



Drought Information Statement for Central Indiana

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- This product will be updated February 6, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/IND/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

- Extreme Drought (D3) in place over almost 10 percent of Indiana
- Moderate Drought (D1) or worse covers over 36% of the state

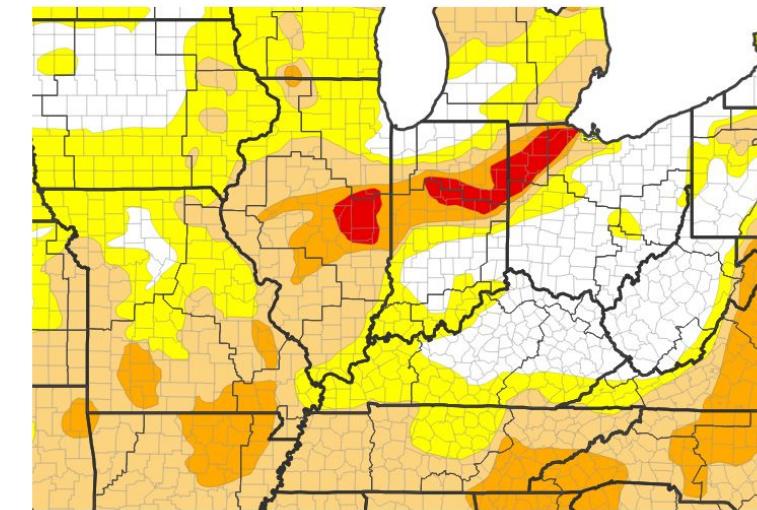


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Central Indiana

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Carroll, Clinton, Delaware, Howard, Madison, Randolph, Tipton
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Boone, Fountain, Hamilton, Montgomery, Parke, Tippecanoe, Vermillion, Vigo, Warren
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Hancock, Henry
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Clay, Daviess, Jackson, Jennings, Hendricks, Knox, Marion, Morgan, Putnam, Rush, Sullivan

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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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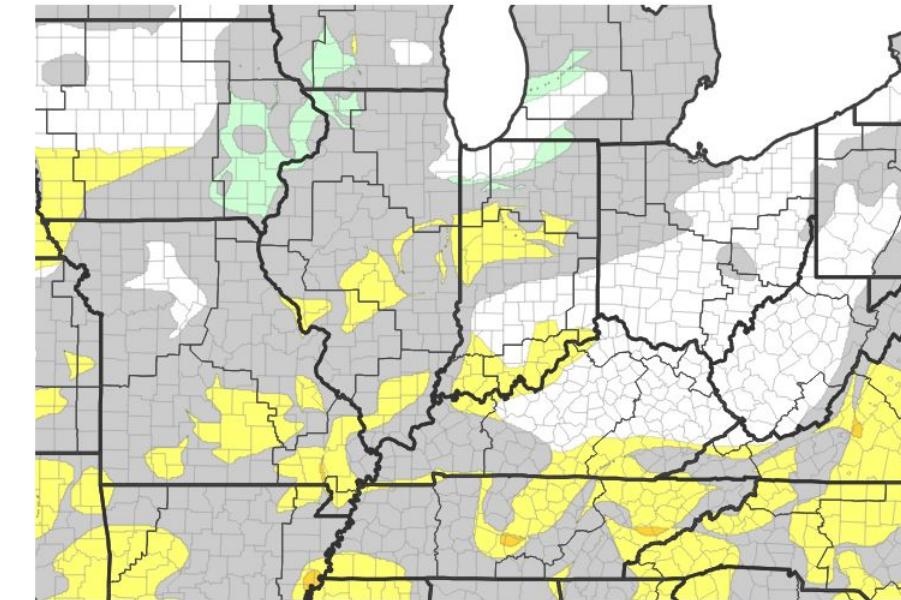


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Central Indiana

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Northwestern and northern portions of central Indiana, as well as southern Indiana mainly along the Ohio River
 - No Change: Most of central Indiana and northeast Indiana
 - Drought Improved: A few counties in northern Indiana

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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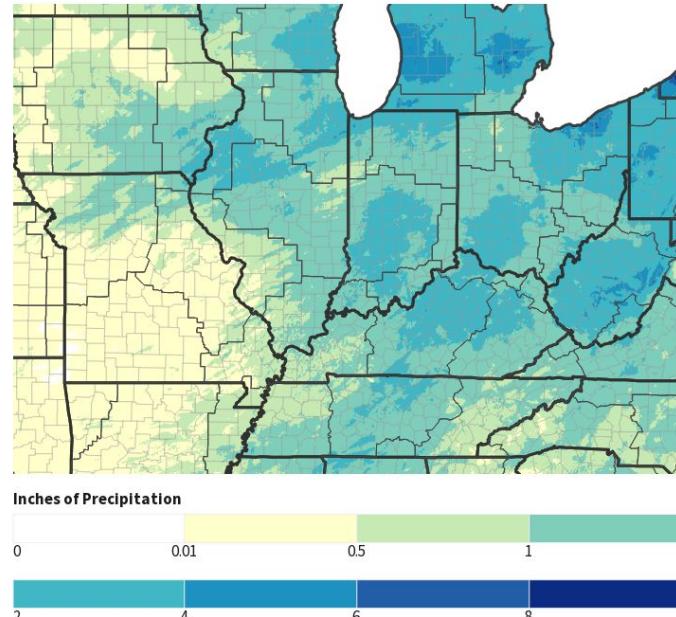
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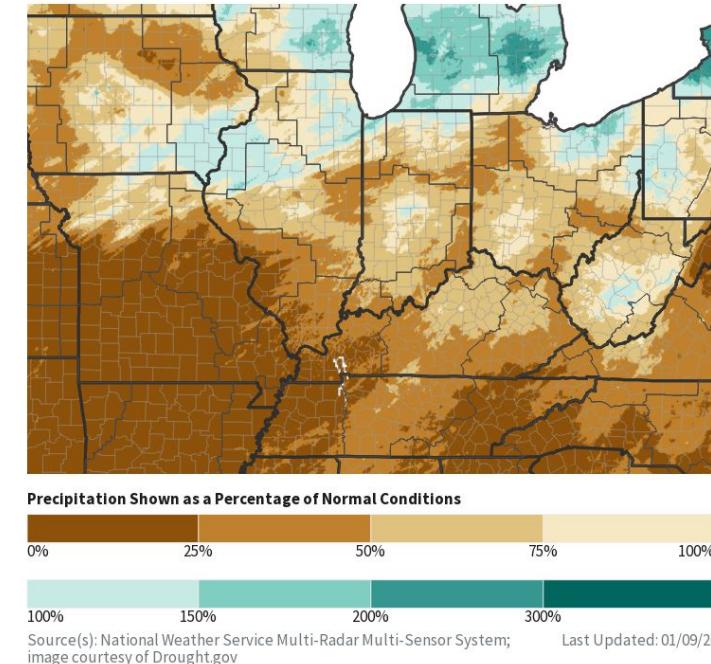
Precipitation

- Most of central and southern Indiana have seen 25 to 75% of normal precipitation, while a small part of central-most and along the northern border saw just over 100% of normal

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

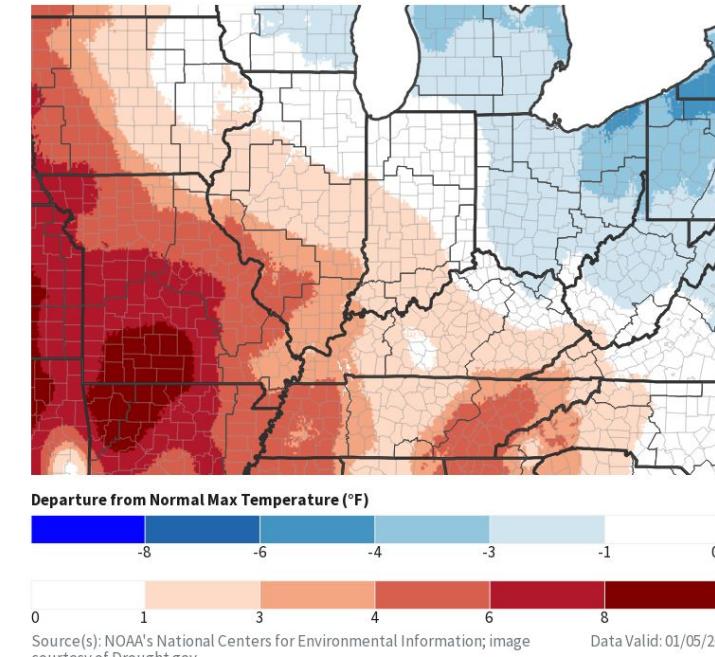




Temperature

- The 30 day max temperature anomaly is 1 to 3 degrees above normal over southwestern Indiana and near normal elsewhere

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflow less than the 10th percentile for many Indiana basins for this time of year
- Some dry ponds and streambeds

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

- There are no known impacts at this time





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- All basins in the state but those along the Michigan border have below to much below normal 7 day average streamflow
- Many basins across central Indiana have streamflow below the 10th percentile for this time of year, and some individual gauges are showing the lowest streamflow recorded for this time of year

Thursday, January 06, 2026

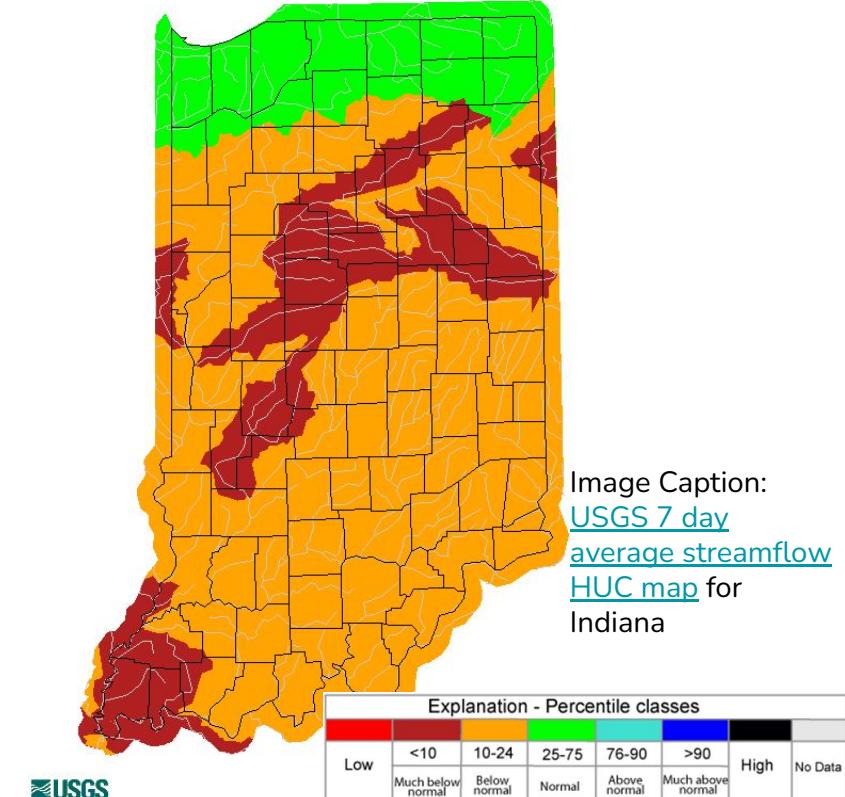


Image Caption:
[USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map for Indiana](#)



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Red	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
Low	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

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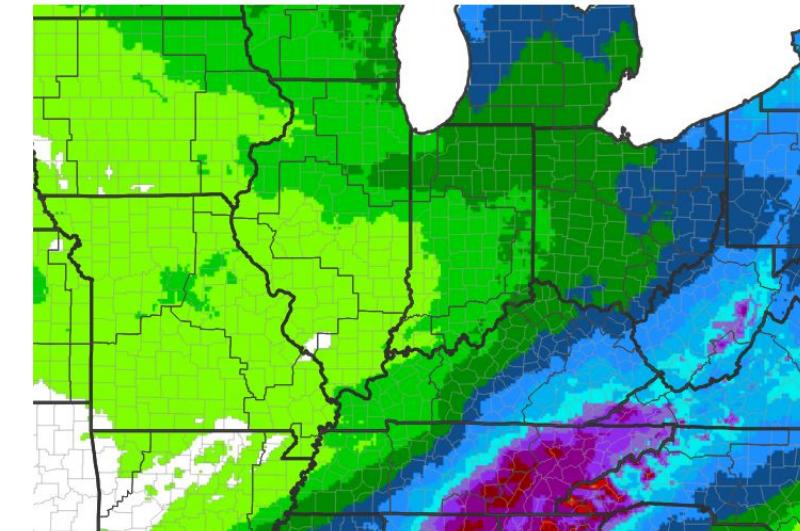
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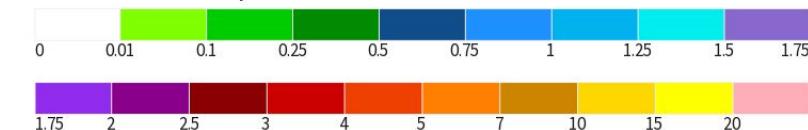
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Significant precipitation is not in the forecast at this time for Indiana through January 16th
- Highest forecast precipitation amounts for the next 7 days are up to half an inch over northern Indiana

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for January 9, 2026–January 16, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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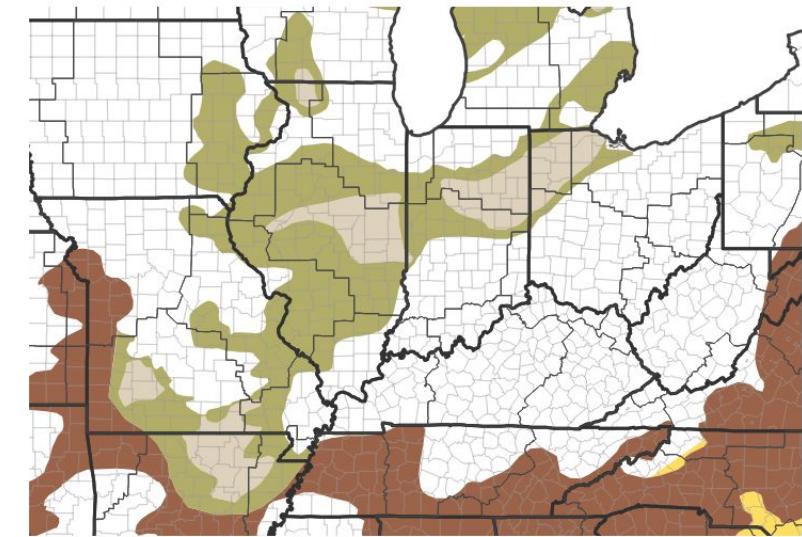


Drought Outlook

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- Drought is forecast to improve or come to an end over Indiana through March 31st

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for December 31, 2025–March 31, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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