

National Weather Service Indianapolis
Central Indiana Weather History
April

01. 1884: From Oakville in Delaware County to Luray in Henry County, a tornado with a path ¼ mile wide and 10 miles long takes the lives of eight, and injures at least 50 others. In Oakville, all but five of the 45 buildings in town are levelled. The cloud is described as funnel shaped and of a greenish color.

02. 2006: At Indianapolis, straight line winds damage several buildings, including a downtown skyscraper.

03. 1974: As part of one of the largest tornado outbreaks in U.S. history, 21 tornadoes strike Indiana hitting 39 counties. Eight of the tornadoes are killers, leaving 47 dead and over 800 injured. On the whole, 148 tornadoes touch down in 13 states.

03. 2018: 3.19 inches of rain fall at Indianapolis, making it the wettest April day on record.

04. 1977: A small tornado destroys a garage and removes a roof off a house west of Anderson.

05. 1985: Severe thunderstorm winds cause damage in several counties across southern sections of central Indiana. Widespread damage occurs in Greensburg.

06. 1988: Intense low pressure produces high winds statewide, with peak gusts from 50 to 90 mph. The peak wind gust in Indianapolis is 74 mph, which is hurricane force.

07. 1998: At Newport, baseball size hail falls.

08. 1980: At Farmland, a tornado destroys a barn and uproots trees.

08. 2020: At Mooresville, an EF-1 tornado moves through the center of town.

09. 1897: At Indianapolis, greatest 24 hour snowfall recorded in the city for April falls, at 5.0 inches.

09. 1953: An F3 tornado in Tipton County causes \$2.5 million in damage.

10. 2001: At Bedford, two inch diameter hail falls.

11. 1965: The Palm Sunday tornado outbreak, deadliest in state in history, occurs. Ten tornadoes strike 18 counties in the north and central. Seven of the tornadoes are killers, and between 4:45 PM to a little after 6:30 PM, tornadoes left 137 dead and 1724 injured.

12. 2002: At Bloomington, golf ball size hail falls.

13. 1994: The Vermilion River in Vermillion County records a record flood, over 14 feet above flood stage.

14. 2006: Severe thunderstorms produce 85 mph winds at Indianapolis and two tornadoes in Tippecanoe County.

15. 1998: At Cloverdale, golf ball size hail falls.
16. 1860: At Terre Haute, a tornado passes over the southern part of the city, and kills a man caught in the destruction of the railroad engine house. Eighteen others are injured.
17. 1992: Rains of 1 to 4 inches help set the stage for flooding across central Indiana. Numerous roads are closed in Morgan and Owen counties after more rain falls soon after.
18. 1821: A late spring snow is observed as far south as Crawfordsville.
19. 1996: At Plainfield, 3 inch diameter hail falls.
19. 2011: At Thorntown, an EF-1 tornado touches down.
20. 2004: Tornadoes touch down at Jamestown, Elwood, and Kokomo.
21. 1893: At Indianapolis, measurable precipitation falls for the 13th consecutive day, setting a city record for most consecutive days with measurable precipitation.
22. 1963: At Indianapolis, tornadoes cause 1 million dollars damage.
23. 1978: Near Lafayette, a tornado causes extensive damage to 22 mobile homes.
24. 1925: At Indianapolis, the record high temperature for the date is set at 90 degrees.
25. 1961: A tornado travels in a non-continuous path 60 miles from Shelbyville into Ohio. The tornado is ½ mile wide at times.
26. 1994: Around midnight on the 26-27th, a tornado racing 60 mph from northwest of Lafayette into Carroll county produces a 14 mile long track 100 yards wide, killing three people and injuring 70 others.
27. 1971: Many areas of central Indiana report hail, with 2 inch diameter hail reported at Terre Haute and Cloverdale.
28. 2002: At Avon, golf ball size hail falls.
29. 2018: At Indianapolis, the record low temperature for the date is set at 30 degrees.
30. 1984: Strong winds blow across much of central Indiana, with gusts of 60 to 70 mph reported in some locations.