

# Central Indiana

## May 2026 Preliminary Weather Summary

*67<sup>th</sup> Coolest May on record at Indianapolis (Tied)*

*20<sup>th</sup> Wettest May on record at Indianapolis*

### Temperatures

Station	May 2026 Avg Temp	May 2026 Dep from Nml	Highest Temperature	Lowest Temperature
Indianapolis Int'l Airport	62.0	-1.6	85 on 19 <sup>th</sup>	36 on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Lafayette	60.5	-1.1	84 on 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>34 on 2<sup>nd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup></b>
Muncie	61.5	-2.9	<b>87 on 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>34 on 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Terre Haute	62.6	-1.4	85 on 19 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	37 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>
Bloomington	63.0	-0.8	86 on 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>34 on 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Shelbyville	61.6	-3.6	86 on 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>	35 on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Eagle Creek Airpark	61.2	-2.6	84 on 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>	38 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>

Indianapolis' average daily temperatures were above/below/at normal on 13/17/1 days, yet within 2 degrees of normal on 11 days. Cooler conditions were focused through the month's first half, especially on the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 6-7<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>, Indy's four mornings at/below 40°F tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>-most in May since 2005; while only 6 days reaching 80°F tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>-fewest since 2004.

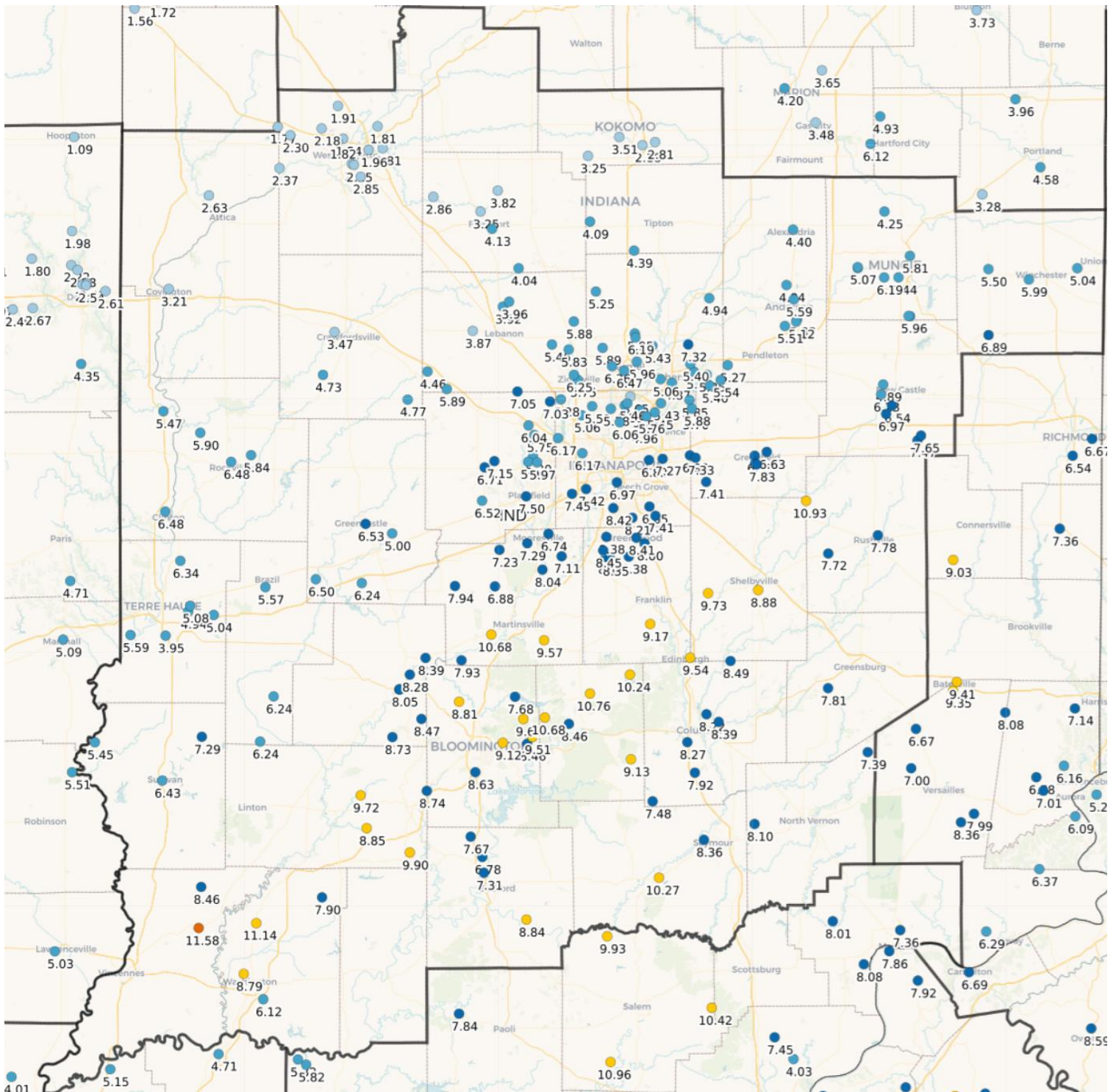
### Precipitation

Station	May 2026 Precipitation	May 2026 Dep from Nml	Wettest Day	Longest Dry Stretch
Indianapolis Int'l AP	6.93	+2.18	1.97 on 18 <sup>th</sup>	4 days: 28 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>
Lafayette	<b>2.16</b>	<b>-1.88</b>	<b>0.43 on 5<sup>th</sup></b>	4 days: 28 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>
Muncie	4.48	+0.12	1.24 on 5 <sup>th</sup>	4 days: 28 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>
Terre Haute	5.18	+0.47	1.68 on 18 <sup>th</sup>	4 days: 28 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>
Bloomington	7.55	+3.08	<b>2.43 on 5<sup>th</sup></b>	4 days: 28 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>
Shelbyville	<b>8.49</b>	<b>+3.87</b>	2.12 on 18 <sup>th</sup>	4 days: 28 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>
Eagle Creek Arpk	5.49	+1.17	1.33 on 5 <sup>th</sup>	4 days: 28 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>

Precipitation totals ranged from 53% of normal at Lafayette to 184% of normal at Shelbyville, Indianapolis received 146%. Bloomington, Shelbyville and Indianapolis all reported 0.10"+ on 10-11 days and 1.00"+ on 3-4 days. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup>-driest May at Lafayette since 2016, the wettest at Shelbyville since 2002, and the 3<sup>rd</sup>-wettest May at Indianapolis since 2005.

## May 2026 Total Precipitation, Late 4/30 Through Early 6/1

As Reported by Central Indiana CoCoRaHS Observers



For the period 800 PM EST 4/30/2026 -to- 700 AM 6/1/2026, data is unofficial\*\*

The very staunch north-south gradient, ranging from **~2.00"** in Lafayette to generally **7.00-11.00"** south of the I-70 corridor, reflected multiple rounds of showers/thunderstorms focused both along, and especially south of I-70. The **5<sup>th</sup>** saw 1.00-3.00" for central/southern zones; the **8-9<sup>th</sup>** focused 1.00-1.75" from Sullivan to Rush County; heavy rains on the **18-19<sup>th</sup>** brought 2.00-4.00" along/south of I-70; greatest May totals also included isolated downpours from the **16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, or 20<sup>th</sup>**.

# Severe & Impactful Weather

May 2026 followed the same trend set in 2025, with noticeably less storm activity than the two preceding spring months, with severe weather and/or flash flooding occurring within central Indiana on only three days. Indiana did not record any tornadoes from April 27<sup>th</sup> through the month of May – the first such occurrence since 2021.

May 18<sup>th</sup> brought afternoon thunderstorms with damaging winds over west-central to central counties. Damage reports across nine zones were led by a significant number of downed trees and power poles in Owen County, while several trees and power lines were also blown over in Morgan County; in Boone County the Indianapolis Executive Airport north of Zionsville measured a **61 mph** gust. The 18<sup>th</sup>'s heavy downpours produced an area of widespread 2.00-3.00" rainfall from the Spencer area east-northeast into Rush and Henry Counties. Resultant flooding was most pronounced in Knox, Putnam, Owen, Marion, and Hancock Counties; at Paragon (Morgan Co.) sandbags were deployed when rain water flooded a house.

May 19<sup>th</sup> saw a more classic late-afternoon thunderstorm episode of damaging winds across the northern Indianapolis Metro area over to a couple eastern zones. Hamilton County had numerous reports of downed trees/utility poles, although most noteworthy was a semi truck blown over on Interstate 69 in northern Delaware County; a **60 mph** gust was observed at the Columbus Municipal Airport. Additional very heavy rainfall was confined to a small, mainly far-southern area, with reports up to **4.12"** in Daviess County. Any river flooding following the consecutive days of storms was only minor, except on the East Fork White River at Seymour where **moderate flooding** occurred on the **20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Isolated downpours on the 27<sup>th</sup> produced lone reports of **3.00" rainfall** and led to a hyper localized **flash flood** in far northeastern Morgan County where a car was submerged.

*For info on severe weather in other areas during May, visit the Storm Prediction Center "Severe Weather Event Summaries" website at [spc.noaa.gov/climo/online](https://spc.noaa.gov/climo/online)*

## June 2026 Outlook

The official outlook for June 2026 from the Climate Prediction Center indicates greater chances of above normal temperatures across the Midwest as well as most of the country. The normal June temperature at Indianapolis is **72.5** degrees.

The outlook also indicates equal chances of above, below, or near normal precipitation for most of the area, with slightly greater chances of above normal precipitation southeast of the I-69 corridor. The normal Indianapolis June precipitation is **4.95"**.

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