Central Indiana

October 2026 Preliminary Weather Summary

*****3rd Warmest October on record at Indianapolis*****

37th Driest October on record at Indianapolis

Temperatures

Site	October 2026 Avg Temp	October 2026 Dep from Nml	Highest Temperature	Lowest Temperature
Indianapolis AP	**62.3**	+6.8	88 on 13th	37 on 18th
Lafayette	60.9	+7.2	89 on 1st, 13th	32 on 18th
Muncie	60.1	+4.3	88 on 13th	33 on 18th
Terre Haute	61.0	+6.1	**90 on 1st, 13th**	32 on 18th
Bloomington	60.1	+4.8	87 on 1st, 13th	32 on 18th
Shelbyville	60.0	+3.9	89 on 13th	32 on 18th
Eagle Creek AP	61.0	+5.5	88 on 13th	34 on 18th

Indianapolis' average daily temperatures were **above**/below normal on **27**/4 days, within 5 degrees of normal on 11 days, yet 10-20 degrees above normal on 10 days. Unseasonable warmth occurred on the 1st, 12-15th, and 27th-31st; at Indianapolis, the month's 30 65°F+ days were an all-time record (old 27), and the 27 70°F+ days tied the all-time record (1963).

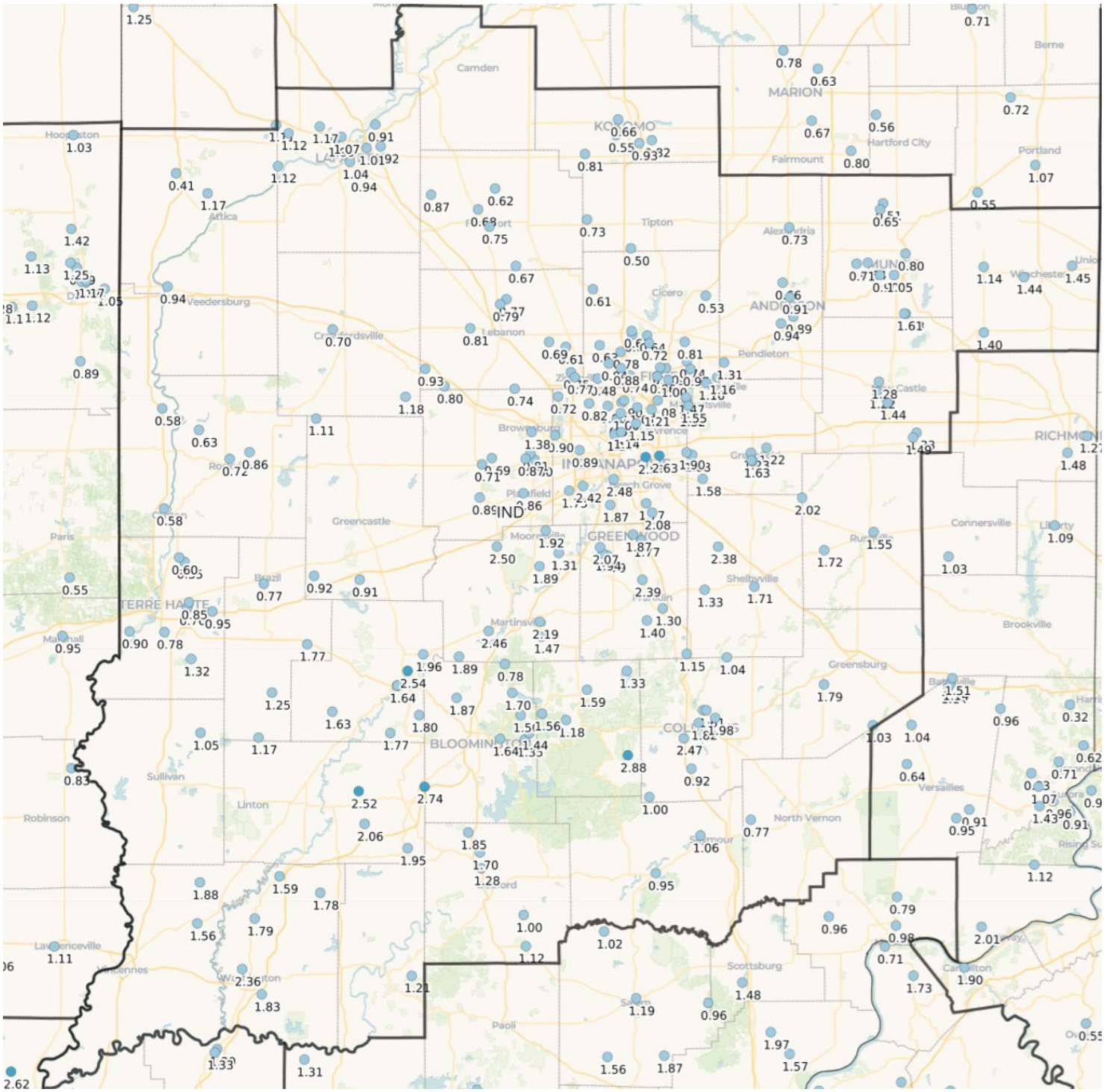
Precipitation

Site	October 2026 Precipitation	October 2026 Dep from Normal	Wettest Day	Longest Dry Stretch
Indianapolis Intl	1.44	−1.78	0.87 on 15th	12 days, 17th-28th
Lafayette	0.92	−1.99	**0.31 on 2nd**	12 days, 17th-28th
Muncie	**0.53**	**−2.43**	0.42 on 2nd	12 days, 17th-28th
Terre Haute	0.81	**−2.63**	0.38 on 15th	**15 days, 17th-31st**
Bloomington	1.66	−2.04	0.57 on 15th	**15 days, 17th-31st**
Shelbyville	1.44	−1.76	0.93 on 2nd	12 days, 17th-28th
Eagle Creek Arpk	0.92	**−2.33**	0.54 on 2nd	12 days, 17th-28th

Widespread below normal values continued the generally below normal trend observed in July and September, with 1st-order stations reporting only **21-45% of normal**. The vast majority of precipitation fell on the **2nd** and **15th**, although these daily totals were mainly only 0.10-0.60".

October 2026 Total Precipitation

As Reported by Central Indiana CoCoRaHS Observers



For the period 700 AM EDT 10/1/2026 -to- 700 AM EDT 10/31/2026, data is unofficial**

Well below normal rainfall totals were generally 0.70-2.00". Extremes ranged from a **0.50-0.70”** minimum both west of Rockville and north of the Indianapolis Metro Area, to **2.40-2.90”** in narrow bands both along I-70 in Indianapolis and from eastern Greene County, south of Bloomington to southern Brown County.

Severe & Impactful Weather

No severe weather occurred in central Indiana during October 2026 except for the **29th** early evening when several showers formed ahead of a slowly-passing cold front, with one cell producing isolated wind damage in north-central Howard County.

More notable was expanding drought conditions. Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions for mainly Knox County up to the Sullivan area that carried over from the final days of September, expanded into portions of Daviess and Greene Counties on the **13th**, and then across nearly three-quarters of the central Indiana region on the **20th**. The trend continued through the late month with the **27th** update bringing Moderate Drought (**D1**) to one-third of the region – a broad swath across and near Parke and Vigo Counties, northeast to areas from Kokomo to northwestern Hancock County and as far east as western Delaware County; **D1** also expanded to the Seymour area and points south and east, while D0 enveloped essentially all other portions of central Indiana.

"Severe Weather Event Summaries" website at spc.noaa.gov/climo/online

November 2026 Outlook

The official outlook for November 2026 from the Climate Prediction Center indicates greater chances of above normal temperatures across the Midwest. The normal November temperature at Indianapolis is **43.3** degrees.

The outlook also indicates slightly greater equal chances of below normal precipitation in Indiana. The normal November precipitation at Indianapolis is **3.45"**.

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