

Monthly Climate Summary for the Florida Panhandle & Big Bend, Southwest Georgia, and Southeast Alabama

Valid for January 2026

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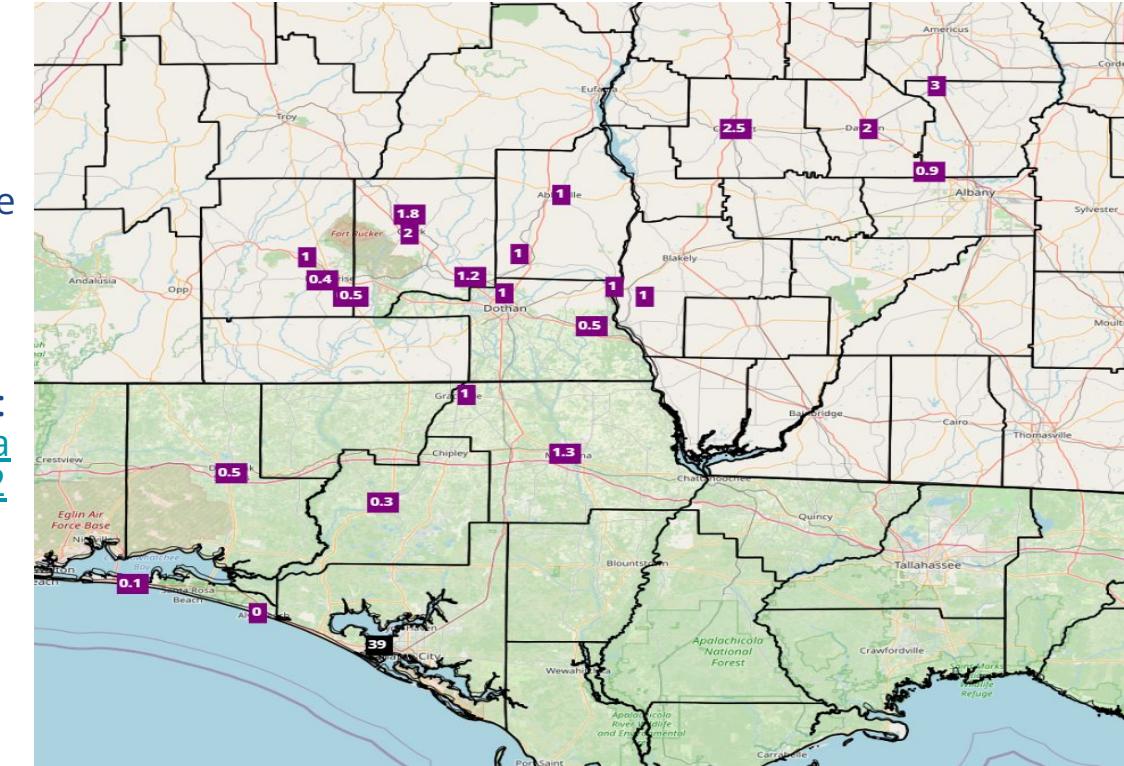




General Overview

Late-month winter precip and severe w

- Warm start to the year.
- Cold 2nd half of the month.
- Snowfall from parts of the FL Panhandle into SE AL, and Flint River Valley on the 18th.
- Severe weather on the 25th - 4 confirmed tornadoes, 1 significant EF-2
<https://mesonet.agron.iastate.edu/wx/afos/p.php?pil=PNSTAE&e=202601271525>
- Brief bout of snow flurries on the 31st.
- Widespread moderate drought with portions of the Tri-State area under extreme drought.



Snowfall reports in inches - January 18, 2026



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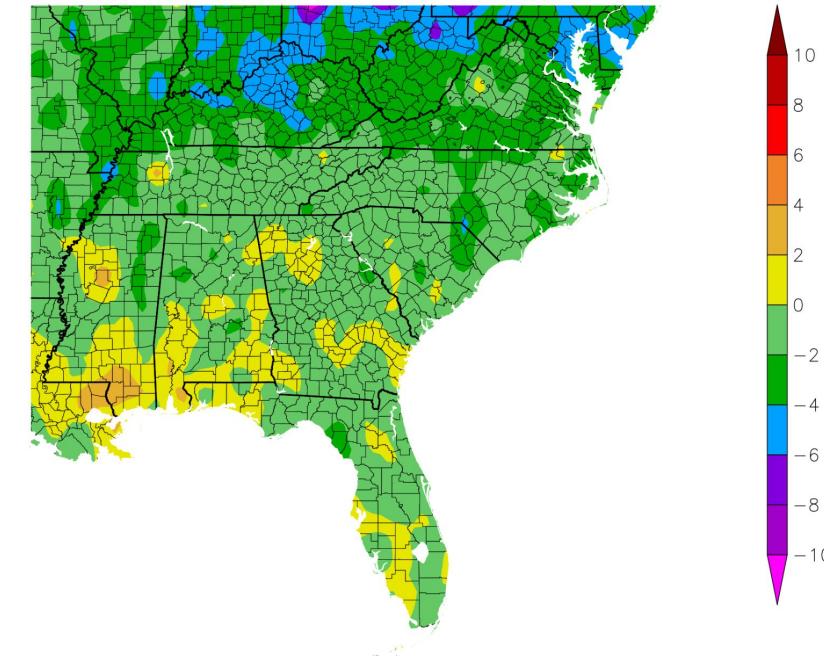


January 2026 Temperatures

Near to slightly cooler-than normal

- Tallahassee (TLH):
 - average monthly mean - 51.2°
 - highest/lowest temp - 82°/19°
- Apalachicola (AAF):
 - average monthly mean - 52.9°
 - highest/lowest temp - 77°/24°
- Panama City NW (ECP):
 - average monthly mean - 53.2°
 - highest/lowest temp - 80°/25°
- Marianna (MAI):
 - average monthly mean - 51.4°
 - highest/lowest temp - 83°/22°
- Valdosta (VLD):
 - average monthly mean - 50.6°
 - highest/lowest temp - 82°/21°
- Albany (ABY):
 - average monthly mean - 49.9°
 - highest/lowest temp - 82°/20°
- Dothan (DHN):
 - average monthly mean - 51.1°
 - highest/lowest temp - 82°/21°

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
1/1/2026 – 1/31/2026



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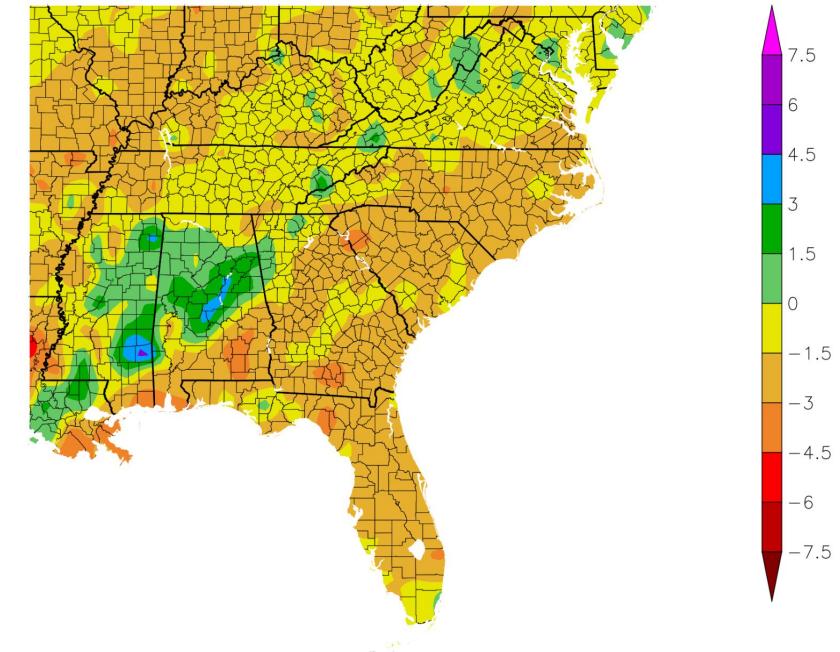


January 2026 Precipitation

Drier than normal

- Tallahassee (TLH):
 - monthly amount - 3.01 inches
 - 1.40 inches below normal
- Apalachicola (AAF):
 - monthly amount - 1.50 inches
 - Tied for 6th driest on record
- Panama City NW (ECP):
 - monthly amount - 3.31 inches
 - 1.38 inches below normal
- Marianna (MAI):
 - monthly amount - 2.68 inches
 - 1.36 inches below normal
- Valdosta (VLD):
 - monthly amount - 1.57 inches
 - 14th driest on record
- Albany (ABY):
 - monthly amount - 3.00 inches
 - 1.19 inches below normal
- Dothan (DHN):
 - monthly amount - 2.41 inches
 - 8th driest on record

Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
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Drought Monitor

Overall worsening drought - valid January 27, 2026

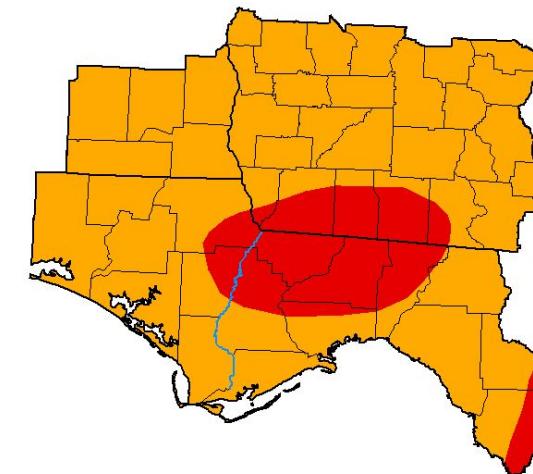
- **Extreme D3 Drought** - central portions of the Tri-State area, including Leon County, FL, and parts of the Suwannee Valley.
- **Severe D2 Drought** - SE AL, most of the FL Panhandle, SW GA, and FL Big Bend.
- One-class degradation in SE AL, FL Panhandle, SE FL Big Bend, and parts of SW GA over the previous 4 weeks, dating back to December 30.
- Another month lacking meaningful rainfall re-introduced D2 for much of the Tri-State area while adding the Suwannee Valley to D3.
- Very dry soils, low water levels, and reduced streamflows contributing to hydrological long-term drought status.
- https://www.weather.gov/media/tae/DGT/DGT_1AE_012926.pdf

U.S. Drought Monitor Tallahassee, FL WFO

January 27, 2026

(Released Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026)

Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)						
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	18.09	0.00
Last Week 01-20-2026	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	16.47	0.00
3 Months Ago 10-28-2025	0.00	100.00	100.00	83.16	45.26	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2026	0.00	100.00	100.00	46.72	10.97	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	1.00	99.00	92.99	33.10	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 01-28-2025	67.33	32.67	16.53	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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Image Caption: Weekly [Local Drought Monitor](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu) valid December 31, 2025

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February Normals

Based on current 30-yr climatology (1991-2020)

- Tallahassee (TLH):
 - mean monthly temp - 55.6°
 - high/low - 67.8°/43.5°
 - Number of freezing days - 5
 - mean monthly rainfall - 4.28 inches
- Apalachicola (AAF):
 - mean monthly temp - 56.8°
 - high/low - 66.3°/47.4°
 - Number of freezing days - 2
 - mean monthly rainfall - 4.17 inches
- Panama City NW (ECP):
 - mean monthly temp - 55.8°
 - high/low - 66.9°/44.7°
 - Number of freezing days - 2
 - mean monthly rainfall - 4.77 inches
- Marianna (MAI):
 - mean monthly temp - 55.4°
 - high/low - 67.1°/43.8°
 - Number of freezing days - 4
 - mean monthly rainfall - 4.49 inches
- Valdosta (VLD):
 - mean monthly temp - 54.6°
 - high/low - 67.0°/42.2°
 - Number of freezing days - 4
 - mean monthly rainfall - 3.31 inches
- Albany (ABY):
 - mean monthly temp - 54.0°
 - high/low - 66.0°/42.1°
 - Number of freezing days - 6
 - mean monthly rainfall - 4.01 inches
- Dothan (DHN):
 - mean monthly temp - 54.6°
 - high/low - 65.8°/43.3°
 - Number of freezing days - 4
 - mean monthly rainfall - 4.82 inches

Sources: [National Center for Environmental Information](#), NOAA [NOWData](#).



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