

Over the week of February 12-18, 2026, Indiana generally received below normal rainfall except for a swath through southern Indiana which was near normal to above normal. No snowfall was reported in the state. Indiana generally received 0.00"-1.50" of precipitation with the highest amounts in the southern half of the state.

Mean temperatures for the week were above to much above normal and ranged from 32.0°F in northern Indiana to 45.4°F in southwest Indiana. Departure from normal temperature ranged from 2.9°F to 13.6°F. The highest maximum temperature was 71°F recorded in Indianapolis on February 18, 2026, and the lowest minimum was 11°F in Angola on February 13, 2026.

Soil moisture data from the NASA SPORT Real-time 3km Land Information System ranges from 20% to 70% for the 0-100cm Relative Soil Moisture with the areas of highest percentages in southeast Indiana. The lowest relative soil moistures are across northern parts of the state.

4" soil water content from the Indiana Mesonet Data Hub on February 19, 2026, indicates a range of 7.9% (very sandy soil) to 42.9% available water with a statewide average of 34.6%.

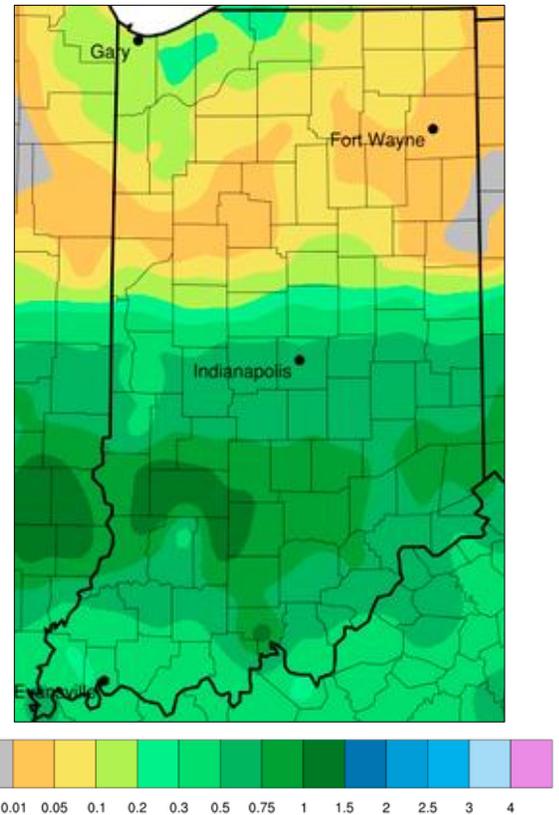


Figure 1. Accumulated precipitation (in.) for February 12-18, 2026, from MRCC.

USDM for the State of Indiana

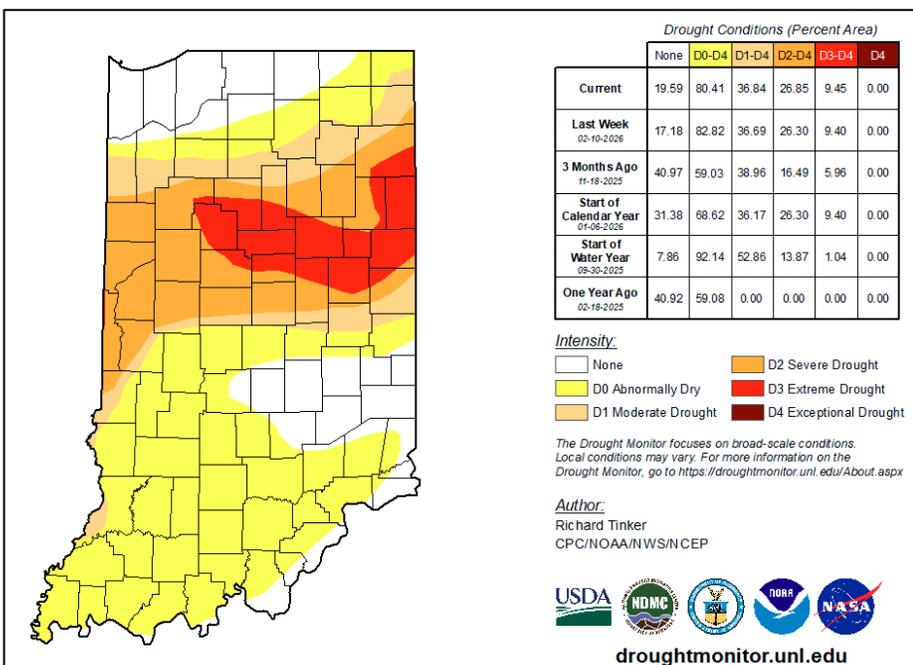


Figure 2. US Drought Monitor for the State of Indiana February 17, 2026.

The US Drought Monitor for the State of Indiana indicates drought conditions remaining mostly stable with an improvement just along the southeast border. Extreme drought conditions are identified in an area across north-central Indiana, from the eastern border towards the west. Severe drought conditions now extend towards to west-central border and are surrounded by moderate drought conditions. A small area of moderate drought conditions has popped up along the southwest boarder of the state. Abnormally dry conditions are indicated along the perimeter of northern drought areas and extending through the southwestern quarter of the state. Small areas in northwestern and southeastern Indiana indicate no drought.

Reservoir Levels as of February 19, 2026

Table 1. Reservoirs managed by United States Army Corp of Engineers.

Reservoir	Brookville	Cecil Harden	Cagles Mill	Monroe	Patoka	JE Roush	Salamonie	Mississinewa
Winter Pool ¹	740.0	640.0	636.0	538.0	532.0	737.0	730.0	712.0
Summer Pool ¹	748.0	662.0	639.5	538.0	536.0	749.0	755.0	737.0
Current Pool ¹	740.8	639.1	636.8	539.9	532.1	738.58	731.20	712.84
% Utilization ²	1.78	-0.78	0.53	8.29	0.80	1%	0%	1%

Table 2. Reservoirs managed by Citizens Energy Group* and NIPSCO**. Citizens Energy Group data is from January 27, 2026.

Reservoir	Eagle Creek ^{3*}	Geist ^{3*}	Morse ^{3*}	Lake Freeman ^{4**}	Lake Schafer ^{4**}
Normal Pool	790	784.26	809.44	610.35	645.15
Current Pool	788.96	784.41	809.66	610.39	645.19
% Utilization ²	-4.8%	--	--	--	--

¹All units in feet and datum NGVD29

²Percent of designed flood storage utilized. The other named reservoirs are not designed for flood storage.

³All units in feet and datum NAVD88.

⁴All units in feet Local Datum.

Groundwater Monitoring Network as of February 18, 2026

Groundwater wells across the state range from low to above normal. Data is reported from the U.S. Geological Survey Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Water Science Center.

Table 2. Groundwater level rankings relative to normal.

Low <5%		
Benton 4 Boone 17 Fulton 7 Grant 8 Hamilton 7 Jefferson 5	Knox 7 LaGrange 2 Noble 8 Parke 6 Posey 3 Pulaski 7	Randolph 3 Tippecanoe 18 Vigo 7 Wells 4 Whitley 3
Much Below 5-10%	Below 10-25%	Near Normal 25-75%
Cass 3 Harrison 8 Jasper 13 La Porte 9 Marion 39 Morgan 4 Wayne 6	Bartholomew 4 Clark 20 Elkhart 4 Knox 8 Marion 35 Shelby 2	Delaware 4 Grant 10 Lake 13 Martin 5 Newton 8 Vanderburgh 7
Above 75-90%	Much Above 90-95%	High >95%
None	Decatur 2	None

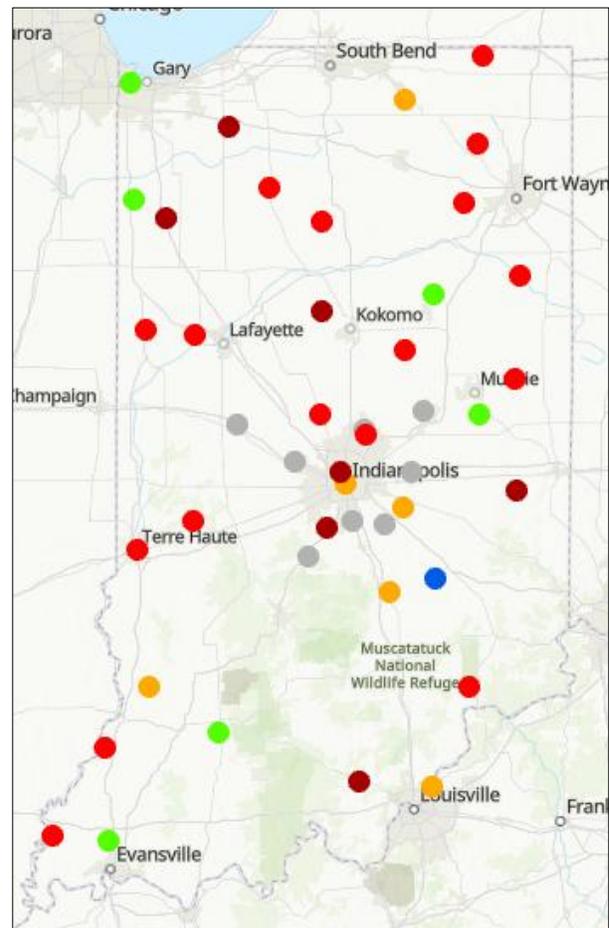


Figure 3. Map of USGS real-time groundwater monitoring wells.

Streamflow Conditions as of February 19, 2026

Streamflow conditions are generally below normal to much below normal across the state. There are 62 gauges reporting normal conditions for the date. There are 6 reporting above normal, 0 reporting much above normal, 0 reporting an all-time high for the date, 29 reporting below normal, 24 reporting much below normal, and 6 reporting an all-time low for the date. 63 gauges were not ranked due to no or insufficient measurements.

Currently, 37% of stream gauges indicate steady flow conditions; 17% are increasing, and 44% are decreasing.

Average observed streamflow at real-time USGS observing sites over the past 7-days ending February 17, 2026, averaged 4% reporting an all-time low, 22% much below normal, 27% below normal, 44% near normal, 3% above normal, 1% much above normal, and 0% reporting an all-time high.

USGS reports no streams in “action”, “minor”, “moderate”, or “major” flood stage. The NWS reports 6 stream gauges in “action” stage and no stream gauges in “minor”, “moderate”, or “major” flood stage. The NWS Long Range Flood Outlooks indicates a 50% or greater chance that 2 gauges will exceed moderate flood levels and 28 gauges will exceed minor flood levels in southern, western, and northeast Indiana through April.

NOAA 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast

For February 19, 2026, the 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast valid for February 19-26, 2026, predicts 0.10”-1.0” across the state with the highest amounts predicted in central Indiana. Precipitation is predicted throughout the week.

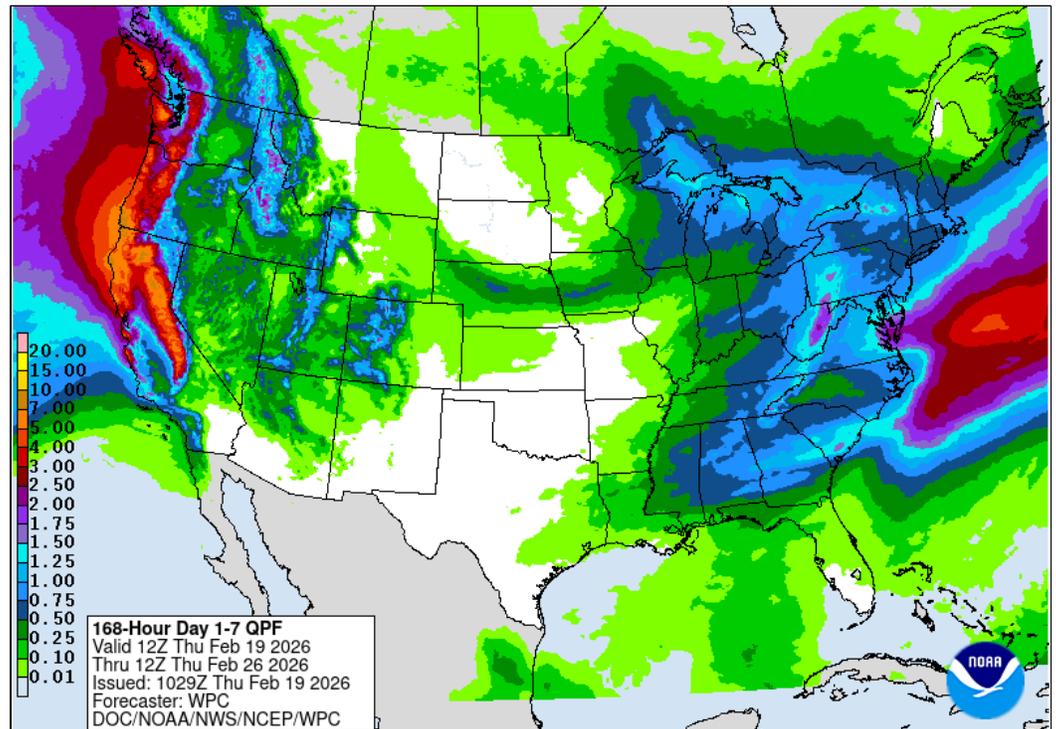


Figure 4. Map of USGS streamflow gauges for Indiana.

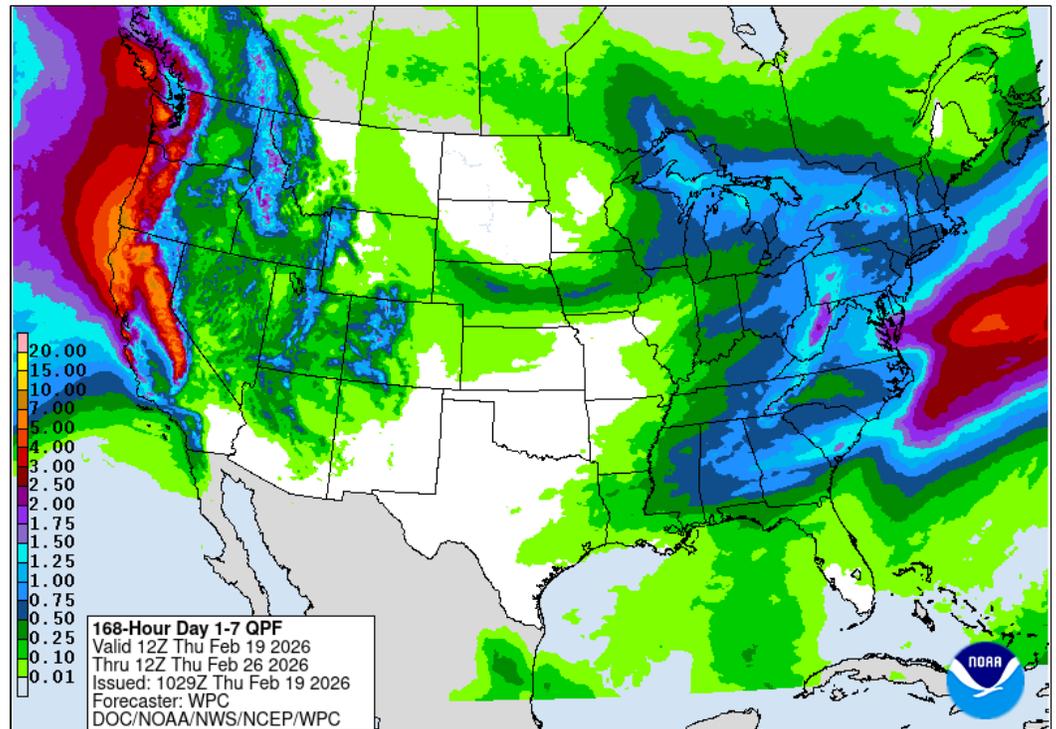
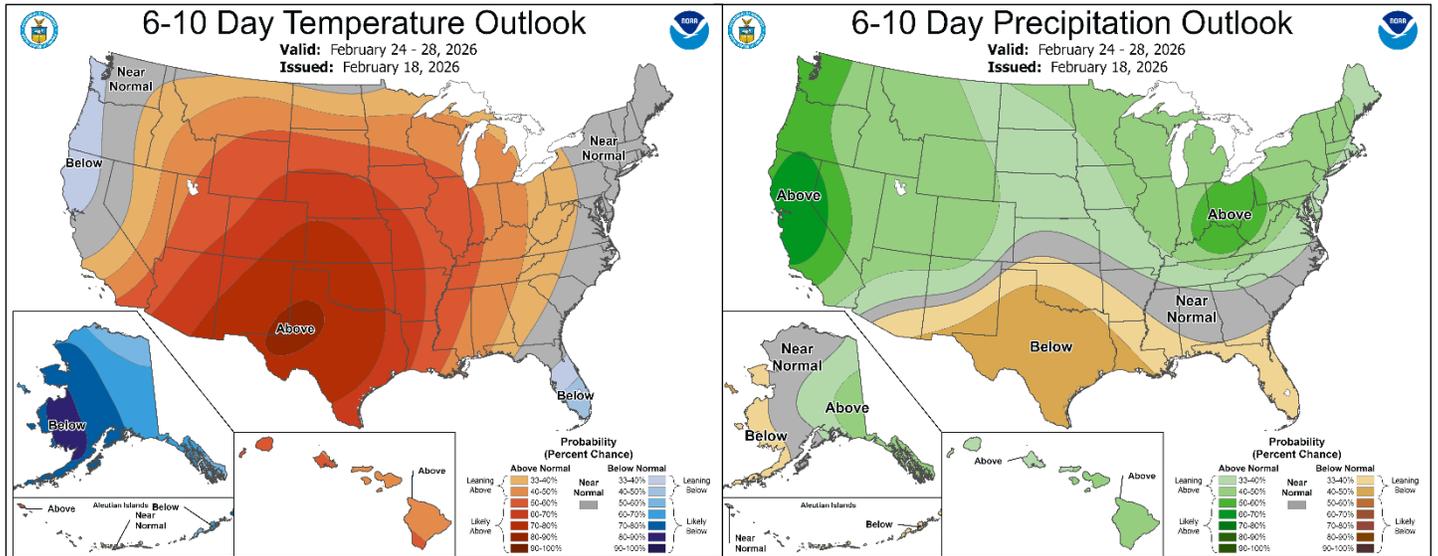


Figure 5. NOAA 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast, February 19, 2026.

NOAA National Weather Service 6-10 Day Outlook

The 6-10 Day Temperature Outlook for February 24-28, 2026, projects 40-60% chance of above normal conditions across the state. The 6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook projects a 40-60% chance of above normal precipitation across the state.



Figures 6-7. 6-10 Day Temperature and Precipitation Outlook for the US

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[NIPSCO Hydro Plant Lakes](#)

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[USGS Water Watch](#)

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[US Drought Monitor](#)

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