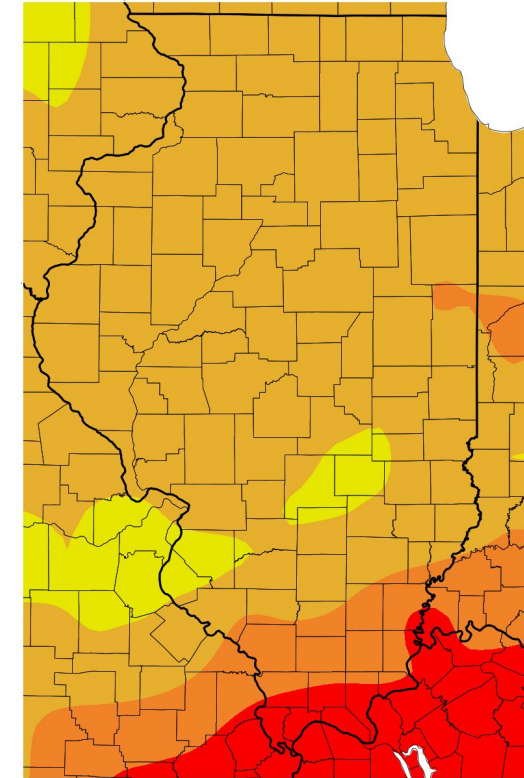
## February Precipitation Highlights

- Central and southeast IL received well below normal precipitation during February. The heaviest precipitation fell near the I-70 corridor due to multiple rounds of strong to severe thunderstorms on February 19th.
- It was the driest February on record in Lincoln, with just 0.08" of precipitation for the month. It was the 3rd driest February for Springfield, and the 8th driest for Peoria.
- Precipitation deficits for February were generally 1 to 2 inches, worsening the ongoing drought conditions.

Precipitation (in)  
2/1/2026 – 2/28/2026



Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)  
2/1/2026 – 2/28/2026



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For the latest information on the drought, visit [www.weather.gov/ilx/droughtinformationstatement](http://www.weather.gov/ilx/droughtinformationstatement)



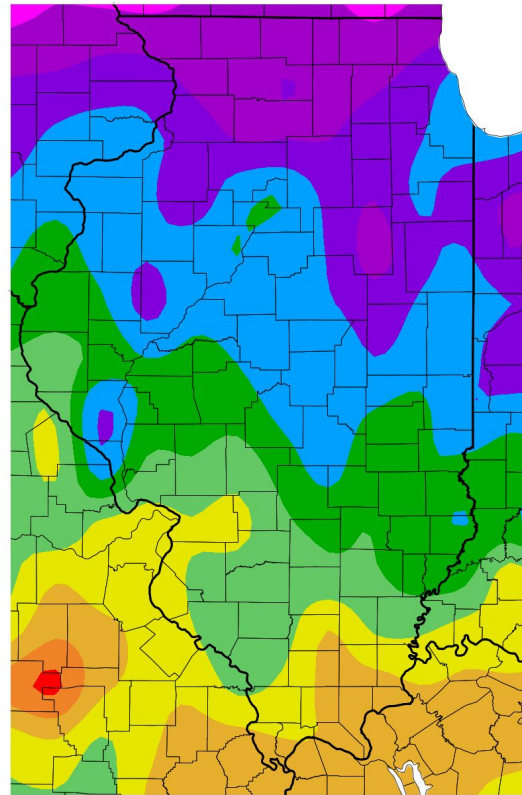
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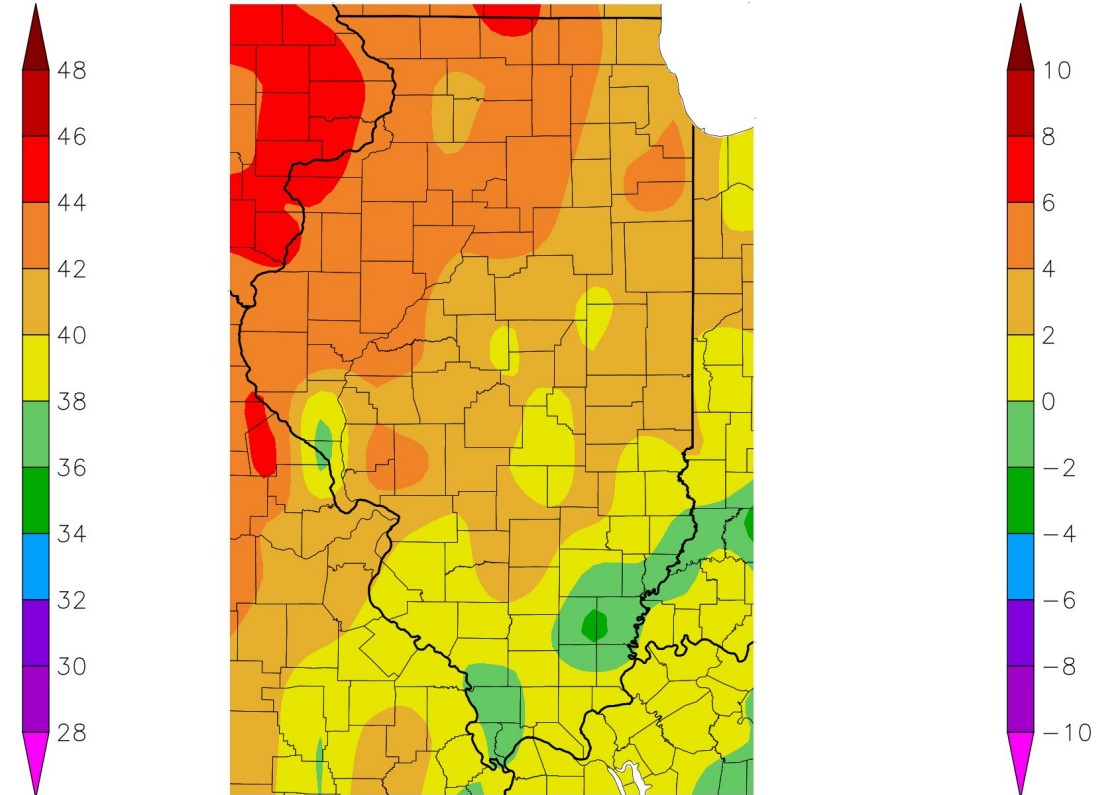
## February Temperature Highlights

- Temperatures averaged several degrees above normal during February. The month started off colder than normal, then a stretch of well above normal to record warmth occurred during the middle of the month.
- Record warm high temperatures were set or tied on both February 16th and 18th, with highs into the upper 60s.

Temperature (F)  
2/1/2026 – 2/28/2026



Departure from Normal Temperature (F)  
2/1/2026 – 2/28/2026



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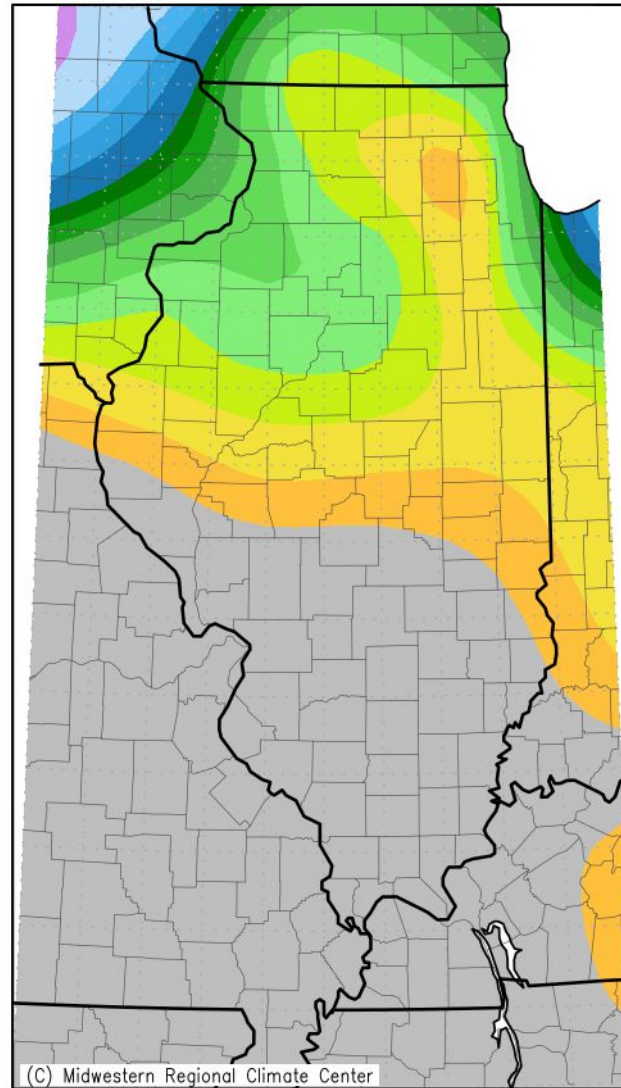
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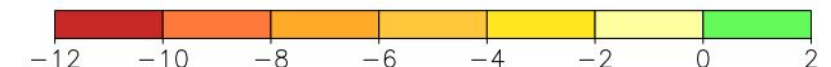
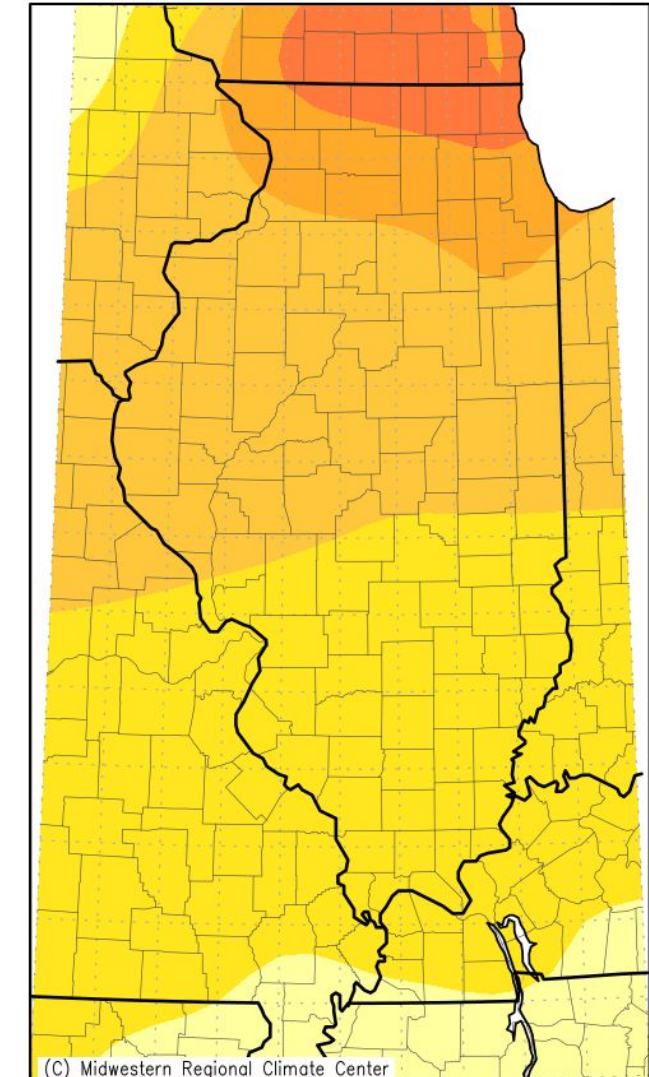
## February Snowfall Highlights

- Snowfall was well below normal during February 2026. Many areas experienced no measurable snowfall.
- Snowfall ranged from 2-6 inches below normal across all of central and southeast Illinois.
- It was tied for second least snowy February on record in both Lincoln and Springfield, where a Trace of snowfall occurred.

Accumulated Snowfall (in)  
February 1, 2026 to February 28, 2026



Accumulated Snowfall (in): Departure from Mean  
February 1, 2026 to February 28, 2026



Mean period is 1991-2020.



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## Climate Statistics for February 2026

Site	Precipitation (inches)	Departure from Normal	Temperature (F)	Departure from Normal	Snowfall (inches)	Departure from Normal
Charleston	1.16	-1.53	36.9	3.0	T	-5.5
Danville	0.23	-2.01	34.1	2.4	T	-2.8
Decatur	0.61	-1.39	35.5	4.2	T	-2.5
Effingham	1.50	-0.94	N/A	N/A	0.0	-4.6
Galesburg	0.03	-1.84	32.5	6.5	T	-6.6
Jacksonville	0.51	-1.21	35.2	4.0	T	-4.3
Lincoln	0.08	-1.84	32.6	2.0	T	-6.2
Normal	0.17	-1.82	31.5	3.0	1.2	-4.3
Olney	1.52	-1.05	34.3	1.0	T	-2.6
Paris	1.00	-1.33	31.5	2.2	0.0	-3.6
Peoria	0.43	-1.56	34.5	4.5	1.6	-5.3
Springfield	0.45	-1.48	35.7	3.3	T	-6.1
Taylorville	0.77	-1.23	N/A	N/A	0.0	N/A
Urbana	0.18	-2.00	31.5	1.7	0.2	-5.6

The following links are the monthly climate summaries for area cities. Only the summaries for Peoria, Springfield, and Lincoln are considered "official", meaning they are the station of record for their respective locations. The other summaries are "supplemental", meaning another location in the area is the official climate station for the city.

[Peoria](#) -- Peoria International Airport

[Springfield](#) -- Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport

[Lincoln](#) -- National Weather Service Office

[Champaign](#) -- University of Illinois-Willard Airport

[Decatur](#) -- Decatur Airport

[Lawrenceville](#) -- Lawrenceville-Vincennes Intl. Airport

[Mattoon](#) -- Coles County Memorial Airport

Climate data for other cities is available at

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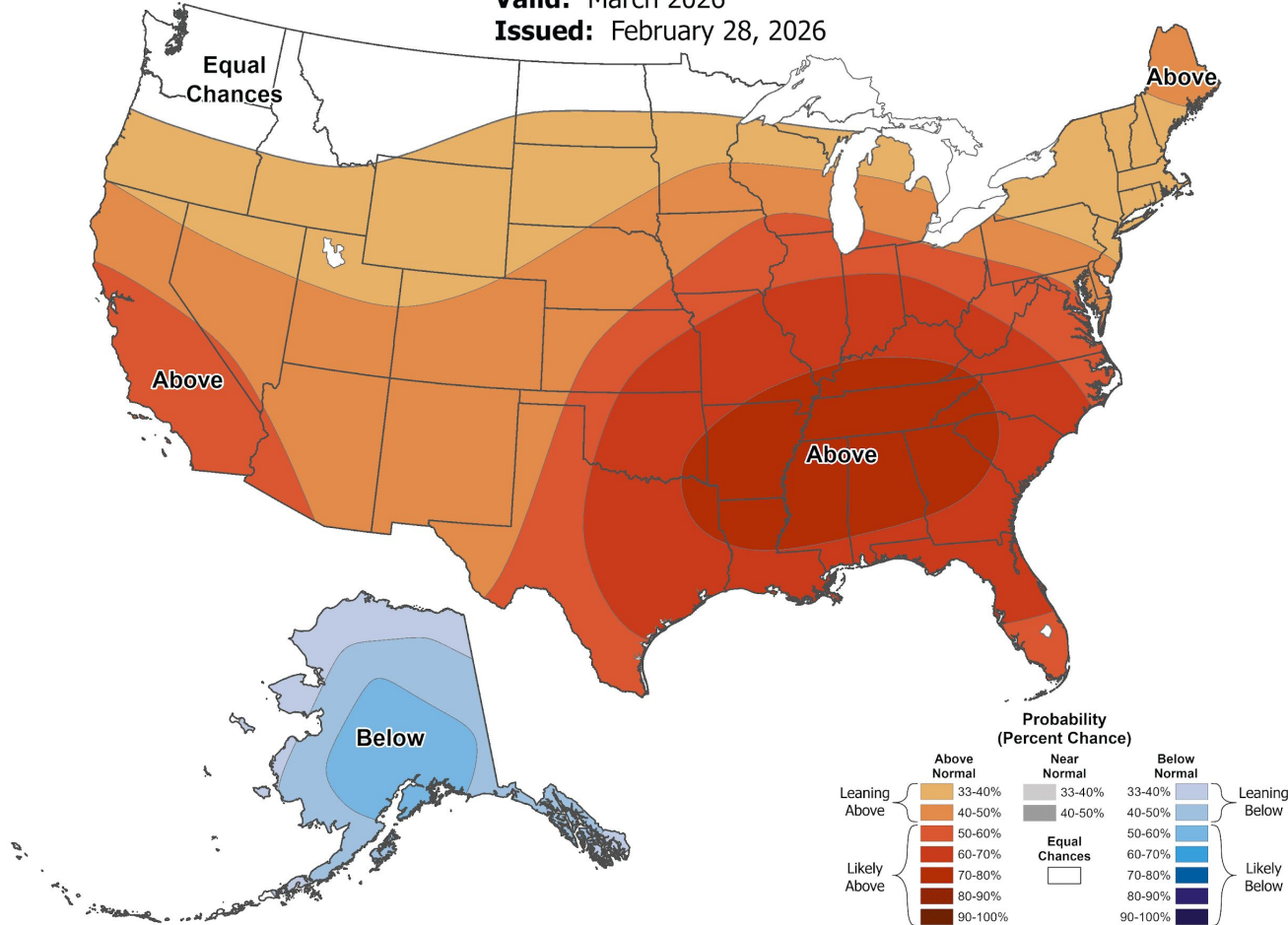
## March 2026 Look Ahead

- Official outlooks from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center favor above normal temperatures (60 to 70 percent chance) and above normal precipitation (60 to 70 percent chance) across Central Illinois during March 2026.



### Monthly Temperature Outlook

Valid: March 2026  
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### Monthly Precipitation Outlook

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