

Over the week of October 1-7, 2026, Indiana received near normal precipitation with the highest amounts in the northern third of the state. The state generally received 0.10"-2.5" of precipitation. The highest reported total precipitation for the week was 2.09" in Noble County.

Average temperatures for the week were near to above normal and ranged from 58.4°F in northwest Indiana to 67.0°F in southwest Indiana. Departure from normal temperature ranged from 0.5°F to 5.8°F. The highest maximum temperature of 91°F was reported in Vanderburgh, Tipton, Martin, and Knox Counties on October 6th (for both Vanderburgh and Tipton), 7th, and 3rd, respectively. The lowest minimum temperature of 30°F was reported in Howard County on October 3rd.

Soil moisture data from the NASA SPORT Real-time 3km Land Information System for 0-100cm Relative Soil Moisture for October 2, 2026, ranges from <5% to 55% available water across the state. Highest percentages occur in the northeastern corner of the state. Much of the state is below 30% available water.

4" soil water content from the Indiana Mesonet Data Hub on October 8, 2026, indicates a range of 4.5% (very sandy soil) to 39.2% available water with a statewide average of 24.8%.



Figure 1. Accumulated precipitation (in.) for October 1-7, 2026, from MRCC.

USDM for the State of Indiana

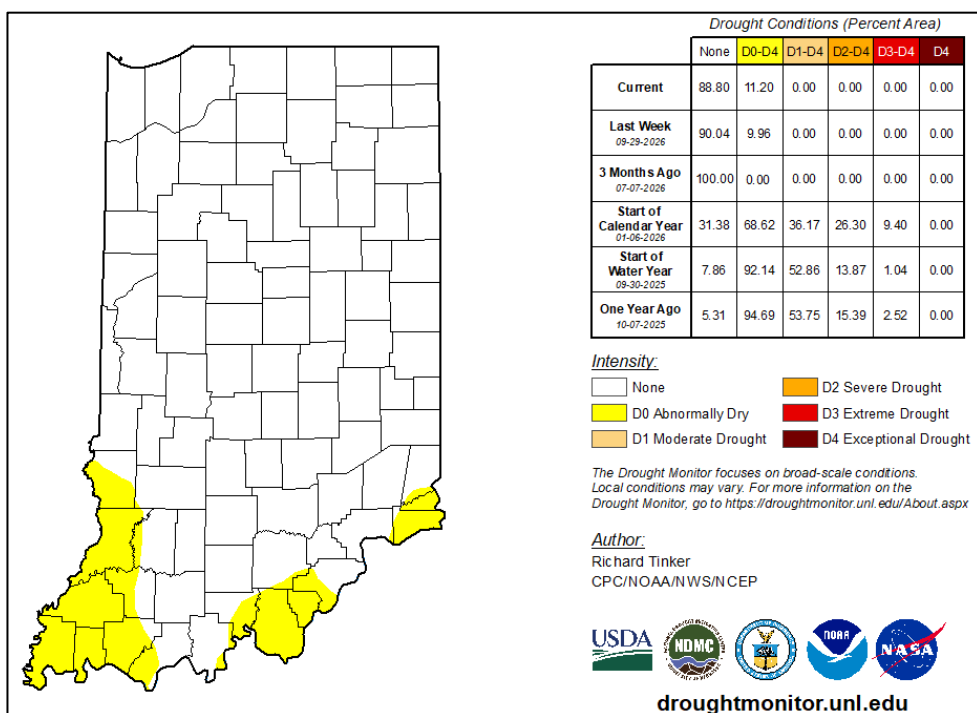


Figure 2. US Drought Monitor for the State of Indiana October 6, 2026.

The US Drought Monitor for the State of Indiana effective October 6, 2026, indicates three areas of abnormally dry conditions: in the southwest corner of Indiana, along the south-central border of the state, and in the southeast corner of Indiana.

The remaining 88.80% of the state reports no drought conditions.

Reservoir Levels as of October 8, 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	748.2	662.0	639.4	537.9	538.7	757.21	761.82	737.97
% Utilization ²	0.48	-0.10	0.18	-0.37	21.77	7.7	13.9	1.1

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	788.62	784.47	809.63	610.37	645.19
% Utilization ²	-6.4%	--	--	--	--

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

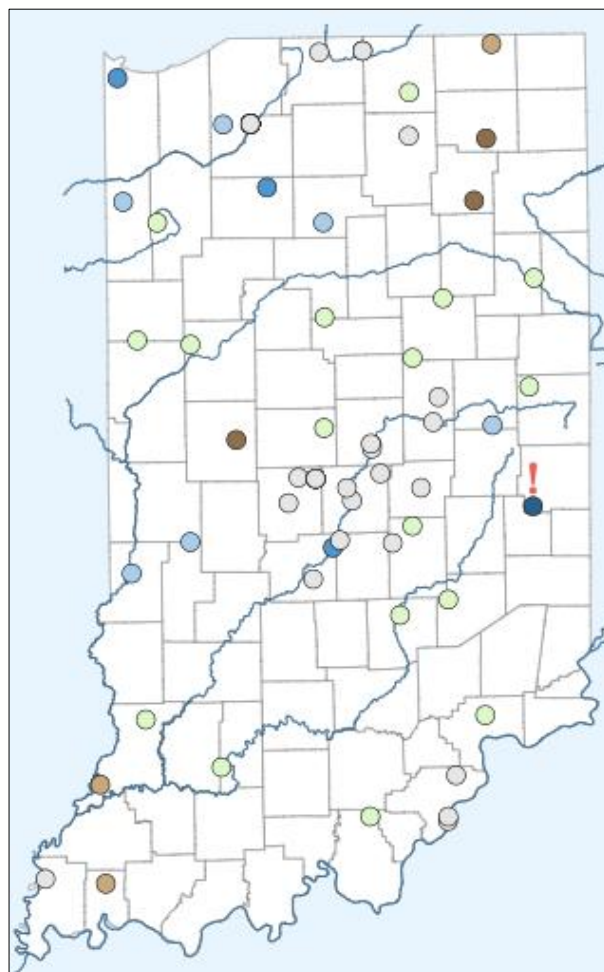


Figure 3. Map of USGS real-time groundwater monitoring wells, as of October 8, 2026.

Streamflow Conditions as of October 8, 2026

Streamflow conditions, as of October 8, 2026, generally range from normal to above normal across the state. There are 71 gages reporting normal conditions for the date. There are 29 reporting above normal, 15 reporting much above normal, 4 reporting an all-time high for the date, 5 reporting below normal, 1 reporting much below normal, and 1 reporting an all-time low for the date.

Currently, 57% of stream gages indicate steady flow conditions; 12% are increasing, and 26% are decreasing.

USGS/NWS reports no gages in “action,” “minor,” “moderate” or “major” flood stages.

The NWS Long Range Flood Outlooks indicates 13 gages with a 50% or greater chance of experiencing “minor” flood stage in Indiana through December.

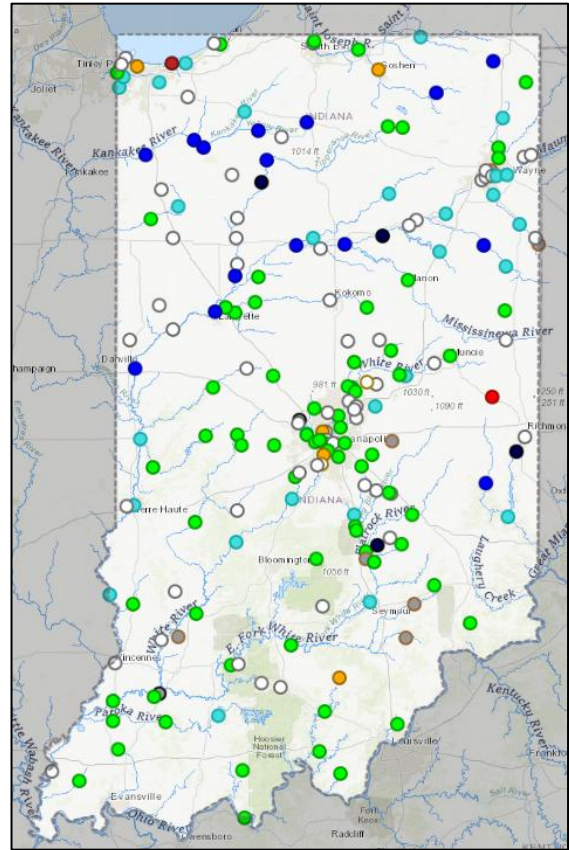


Figure 4. Map of USGS streamflow gauges for Indiana.

NOAA 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast

For October 8, 2026, the 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast valid for October 8-15, 2026, predicts 0.10" up to 1.00" with the highest amounts predicted in the southeastern part of the state. Precipitation is predicted to occur mid-late in the week.

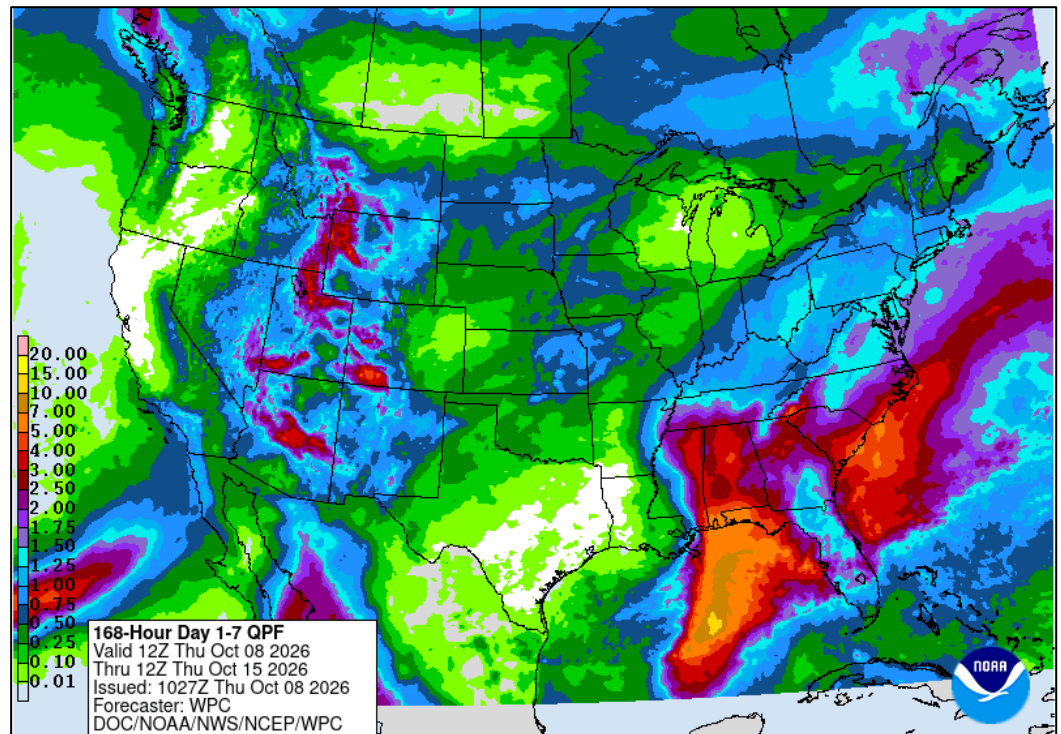
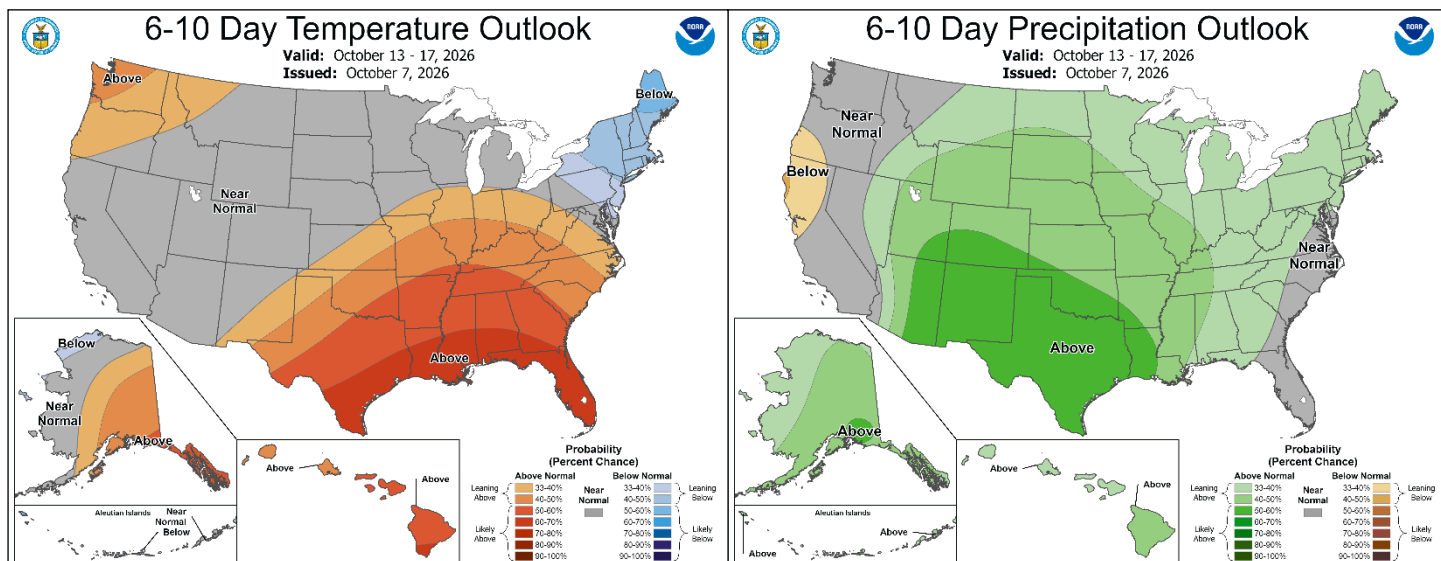


Figure 5. NOAA 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast, October 8, 2026.

NOAA National Weather Service 6-10 Day Outlook

The 6-10 Day Temperature Outlook for October 13-17, 2026, projects a 33-50% chance of above normal conditions across state with the highest chances in the southern half of the state. The 6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook projects a 33-50% chance of above normal conditions in the state with highest chances in the southwestern corner of the state.



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

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