

Central Indiana

July 2026 Preliminary Weather Summary

32nd Hottest July on record at Indianapolis (Tied)

22nd Driest July on record at Indianapolis

Temperatures

Station	July 2026 Avg Temp	July 2026 Dep from Nml	Highest Temperature	Lowest Temperature
Indianapolis Int'l Arpt	78.1	+2.3	93 on 2 nd , 3 rd , 16 th , 17 th , 18 th	57 on 23 rd
Lafayette	75.6	+2.0	93 on 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	50 on 23rd
Muncie	75.5	-0.5	96 on 3rd	50 on 23rd
Terre Haute	76.2	+0.9	94 on 2 nd , 3 rd	54 on 23 rd
Bloomington	75.7	+1.0	92 on 2 nd , 3 rd	52 on 23 rd
Shelbyville	75.6	+0.1	94 on 3 rd	52 on 23 rd
Eagle Creek Airpark	76.9	+1.0	94 on 3 rd	55 on 23 rd

Indianapolis' average daily temperatures were above/below on 25/6 days, but within 3 degrees of normal on 16 days. Two heat waves prevailed during 6/29-4th and 14-18th, with mainly 70s/50s through the 22-25th, and generally seasonable warmth for the other 17 days. Indianapolis observed its second-highest average minimum July temperature since 2012 (69.1°F).

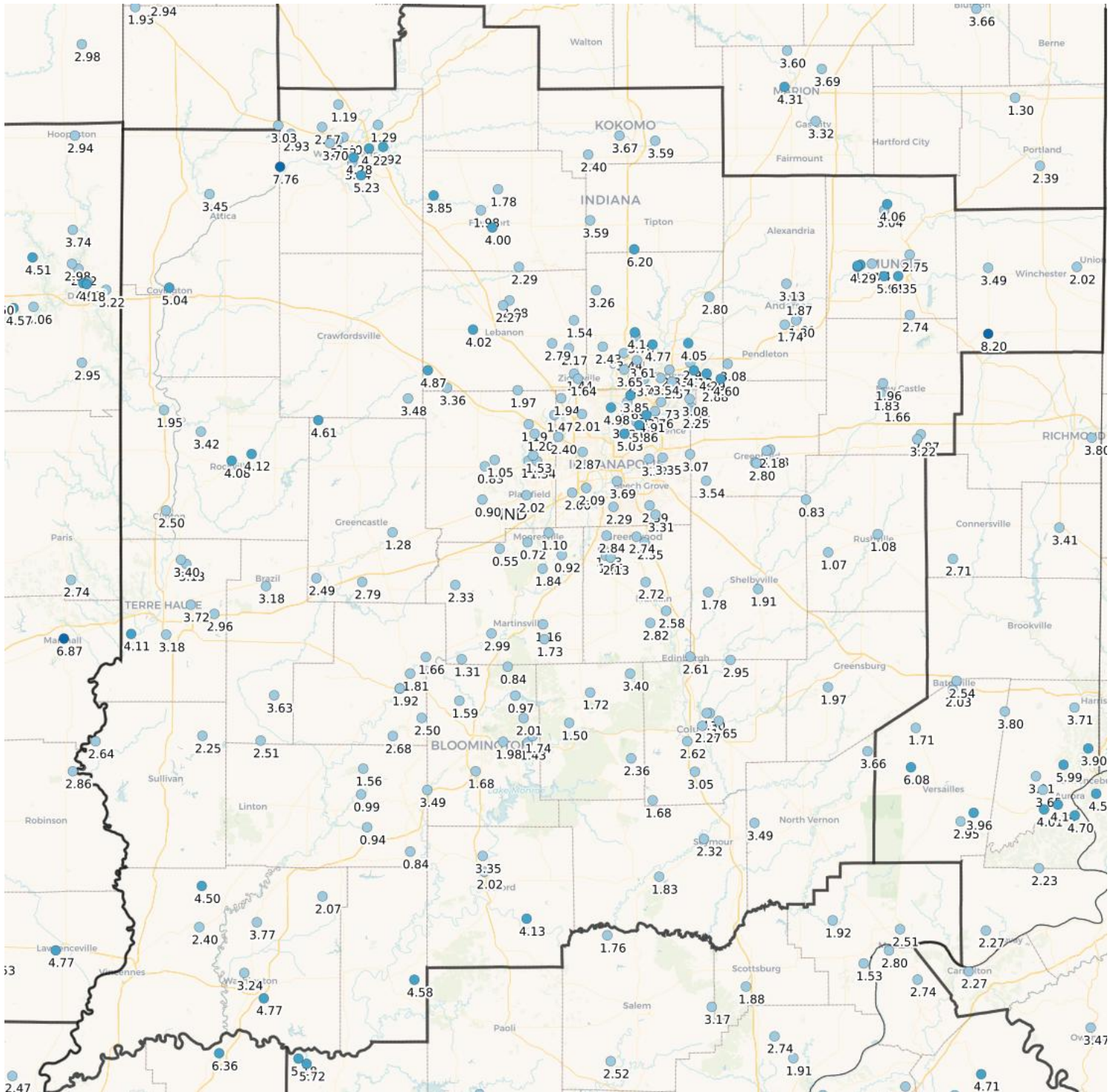
Precipitation

Station	July 2026 Precipitation	July 2026 Dep from Nml	Wettest Day	Longest Dry Stretch
Indianapolis Int'l AP	1.63	-2.79	0.90 on 27 th	5 days: 12-16 th
Lafayette	2.66	-1.42	1.22 on 18 th	5 days: 12-16 th
Muncie	3.65	-0.45	1.15 on 3 rd	5 days: 5-9 th & 12-16 th
Terre Haute	4.63	+0.29	1.83 on 4th	6 days: 19-24 th
Bloomington	2.78	-2.11	1.22 on 4 th	6 days: 19-24 th
Shelbyville	2.24	-1.63	1.07 on 27 th	5 days: 12-16 th
Eagle Creek Arpk	2.72	-1.57	1.20 on 11 th	6 days: 5-10 th

Isolated to scattered downpours on several days – 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th, 18th, and 27th, occasionally intercepted 1st-order airports, with general lack of more organized rainfall episodes resulting in monthly totals ~40-70% of normal; although Muncie and Terre Haute were near-normal, and the Indiana State Fairground's 5.07" was three times IND's official total (which was **37% of normal**).

July 2026 Precipitation, Through Midday 7/31/2026

As Reported by Central Indiana CoCoRaHS Observers



For the period 1200 AM EST 7/1/2026 -to- 200 PM 7/31/2026, data is unofficial**

The mid-month's hit or miss downpours led an overall lower rainfall trend with strong spatial gradients - isolated maximums around **8.00"** in Delaware and Tippecanoe Counties received ~half of their totals within 4 hours on the evening of the **10th**. Northern zones had areas with near normal sums, in a swath from west of Crawfordsville to north of downtown Indianapolis. Elsewhere below normal totals prevailed, with **sub-1.00"** amounts in Greene, Hendricks, Morgan, and Rush Counties.

Severe & Impactful Weather

Following the very active June 2026, July's seven days of severe thunderstorms and/or flash flooding were generally smaller episodes – typical for midsummer. Although July actually started with the bulk of a [six-day heat wave](#) that ran from June 29 through the 4th: low 90s were commonplace with readings as high as 96F at the Tipton 5 SW (Tipton Co.) and Shoals 8 S (Martin Co.) COOP stations, while Muncie hit 95F on the 3rd; overnight lows were mainly 70-75F, although the morning of the 3rd only fell to 78F at the Rockville (Parke Co.) COOP station, with 77F at Indianapolis tying the daily **record high minimum** (last set in 1911). Corresponding maximum heat index values reached 105-112F across much of the region on the 1st-3rd, with peak 114F values recorded on the 1st at multiple stations across Knox, Martin, and Shelby Counties; while 112F heat indices were observed on the 2nd at Anderson and the 3rd near Courtland (Jackson Co.). The transition out of the early month extreme heat brought scattered thunderstorms with widely scattered severe winds: the 3rd saw multiple power lines downed in Madison County while trees fell into homes in both Johnson and Delaware Counties; then the 4th brought multiple downed trees / power lines across west-central counties and flooded roads in Terre Haute stranding numerous vehicles.

Occasional downpours through mid-July were led by the 11th midday's storms when ~2.00-4.00" of rainfall fell from the northern Indianapolis Metro to points northeast, leading to **flooding** of homes and vehicles in Muncie neighborhoods and **one injury**. A second, more [marginal heat wave](#) occurred over the 14-18th, when Indianapolis reached 93F on three consecutive days for the first time since 2018, although the region's only reported heat index to exceed 105F was 107F in Fishers (Hamilton Co.) on the 17th. Scattered strong thunderstorms on the 18th late day descended through northern counties, with an isolated severe cell downing power lines in Crawfordsville and trees in several parts of Montgomery County. The 21st's hot and humid early afternoon then brought several rotating supercell t-storms over south-central zones, whose winds downed trees in Martin and Jackson Counties. A favorable set-up on the 26th, wherein central Indiana was situated on the northeast corner of a strong and hot upper ridge over the central US, produced a marginally severe cell that tracked southward across Knox County, downing a tree near Bruceville.

[Multiple rounds of severe storms](#) followed on the 27th when the still-favorable pattern promoted a notable storm cluster that tracked south-southeastward during late day hours, from Kokomo through the Indianapolis Metro and Columbus, before weakening through the Seymour area; 12 counties experienced most-often isolated wind damage, with numerous trees and/or power lines downed in Howard, Delaware and Johnson Counties, while winds suddenly increased from a microburst in Greensburg, with a recorded gust to **59 mph** at Indianapolis; embedded large hail also occurred across Marion County as large as **1.25"**; along with areas of flooding across the Indianapolis Metro, with localized **flash flooding** partially submerging vehicles and flooding basements in Broad Ripple and near downtown and to southeastern Marion County. A smaller, second round of evening cells over western counties produced hail up to **1.25"** in Warren County and downed trees and lines over much of western Fountain County.

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

August 2026 Outlook

The official outlook for August 2026 from the Climate Prediction Center indicates slightly greater chances of above normal temperatures across Indiana. The normal August temperature at Indianapolis is **74.7** degrees.

The outlook also indicates equal chances of above, below, or near normal precipitation across the Midwest. The normal Indianapolis August precipitation is **3.20"**.

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