

National Weather Service Indianapolis
Central Indiana Weather History
January

01. 1864: At Indianapolis, a bitter cold day greets the new year with a low temperature of -20, and a high of only -12.
02. 1887: At Lafayette, the coldest temperature recorded for the state in the 19th century is set at -33.
03. 1996: Snowfalls of 6 to 12 inches blanket all but northwest Indiana on the 2nd to 3rd.
04. 1991: At Noblesville, cold weather freezes flood waters leaving ice up to 6 inches thick.
05. 2005: At Muncie, an ice storm leaves most of the city without power. Parts of the city did not have power for days.
05. 2014: Snowfall of 7 to 14 inches cover much of central Indiana. Temperatures colder than 10 below zero follow the snow in the coming days.
06. 2008: At Indianapolis, the record high temperature for the date is set at 63 degrees.
07. 1996: Snowfalls of 5 to 10 inches occur in central Indiana from the 6-8th. Drifts reported up to 10 feet close many roads.
08. 2008: In Carroll County, flooding causes millions of dollars in damages. Hundreds of homes are damaged or destroyed.
09. 1987: A snowstorm leaves 4 to 10 inches of snow across central Indiana
10. 1993: Around 5 inches of snow fall at Lafayette and Terre Haute. A wintry mix falls east of these areas.
11. 1975: Strong winds behind a cold front down hundreds of trees across Indiana and roll several mobile homes.
12. 1916: At Indianapolis, an arctic cold front moved through, taking the temperature from a high of 68 down to a low of 10. This marks the greatest single day temperature change, 58 degrees, in the city's records. The temperature kept dropping the next day, recording a high of 10 and a low of -1.
13. 1976: A tornado damages homes and outbuildings near Seymour. An electrical transmission tower is blown down as well, which caused 3 more towers to fall.
14. 1992: Four to six inches of snow fall across central Indiana. Wind gusts up to 40 mph cause 3 foot drifts across Howard County.

15. 1997: Freezing rain, sleet, and snow move across the area. Many places see 3 to 5 inches of snow by the time the storm ends on the 16th. Winds brought white out conditions on the 16th.
16. 1965: Across parts of central Indiana on the 15th and 16th, 12 inches of snow drift badly in high winds.
17. 1994: A major winter storm brings heavy snow to central and southern Indiana on the 16-17th.
17. 2005: The Wabash River crests at 29.4 feet near 11:00 PM, just prior to the Island Creek Levee failure in Sullivan County. More than 5000 acres of farmland are covered by water 7 to 8 feet deep.
18. 1996: At Newport, golf ball size hail falls.
19. 1994: At New Whiteland, the all-time state record low temperature is set at -36 degrees.
20. 1985: Bitter cold air moves into central Indiana, causing pipes to freeze and burst. The temperature dropped to -22 at Indianapolis.
21. 1983: An ice storm produces one quarter to one half inch ice accumulations across southern sections of central Indiana.
22. 1999: Estimated 70 mph thunderstorm winds rip the roofs off an agricultural building just west of Newberry in Greene County.
23. 1936: At Indianapolis, the record low temperature for the date is set at -18 degrees.
24. 1965: A tornado damages several houses and overturns a mobile home in New Market.
25. 1990: Widespread strong winds cause damage to billboards, roofs and unsecured items. Peak winds of over 60 mph are recorded in Martinsville and Kokomo.
26. 1978: The worst blizzard on record hits Indiana on the 25-27th. Up to 20 inches of snow fall in the central and south, with 40 inches in the north. Wind gusts to 55 mph cause 10 to 20 foot drifts and wind chills as low as -50 (*on the old wind chill scale*). A federal state of emergency is declared.
27. 1982: At points during the 23rd to the 31st of January, some roofs collapse in Indianapolis and Muncie due to the weight of snow.
28. 2009: A snow storm brings significant snow to much of central Indiana. Snowfall in the Indianapolis area exceeds 12 inches.
29. 2008: At Speedway, an EF-1 rated tornado strikes. In Avon, straight line winds of an estimated 100 mph occur.
30. 1966: At Indianapolis, the record low temperature for the date is set at -11 degrees.
31. 1982: At Indianapolis, the record snowfall for the date is set at 7.2 inches.