Central Indiana

December 2025 Weather Summary

69th Coldest December on record at Indianapolis

59th Driest December on record at Indianapolis *(Tied)*

13th Snowiest December on record at Indianapolis

Temperatures

Station	December 2025 Avg Temp	December 2025 Dep from Nml	Highest Temperature	Lowest Temperature
Indianapolis Int'l Arpt	32.1	–1.2	67 on 28th	–4 on 14th, 15th
Lafayette	**29.1**	–1.9	66 on 28th	–8 on 14th
Muncie	31.3	–2.5	69 on 28th	–4 on 14th
Terre Haute	32.8	–0.7	68 on 28th	**–11 on 15th**
Bloomington	33.9	–0.5	**69 on 28th**	–7 on 15th
Shelbyville	31.1	**–3.3**	68 on 28th	–8 on 15th
Eagle Creek Airpark	31.0	–2.5	66 on 28th	–5 on 15th

Indianapolis' average daily readings were above/below/at normal on 11/19/1 days, and 13+ degrees from normal on 14 days. Unseasonable subfreezing conditions on the **1st-4th** preceded the **13-15th**'s arctic outbreak; the anomalously mild **23rd- 28th** moderated an otherwise 6.1° below-normal month. This coldest December since 2017, held half of the year's temp records.

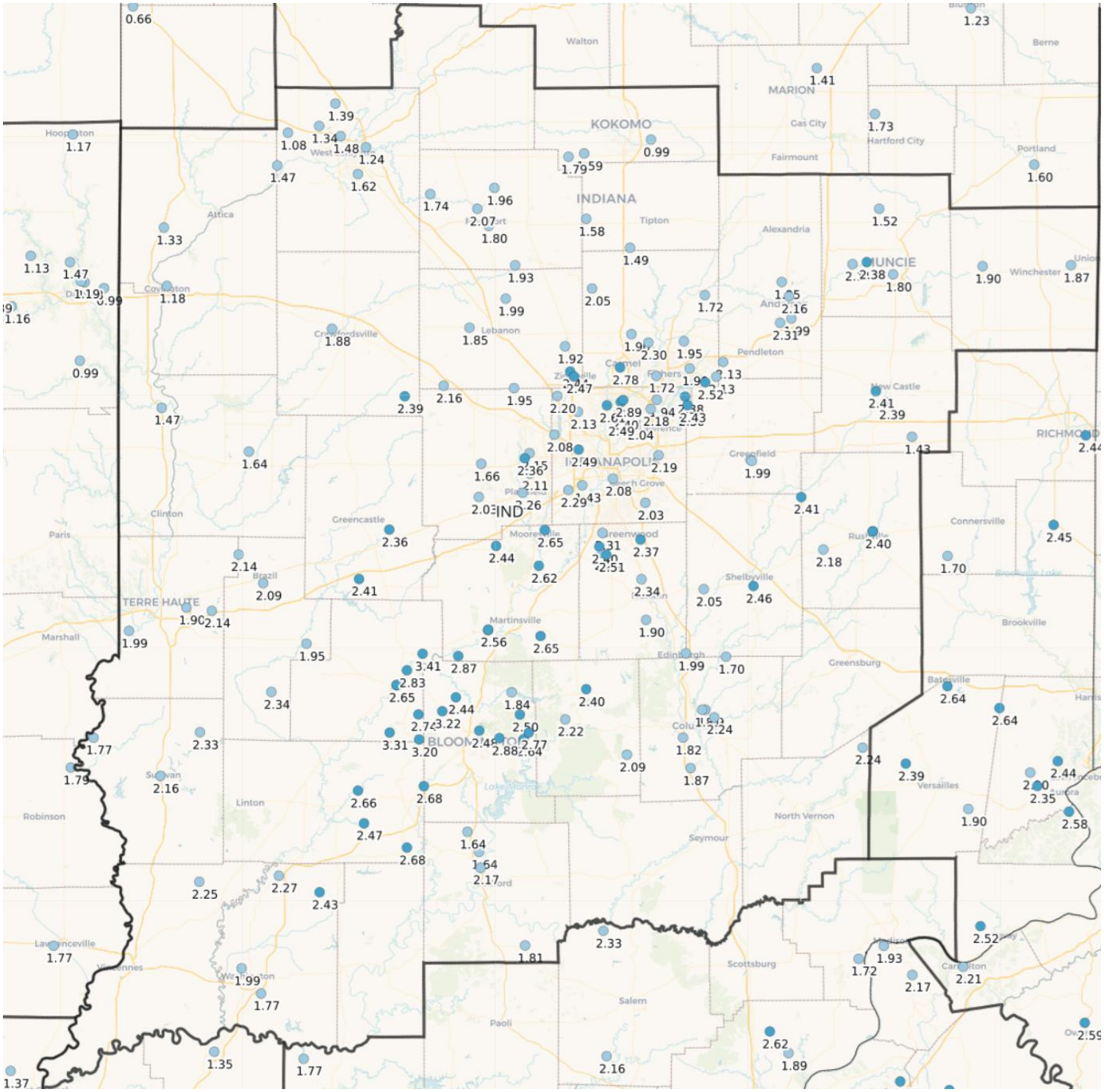
Precipitation

Station	Dec 2025 Precipitation	Dec 2025 Dep from Nml	Wettest Day	Longest Dry Stretch
Indianapolis Int'l AP	2.39	–0.53	0.87 on 18th	4 days: 14th-17th
Lafayette	1.02INC	M	0.36 on 28th	4 days: 3rd-6th, 14th-17th, 20th-23rd
Muncie	1.60	–0.97	0.42 on 18th	4 days: 3rd-6th, 14th-17th, 20th-23rd
Terre Haute	1.56	–0.93	0.57 on 18th	6 days: 3rd-8th, 20th-25th
Bloomington	2.07	–1.22	0.74 on 18th	4 days: 3rd-6th, 14th-17th
Shelbyville	1.96	–1.01	0.55 on 18th	4 days: 14th-17th
Eagle Creek Arpk	2.26	–0.41	**1.03 on 18th**	6 days: 3rd-8th

Several **early/mid-month** snowfalls brought generally 0.50-1.00" liquid, and the rainy **18th** saw 0.50-1.20" for most, with the **28th**'s squall line dropping 0.40-0.80" for much of the region. Overall drier totals were mainly 60-90% of normal. Indianapolis' **11.8" snowfall** was the 13th-greatest on record (1884), placing the month at the 91st percentile.

December 2025 Total Liquid Precipitation

As Reported by Central Indiana CoCoRaHS Observers



For the period 1200 AM EDT 12/1/2025 -to- 200 AM EST 1/1/2026, data is unofficial**

Overall below normal liquid precipitation was greatest in a broad, mainly **2.00–3.00”**, band from around Bloomington into northeast zones, while lowest totals around **0.90–1.50"** followed the Wabash Valley from west of Rockville to Kokomo, with noticeably lower amounts to the northwest of Lafayette. Snow events brought over **1.20"** liquid near Bloomington.

December 1st-2nd, 2025 Total Snowfall

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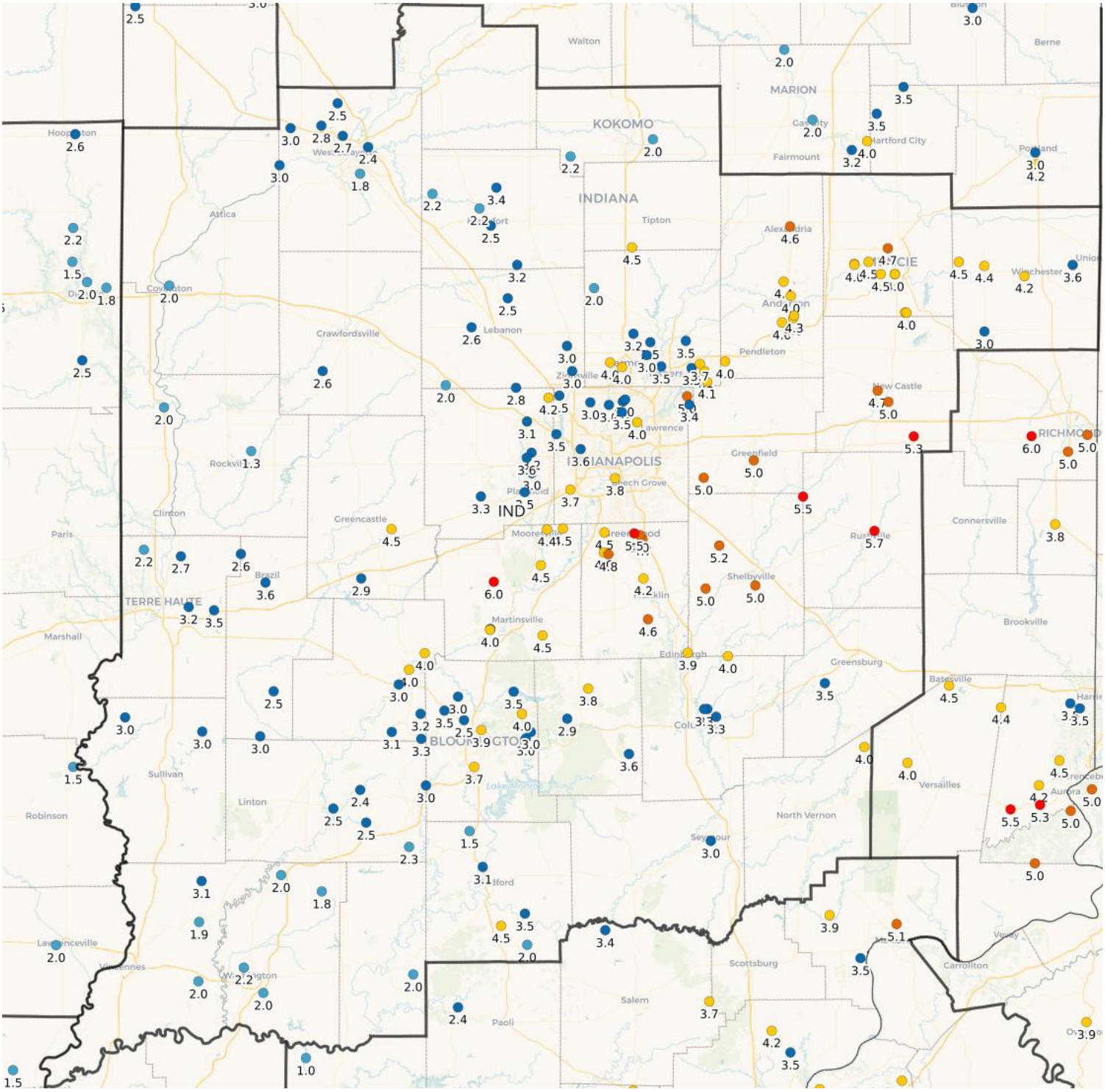

Frozen precipitation for the period 300 PM EST 12/1/2025 -to- 700 AM EST 12/2/2025, data is unofficial**

On the heels of the 11/29/25 winter storm, a smaller system tracked to the south, bringing late day to more notably overnight snowfall. Widespread moderate snowfall included maximum accumulation of **4.5–6.0"** from Morgan County to Alexandria and points east, while northwest/far-southwest zones reported mainly **1.5–3.0"**; Indianapolis officially measured **3.7"**.

December 11-12th, 2025 Total Snowfall

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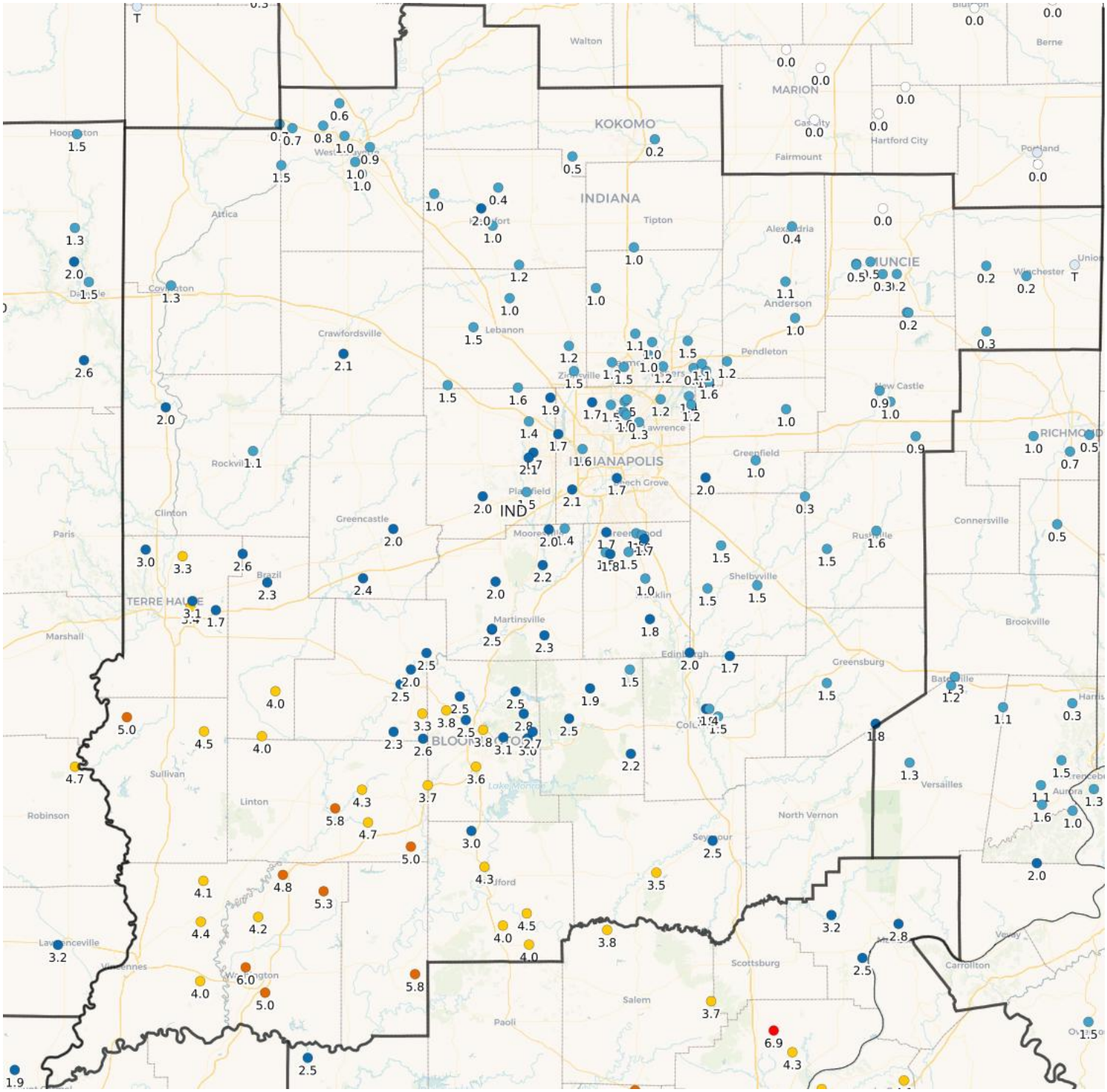

Frozen precipitation for the period 500 PM EST 11/11/2025 -to- 700AM EST 11/12/2025, data is unofficial**

An even smaller, yet potent clipper system, plunging southeastward through the Ozarks, produced both evening and overnight bursts of snow, mainly focused over southwestern and far south-central zones where **3.5–6.0"** was reported, while **0.5–2.5"** was common elsewhere; Indianapolis officially observed **2.1"**.

December 13th, 2025 Total Snowfall

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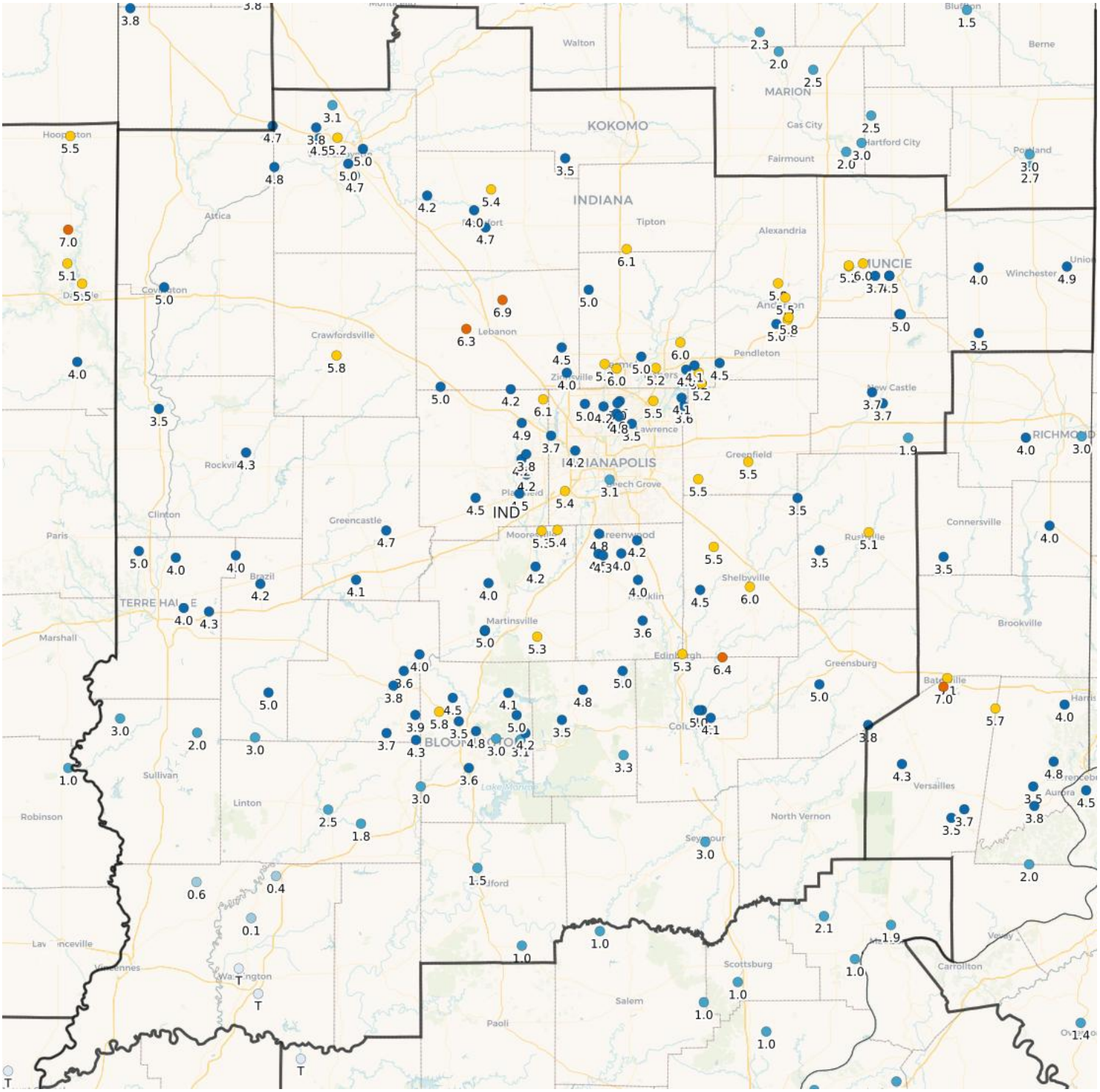
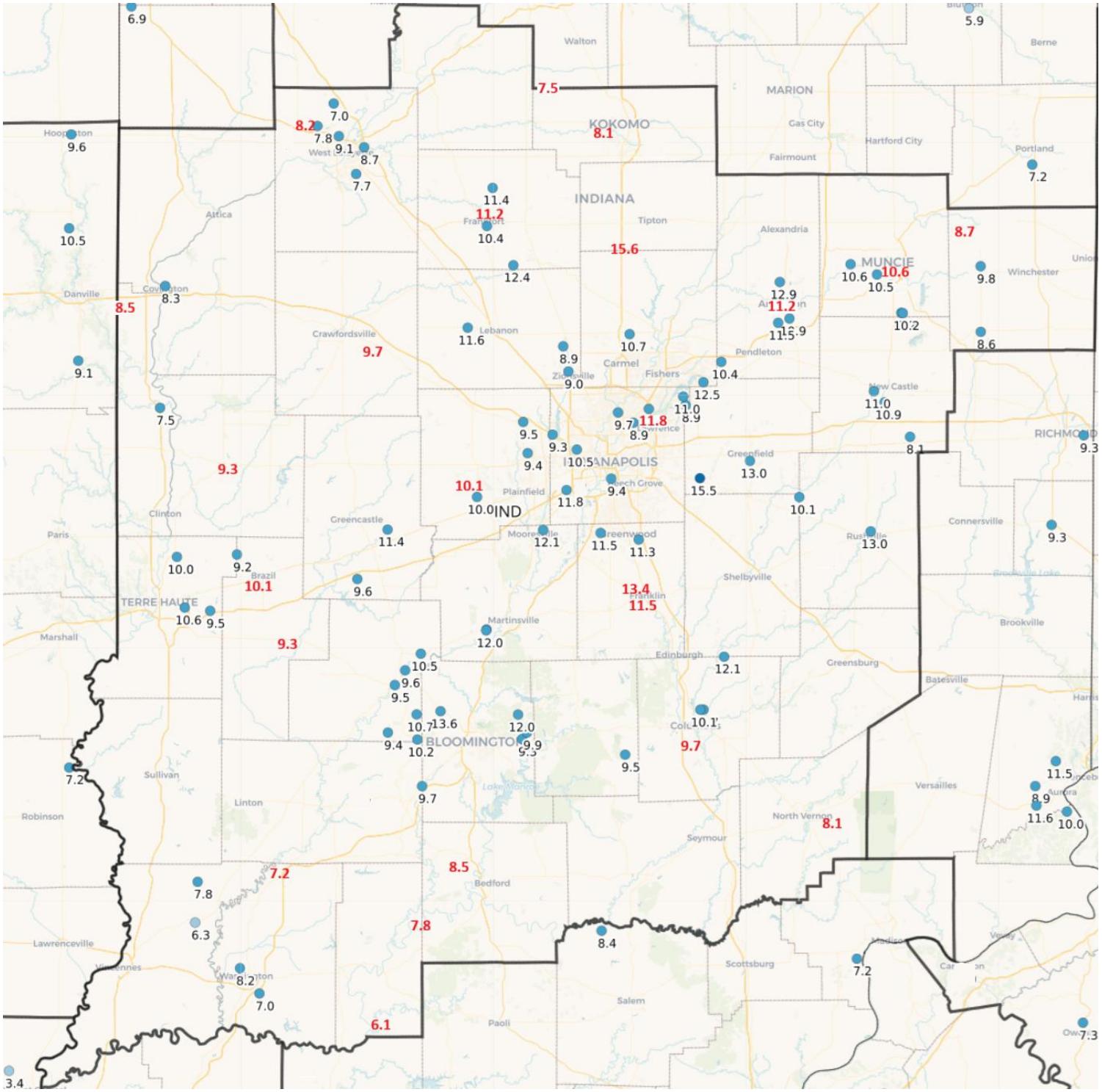


Frozen precipitation for the period 700 AM EST -to- 1100PM EST 12/13/2025, data is unofficial**

A **4-7"** snowstorm was finally experienced by the **majority** of central Indiana, as a cold frontal zone delivered an arctic outbreak to the region. Heavier bands brought significant snowfall to many northern and a few central zones, with **6.0–7.0"** reports most common from the Lebanon area into Madison County and in Shelby County; Indianapolis officially reported **5.4"**.

December 2025 TOTAL Snowfall

As Reported by Central Indiana CoCoRaHS & **COOP** Observers



Frozen precipitation for the period 1200 AM EST 12/1/2025 -to- 200 AM EST 1/1/2026, data is unofficial**

Unseasonably high snowfall resulted from several events that focused on east-central, southwestern, and northern/central areas. Totals were greatest in **12-16”** areas from both Monroe County northeast into east-central zones and a smaller patch over several north-central locations. Indianapolis measured **snowfall on 8 days**, tying 2013 for most in December since 2009.

Severe & Impactful Weather

Following two daily snowfall records at Indianapolis in November, the active early start to the 2025-2026 winter season continued. Several more **snowfall events** each produced locally heavy snowfall amid mainly light to moderate accumulations; followed by a brief mid-month period of dangerous wind chills and **record cold**. The December **1st-2nd** event quickly overspread the region through the late afternoon, impacting the late day commute; overnight bands of locally heavy snow led to **5.0-6.0"** by dawn from Morgan County to Delaware County and points east. Next, the **11th-12th**'s clipper brought a mainly nocturnal snow, producing an evening burst of warning criteria snowfall in Sullivan, and a second overnight burst, with scattered storm totals of **5.0-6.0"** by daybreak from Sullivan County to Lawrence County and points southwest. The month's last impactful snow on the **13th** was a more classic set-up, where increasingly-fluffy snow fell for at least 12 daytime/evening hours within a plunging arctic frontal zone; moderate accumulations were most common across all but far southwestern areas, with isolated/scattered **5.0"+** reports verifying warning criteria for the majority of the region's 39 counties; more consistent west-east bands brought generally **5.0-7.0"** storm totals from both Fountain County to Delaware County (including several **~6.0"** measurements near Brownsburg and across southern Hamilton County), and north of Columbus into east-central counties; increasing wind gusts led to drifting and settling of snow.

The December **14-15th** arctic outbreak brought bitter cold in widespread negative single digits early on the **14th**, with readings rebounding to mainly 3-13°F during the day, before a second subzero night where readings fell as low as **–15°F** in northwestern counties. Corresponding wind chills were lowest early on the **14th** per higher winds, with widespread **–30 to –15** values; the overnight of the 14-15th kept a smaller area of **–27 to –20** wind chills across northwest zones. Indianapolis observed two record lows on December **14th**, tying the minimum at **–4°** and setting the maximum at **7°**, for the first such single-day tandem since 11/12/2019; the airport's lowest wind chills were **–24** early on the **14th**, and **–17** the following overnight.

Drought intensities were essentially maintained throughout December, ranging from a rather thin band of Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions along Interstate 70, to a larger area of **Severe Drought** (**D2**) and **Extreme Drought** (**D3**) north/northeast of a line from Frankfort to New Castle, where monthly precipitation totals were only 1.00-1.50". **D2** also continued northwest of Terre Haute into Illinois. A broad area of Moderate Drought (**D1**) that spanned most of the remaining areas north of I-70, expanded into Crawfordsville and areas northwest on the **9th**.

Following record high temperatures and anomalous, moderate humidity on the **28th**, a strong to severe early evening squall line produced isolated damaging winds over southwestern to central areas and an **EF1 tornado** in Greene County. Multiple trees were reported downed near Vincennes, and several reporting stations measured severe wind gusts, up to **70 mph** in Marion County. The **EF1** tracked for just over a mile into the town of Linton, with peak winds of **100 mph**, causing one minor injury. This final event and two others along the Ohio Valley closed the book on the 2025 tornado season's 62 events over 14 days across Indiana, including a whopping **28 tornadoes** **over the local central Indiana region**, second only to 31 in 1990.

For info on severe weather in other areas during December, visit the Storm Prediction Center "Severe Weather Event Summaries" website at spc.noaa.gov/climo/online

January 2026 Outlook

The official outlook for January 2026 from the Climate Prediction Center indicates slightly greater chances of below normal temperatures north of Interstate 74. The normal January temperature at Indianapolis is **28.5** degrees.

The outlook also indicates greater chances of above normal precipitation for the region. The normal Indianapolis January precipitation and snowfall are **3.12"** and **8.8"**, respectively.

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