

Over the week of March 5-11, 2026, Indiana received well above normal amount of precipitation. Indiana generally received 0.50"-5.0" of precipitation with the highest amounts in the northeast corner and along the southern border of the state. The highest 1-day maximum for the week was reported on March 11, 2026 in Noble County as 4.55".

Mean temperatures for the week were well above normal and ranged from 48.8°F in northeast Indiana to 63.8°F in southwest Indiana. Departure from normal temperature ranged from 15.1°F to 21.8°F. The highest maximum temperature was 84°F recorded in Perry County on March 6, 2026, and the lowest minimum was 27°F in Howard County on March 9, 2026.

Soil moisture data from the NASA SPORT Real-time 3km Land Information System ranges from 25% to 70% for the 0-100cm Relative Soil Moisture with the highest percentages in central and southern Indiana. The lowest relative soil moistures are across the northern third of the state and towards the eastern and western borders. .

4" soil water content from the Indiana Mesonet Data Hub on March 12, 2026, indicates a range of 8.3% (very sandy soil) to 43.2% available water with a statewide average of 35.8%.

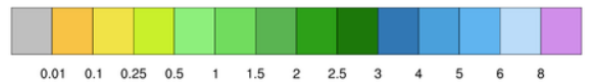
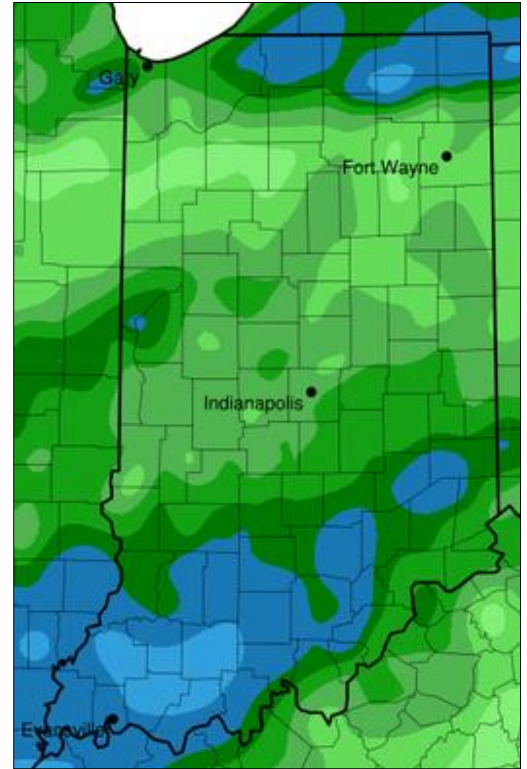


Figure 1. Accumulated precipitation (in.) for March 5-11, 2026, from MRCC.

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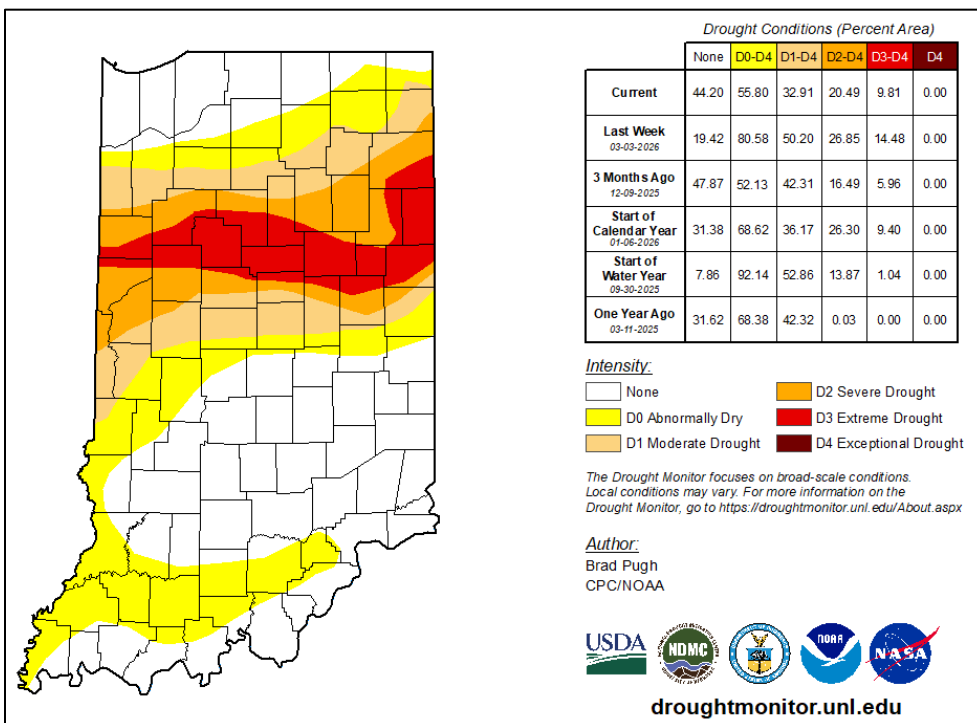


Figure 2. US Drought Monitor for the State of Indiana March 10, 2026.

The US Drought Monitor for the State of Indiana indicates improved drought conditions. Severe drought, moderate drought, and abnormally dry conditions surround a swath of extreme drought conditions that remains across the northern third of the state. Abnormally dry conditions extend south along the western border of the state and extend east across south-central Indiana. A small area across northern Indiana and much of south-central and southeastern Indiana indicate no drought.

Reservoir Levels as of March 12, 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	748.6	656.0	659.1	546.5	535.7	742.61	735.25	714.58
% Utilization ²	19.78	15.48	20.97	40.94	20.14	9.1	8.3	3.8

Table 2. Reservoirs managed by Citizens Energy Group* and NIPSCO**.

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	788.71	784.61	809.79	610.40	645.21
% Utilization ²	-5.3%	--	--	--	--

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 March 11, 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 Cass 3 Elkhart 4 Fulton 7 Grant 8	Hamilton 7 Jasper 13 La Porte 9 LaGrange 2 Noble 8 Parke 6	Pulaski 7 Randolph 3 Tippecanoe 18 Vigo 7 Wells 4 Whitley 3
Much Below 5-10%	Below 10-25%	Near Normal 25-75%
Jefferson 5 Knox 8	Knox 7 Marion 35 Marion 39 Morgan 4 Newton 8 Posey 3	Bartholomew 4 Delaware 4 Grant 10 Lake 13 Martin 5 Shelby 2 Vanderburgh 7 Wayne 6
Above 75-90%	Much Above 90-95%	High >95%
Clark 20 Decatur 2 Harrison 8	None	None

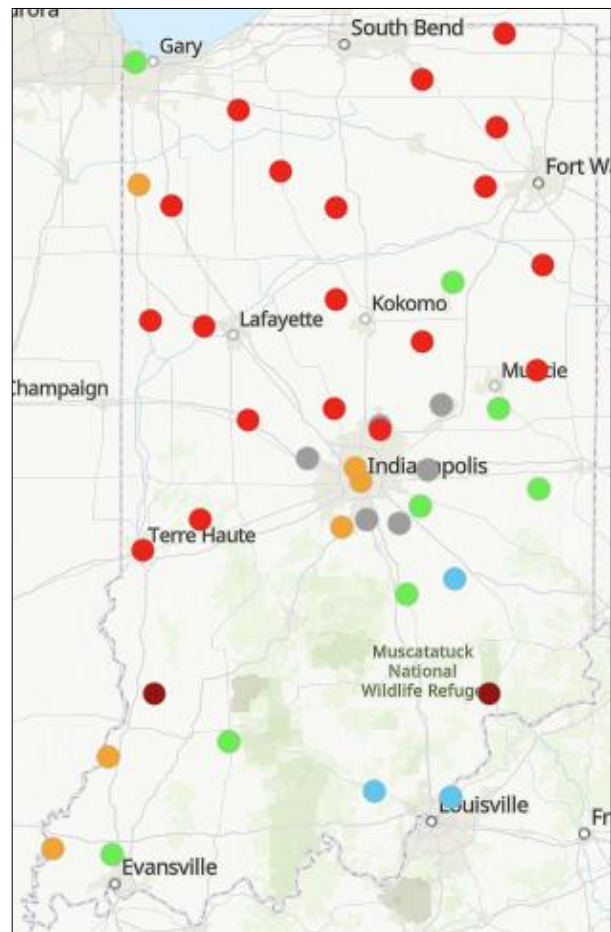


Figure 3. Map of USGS real-time groundwater monitoring wells.

Streamflow Conditions as of March 12, 2026

Streamflow conditions range from near normal to much above normal across the state with high values in the south and low values in the north. There are 45 gauges reporting normal conditions for the date. There are 42 reporting above normal, 31 reporting much above normal, 0 reporting an all-time high for the date, 7 reporting below normal, 1 reporting much below normal, and 1 reporting an all-time low for the date.

Currently, 9% of stream gauges indicate steady flow conditions; 28% are increasing, and 61% are decreasing.

USGS reports 15 streams in “action” stage, 8 streams in “minor” flood stage, 3 streams in “moderate” flood stage, and no streams in “major” flood stage.

The NWS reports 20 stream gauges in “action” stage, 16 stream gauges in “minor” flood stage, 4 streams in “moderate” flood stage, and no streams in “major” flood stage. The NWS Long Range Flood Outlooks indicates a 50% or greater chance of 2 gauges exceeding major flood levels, 15 exceeding moderate flood stages, and 82 gauges will exceed minor flood levels in southern, western, and northeast Indiana through May.

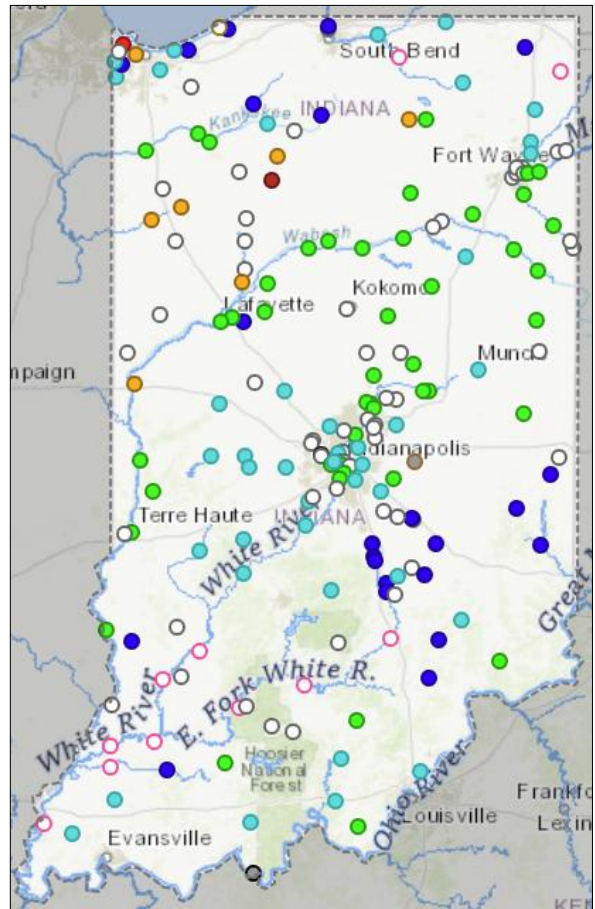


Figure 4. Map of USGS streamflow gauges for Indiana.

NOAA 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast

For March 12, 2026, the 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast valid for March 12-19, 2026, predicts 0.5”-1.75” across the state with the highest amounts predicted along the northern border. Precipitation is predicted throughout the week but highest mid-week.

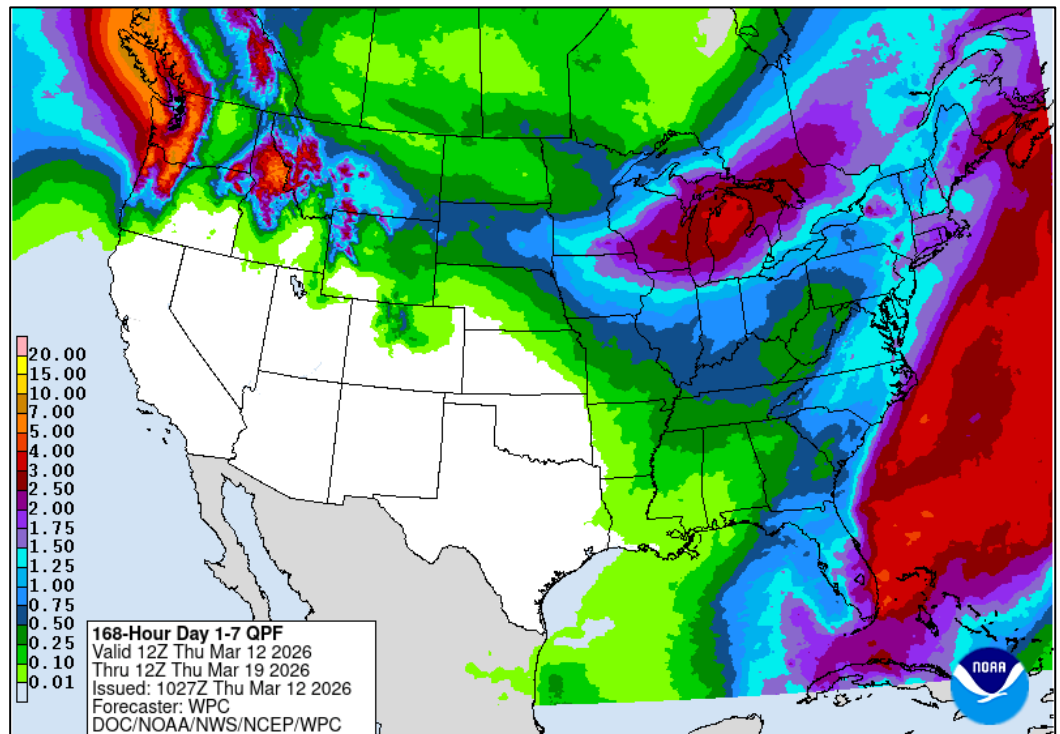
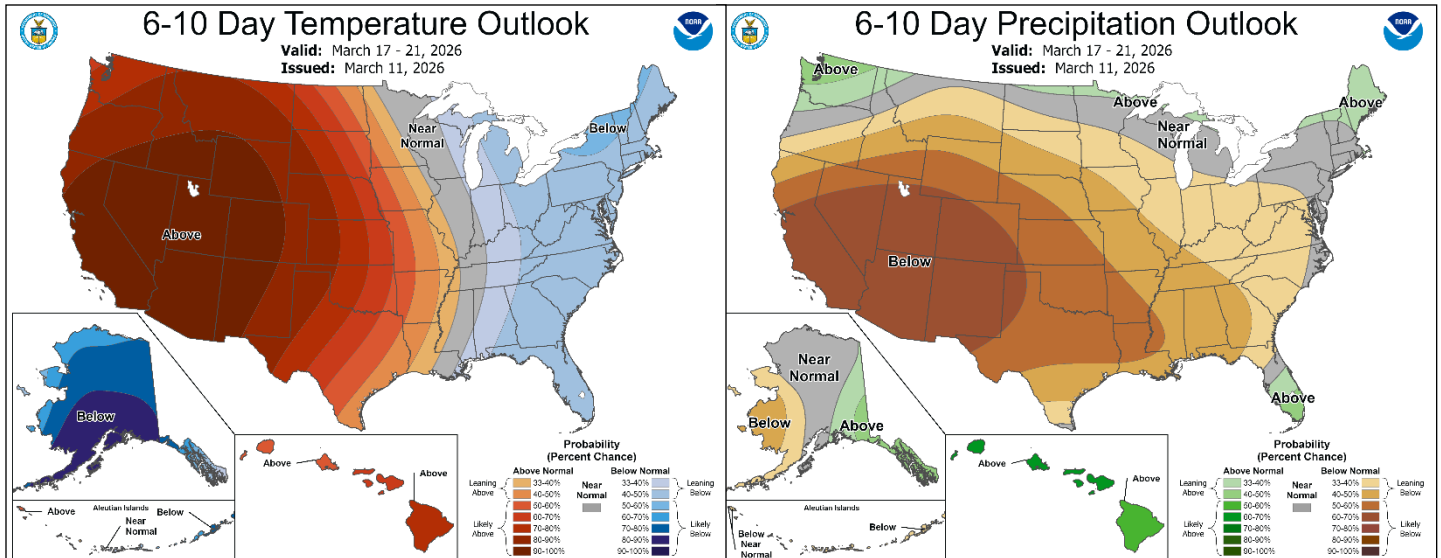


Figure 5. NOAA 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast, March 12, 2026.

NOAA National Weather Service 6-10 Day Outlook

The 6-10 Day Temperature Outlook for March 17-21, 2026, projects a 33-40% chance of below normal conditions across much of the state with the near normal conditions predicted in southwestern Indiana. The 6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook projects a 33-40% chance of below normal precipitation across the entire 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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Streamflow data:

[USGS National Water Dashboard](#)

[NWS River Forecasts](#)

[USGS Water Watch](#)

Drought data:

[US Drought Monitor](#)

Forecast:

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