

Over the week of September 10-16, 2026, Indiana received near normal precipitation except for isolated strips across the state receiving above normal. The state generally received 0.01"-5.0" of precipitation, with the lowest amounts reported in west-central Indiana. The highest reported total precipitation for the week was 5.56" in Huntington County.

Average temperatures for the week were above normal and ranged from 66.4°F in northern Indiana to 79.1°F in southwest Indiana. Departure from normal temperature ranged from 2.3°F to 9.0°F. The highest maximum temperature of 98°F was reported in Sullivan, Martin, and Knox Counties on September 14th. The lowest minimum temperature of 44°F was reported in Elkhart and Starke Counties on September 14th and 15th, respectively.

Soil moisture data from the NASA SPORT Real-time 3km Land Information System for 0-100cm Relative Soil Moisture ranges from <5% to 50% available water across much of the state. Lowest percentages occur in southwestern and south-central areas of the state.

4" soil water content from the Indiana Mesonet Data Hub on September 17, 2026, indicates a range of 10.8% (very sandy soil) to 42.0% available water with a statewide average of 27.4%.

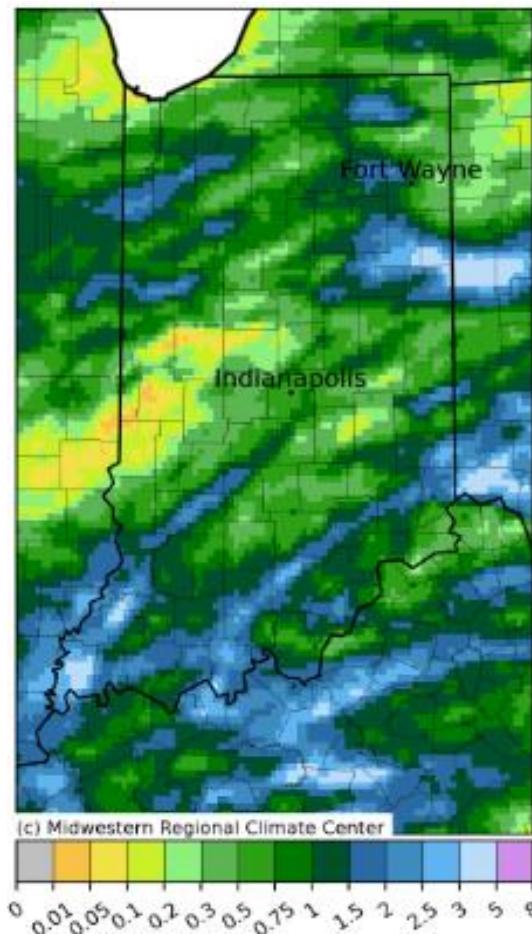
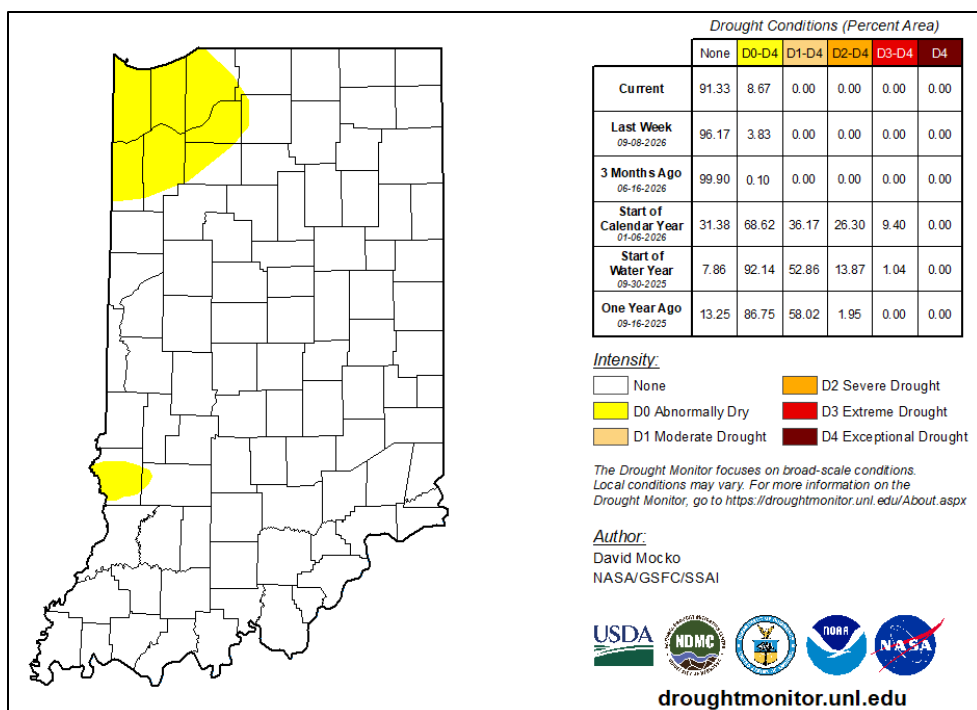


Figure 1. Accumulated precipitation (in.) for September 10-16, 2026, from MRCC.

USDM for the State of Indiana



The US Drought Monitor for the State of Indiana effective September 15, 2026, indicates isolated areas of abnormally dry conditions along the Lower Wabash River in Sullivan and Greene Counties and in the northwestern corner of the state.

The remaining 91.33% of the state reports no drought conditions.

Figure 2. US Drought Monitor for the State of Indiana September 15, 2026.

Reservoir Levels as of September 17, 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	748.7	662.2	639.6	538.3	539.9	757.30	756.70	737.91
% Utilization ²	2.02	0.42	0.11	1.14	29.82	6.3	2.4	1.0

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	790.52	784.26	809.44	610.35	645.15
Current Pool	790.41	784.46	809.66	610.34	645.10
% Utilization ²	1.9%	--	--	--	--

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 September 17, 2026

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

Table 1. Groundwater level rankings relative to normal. Data was not provided for Hamilton 7.

Low <5%	Much Below 5-10%	Below 10-25%
Noble 8 Whitley 3	LaGrange 2 Montgomery 8	Knox 7 Vanderburgh 7
Near Normal 25-75%		
Bartholomew 4 Benton 4 Boone 17 Cass 3 Clark 20 Elkhart 4 Fulton 7 Grant 8	Grant 10 Harrison 8 Jasper 13 Jefferson 5 Knox 8 La Porte 9 Marion 35 Marion 39	Martin 5 Morgan 5 Parke 6 Posey 3 Randolph 3 Tippecanoe 18 Wells 4
Above 75-90%	Much Above 90-95%	High >95%
Decatur 2 Newton 8 Pulaski 7 Shelby 2 Vigo 7	Delaware 4	Lake 13 Morgan 4 Wayne 6

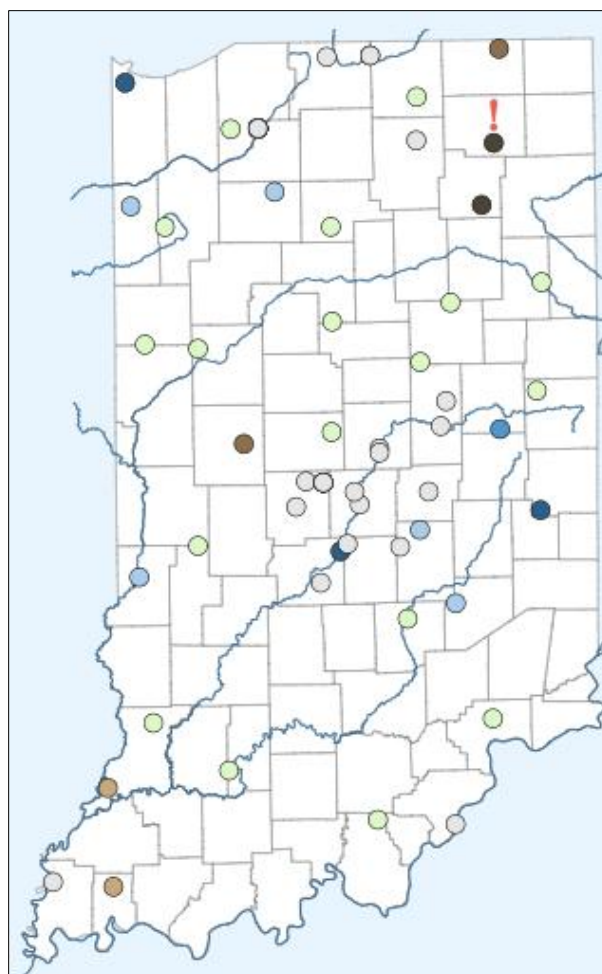


Figure 3. Map of USGS real-time groundwater monitoring wells, as of September 17, 2026. Page 2 of 4

Streamflow Conditions as of September 17, 2026

Streamflow conditions, as of September 17, 2026, generally range from normal to above normal across the state. There are 44 gages reporting normal conditions for the date. There are 53 reporting above normal, 19 reporting much above normal, 11 reporting an all-time high for the date, 0 reporting below normal, 1 reporting much below normal, and 0 reporting an all-time low for the date.

Currently, 35% of stream gages indicate steady flow conditions; 36% are increasing, and 26% are decreasing.

USGS/NWS reports 1 gage in “action,” 1 gage in “minor,” 1 gage in “moderate,” and none in “major” flood stages.

The NWS Long Range Flood Outlooks indicates 8 gages with a 50% or greater chance of experiencing “minor” flood stage in Indiana through November.

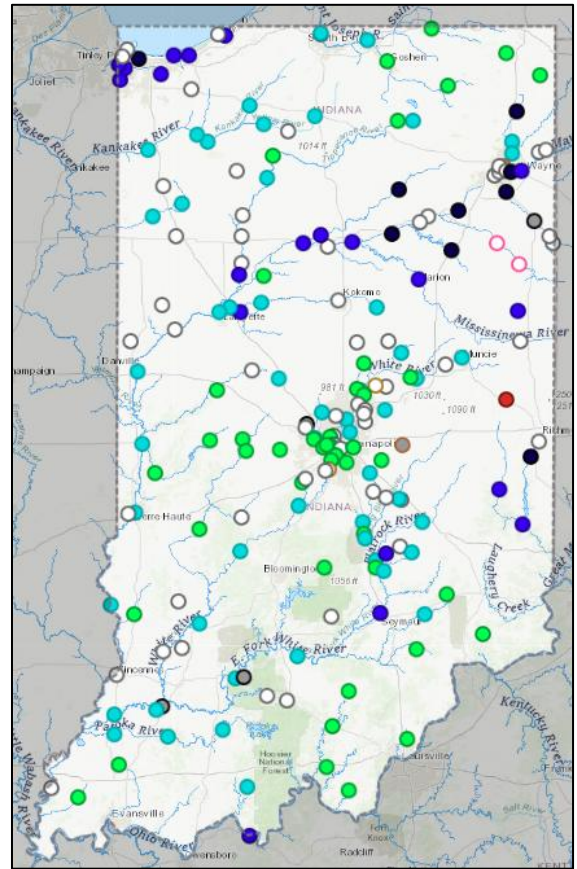


Figure 4. Map of USGS streamflow gauges for Indiana.

NOAA 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast

For September 17, 2026, the 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast valid for September 17-24, 2026, predicts 0.10” in the southwestern part of the state up to 3.00” in the northwestern corner of the state. Precipitation is predicted throughout the week with the greatest amounts predicted for mid-week.

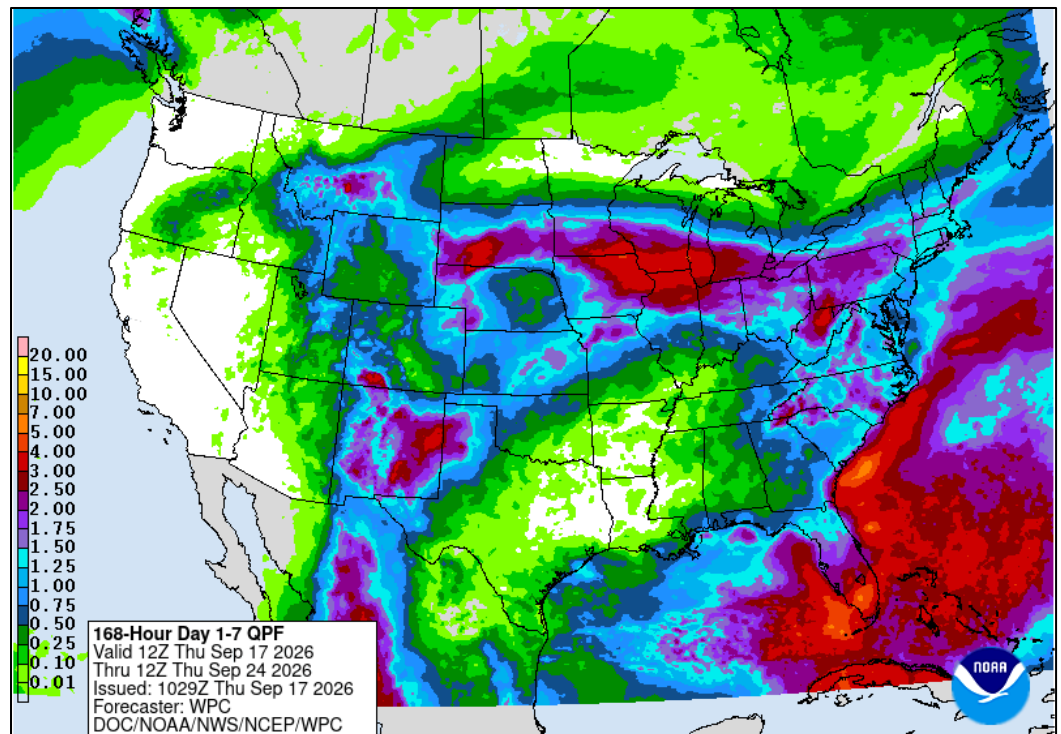
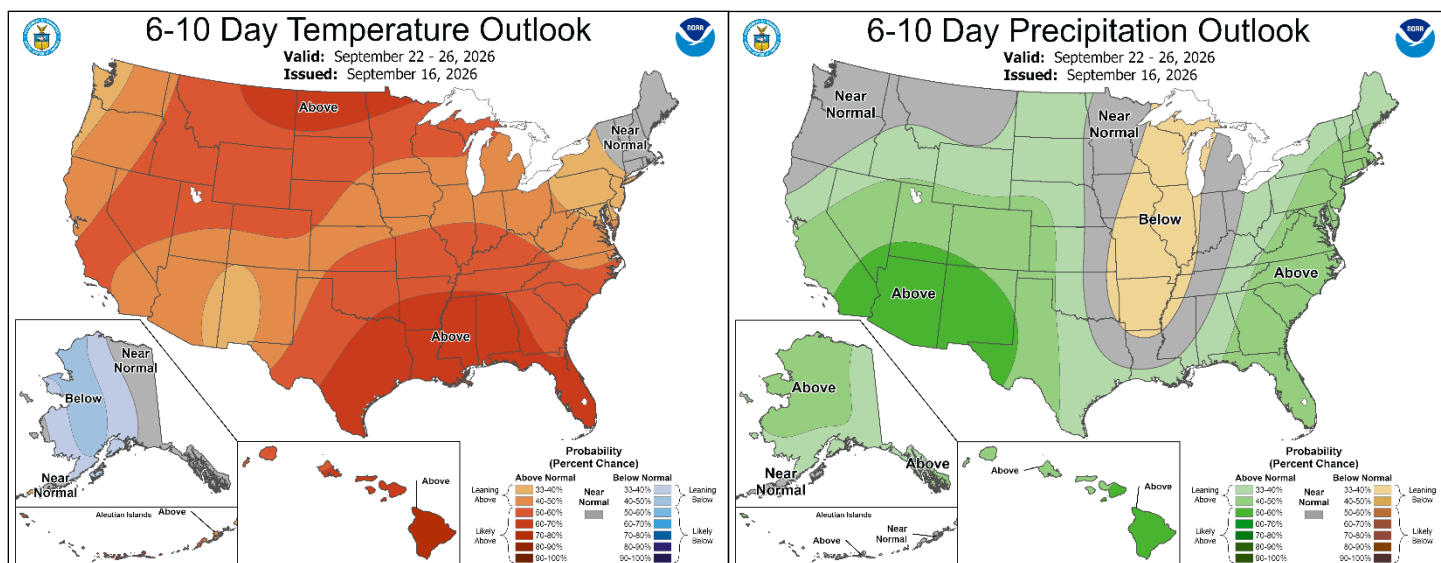


Figure 5. NOAA 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast, September 17, 2026.

NOAA National Weather Service 6-10 Day Outlook

The 6-10 Day Temperature Outlook for September 22-26, 2026, projects a 40-60% chance of above normal conditions, with greater chances in the southern half of the state. The 6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook projects near normal conditions across most of the state except for the western border of the state which predicts a 33-40% chance of below normal conditions.



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

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