

Over the week of March 12-18, 2026, Indiana received near to above normal amount of precipitation. Indiana generally received 0.50"-3.0" of precipitation with the highest amounts in south-central part of the state. Indiana generally received 0.00"-5.0" of snow with most of the state receiving less than an inch and the highest amounts reported in north-central Indiana.

Mean temperatures for the week were below to above normal and ranged from 30.2°F in northern Indiana to 52.1°F in southwest Indiana. Departure from normal temperature ranged from -6.3°F to 9.0°F. The highest maximum temperature was 81°F recorded in Shoals on March 12, 2026, and the lowest minimum was 5°F in Columbus on March 18, 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 over half the state at 50% or higher. The highest percentages were reported in north-central and southeastern Indiana. The lowest relative soil moistures are across the northern third of the state.

4" soil water content from the Indiana Mesonet Data Hub on March 19, 2026, indicates a range of 8.1% (very sandy soil) to 43.0% available water with a statewide average of 34.8%.

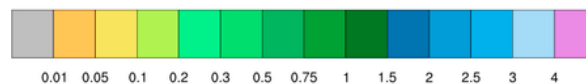
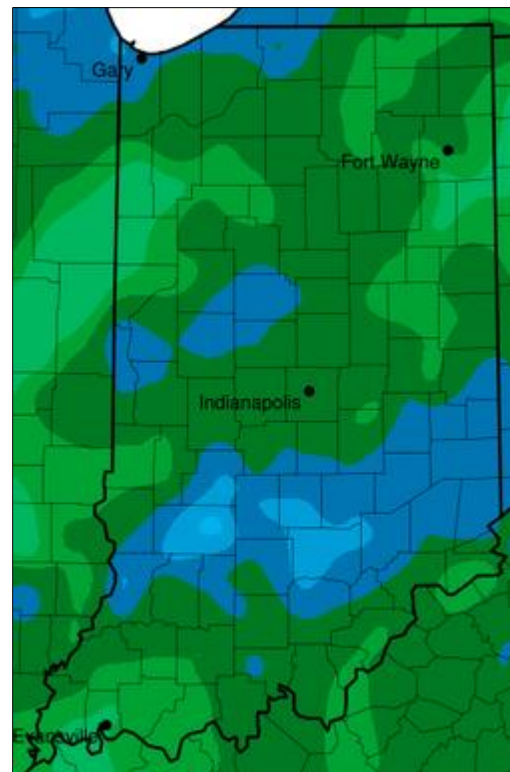


Figure 1. Accumulated precipitation (in.) for March 12-18, 2026, from MRCC.

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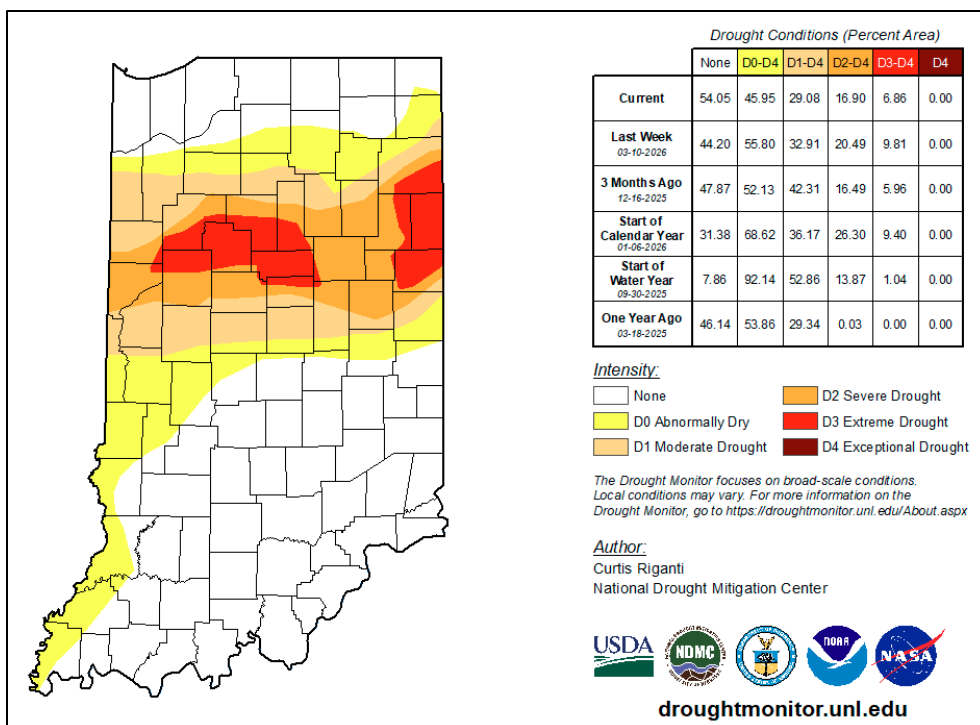


Figure 2. US Drought Monitor for the State of Indiana March 17, 2026.

The US Drought Monitor for the State of Indiana indicates improved drought conditions. Severe drought, moderate drought, and abnormally dry conditions surround a couple isolated areas of extreme drought conditions that remain across the northern third of the state. Abnormally dry conditions extend south along the western border of the state. A small area across northern Indiana and much of southern Indiana indicate no drought.

Reservoir Levels as of March 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	745.0	656.3	662.0	547.8	536.1	737.68	735.20	719.44
% Utilization ²	9.64	12.70	24.46	47.81	22.34	0.2	2.2	3.2

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	788.88	784.55	809.78	610.43	645.20
% Utilization ²	-5.2%	--	--	--	--

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 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. Data was not provided for Cass 3 and Delaware 4.

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

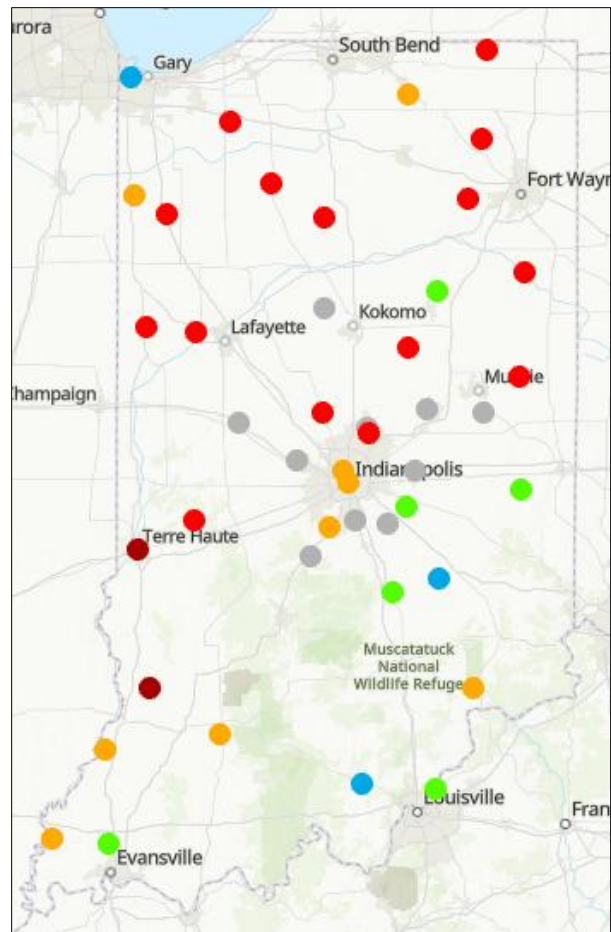


Figure 3. Map of USGS real-time groundwater monitoring wells.

Streamflow Conditions as of March 19, 2026

Streamflow conditions were generally normal across the state with high values in the south and far north and low values in the north. There are 71 gauges reporting normal conditions for the date. There are 14 reporting above normal, 6 reporting much above normal, 0 reporting an all-time high for the date, 20 reporting below normal, 12 reporting much below normal, and 4 reporting an all-time low for the date.

Currently, 37% of stream gauges indicate steady flow conditions; 9% are increasing, and 52% are decreasing.

USGS reports 4 streams in “action” stage, 5 streams in “minor” flood stage, and no streams in “moderate” or “major” flood stage.

The NWS reports 10 stream gauges in “action” stage, 7 stream gauges in “minor” flood stage, and no streams in “moderate” or “major” flood stage. The NWS Long Range Flood Outlooks indicates a 50% or greater chance of 20 gauges exceeding minor flood levels in southern, western, and northeast Indiana through May.

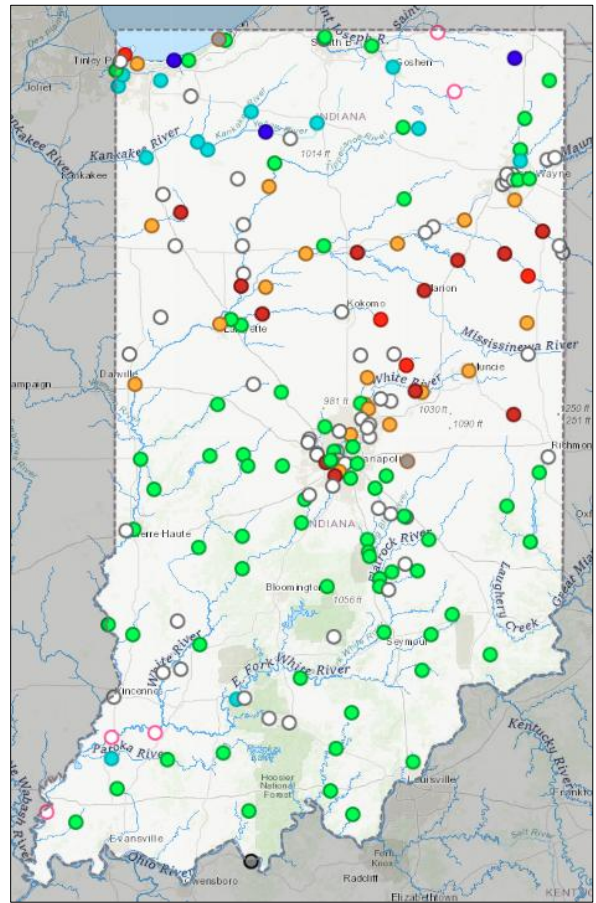


Figure 4. Map of USGS streamflow gauges for Indiana.

NOAA 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast

For March 19, 2026, the 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast valid for March 19-26, 2026, predicts 0.00”-0.10” with much of the state having no precipitation and isolated areas along the northeastern and southeastern borders with up to 0.10” predicted. Precipitation is predicted later in the week.

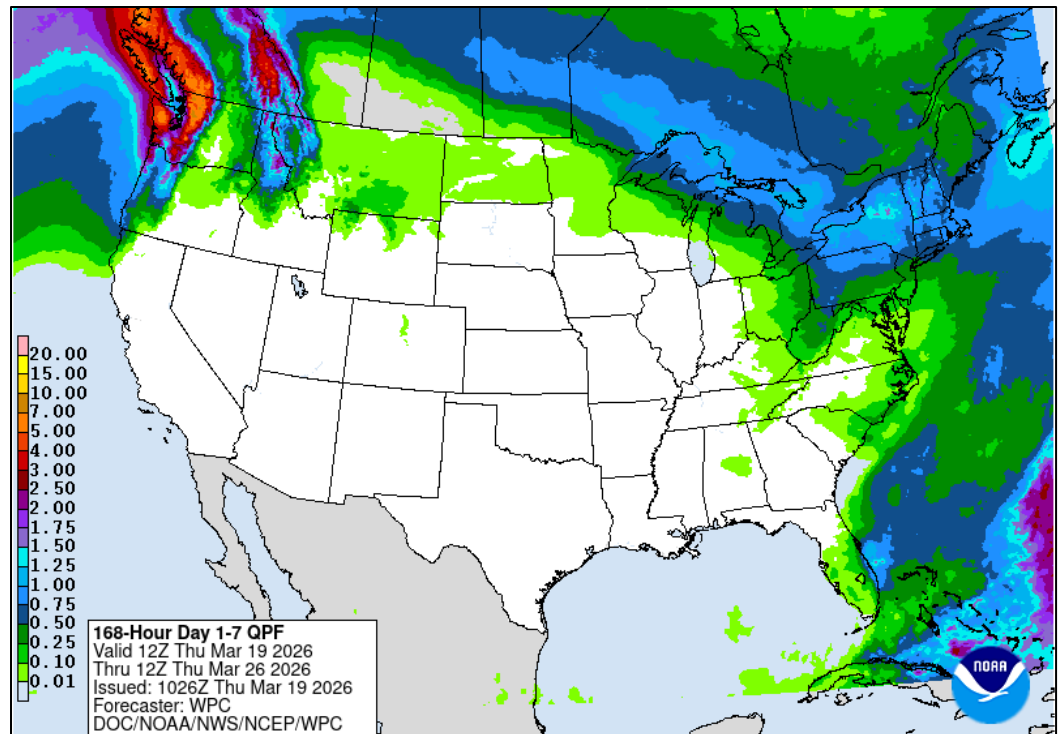
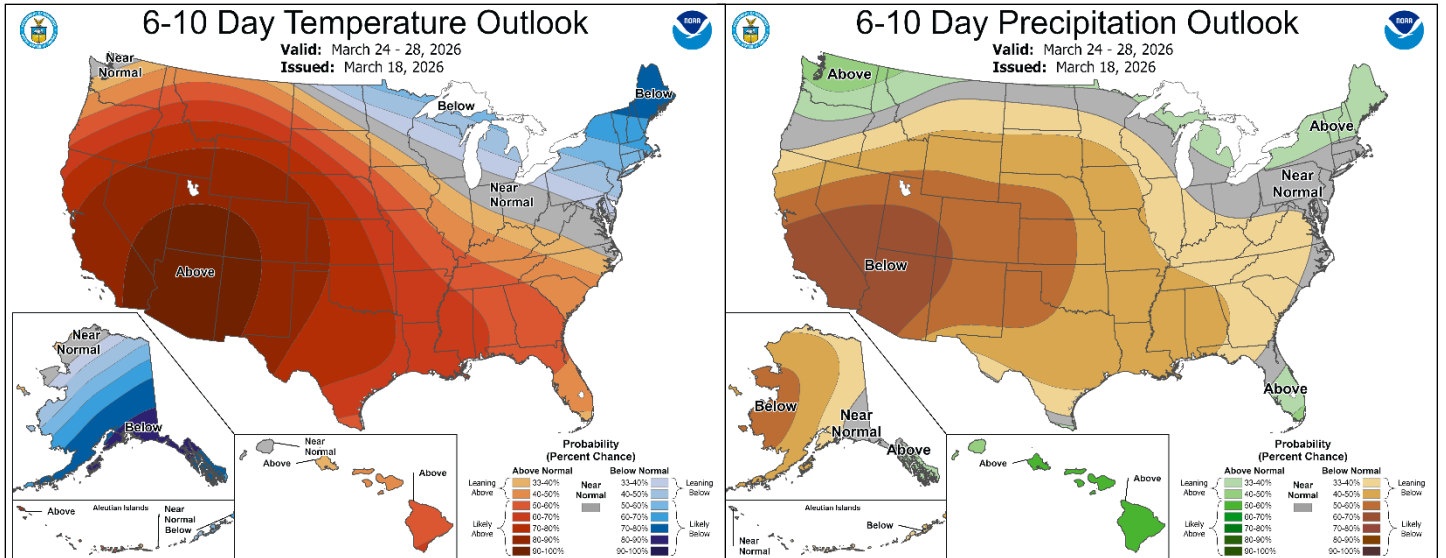


Figure 5. NOAA 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast, March 19, 2026.

NOAA National Weather Service 6-10 Day Outlook

The 6-10 Day Temperature Outlook for March 24-28, 2026, projects a near normal up to 60% chance of above normal conditions across the state. The 6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook projects a near normal up to 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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