



# Drought Information Statement for Central Indiana

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- This product will be updated April 10, 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.
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- Extreme Drought (D3) continues over almost 10 percent of Indiana
  - Improvements over northern and southern Indiana due to recent heavy rainfall
  - Over 40 percent of the state back to no drought designation



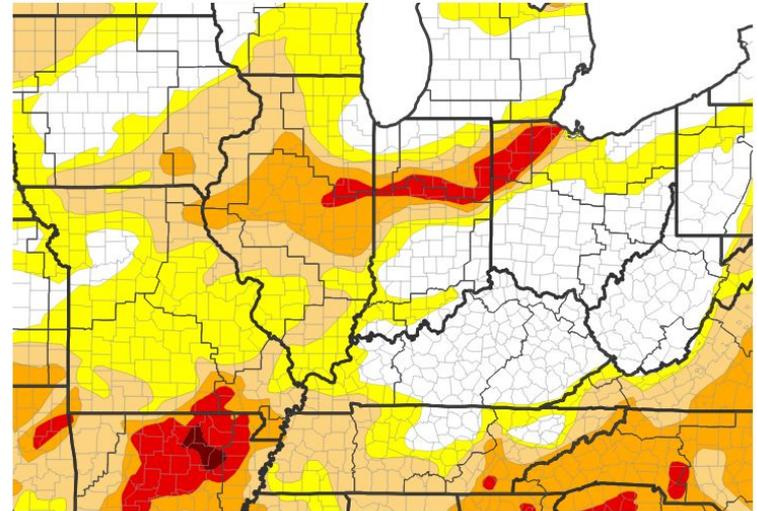


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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

U.S. Drought Monitor



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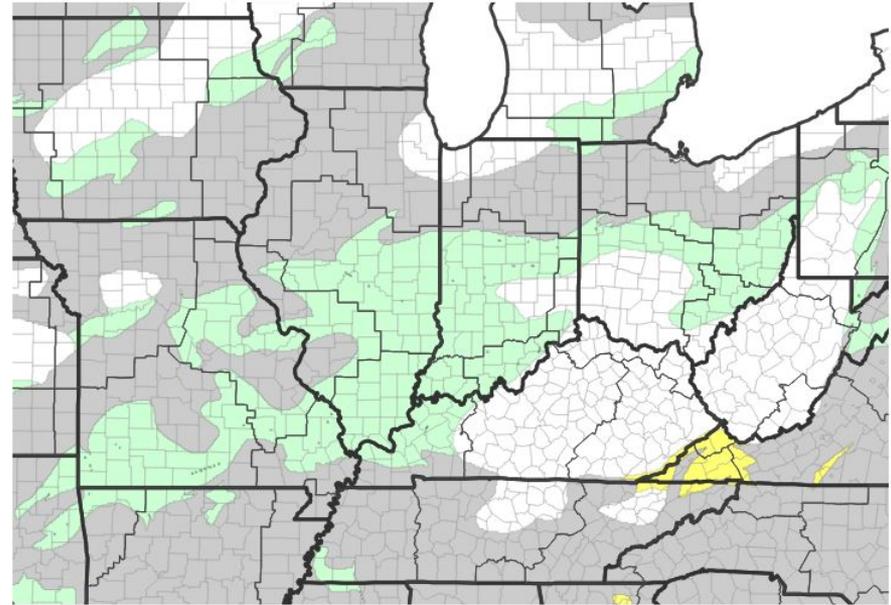


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

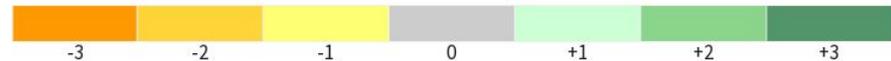
- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - Drought Worsened: None
  - No Change: Most of northern Indiana
  - Drought Improved: Most of central and southern Indiana saw 1 class improvement

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



February  
compared  
January

Drought Change Since Last Week



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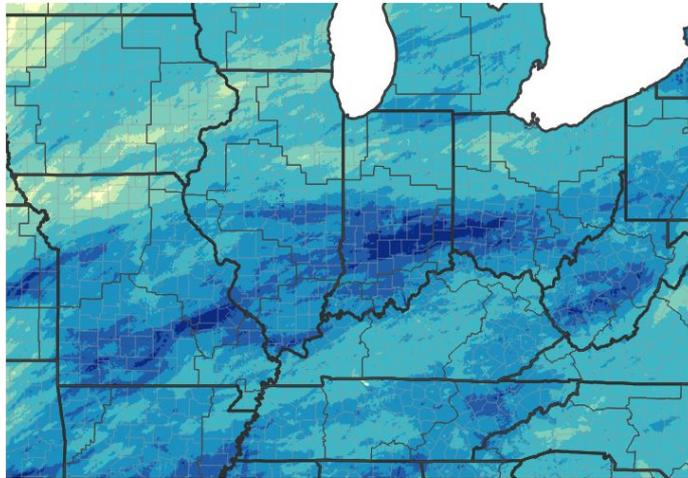




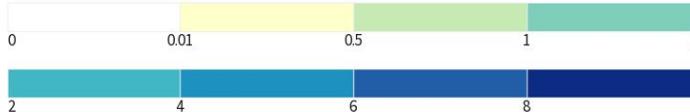
# Precipitation

- Much of central Indiana saw 200 to 300% of normal precipitation over the last 30 days. A few counties in northwest Indiana saw 50 to 100% of normal

### 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



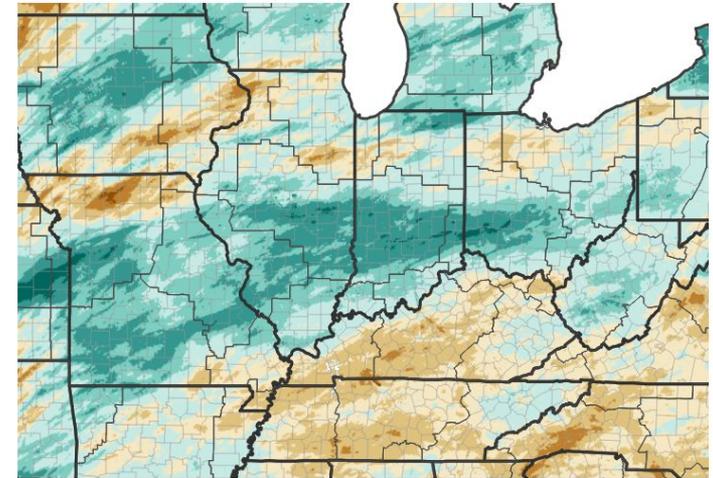
#### Inches of Precipitation



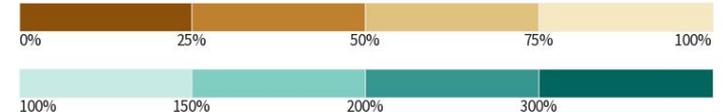
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### 30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



#### Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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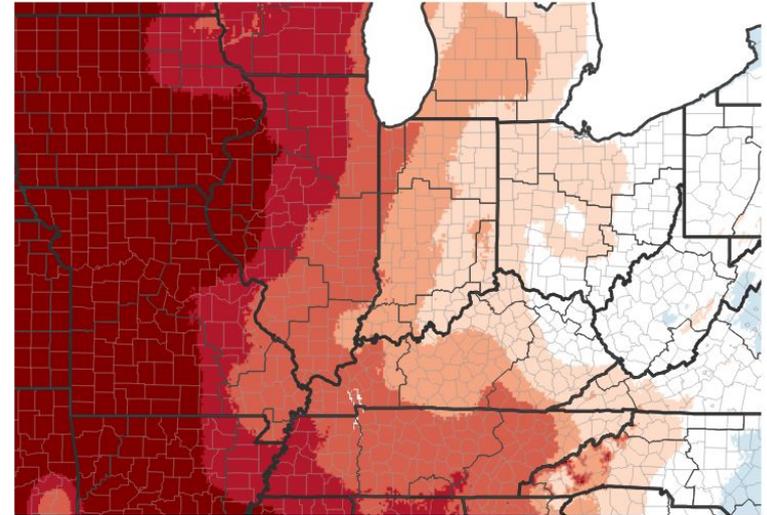




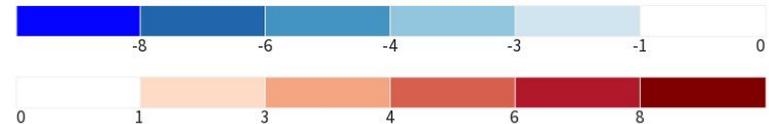
# Temperature

- The 30 day max temperature anomaly is generally 1 to 3 degrees above normal over eastern Indiana, 3 to 4 degrees above normal over central Indiana, and 4 to 6 degrees above normal over northwest Indiana

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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# Summary of Impacts

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

## Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflow has recovered for most of central Indiana
- Still seeing below normal streamflow in some spots in north central Indiana

## 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

- Most basins have normal to extremely above normal streamflow for this time of year
- Only a few basins in north central Indiana and northern Indiana are below to much below normal

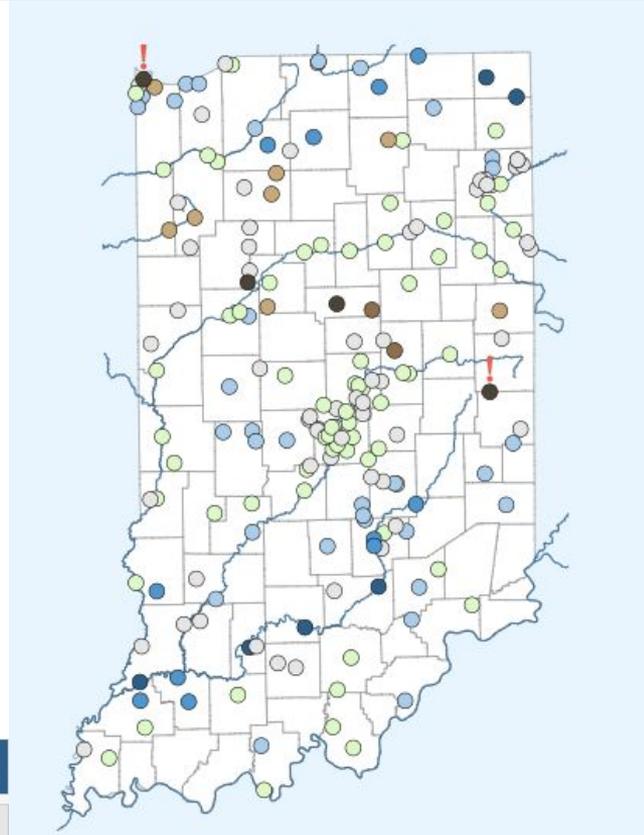
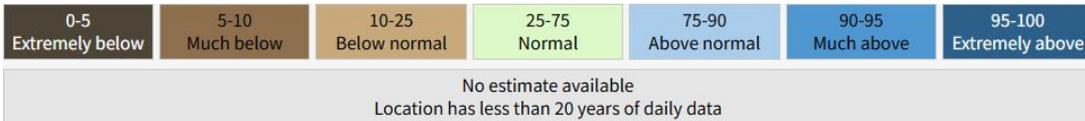


Image Caption:  
Current [Streamflow for Indiana from USGS](#) for March 13, 2026

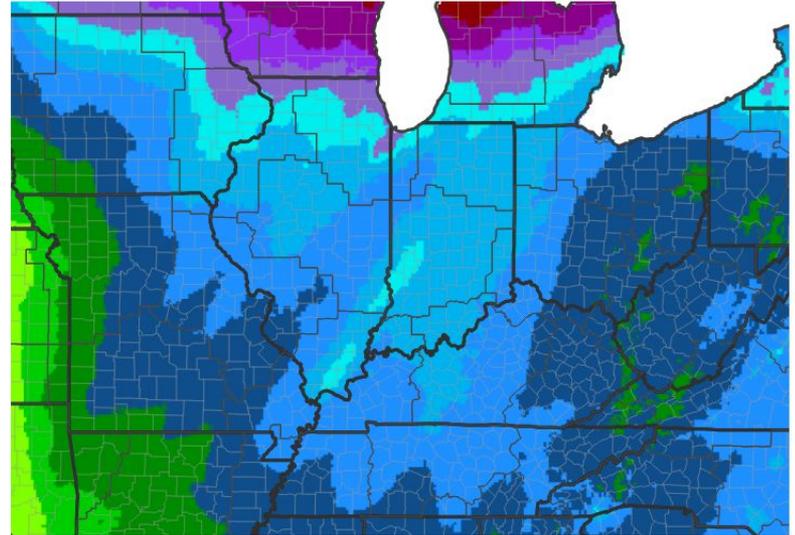




# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Precipitation of around 0.75 to 1.25 inches is expected in the next 7 days
- Much of this is from a strong storm system moving through Sunday through Monday

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for March 13, 2026–March 20, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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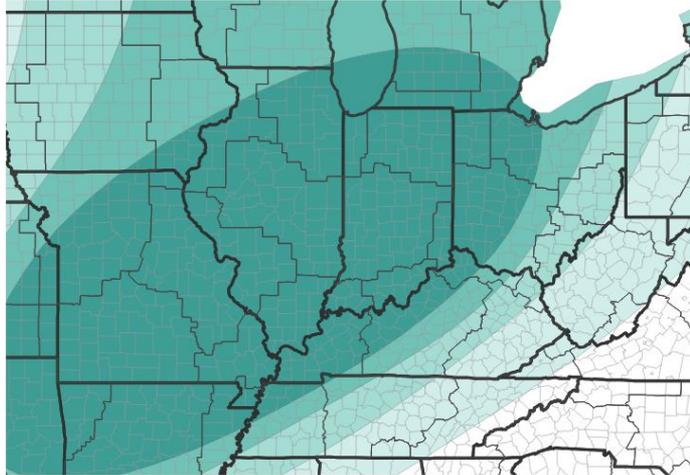


# Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Above normal precipitation and above normal temperatures are expected during March

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



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



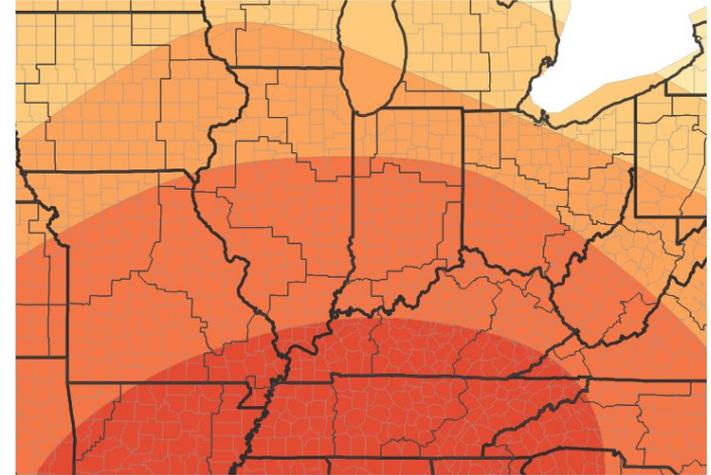
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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



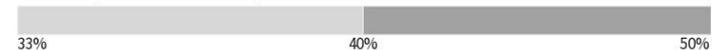
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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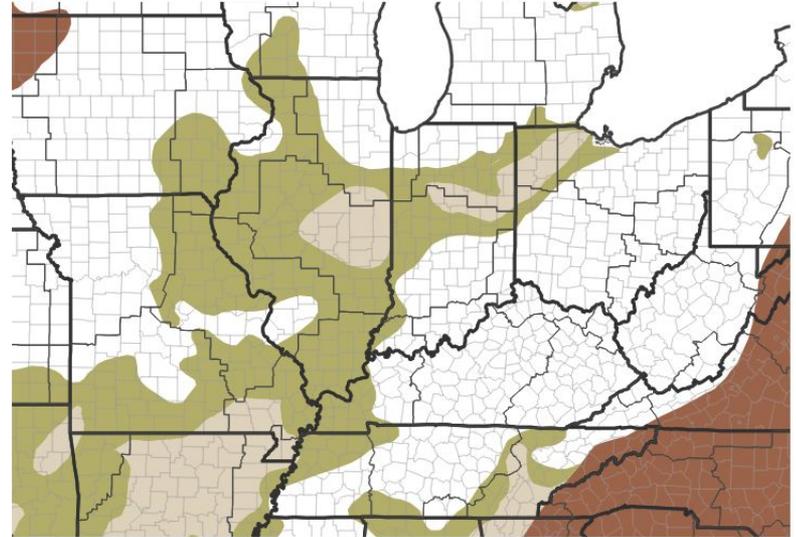


# Drought Outlook

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

**Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for February 28, 2026–May 31, 2026**



**Drought Is Predicted To...**



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

