



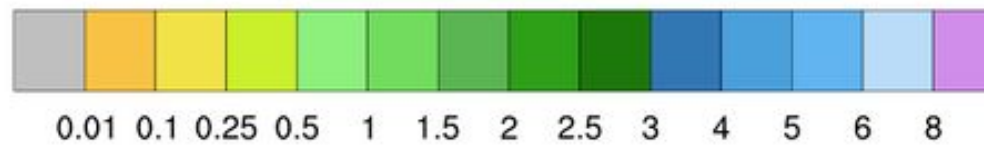
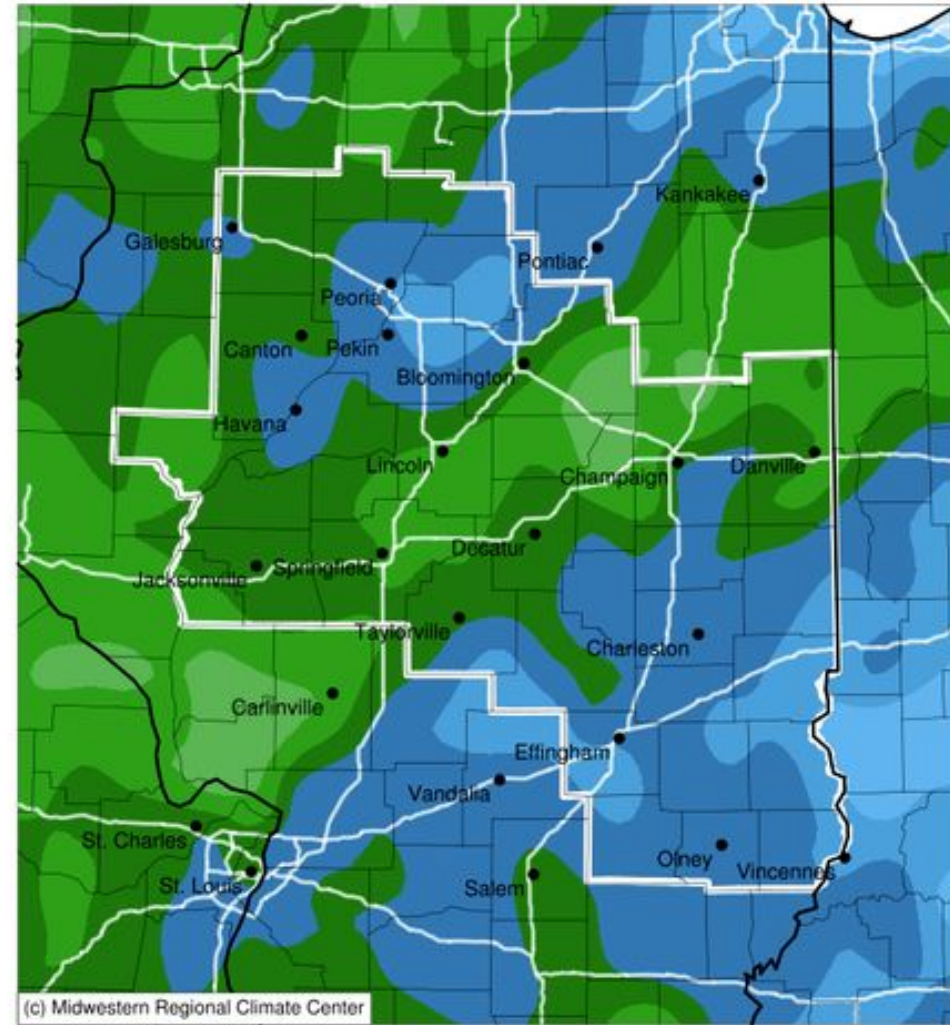
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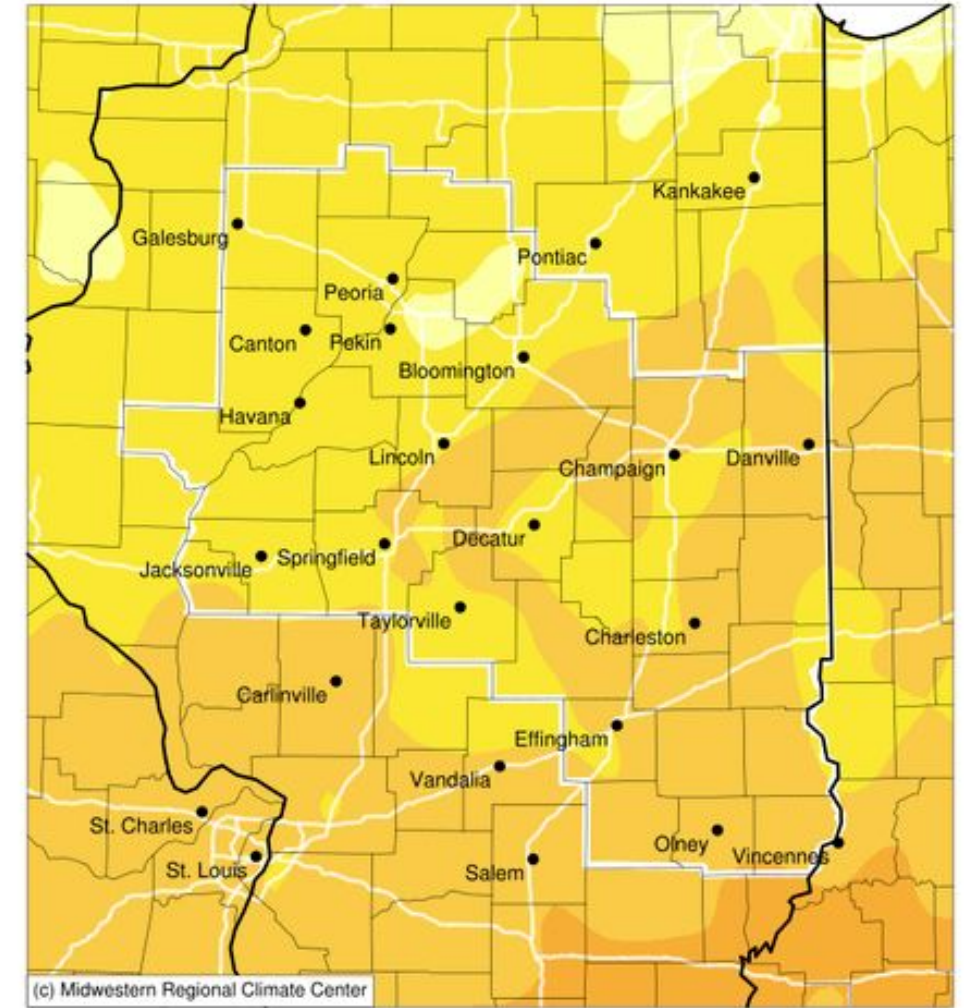
Winter Precipitation (Dec-Feb 2026)

- **Very dry winter:** Central and southeast IL were 3-5 inches below normal for precipitation during the winter. February was very dry with some areas from I-55 northwest having less than a tenth inch. Lincoln had their driest February with 0.08 inches and tied for their 4th driest month on record since 1906. Lincoln & Springfield had their 7th driest winter season.
- **Worsening drought conditions:** The persistent rainfall deficits that started in Aug 2025 led to the expansion/intensification of drought across central IL. By late February, much of central Illinois was experiencing Severe (D2) to Extreme (D3) drought. Sullivan declared a water emergency on Feb 11th. Voluntary water restrictions were implemented in Bloomington and Decatur in early February. Burn bans started in Champaign, DeWitt & Piatt counties.

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
December 01, 2025 to February 28, 2026



Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
December 01, 2025 to February 28, 2026





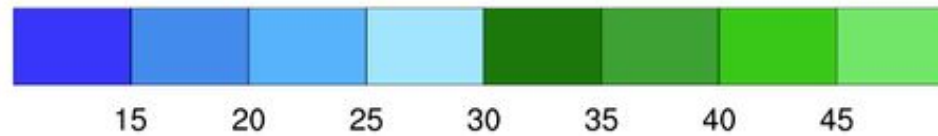
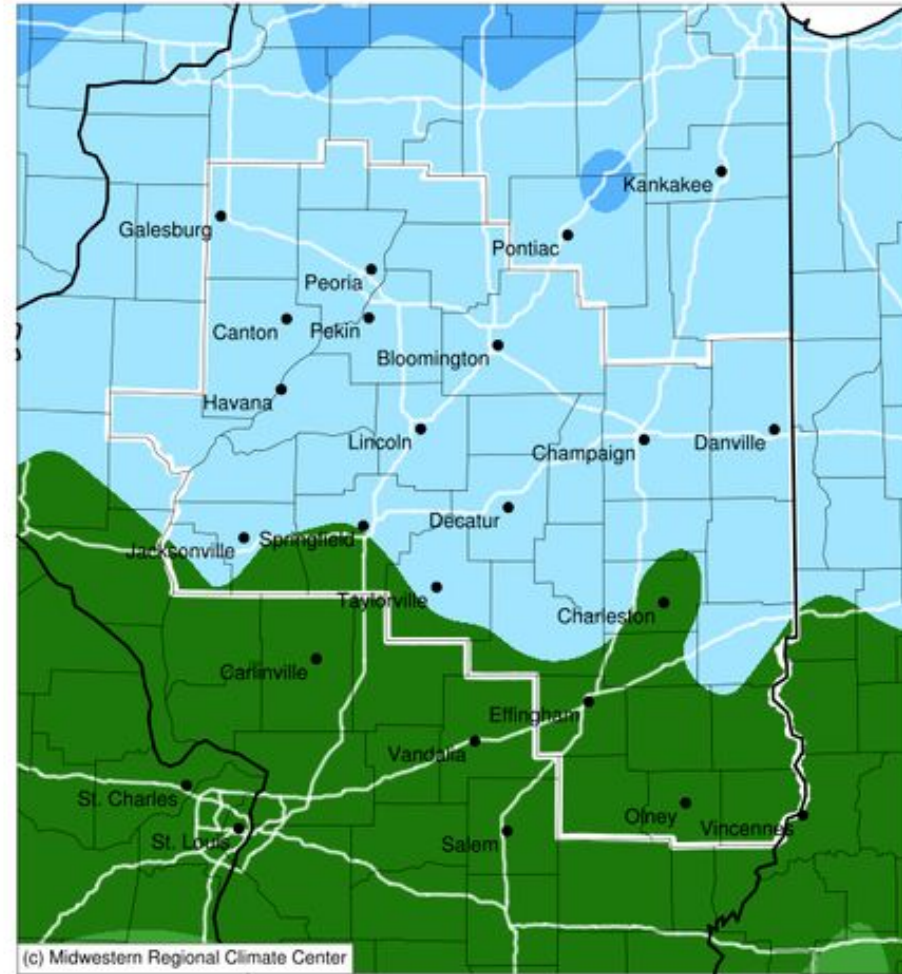
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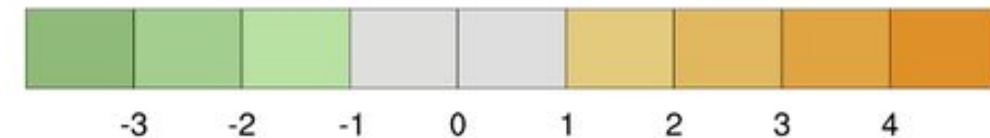
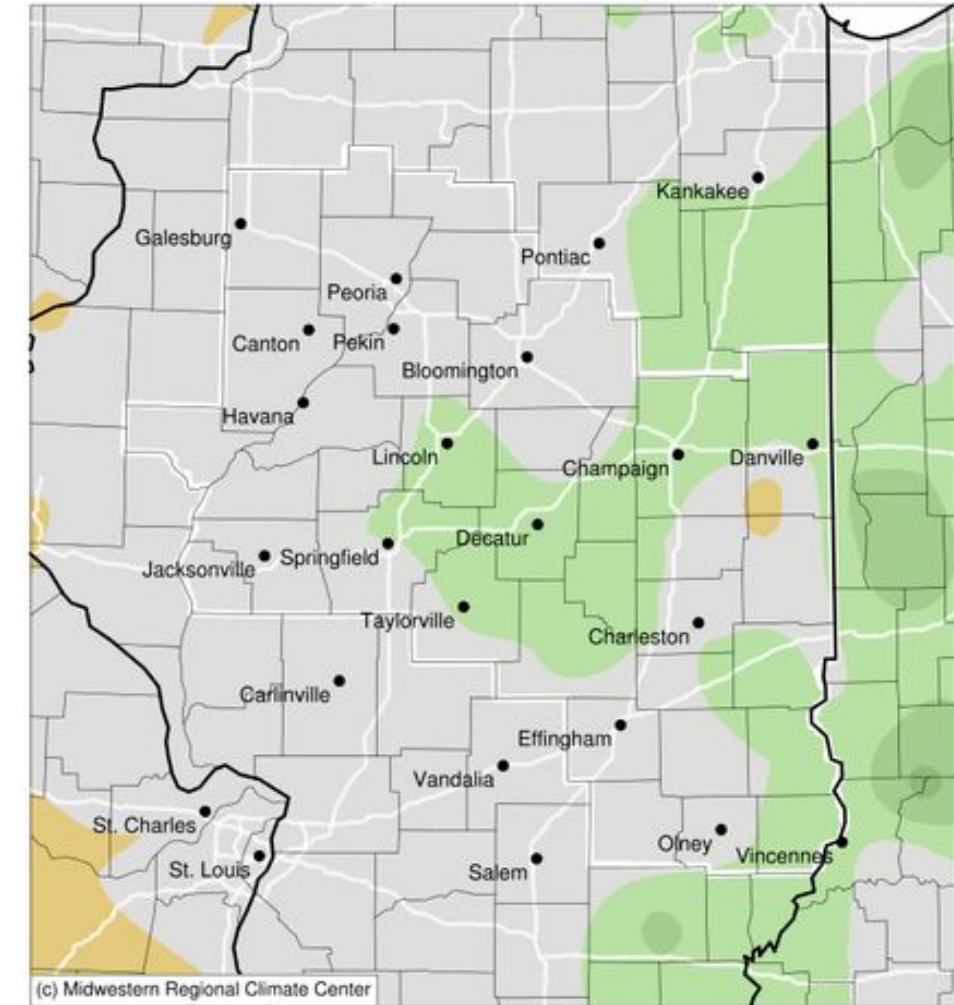
Winter Temperatures (Dec-Feb 2026)

- **Winter Season Temperatures:** Below normal temperatures during December and January, were 2-5 degrees above normal in February with Galesburg 6.5 degrees above normal. So the winter season was not too far from normal temperatures overall with areas southeast of I-55 trending a bit below normal.
- The coldest stretches of the winter season occurred from Dec 1-16th and Jan 17-Feb 7th. Temperatures were 15-25 degrees below normal for 10 days from Jan 23-Feb 1. Sunday Dec 14th had temperatures 30-40 degrees below normal after a fresh snow cover.
- The mildest stretches of the winter season were Dec 23-28th, Jan 5-9th and Feb 15-19th when it was 10-25 degrees above normal. It was around 70 on Sunday Dec 28th and had severe weather that day along with some tornadoes. More severe storms occurred on Thu afternoon Feb 19th including tornadoes in southeast IL.

Average Temperature (°F)
December 01, 2025 to February 28, 2026



Average Temperature (°F) Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
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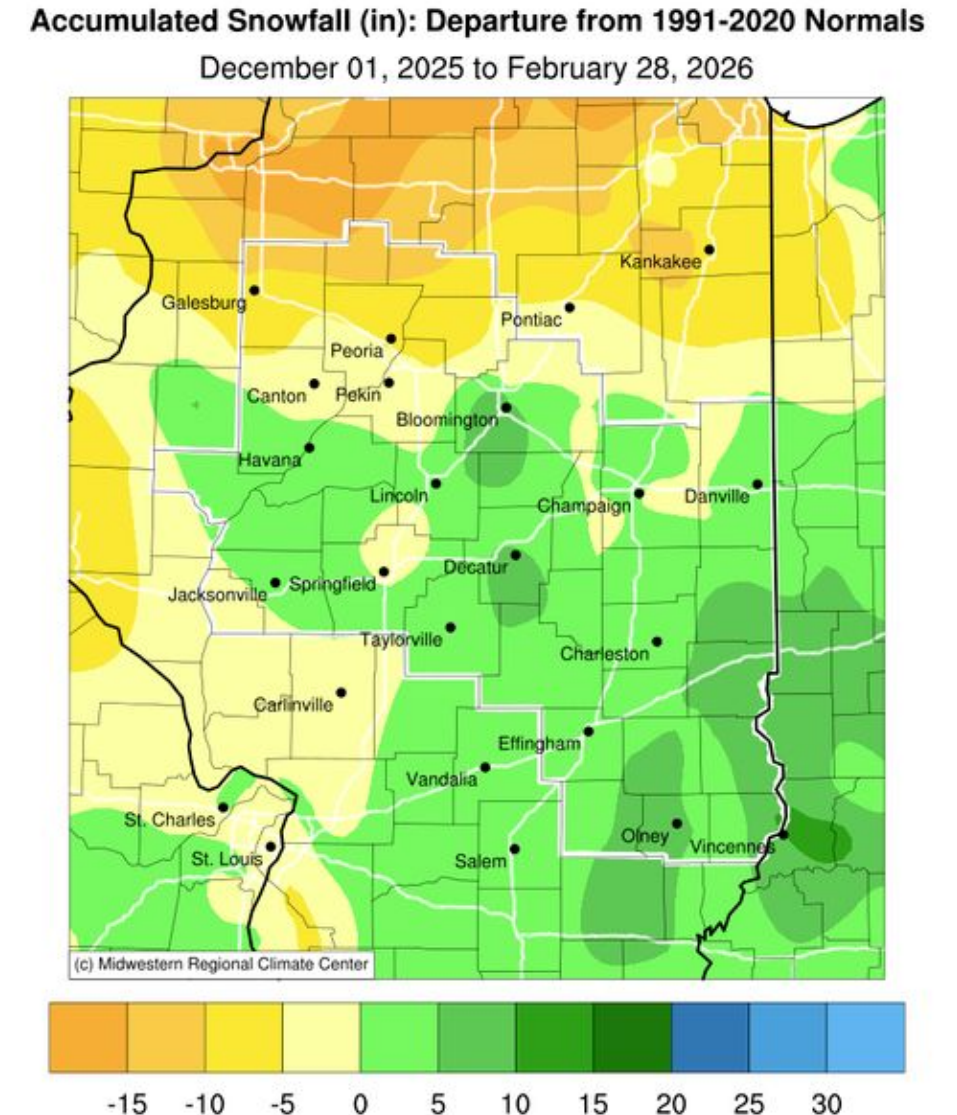
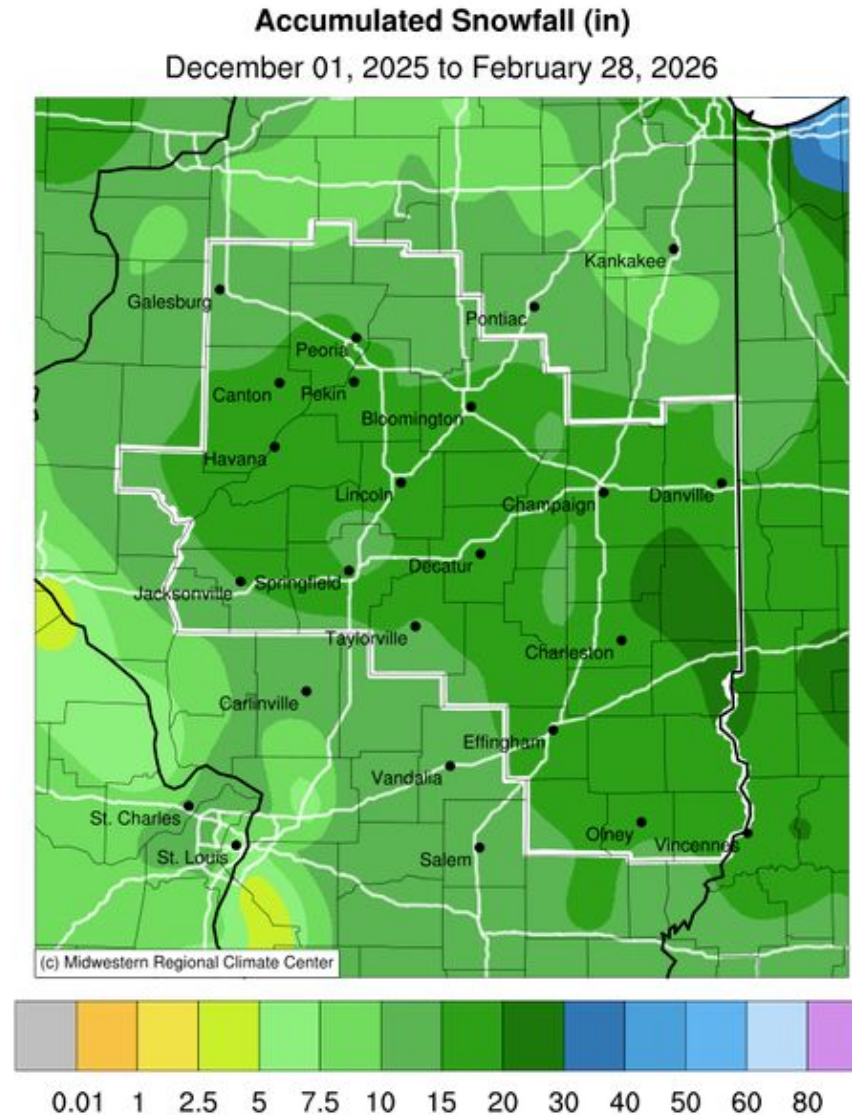


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Winter Snowfall (Dec-Feb 2026)

- **Winter Snowfall Summary:** On the heels of the 1st major winter storm system to impact central IL Saturday Nov 29th, another winter storm impacted the area two weeks later on Saturday Dec 13th. One more winter storm affected areas south of Peoria Jan 24-25th. The IL river valley generally had below normal snowfall, with Galesburg as much as 10 inches below normal. Above normal snowfall was generally experienced southeast of I-55.
- Despite having snowy periods in December and January, February had very little snowfall with only a trace of snow in Lincoln and Springfield, and tied for their 2nd least snowiest February.
- **Hydrologic/drought implications still limited:** Despite the above normal snowfall southeast of I-55 during the winter season, the snow water equivalent (or melt) was limited and did not replenish the soil moisture over much of central IL with a bit wetter soils in southeast IL by late winter due to more rainfall from the Feb 19th thunderstorms.





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Climate Statistics for Winter (Dec-Feb 2026)

Site	Precipitation (inches)	Departure from Normal	Temperature (F)	Departure from Normal	Snowfall (inches)	Departure from Normal
Charleston	3.16	-4.86	32.8	0.3	19.8	3.2
Danville	3.10	-4.34	29.8	-0.7	17.1	4.8
Decatur	4.12	-2.68	N/A	N/A	18.5	6.6
Effingham	4.10	-4.04	N/A	N/A	18.2	5.9
Galesburg	3.26	-2.44	26.1	0.9	11.4	-10.1
Jacksonville	2.21	-3.42	30.1	-0.1	15.3	2.4
Lincoln	2.74	-3.64	27.9	-1.4	19.8	3.0
Normal	2.47	-4.25	27.1	-0.5	15.4	-1.2
Olney	4.05	-5.54	32.2	0.0	15.3	6.4
Paris	3.79	-4.20	28.1	-0.3	19.9	3.7
Peoria	3.81	-2.45	28.6	-0.3	18.0	-2.8
Springfield	2.82	-3.29	30.3	-0.8	15.9	-1.2
Taylorville	3.26	-3.46	N/A	N/A	16.0	N/A
Urbana	2.93	-3.96	27.9	-0.9	16.6	-0.5

The following links are the seasonal 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 <https://www.weather.gov/wrh/climate?wfo=ilx>



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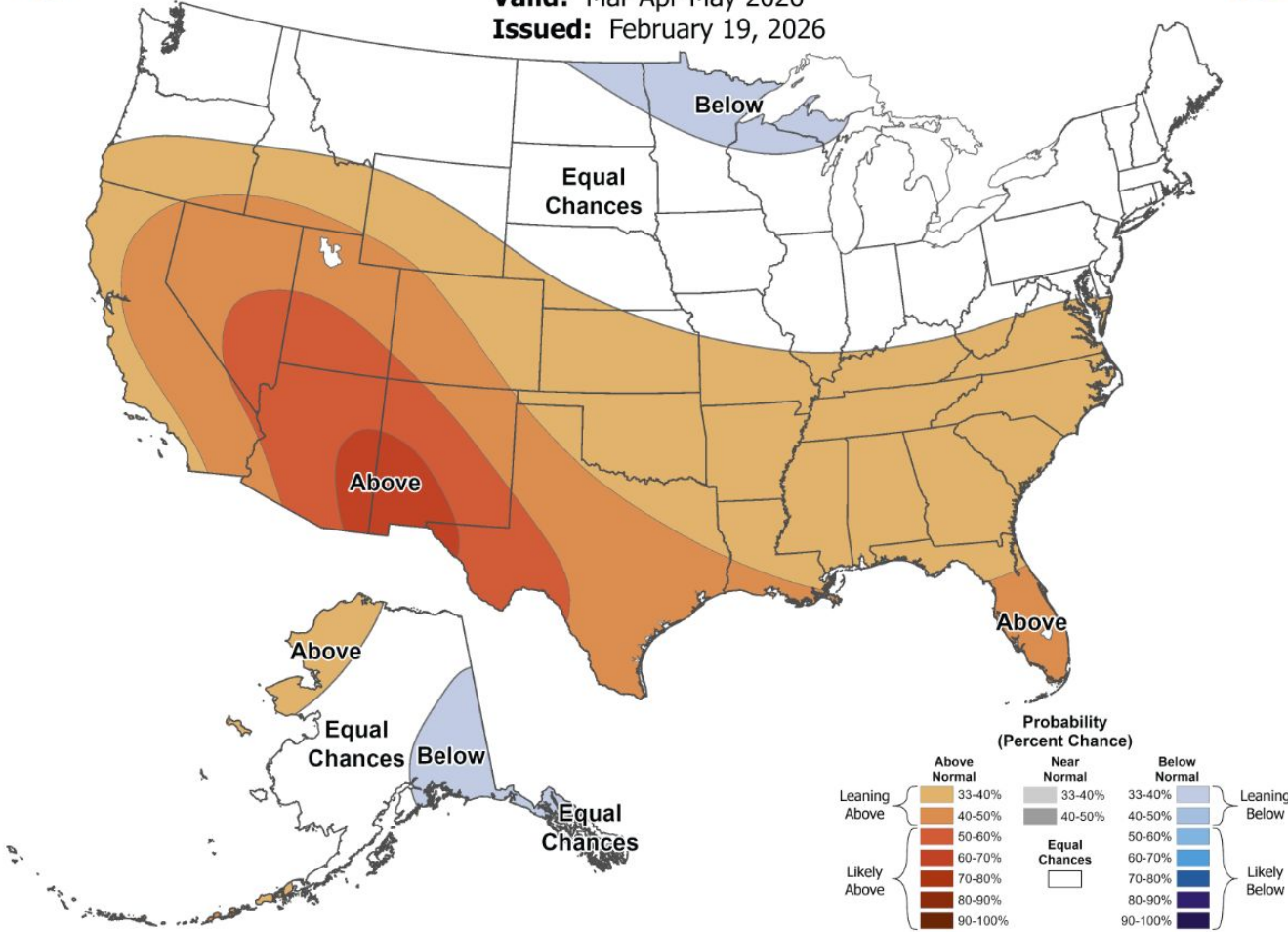
Seasonal Look-Ahead: Spring (March-May) 2026

- Official outlooks from NOAA's Climate Prediction center show equal chances for above, near, and below normal temperatures for of IL north of I-64. Above normal precipitation is slightly favored over much of IL.



Seasonal Temperature Outlook

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Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

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