

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - January 2026

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
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ARKANSAS, Northwest

(AR-Z001) BENTON, (AR-Z002) CARROLL

01/06/26 00:00 CST	0	Drought
01/31/26 23:59 CST	0	

Northwestern Arkansas experienced only one widespread rain event in January, as well as a winter storm that affected the area. As a result, total precipitation across the region ranged from one and a half inches to three inches. The entire region experienced below average precipitation during the month, and much of the area only received between 25 and 50 percent of normal precipitation for the month. These dry conditions followed a dry November and a very dry December, and resulted in drought conditions developing during January across portions of northwest Arkansas. Severe (D2) drought conditions developed across portions of Benton and Carroll Counties during the month. Extreme (D3) drought conditions developed across portions of Benton County. Monetary damage estimates as a result of the drought were not available.

(AR-Z001) BENTON, (AR-Z002) CARROLL, (AR-Z010) WASHINGTON, (AR-Z011) MADISON, (AR-Z019) CRAWFORD, (AR-Z020) FRANKLIN, (AR-Z029) SEBASTIAN

01/23/26 20:00 CST	0	Winter Storm
01/25/26 14:00 CST	0	

A low pressure system moving east from off the Mexican Baja coast phased with a strong northern stream low pressure system over the Southern Plains. Precipitation began across northwestern Arkansas during the evening of the 23rd, as these systems approached the area. A couple rounds of heavy wintry precipitation fell across the region through the morning of the 25th. During the first round of precipitation, widespread snow, some heavy, fell north of I-40, with a mixture of sleet and freezing rain south of I-40. The second round began during the evening of the 24th and continued through the morning of the 25th. Heavy snow fell across the region, with periods of sleet at times in Sebastian, Crawford, and Franklin Counties. Storm totals of up to 12 inches of snow and up to 1.5 inches of sleet fell across the area.

OKLAHOMA, Eastern

(OK-Z049) PUSHMATAHA, (OK-Z053) CHOCTAW, (OK-Z057) CRAIG, (OK-Z058) OTTAWA, (OK-Z062) MAYES, (OK-Z063) DELAWARE, (OK-Z067) WAGONER, (OK-Z068) CHEROKEE, (OK-Z069) ADAIR, (OK-Z070) MUSKOGEE, (OK-Z073) PITTSBURG

01/06/26 00:00 CST	0	Drought
01/31/26 23:59 CST	0	

Eastern Oklahoma experienced only one widespread rain event in January, as well as a winter storm that affected the area. As a result, total precipitation across the region ranged from half an inch across much of northeastern and east central Oklahoma to four inches in far southeastern Oklahoma. The entire region experienced below average precipitation during the month, with the exception of small portions of Osage County. A lot of the area only received between 25 and 50 percent of normal precipitation for the month. These dry conditions followed a dry November and a very dry December, and resulted in drought conditions developing during January across portions of eastern Oklahoma. Severe (D2) drought conditions developed across much of Choctaw, Mayes, Cherokee, Adair, and Delaware Counties, as well as portions of Pushmataha, Pittsburg, Muskogee, Wagoner, Craig, and Ottawa Counties. Extreme (D3) drought conditions developed across portions of Ottawa, Delaware, and Choctaw Counties during the month. Monetary damage estimates as a result of the drought were not available.

OSAGE COUNTY --- 2.3 SSW WYNONA [36.52, -96.34]

01/08/26 08:40 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 57 kt)
01/08/26 08:40 CST	0	Source: Mesonet

The Oklahoma Mesonet station near Wynona measured thunderstorm wind gusts up to 66 mph.

OSAGE COUNTY --- 0.9 SSE WYNONA [36.54, -96.33], 0.7 ESE WYNONA [36.55, -96.32]

01/08/26 08:41 CST	0.20M	Tornado (EF1, L: 0.80 mi , W: 100 yd)
01/08/26 08:42 CST	0	Source: NWS Storm Survey

A tornado damaged the roofs of several homes, destroyed a large outbuilding, snapped power poles, and blew down trees. Based on this damage, maximum estimated wind in the tornado was 90 to 100 mph.

OSAGE COUNTY --- 2.3 SSW WYNONA [36.52, -96.34]

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	01/08/26 08:45 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 76 kt)
	01/08/26 08:45 CST		0	Source: Mesonet

The Oklahoma Mesonet station near Wynona measured thunderstorm wind gusts up to 88 mph.

A strong upper level disturbance and associated cold front translated into the Southern Plains on the 8th. An unseasonably warm and moist air mass had spread into eastern Oklahoma ahead of this system, which resulted in weak instability across the area. A line of thunderstorms developed into eastern Oklahoma from the west during the morning hours of the 8th. Strong wind fields and wind shear associated with the approaching upper level system, combined with the weak instability, supported an environment in which the stronger thunderstorms within the squall line were able to develop low level circulations. One such circulation resulted in a brief, weak tornado and wind gusts to 88 mph in Osage County.

(OK-Z049) PUSHMATAHA, (OK-Z053) CHOCTAW, (OK-Z054) OSAGE, (OK-Z055) WASHINGTON, (OK-Z056) NOWATA, (OK-Z057) CRAIG, (OK-Z058) OTTAWA, (OK-Z059) PAWNEE, (OK-Z060) TULSA, (OK-Z061) ROGERS, (OK-Z062) MAYES, (OK-Z063) DELAWARE, (OK-Z064) CREEK, (OK-Z065) OKFUSKEE, (OK-Z066) OKMULGEE, (OK-Z067) WAGONER, (OK-Z068) CHEROKEE, (OK-Z069) ADAIR, (OK-Z070) MUSKOGEE, (OK-Z071) MCINTOSH, (OK-Z072) SEQUOYAH, (OK-Z073) PITTSBURG, (OK-Z074) HASKELL, (OK-Z075) LATIMER, (OK-Z076) LE FLORE

01/23/26 19:00 CST	0	Winter Storm
01/25/26 14:00 CST	0	

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