

Central Indiana

March 2026 Preliminary Weather Summary

5th Warmest March on record at Indianapolis

8th Wettest March on record at Indianapolis

72nd Least Snowiest March on record at Indianapolis

Temperatures

Station	March 2026 Avg Temp	March 2026 Dep from Normal	Highest Temperature	Lowest Temperature
Indianapolis Int'l Airport	50.6	+8.2	88 on 22nd	16 on 17 th
Lafayette	48.6	+8.6	85 on 26 th	17 on 17 th
Muncie	49.9	+8.2	86 on 22 nd	17 on 17 th
Terre Haute	51.8	+9.0	88 on 22nd	17 on 17 th
Bloomington	51.9	+8.6	87 on 22 nd	15 on 17th
Shelbyville	50.2	+6.9	88 on 22nd	16 on 17 th
Eagle Creek Airpark	49.7	+7.1	86 on 22 nd	16 on 17 th

Indianapolis' average daily temperatures were above/below normal on 21/10 days, and **20 degrees above normal on 6 days**. This warmest March since 2012 brought highs **above 70° on 13 days**, although anomalous warmth was erratically distributed to the **4-11th, 19-22nd, 25-26th, and 30-31st**. However, it was also the **coldest St. Patrick's Day** (24°F maximum) since 1941.

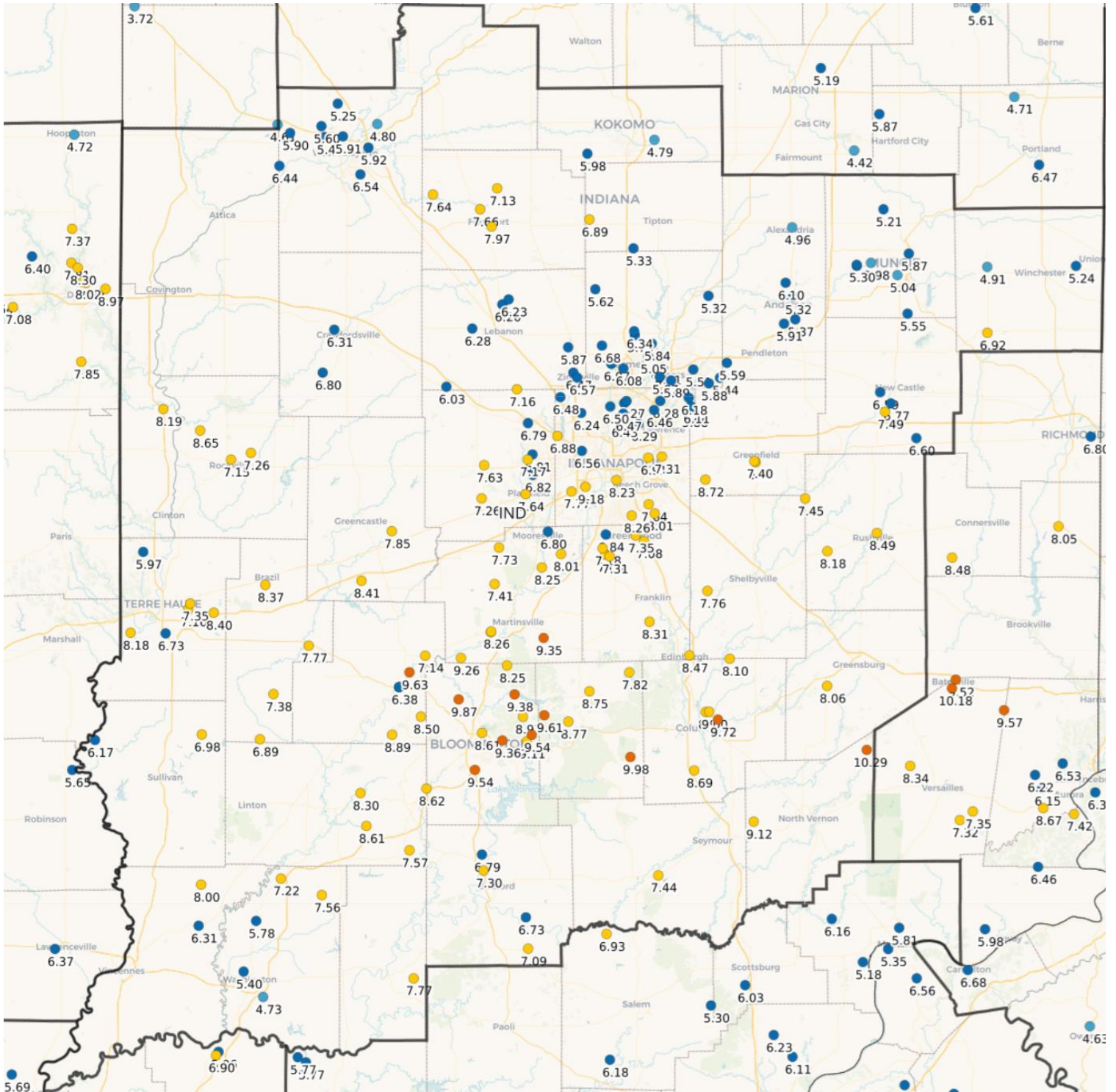
Precipitation

Station	March 2026 Precipitation	March 2026 Dep from Nml	Wettest Day	Longest Dry Stretch
Indianapolis Int'l	7.66	+3.97	2.59 on 3rd	3 days: 12-14 th , 19-21 st , 28-30 th
Lafayette	5.37	+2.64	1.30 on 26 th	3 days: 8-10, 12-14, 19-21, 23-25, 28-30
Muncie	4.04INC	INC	1.10 on 11 th	Data incomplete
Terre Haute	3.93INC	INC	0.89 on 4 th	Data incomplete
Bloomington	7.80	+3.98	1.72 on 11 th	4 days: 28 th -31 st
Shelbyville	7.95	+4.50	2.51 on 3rd	3 days: 8-10 th , 12-14 th , 19-21 st , 28-30 th
Eagle Creek Arpk	6.17	+2.89	1.57 on 3 rd	4 days: 18 th -21 st

Precipitation data was missing at Muncie on the 7th, and at Terre Haute on the 7th, 11th, and 15th.

Consistently rainy conditions were led by **3.00-5.50"** through the **1st-7th** for central/southern zones and **1.00-2.50"** for most areas (focused across northern counties) on the **22nd-27th**. Severe/Extreme Drought (D2/D3) that occupied the region's north-northwest third on the **1st**, had retreated to only D2 in northern Carroll County by the **31st**.

March 2026 Total Precipitation, Through Early 4/1/26 As Reported by Central Indiana CoCoRaHS Observers



For the period 1200 AM EST 3/1/2026 -to- 700 AM 4/1/2026, data is unofficial**

Well above normal precipitation ranged from around 5.00" from Kokomo to Muncie to **9.00-10.00"** around Bloomington to Columbus and into further east. Most locations observed moderate rainfall (0.50"+) on 5-8 days, and heavy rainfall (1"+) on 2-4 days. It was the wettest March since 1963 at Indianapolis, wettest since 1948 in Frankfort, and in Martinsville since 1938.

April 2026 Outlook

The official outlook for April 2025 from the Climate Prediction Center indicates a slightly greater chance for above normal temperatures. The normal April temperature at Indianapolis is **53.6** degrees.

The outlook also indicates a slightly greater chance of above normal precipitation over Indiana. The normal Indianapolis April precipitation and snowfall are **4.34"** and **0.2"**, respectively.

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