



February 2026 and Winter 2025-2026 Weather Summary

East Central Florida

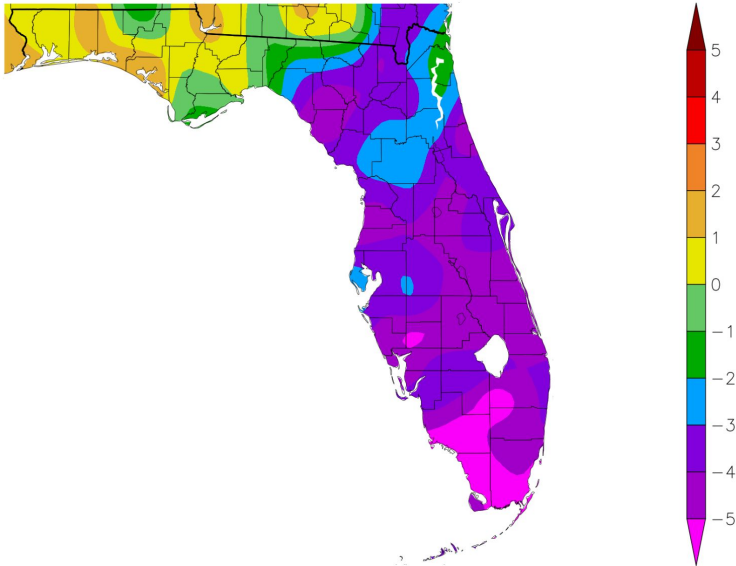
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February 2026 Temperature Summary

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February 2026 Average Temperature Departure from Normal (°F)



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- During the first couple nights of February 2026, an arctic airmass moved in, causing a couple of hard freezes and setting all-time record low temperatures for the month, with lows in the low to mid 20s. Additional strong cold fronts followed, leading to well below normal temperatures for the first several days of February.
- Temperatures largely rebounded into the latter half of the month, including record high temperatures during the 19th-21st (Daytona Beach tied its all-time February high temperature of 89°F on the 21st). However, another strong cold front again led to well below normal temperatures and additional freezes during the 23rd-25th.
- Overall, average temperatures for February 2026 ended up 3-5°F below normal, largely due to the significantly colder start to the month. It was the 9th coldest February (tying February 1963) at Fort Pierce, and 14th coldest February on record at Vero Beach.





February 2026 Average Temperature Statistics/Rankings

East Central Florida

Site	February 2026 Average Temperature	February Ranking (If in Top 15)
Daytona Beach (Records back to 1923)	58.1° (-3.3° from normal)	—
Leesburg (Records back to 1958)	59.3° (-3.3° from normal)	—
Sanford (Records back to 1948)	59.6° (-3.5° from normal)	—
Orlando (Records back to 1892)	60.4° (-3.2° from normal)	—
Melbourne (Records back to 1937)	60.3° (-3.7° from normal)	—
Vero Beach (Records back to 1942)	60.5° (-4.5° from normal)	14th Coldest
Fort Pierce (Records back to 1901)	59.8° (-5.0° from normal)	9th Coldest (Ties 1963)





February 2026 Temperature Records

East Central Florida



Daytona Beach

<u>Date</u>	<u>Record Type</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Record Last Set</u>
2/1	Low	*23*	30 (1936)
2/1	Cool High	44	47 (1980)
2/2	Low	25	32 (1980)
2/20	High	88	85 (1988)
2/21	High	*89*	87 (1989)



Sanford

<u>Date</u>	<u>Record Type</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Record Last Set</u>
2/1	Low	*23*	30 (1965)
2/1	Cool High	45	46 (1977)
2/2	Low	27	33 (1980)
2/3	Low	30	32 (1976)
2/20	High	88	86 (2019)
2/21	High	88	87 (2003)



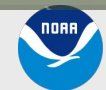
Leesburg

<u>Date</u>	<u>Record Type</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Record Last Set</u>
2/1	Low	*23*	30 (1979)
2/1	Cool High	44	52 (1978)
2/2	Low	29	29 (1980)
2/19	High	85	85 (2018)
2/20	High	88	86 (2018)
2/21	High	88	87 (2018)
2/23	Cool High	57	57 (1964)



Orlando

<u>Date</u>	<u>Record Type</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Record Last Set</u>
2/1	Low	24	28 (1936)
2/1	Cool High	46	48 (1936)
2/2	Low	28	32 (1980)
2/2	Cool High	54	54 (1951)
2/20	High	89	89 (1988)
2/21	High	89	88 (1989)





February 2026 Temperature Records (Continued)

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Melbourne

<u>Date</u>	<u>Record Type</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Record Last Set</u>
2/1	Low	25	32 (1966)
2/1	Cool High	47	55 (1948)
2/2	Low	*24*	33 (1980)
2/2	Cool High	55	55 (1994)
2/3	Low	29	35 (2021)
2/20	High	86	86 (1988)



Vero Beach

<u>Date</u>	<u>Record Type</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Record Last Set</u>
2/1	Low	*26*	29 (1966)
2/1	Cool High	47	56 (1966)
2/2	Low	27	34 (1980)
2/3	Low	31	32 (1976)



Fort Pierce

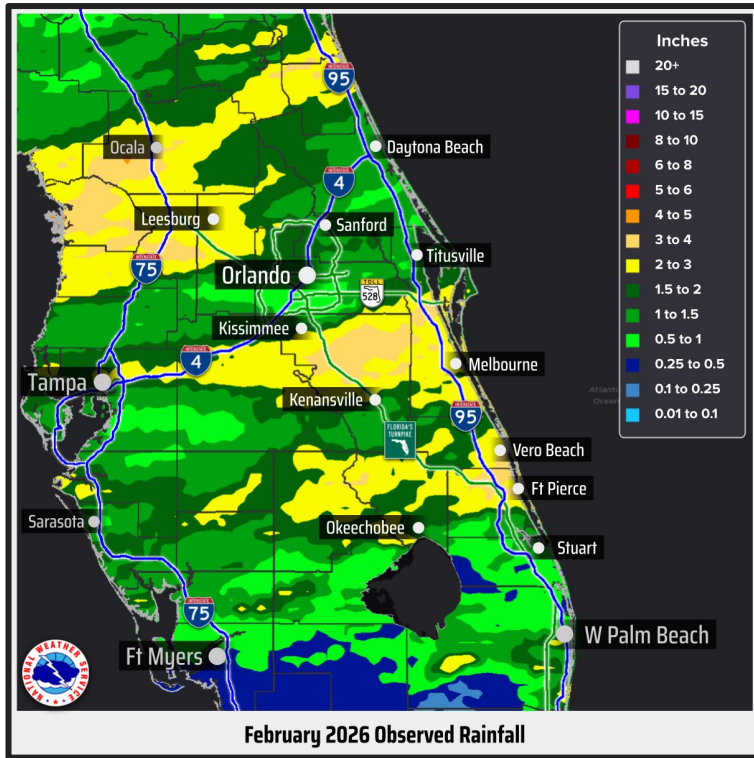
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2/1	Low	26	32 (1909)
2/1	Cool High	47	54 (1936)
2/2	Low	*23*	34 (1980)
2/2	Cool High	56	57 (1994)
2/23	Cool High	60	60 (1989)





February 2026 Rainfall Summary

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- Cold fronts that moved through the region led to rounds of showers and storms through the month.
- Most of the month's precipitation occurred along and ahead of two passing fronts, during the 15th-16th and the 27th-28th. Both Leesburg and Vero Beach recorded daily rainfall records during these periods, with 1.53 inches of rain: Leesburg's record was set on the 15th, and Vero Beach's on the 28th.
- Rainfall totals for February 2026 ranged from around 0.50-2.50 inches, leading to varying areas of near, above or below normal precipitation for the month.

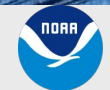




February 2026 Rainfall Statistics/Rankings

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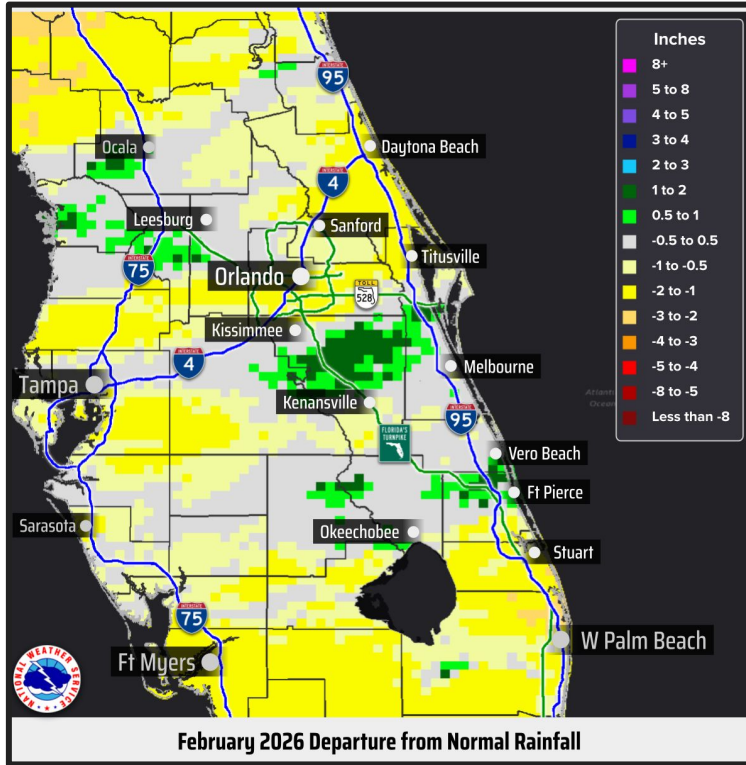
Site	February 2026 Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	February Ranking (If in Top 15)
Daytona Beach (Records back to 1923)	1.28"	-1.06"	—
Leesburg (Records back to 1958)	2.05"	-0.03"	—
Sanford (Records back to 1948)	1.08"	-1.17"	—
Orlando (Records back to 1892)	0.60"	-1.44"	—
Melbourne (Records back to 1937)	2.06"	+0.08"	—
Vero Beach (Records back to 1942)	2.88"	+0.68"	—
Fort Pierce (Records back to 1901)	2.25"	+0.08"	—





February 2026 Rainfall

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Station	February 2026 Rainfall	February Normal Rainfall	Departure From Normal
Daytona Beach	1.28"	2.34"	-1.06"
DeLand	0.85"	2.44"	-1.59"
Leesburg	2.05"	2.08"	-0.03"
Lisbon	2.35"	2.49"	-0.14"
Clermont	0.65"	2.29"	-1.64"
Sanford	1.08"	2.25"	-1.17"
Orlando	0.60"	2.04"	-1.44"
Titusville	0.83"	2.56"	-1.73"
Melbourne	2.06"	1.98"	0.08"
Vero Beach	2.88"	2.20"	0.68"
Fort Pierce	2.25"	2.17"	0.08"
Stuart	1.08"	2.61"	-1.53"





February 2026 Rainfall Records

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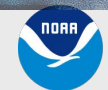
Leesburg

<u>Date</u>	<u>Record Type</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Record Last Set</u>
2/15	Rainfall	1.53"	1.24" (1969)



Vero Beach

<u>Date</u>	<u>Record Type</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Record Last Set</u>
2/28	Rainfall	1.53"	0.94" (1959)

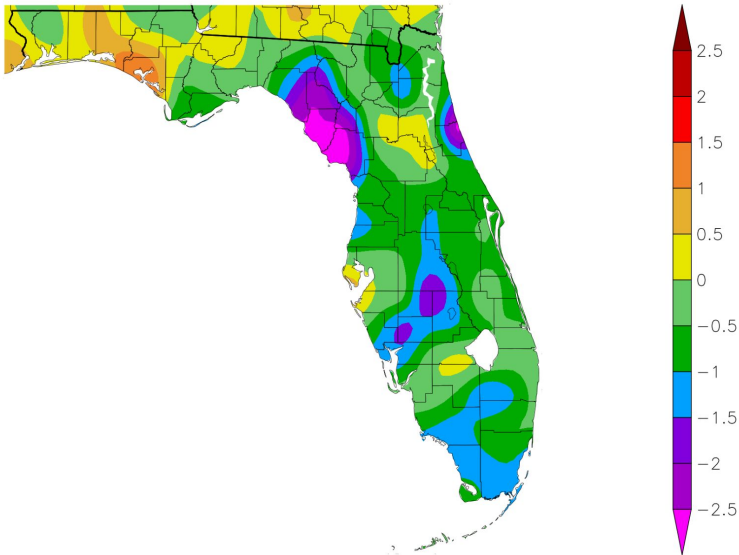




Winter 2025-2026 Temperature Summary

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Winter 2025-2026 Average Temperature Departure from Normal (°F)



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- An overall warmer than normal first half of the Winter season was overshadowed by strong cold frontal passages that led to significantly colder weather into the second half of January and into early February.
- Average temperatures from December 1st through January 14th ranged around 1-3°F above normal, while from January 15th through February 9th ranged around 6-8°F below normal across the area.
- The much colder latter half of the season offset the warmer beginning, leading to average temperatures for Winter 2025-2026 that were slightly below normal across the area (around 0.5-1.5°F below average).

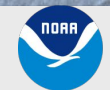




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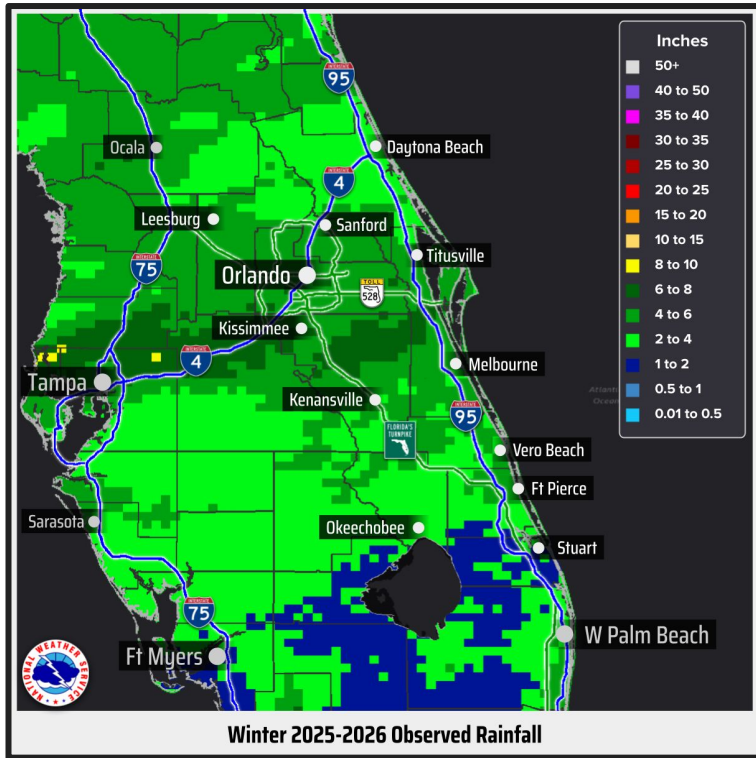
Site	Winter 2025-2026 Average Temperature	Winter Ranking (If in Top 15)
Daytona Beach (Records back to 1923)	59.7° (-0.9° from normal)	—
Leesburg (Records back to 1958)	60.2° (-1.2° from normal)	—
Sanford (Records back to 1948)	61.3° (-0.9° from normal)	—
Orlando (Records back to 1892)	62.1° (-0.4° from normal)	—
Melbourne (Records back to 1937)	62.6° (-0.9° from normal)	—
Vero Beach (Records back to 1942)	63.1° (-1.4° from normal)	—
Fort Pierce (Records back to 1901)	62.8° (-1.4° from normal)	—





Winter 2025-2026 Rainfall Summary

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- Passing cold fronts led to some increases in rainfall during the Winter, especially early in December and toward the end of February.
- However, rainfall during the season was infrequent and often on the lighter side, resulting in overall much drier than normal conditions. This led to the development and expansion of drought across east central Florida.
- Winter 2025-2026 precipitation totals for much of the area ranged from 2 to 5 inches for much of the area, which were 2 to 7 inches below normal for many locations. For some sites this season ranked within the top 15 driest Winters on record.

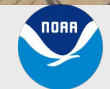




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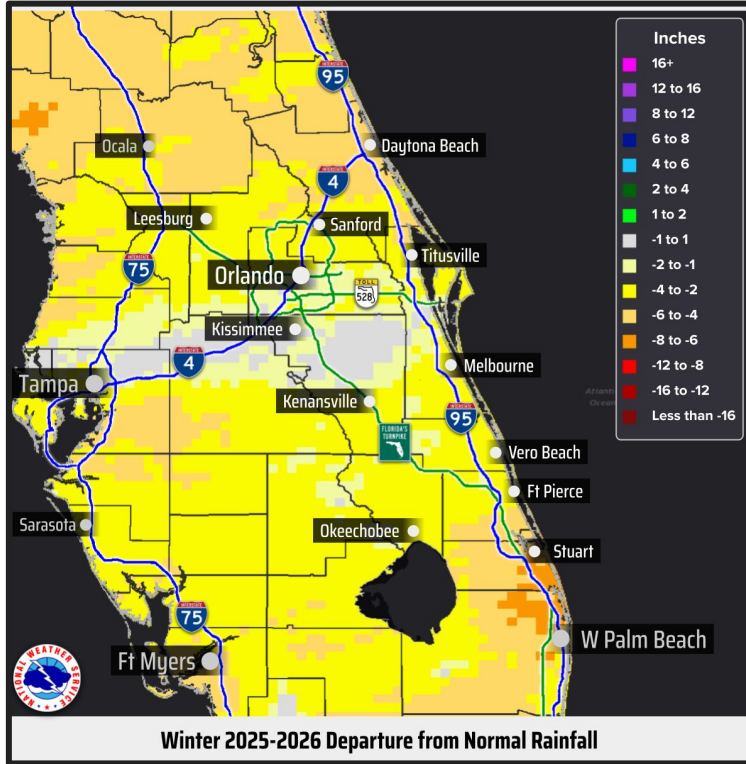
Site	Winter 2025-2026 Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Winter Ranking (If in Top 15)
Daytona Beach (Records back to 1923)	3.04"	-4.37"	10th Driest (Ties 2022-2023)
Leesburg (Records back to 1958)	4.15"	-2.61"	14th Driest
Sanford (Records back to 1948)	3.55"	-3.30"	10th Driest
Orlando (Records back to 1892)	4.42"	-2.58"	—
Melbourne (Records back to 1937)	3.65"	-3.32"	11th Driest
Vero Beach (Records back to 1942)	4.30"	-3.18"	—
Fort Pierce (Records back to 1901)	3.38"	-3.94"	—





Winter 2025-2026 Rainfall

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Station	Winter 2025-2026 Rainfall	Winter Normal Rainfall	Departure From Normal
Daytona Beach	3.04	7.41	-4.37
DeLand	3.03	8.16	-5.13
Leesburg	4.15	6.76	-2.61
Lisbon	4.61	7.56	-2.95
Clermont	5.60	7.92	-2.32
Sanford	3.55	6.85	-3.30
Orlando	4.42	7.00	-2.58
Titusville	4.99	7.96	-2.97
Melbourne	3.65	6.97	-3.32
Vero Beach	4.30	7.48	-3.18
Fort Pierce	3.38	7.32	-3.94
Stuart	1.80	8.83	-7.03

