

September 2026

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1 Key messages and climate synopsis

- Statewide mean temperature of 22.8 °C (+3.5 °C relative to 1991–2020): the warmest September in the 1979–2026 series.
- Statewide precipitation of 76.8 mm, 90% of normal: the 26th driest September in the 1979–2026 series.
- The highest maximum temperature at GHCN stations was 40.6 °C at Morrisonville on 3 September.
- The largest 24-hour rainfall at GHCN stations was 127.3 mm at Amboy Water on 20 September.
- 11 station records were broken (stations with at least 20 years of data).
- Maximum temperature exceeded its 90th percentile on 35% of days (statewide mean; 10% expected).
- Statewide heat waves: 1; cold waves: 0.
- U.S. Drought Monitor: 10% of the state in drought (D1–D4) on 29 September 2026 (+10 points since 25 August 2026).
- El Niño conditions of very strong intensity in the equatorial Pacific (ONI JAS 2026: +2.2 °C).

Source: NOAA NCEI

Mean temperature

22.8 °C

+3.5 °C vs. normal (normal 19.3)

Extremely above normal

1st warmest of 48 (1979–2026)

Maximum temperature

28.6 °C

+2.9 °C vs. normal (normal 25.7)

Extremely above normal

1st warmest of 48 (1979–2026)

Minimum temperature

16.9 °C

+4.1 °C vs. normal (normal 12.8)

Extremely above normal

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Precipitation

76.8 mm

90% of normal (normal 85.1)

Near normal

26th driest of 48 (1979–2026)

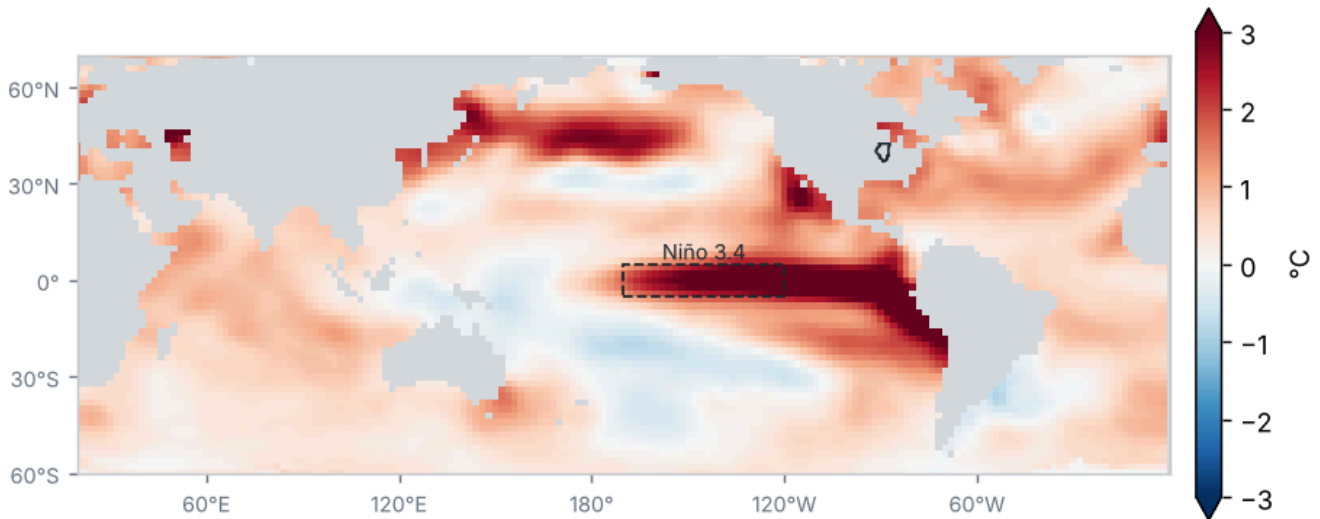
Station records

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Source: NOAA NCEI

2 Global and regional climate drivers

Sea-surface temperature anomaly, September 2026 (°C, 1991–2020)



Source: NOAA NCEI / PSL

Sea-surface temperature anomaly in the Niño regions (°C)

Region	Anomaly (°C)	Change from preceding period (°C)
Niño 1+2	4.7	0.6
Niño 3	3.6	0.5
Niño 3.4	2.8	0.3
Niño 4	0.9	0.0

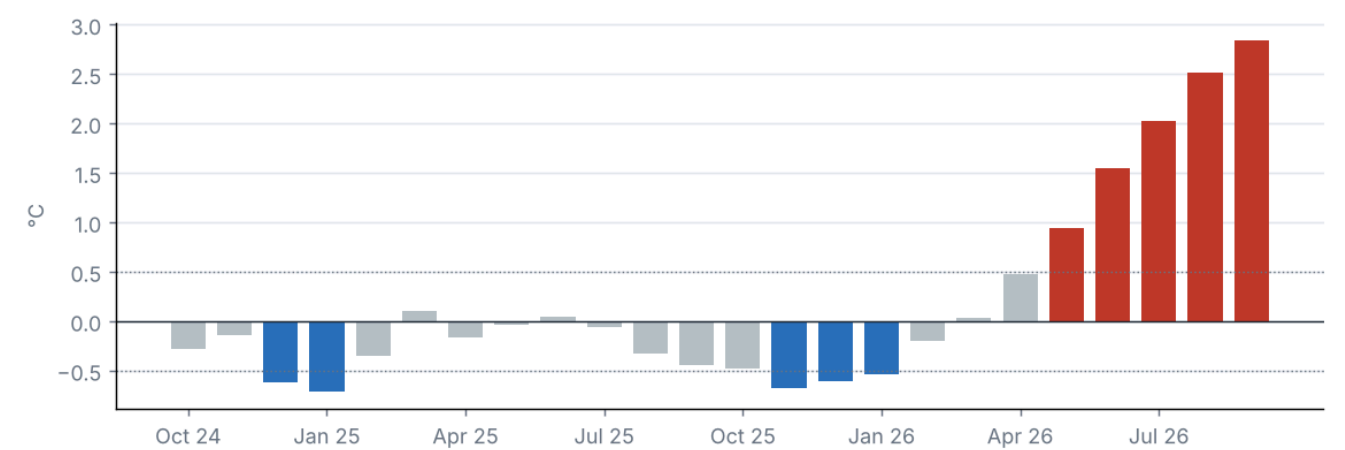
Mean of the months in the period (OISST v2.1)

Source: NOAA CPC

El Niño conditions of very strong intensity: the Oceanic Niño Index (ONI) for JAS 2026 was +2.2 °C.

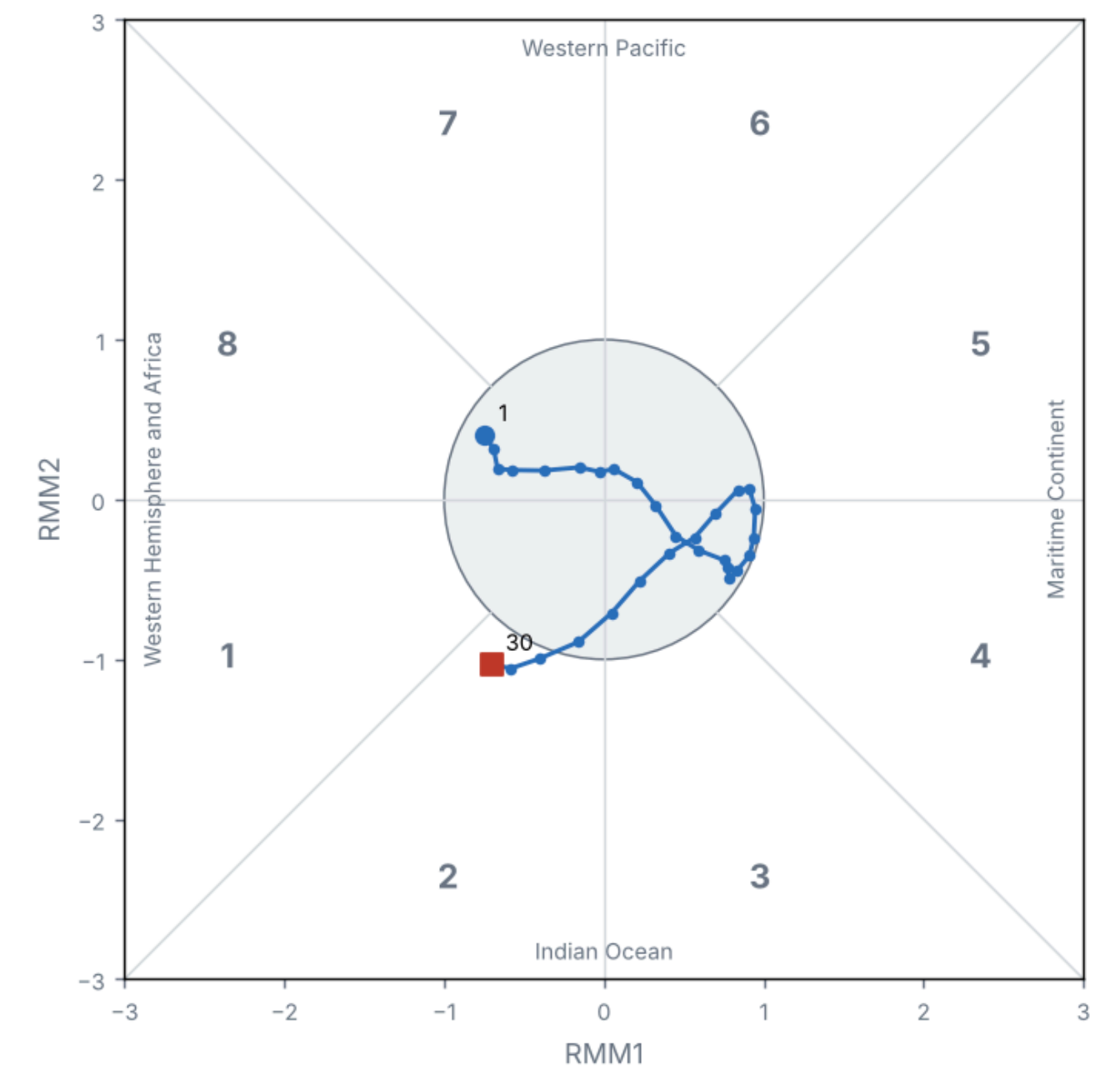
Source: NOAA CPC

Monthly Niño 3.4 anomaly, last 24 months (°C)



Source: NOAA CPC

MJO phase diagram (real-time OMI)



Source: NOAA PSL

Teleconnection indices

Index	Value	Phase
NAO	0.5	Positive
AO	1.2	Positive
PDO	-1.6	Negative

North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO); Arctic Oscillation (AO); Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO).

Source: NOAA CPC, NOAA NCEI

The Niño 3.4 anomaly was +2.84 °C (+0.32 °C relative to the preceding period).

The MJO was active on 3 of 30 days, most often in phase 2 (Indian Ocean); mean amplitude 0.7.

Other indices: NAO +0.53 (positive phase); AO +1.16 (positive phase); PDO -1.55 (negative phase).

3 Precipitation

Statewide precipitation

76.8 mm

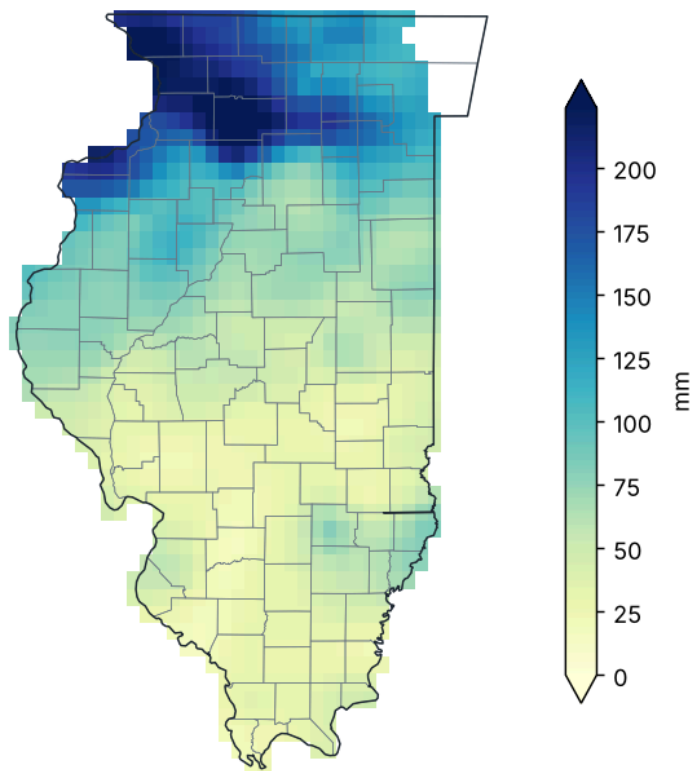
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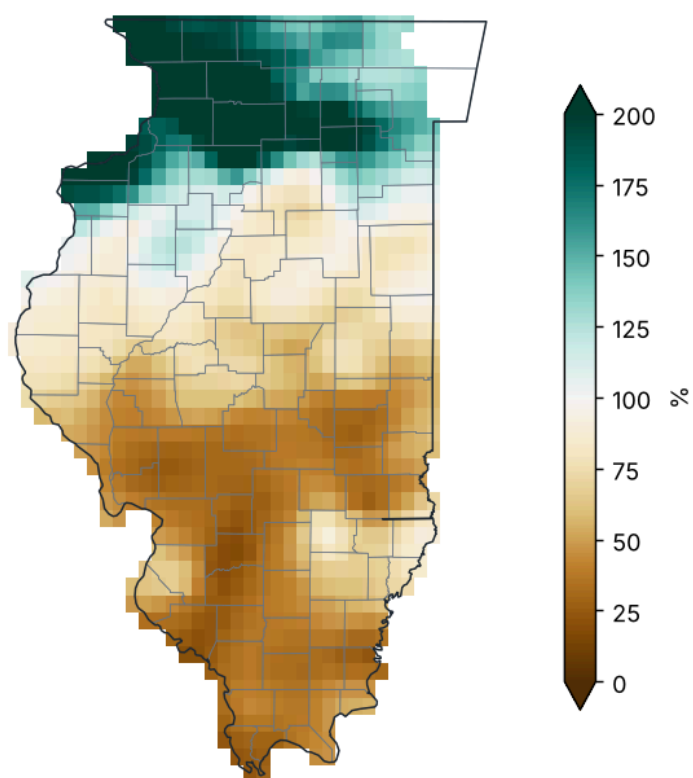
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Accumulated precipitation



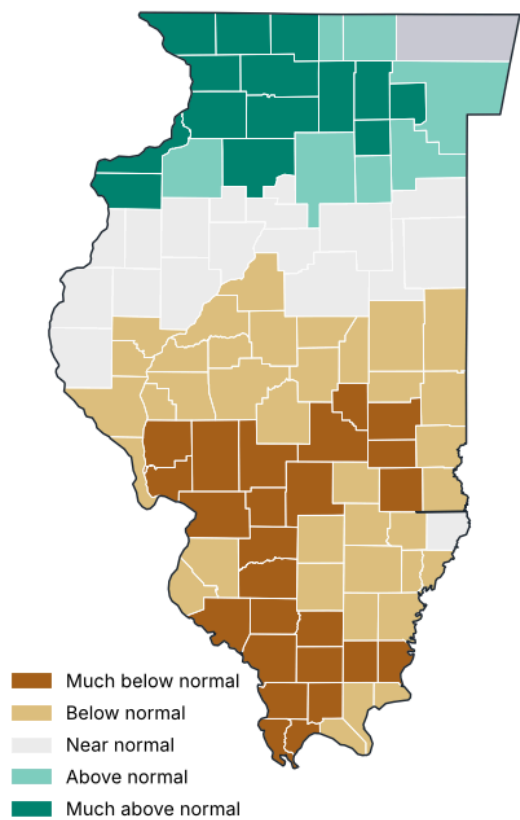
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Percent of normal precipitation (1991–2020)



Source: NOAA NCEI

Percent of normal by county



Source: NOAA NCEI

Precipitation by region

Region	Total (mm)	Normal (mm)	Difference (%)	Category
Northwest	182.2	92.4	97.3	Much above normal
Northeast	127.2	86.2	47.6	Above normal
West	82.9	91.5	-9.4	Near normal
Central	67.7	83.4	-18.8	Near normal
East	65.9	81.0	-18.6	Near normal
West Southwest	35.1	82.3	-57.4	Below normal
East Southeast	38.7	80.8	-52.2	Below normal
Southwest	29.3	82.7	-64.6	Much below normal
Southeast	39.7	85.9	-53.8	Below normal

Source: NOAA NCEI

Stations with the largest precipitation excess

Region	County	Station	Altitude (m)	Anomaly (%)
Northwest	Lee	Paw Paw 2S	271.0	192.7
Northwest	Jo Daviess	Elizabeth	206.0	188.6
Northwest	Rock Island	Rock Is L&D 15	173.0	187.4
Northeast	Kane	Chicago Aurora Muni AP	214.0	171.1
Northwest	Carroll	Mt Carroll	216.0	142.7
Northwest	Whiteside	Fulton L&D #13	180.0	132.8

Region	County	Station	Altitude (m)	Anomaly (%)
Northwest	Rock Island	Moline Quad City Intl AP	176.0	122.0
Northwest	Rock Island	Illinois City Dam 16	168.0	115.9
Northeast	Kane	Aurora Water	206.0	115.3
Northwest	Winnebago	Rockford Gtr Rockford AP	221.0	104.2

Source: NOAA NCEI

Stations with the largest precipitation deficit

Region	County	Station	Altitude (m)	Anomaly (%)
Southwest	Clinton	Carlyle Rsvr	153.0	-99.4
Southwest	Randolph	Chester	119.0	-88.3
Southwest	Pulaski	Olmsted L&D	114.0	-85.9
East Southeast	Jasper	Newton	162.0	-78.2
Central	Woodford	Congerville 2NW	195.0	-77.9
West Southwest	Macoupin	Medora 1 S	185.0	-77.7
East Southeast	Coles	Charleston	213.0	-77.6
East Southeast	Fayette	Vandalia	149.0	-75.3
East Southeast	Coles	Mattoon Charleston Coles Co AP	216.0	-75.0
East Southeast	Moultrie	Lovington	208.0	-72.6

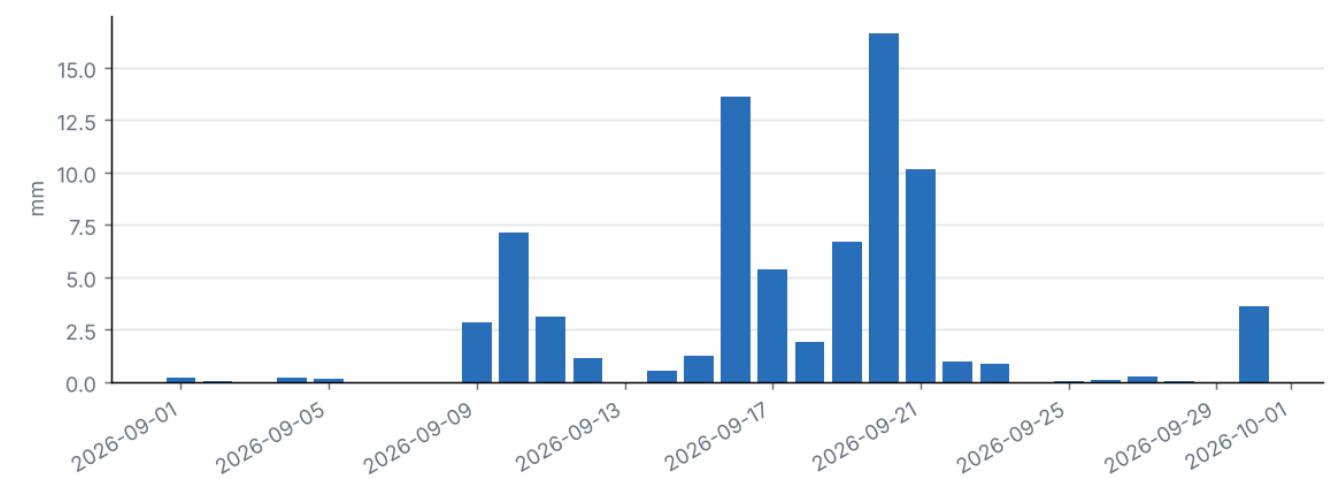
Source: NOAA NCEI

Largest 24-hour rainfall at stations

Station	County	Max 24 h rainfall (mm)	Date
Amboy Water	Lee	127.3	2026-09-20
Paw Paw 2S	Lee	112.8	2026-09-20
Yates City	Knox	112.0	2026-09-16
Elizabeth	Jo Daviess	79.5	2026-09-19
Chicago Aurora Muni AP	Kane	79.0	2026-09-17
Stockton 3NNE	Jo Daviess	77.7	2026-09-19
Earlville 3S	LaSalle	77.2	2026-09-20
Mt Carroll	Carroll	75.4	2026-09-19
Steward 3S	Lee	75.2	2026-09-20
Mendota 1S	LaSalle	73.7	2026-09-20

Source: NOAA NCEI

Daily statewide mean precipitation



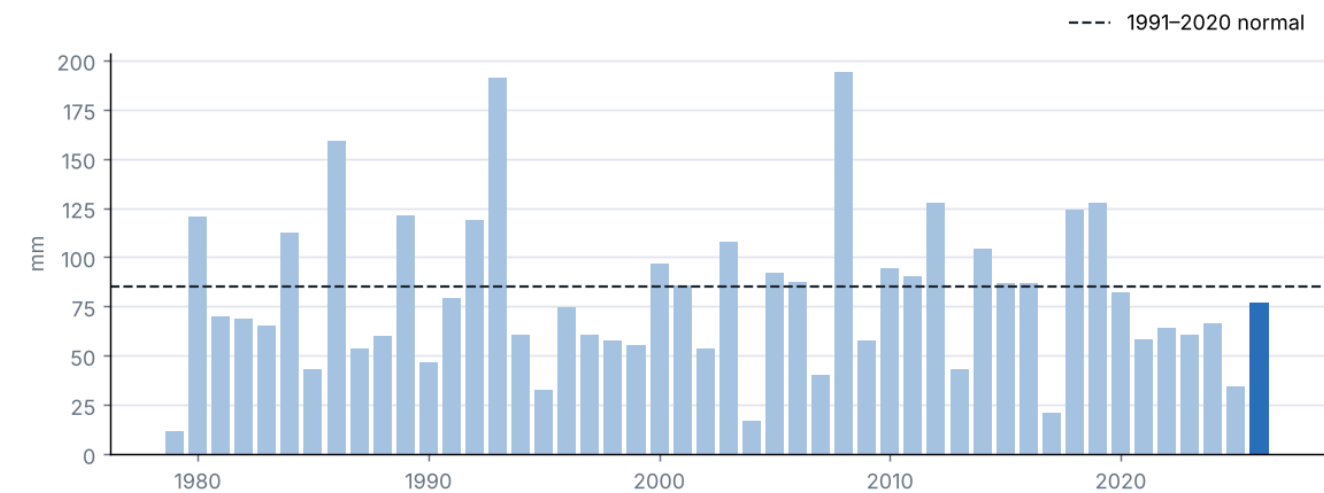
Source: NOAA NCEI

Daily statewide mean and grid-cell maximum

Day	Statewide mean (mm)	Grid maximum (mm)	County
2026-09-01	0.2	2.7	Cook
2026-09-02	0.0	1.2	Lake
2026-09-03	0.0	0.4	Jo Daviess
2026-09-04	0.2	6.4	McHenry
2026-09-05	0.1	4.9	Lake
2026-09-06	0.0	0.2	Union
2026-09-07	0.0	0.0	Jo Daviess
2026-09-08	0.0	0.6	Gallatin
2026-09-09	2.8	46.5	Rock Island
2026-09-10	7.1	33.9	Clay
2026-09-11	3.1	20.5	Hardin
2026-09-12	1.1	29.9	Wabash
2026-09-13	0.0	0.1	Grundy
2026-09-14	0.5	3.7	Hancock
2026-09-15	1.2	20.8	Jo Daviess
2026-09-16	13.6	48.9	Knox
2026-09-17	5.4	32.3	Kane
2026-09-18	1.9	16.3	Cook
2026-09-19	6.7	72.0	Jo Daviess
2026-09-20	16.7	100.7	Lee
2026-09-21	10.2	35.6	Clay
2026-09-22	1.0	8.8	Jo Daviess
2026-09-23	0.8	4.2	Lee
2026-09-24	0.0	0.3	Christian
2026-09-25	0.0	0.9	Rock Island
2026-09-26	0.1	3.5	Rock Island
2026-09-27	0.2	4.7	Hancock
2026-09-28	0.0	1.6	Hancock
2026-09-29	0.0	0.1	Kane
2026-09-30	3.6	24.6	Jo Daviess

Source: NOAA NCEI

Statewide precipitation in September of each year



Source: NOAA NCEI

Statewide accumulated precipitation was 76.8 mm, 90% of the 1991-2020 average (85.1 mm), category “Near normal”. It was the 26th driest September in the 1979-2026 series.

The region with the highest percentage of normal was Northwest (197%) and the lowest was Southwest (35%).

The largest daily grid-cell total was estimated on 20 September in Lee (100.7 mm).

Source: NOAA NCEI

4 Temperature

Mean temperature

22.8 °C

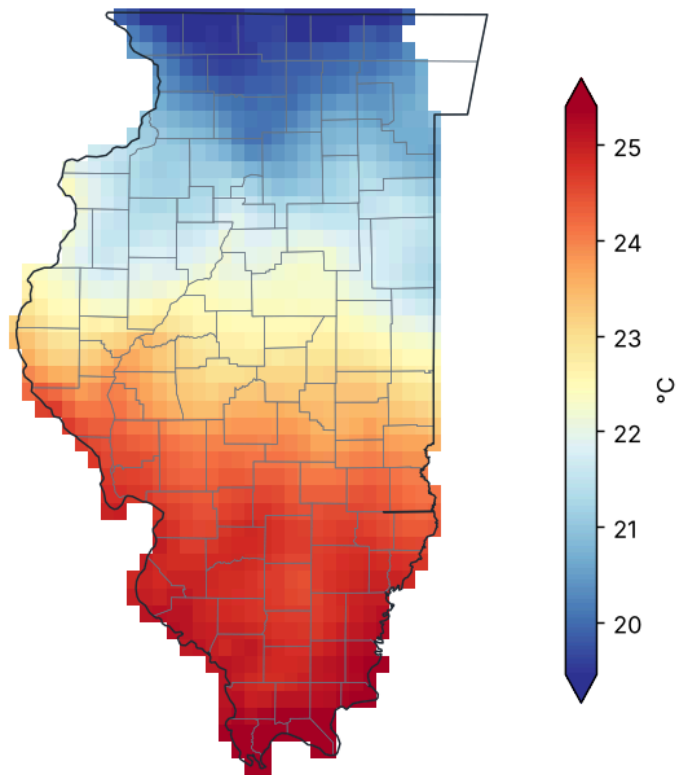
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Extremely above normal

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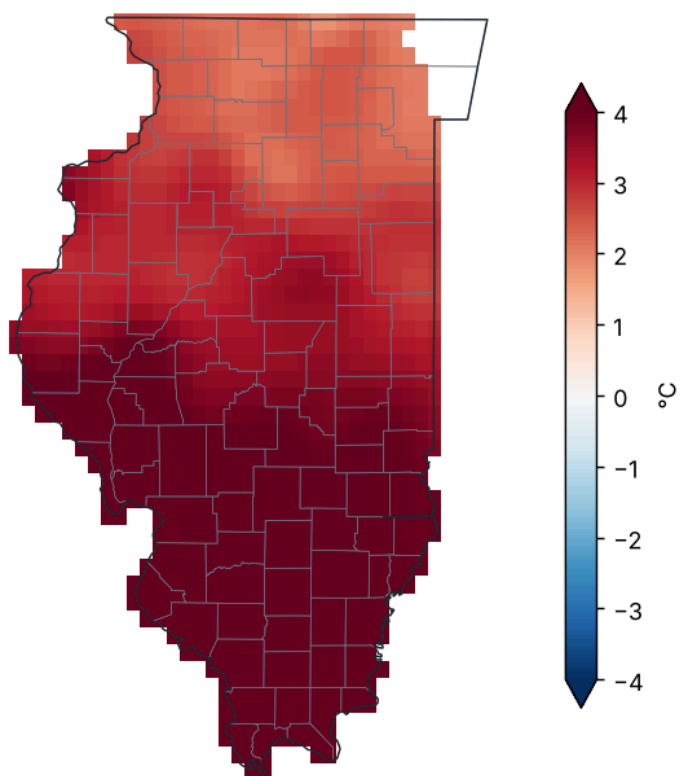
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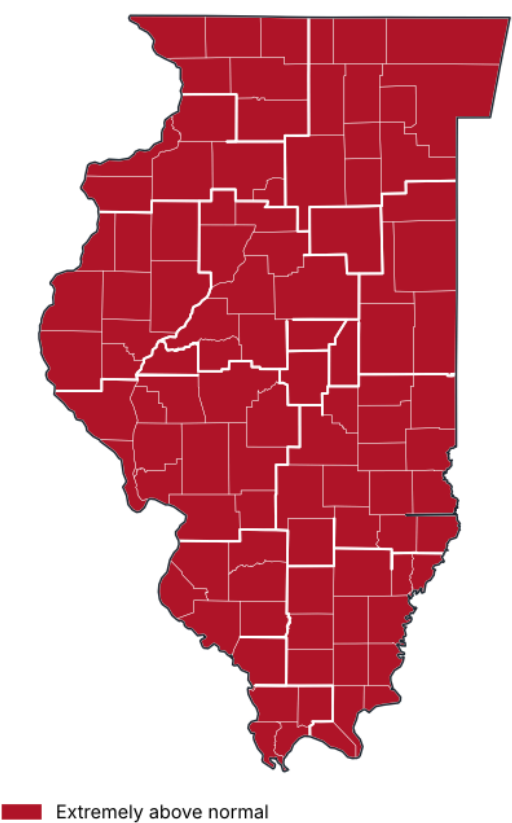
Source: NOAA NCEI

Mean temperature anomaly (1991–2020)



Source: NOAA NCEI

Mean temperature anomaly by region



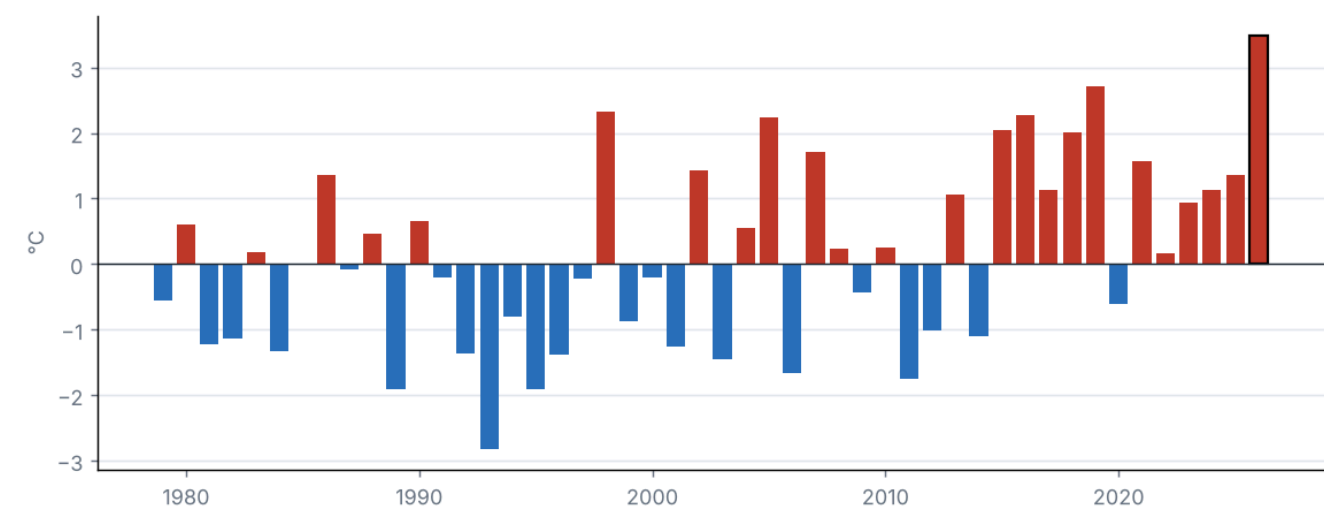
Source: NOAA NCEI

Stations with the largest positive anomaly

Region	County	Station	Altitude (m)	Anomaly (°C)
West Southwest	Jersey	Jerseyville 2 SW	186.0	5.0
East Southeast	Clay	Flora	147.0	4.7
Southeast	Jefferson	Mt Vernon 3 NE	149.0	4.6
East Southeast	Marion	Salem	168.0	4.6
West Southwest	Morgan	Jacksonville 2E	186.0	4.5
West Southwest	Greene	White Hall 1 E	177.0	4.5
West Southwest	Montgomery	Hillsboro	192.0	4.5
East Southeast	Jasper	Newton	162.0	4.4
Southwest	St. Clair	Belleville Siu Rsch	137.0	4.4
Southwest	Jackson	Carbondale Sthrn Illinois AP	122.0	4.4

Source: NOAA NCEI

Statewide mean temperature anomaly in September of each year



Source: NOAA NCEI

The statewide mean temperature was 22.8 °C, 3.5 °C above the 1991–2020 average (19.3 °C), category “Extremely above normal”. It was the warmest September in the 1979–2026 series.

By region, the largest anomaly was in Southwest (+4.3 °C) and the smallest in Northeast (+2.3 °C).

Source: NOAA NCEI

Maximum temperature

28.6 °C

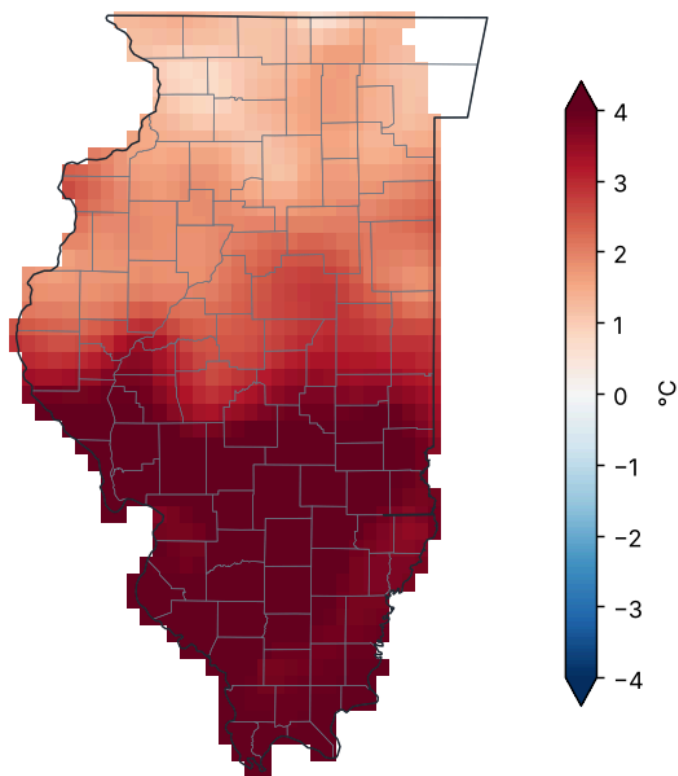
+2.9 °C vs. normal (normal 25.7)

Extremely above normal

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Maximum temperature anomaly (1991–2020)



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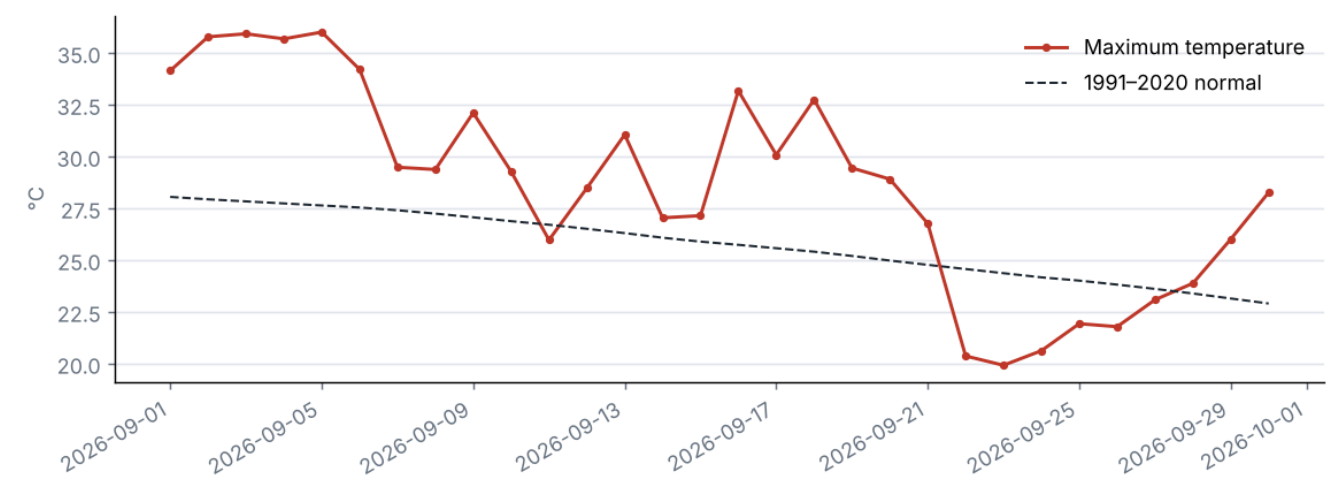
Lowest and highest monthly mean maximum temperature by region

Region	Lowest value (°C)	Station	Highest value (°C)	Station
Northwest	24.7	Illinois City Dam 16	28.6	New Boston Dam 17
Northeast	23.2	Chicago Waukegan Rgnl AP	27.0	Morris 1NW
West	26.1	Knoxville	29.9	Quincy Dam 21
Central	26.9	General Wayne A Downing Intl A	29.3	Decatur AP
East	27.1	Hoopeston	29.3	Ogden
West Southwest	29.3	Springfield Abraham Lincoln Ca	32.2	Morrisonville
East Southeast	29.1	Tuscola	32.4	Flora
Southwest	30.1	Anna 4 N	32.7	Cairo 3N
Southeast	31.2	1 ENE Fairfield	31.9	Mt Vernon 3 NE

Station monthly means (GHCN-Daily, $\geq 80\%$ of days with data).

Source: NOAA NCEI

Daily statewide maximum temperature



Source: NOAA NCEI

The statewide maximum temperature was 28.6 °C, 2.9 °C above the 1991–2020 average (25.7 °C), category “Extremely above normal”. It was the warmest September in the 1979–2026 series.

By region, the largest anomaly was in Southwest (+4.2 °C) and the smallest in Northwest (+1.4 °C).

Source: NOAA NCEI

Minimum temperature

16.9 °C

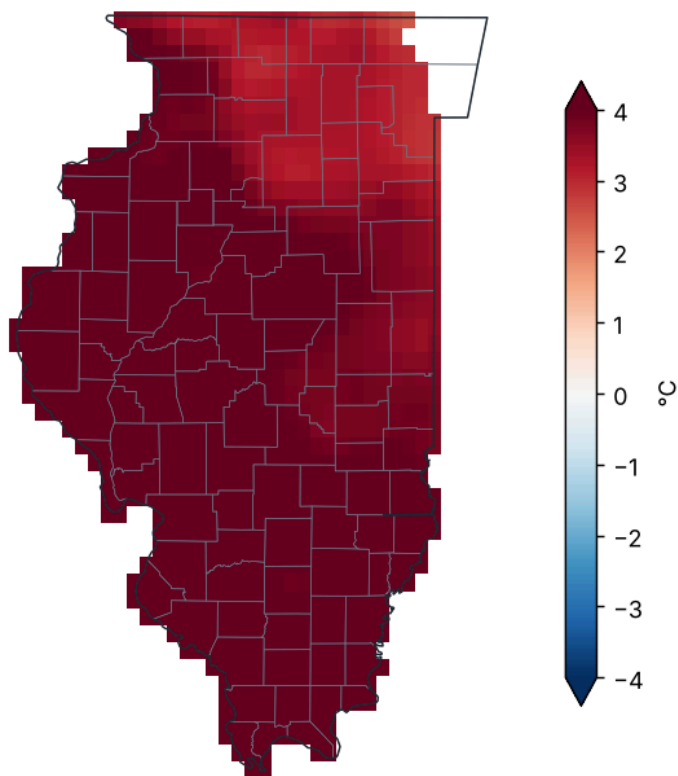
+4.1 °C vs. normal (normal 12.8)

Extremely above normal

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Source: NOAA NCEI

Minimum temperature anomaly (1991–2020)



Source: NOAA NCEI

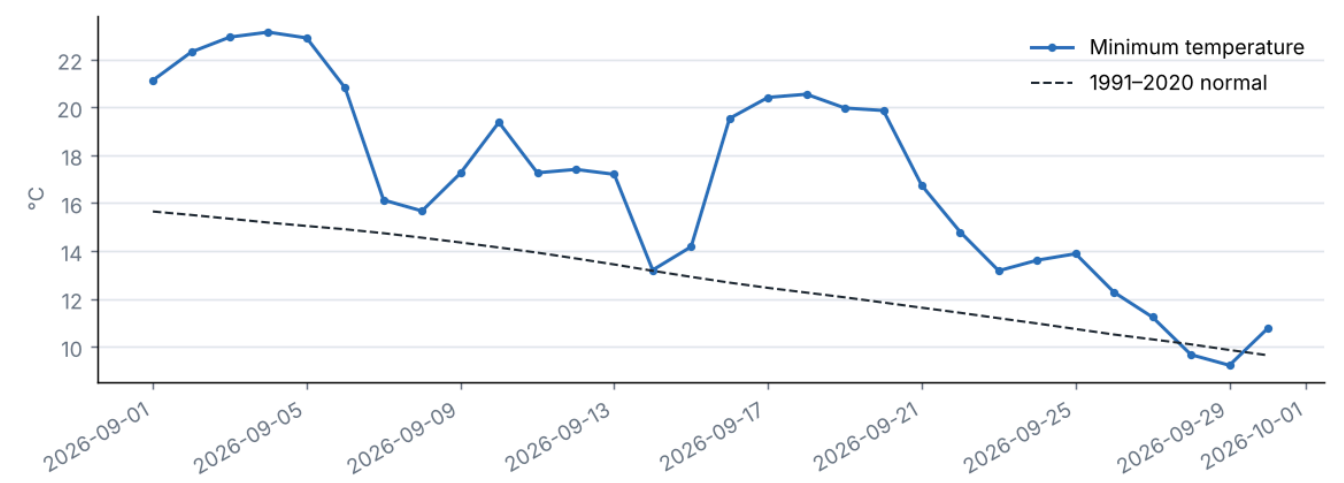
Lowest and highest monthly mean minimum temperature by region

Region	Lowest value (°C)	Station	Highest value (°C)	Station
Northwest	13.4	Stockton 3NNE	18.2	Rock Is L&D 15
Northeast	13.6	Shabbona 5 NNE	18.2	Chicago Northerly Is
West	15.7	Avon	18.5	Quincy Dam 21
Central	15.8	Normal 4NE	17.3	General Wayne A Downing Intl A
East	15.9	Champaign 9 SW	16.9	Champaign 3S
West Southwest	17.0	Jacksonville 2E	18.8	Alton - Melvin Price L&D
East Southeast	15.8	Charleston	18.6	Newton
Southwest	17.7	Carbondale Sewage Plt	20.5	Olmsted L&D
Southeast	16.9	Mt Vernon 3 NE	19.3	Smithland L&D

Station monthly means (GHCN-Daily, $\geq 80\%$ of days with data).

Source: NOAA NCEI

Daily statewide minimum temperature



Source: NOAA NCEI

The statewide minimum temperature was 16.9 °C, 4.1 °C above the 1991–2020 average (12.8 °C), category “Extremely above normal”. It was the warmest September in the 1979–2026 series.

By region, the largest anomaly was in West Southwest (+4.5 °C) and the smallest in Northeast (+3.2 °C).

Source: NOAA NCEI

5 Climate extremes and records

Highest maximum temperature

40.6 °C

Morrisonville · 2026-09-03

Lowest minimum temperature

4.4 °C

Shabbona 5 NNE · 2026-09-28

Highest 24 h rainfall

127.3 mm

Amboy Water · 2026-09-20

Source: NOAA NCEI

Highest maximum temperature by county

County	Station	Temperature (°C)	Date
Christian	Morrisonville	40.6	2026-09-03
Lawrence	Lawrenceville Vincennes Intl A	40.0	2026-09-05
Clark	Casey	39.4	2026-09-03
Clay	Flora	39.4	2026-09-03
Jackson	Carbondale Sthrn Illinois AP	39.4	2026-09-05
Jefferson	Mt Vernon 3 NE	39.4	2026-09-05
Wayne	1 ENE Fairfield	39.4	2026-09-06
Adams	Quincy Dam 21	38.9	2026-09-04
Perry	Du Quoin 4 SE	38.9	2026-09-05
Randolph	Kaskaskia Rvr Navigation Lock	38.9	2026-09-06

County	Station	Temperature (°C)	Date
St. Clair	Cahokia St Louis Dwtn AP	38.9	2026-09-05
Crawford	Robinson	38.3	2026-09-04
Jersey	Jerseyville 2 SW	38.3	2026-09-03
Marion	Salem	38.3	2026-09-02
Alexander	Cairo 3N	38.2	2026-09-05
Champaign	Ogden	37.8	2026-09-05
Coles	Charleston	37.8	2026-09-02
Jasper	Newton	37.8	2026-09-05
Madison	Alton - Melvin Price L&D	37.8	2026-09-06
Morgan	Jacksonville 2E	37.8	2026-09-02

The 20 most extreme of 63.

Source: NOAA NCEI

Lowest minimum temperature by county

County	Station	Temperature (°C)	Date
DeKalb	Shabbona 5 NNE	4.4	2026-09-28
Coles	Charleston	5.0	2026-09-29
Champaign	Champaign 9 SW	5.5	2026-09-28
Jefferson	Mt Vernon 3 NE	5.6	2026-09-28
Logan	Lincoln	5.6	2026-09-28
McLean	Normal 4NE	5.6	2026-09-30
DuPage	Lisle - Morton Arboretum	6.1	2026-09-27
Kane	Chicago Aurora Muni AP	6.1	2026-09-28
Fulton	Avon	6.7	2026-09-29
Jo Daviess	Stockton 3NNE	6.7	2026-09-14
Lake	Chicago Waukegan Rgnl AP	6.7	2026-09-27
McHenry	Mchenry Stratton Lock/Dam	6.7	2026-09-14
Macon	Decatur AP	6.7	2026-09-28
Rock Island	Moline Quad City Intl AP	6.7	2026-09-29
Winnebago	Rockford Gtr Rockford AP	6.7	2026-09-14
LaSalle	Marseilles Lock/Dam	7.2	2026-09-28
Sangamon	Springfield Abraham Lincoln Ca	7.2	2026-09-28
Shelby	Windsor	7.2	2026-09-28
Stephenson	Freeport Wwtp	7.2	2026-09-14
Vermilion	Danville	7.2	2026-09-26

The 20 most extreme of 61.

Source: NOAA NCEI

Station records broken

Station	County	Variable	New value	Date	Previous record	Previous date
Casey	Clark	Highest maximum temperature	39.4	2026-09-03	37.2	1899-09-05
De Kalb	DeKalb	Highest maximum temperature	35.0	2026-09-03	34.4	1978-09-08
Earlville 3S	LaSalle	Highest 24 h rainfall	77.2	2026-09-20	76.5	2019-09-28
Flora	Clay	Highest maximum temperature	39.4	2026-09-03	38.3	2011-09-02
Fulton L&D #13	Whiteside	Highest maximum temperature	36.7	2026-09-03	35.6	1953-09-02
Morrisonville	Christian	Highest maximum temperature	40.6	2026-09-03	38.3	2011-09-02

Station	County	Variable	New value	Date	Previous record	Previous date
Salem	Marion	Highest maximum temperature	38.3	2026-09-02	37.8	1960-09-06
Shelbyville Dam	Shelby	Highest maximum temperature	37.8	2026-09-03	36.7	2011-09-02
Smithland L&D	Pope	Highest maximum temperature	37.8	2026-09-05	37.2	1983-09-11
Lawrenceville Vincennes Intl A	Lawrence	Highest maximum temperature	40.0	2026-09-05	38.3	2011-09-03
Carbondale Sthrn Illinois AP	Jackson	Highest maximum temperature	39.4	2026-09-05	37.2	1999-09-04

Most extreme daily value of the period against the same period in all earlier years of record (at least 20 years; for weeks, the same calendar month).

Source: NOAA NCEI

Climate-extremes indices (statewide mean)

Index	Description	Value	Normal	Difference	Unit
TX90p	Warm days (Tmax > 90th percentile)	34.5	10.0	24.5	%
TN90p	Warm nights (Tmin > 90th percentile)	38.7	10.0	28.7	%
TX10p	Cool days (Tmax < 10th percentile)	0.8	10.0	-9.2	%
TN10p	Cold nights (Tmin < 10th percentile)	0.0	10.0	-10.0	%
FD	Frost days (Tmin < 0 °C)	0.0	0.0	-0.0	d
SU	Summer days (Tmax > 25 °C)	20.9	17.7	3.2	d
TR	Tropical nights (Tmin > 20 °C)	9.6	1.8	7.9	d
WSDI	Warm spell days (≥ 6 days)	6.6	—	—	d
CSDI	Cold spell days (≥ 6 days)	0.0	—	—	d
Rx1day	Maximum 1-day precipitation	30.8	30.5	0.3	mm
Rx5day	Maximum 5-day precipitation	53.5	49.1	4.4	mm
CDD	Consecutive dry days (< 1 mm)	9.1	10.1	-1.0	d
CWD	Consecutive wet days (≥ 1 mm)	4.6	3.0	1.6	d

Percentile indices relative to calendar-day percentiles of 1991–2020 (5-day window); counts and maxima averaged over the state's grid cells.

Source: NOAA NCEI

Heat and cold waves

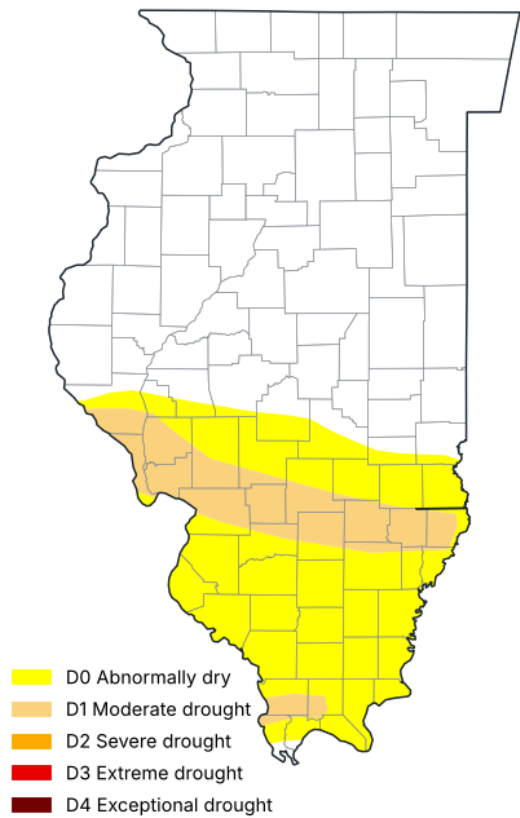
Dates	Type	Details
2026-09-01 – 2026-09-06	Heat wave	Up to 100% of the state above the 90th percentile of Tmax. Regions: Northwest, Northeast, West, Central, East, West Southwest, East Southeast, Southwest and Southeast.

Wave: at least 3 consecutive days with at least half of the state above the 90th percentile of maximum temperature (heat) or below the 10th percentile of minimum temperature (cold). At most the 10 most intense are listed.

Source: NOAA NCEI

6 Drought

U.S. Drought Monitor, 29 September 2026



Map valid from 29 September 2026. The U.S. Drought Monitor is jointly produced by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the USDA and NOAA. Map courtesy of NDMC.

Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, USDA, NOAA

Share of the state by drought category, weekly U.S. Drought Monitor maps (%)

Map of	None (%)	D0–D4 (%)	D1–D4 (%)	D2–D4 (%)	D3–D4 (%)	D4 (%)
2026-09-01	94.4	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2026-09-08	67.0	33.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
2026-09-15	55.0	45.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
2026-09-22	58.5	41.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2026-09-29	64.8	35.2	9.6	0.0	0.0	0.0

Cumulative shares: D1–D4 is the share in moderate drought or worse.

Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, USDA, NOAA

Counties with the most severe drought, U.S. Drought Monitor of 29 September 2026 (% of the county)

County	D0–D4 (%)	D1–D4 (%)	D2–D4 (%)	D3–D4 (%)	D4 (%)
Bond	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Jersey	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

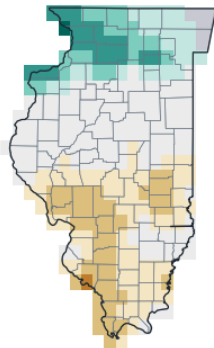
County	D0-D4 (%)	D1-D4 (%)	D2-D4 (%)	D3-D4 (%)	D4 (%)
Clay	100.0	99.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Richland	100.0	98.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Calhoun	100.0	86.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Greene	100.0	77.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Madison	100.0	69.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lawrence	100.0	68.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Marion	100.0	67.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fayette	100.0	54.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

Cumulative shares: D1-D4 is the share in moderate drought or worse.

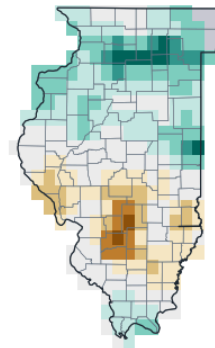
Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, USDA, NOAA

Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) ending September 2026

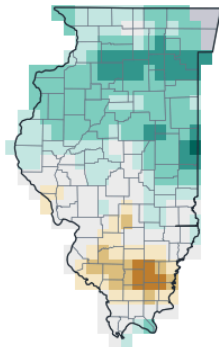
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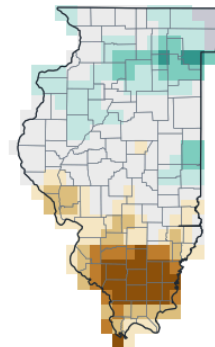
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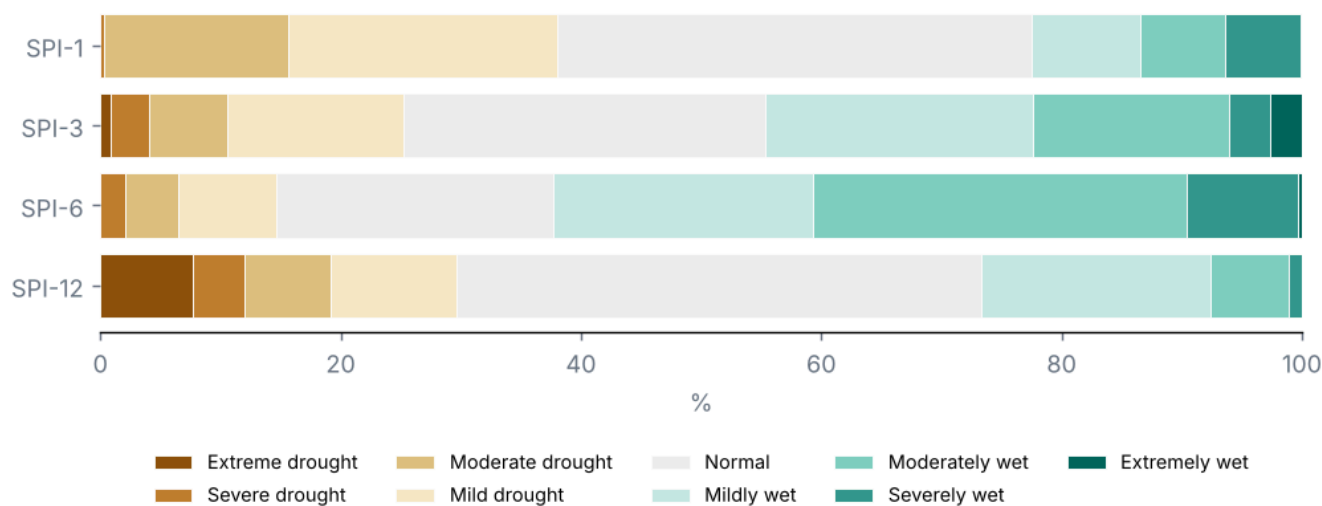
SPI-12



SPI computed from NCLIMGRID; gamma distribution fitted to 1991–2020 accumulations.

Source: NOAA NCEI

Share of the state by SPI category



Source: NOAA NCEI

Counties with the lowest SPI-3

County	SPI-1	SPI-3	SPI-6	SPI-12	Category
Clinton	-1.3	-2.0	-0.9	-1.4	Severe drought
Fayette	-0.9	-1.8	-0.5	-0.9	Severe drought
Bond	-1.2	-1.6	-0.5	-1.0	Severe drought
Marion	-0.7	-1.4	-0.2	-0.9	Moderate drought
Washington	-1.2	-1.4	-1.2	-1.9	Moderate drought
Jefferson	-0.8	-1.2	-1.2	-2.4	Moderate drought
Montgomery	-1.1	-1.2	0.2	-0.3	Moderate drought
Christian	-0.8	-1.0	0.1	-0.3	Moderate drought
Shelby	-0.9	-1.0	0.3	-0.2	Moderate drought
Calhoun	-0.9	-1.0	-0.3	-1.1	Moderate drought

Source: NOAA NCEI

U.S. Drought Monitor, map of 29 September 2026: 10% of the state in drought (D1–D4), 0% in severe drought or worse (D2–D4) and 0% in extreme or exceptional drought (D3–D4); 35% was abnormally dry or in drought (D0–D4).

On the map of 25 August 2026, 0% of the state was in drought: a change of +10 points over the period.

SPI-3 (Jul–Sep 2026): statewide mean +0.21; 11% of the state in drought ($\text{SPI} \leq -1.0$) and 4% in severe or extreme drought.

Most affected counties: Clinton (−1.96), Fayette (−1.81) and Bond (−1.65).

SPI-1 (September 2026): 16% of the state in drought.

SPI-6 (Apr–Sep 2026): 6% of the state in drought.

SPI-12 (Oct 2025–Sep 2026): 19% of the state in drought.

7 Severe weather and notable events

The data for this section were not available when the report was issued (cyclone tracks and alerts).

9 Outlook

Outlook for October 2026: most likely tercile

Precipitation



Mean temperature



- Below normal

Normal to below normal

Normal
- Normal to above normal

Above normal

- Below normal

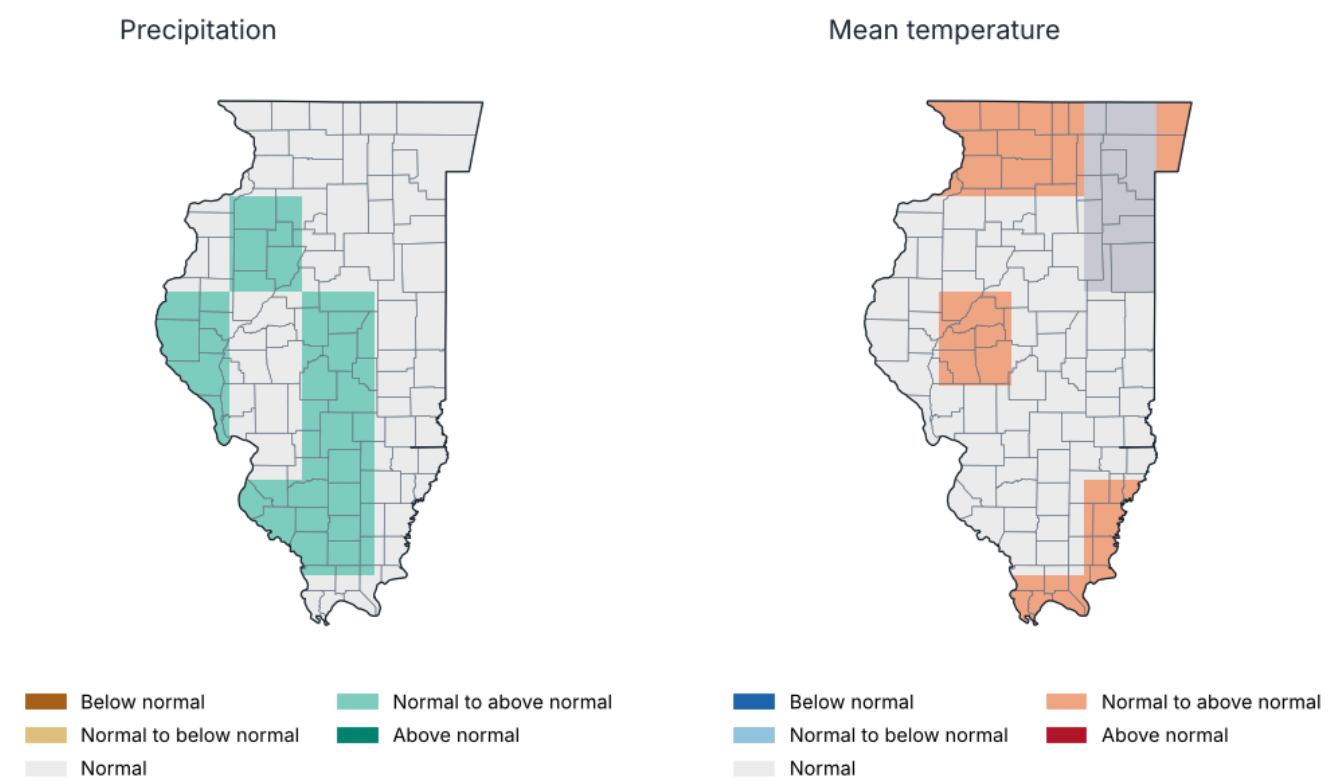
Normal to below normal

Normal
- Normal to above normal

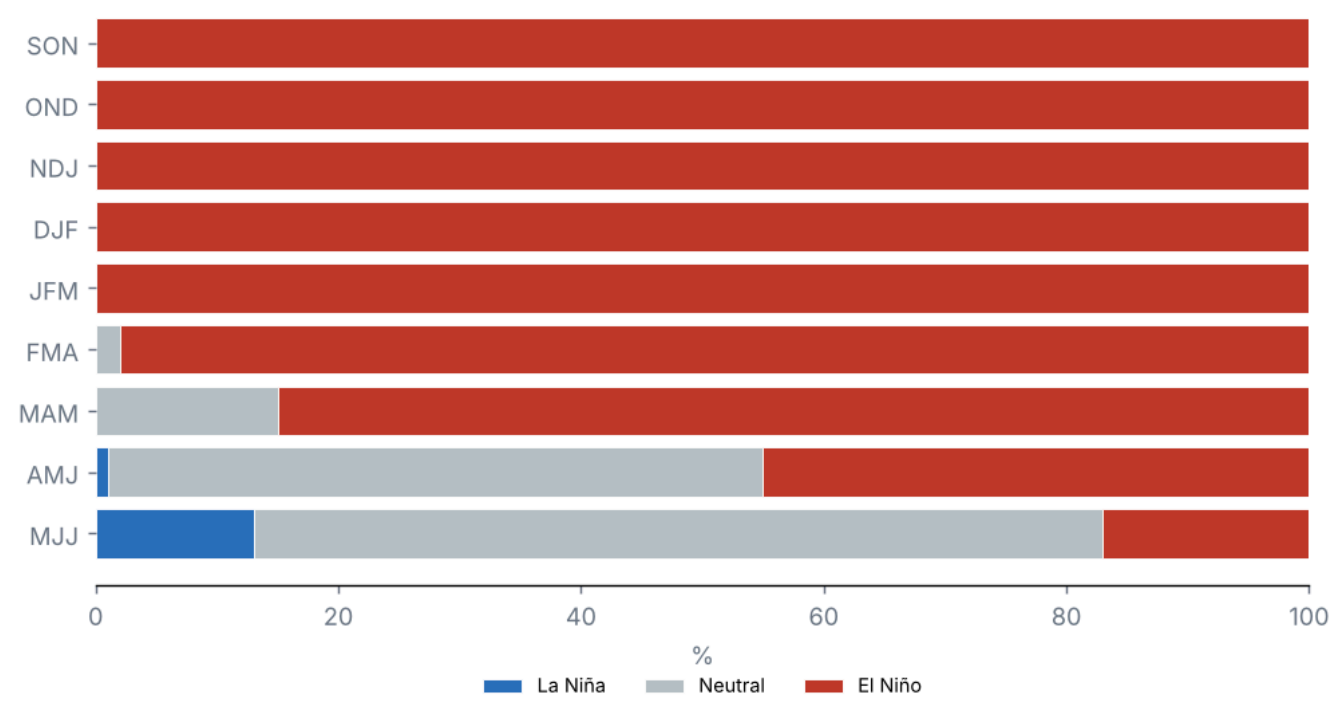
Above normal

Source: NOAA CPC

Outlook for Oct–Dec 2026: most likely tercile



ENSO outlook: probability of each phase (%)



Source: NOAA CPC

Probabilistic outlook from the North American Multi-Model Ensemble (NMME), initialised in October 2026, relative to 1991–2020 terciles. It is not an official forecast: consult the National Weather Service and NOAA's Climate Prediction Center.

Precipitation, October 2026: above normal is favoured over 0% of the state and below normal over 27%.

Mean temperature, October 2026: above normal is favoured over 12% of the state and below normal over 0%.

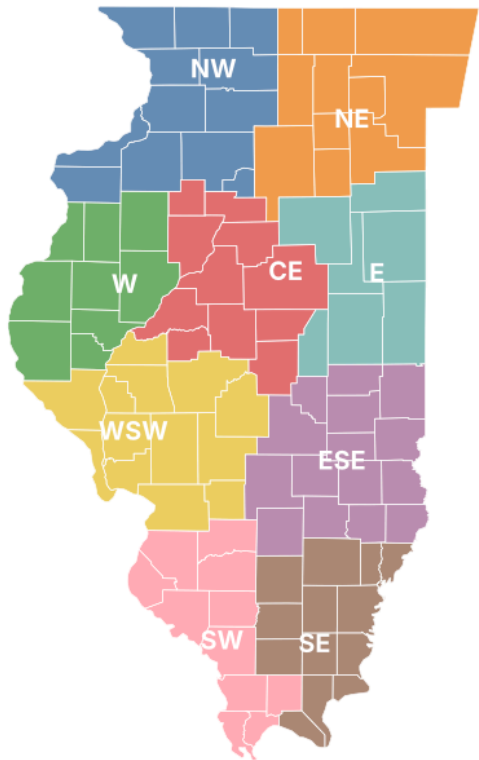
Precipitation, Oct–Dec 2026: above normal is favoured over 35% of the state and below normal over 0%.

Mean temperature, Oct–Dec 2026: above normal is favoured over 28% of the state and below normal over 0%.

Probability of El Niño in the official ENSO outlook: SON 100%, OND 100%, NDJ 100% and DJF 100%.

10 Annexes

Report climate regions



Monthly precipitation by region (mm)

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Northwest	18.9	5.2	79.0	179.9	35.7	188.1	66.5	152.1	182.2
Northeast	38.7	4.4	105.6	175.1	38.9	190.4	101.8	164.7	127.2
West	18.5	4.1	97.4	181.7	50.7	231.9	51.8	185.4	82.9
Central	28.4	6.6	119.3	158.9	51.8	216.4	52.2	183.9	67.7
East	24.9	7.4	116.5	149.6	50.0	204.4	74.9	218.5	65.9
West Southwest	23.8	18.6	134.6	163.0	91.8	173.6	74.0	79.0	35.1
East Southeast	27.8	29.5	157.6	145.9	137.0	195.4	71.4	93.9	38.7
Southwest	21.5	23.5	131.8	107.2	84.4	103.6	141.5	75.7	29.3
Southeast	23.6	16.6	130.1	88.2	92.6	119.7	113.1	75.5	39.7

CSV

Source: NOAA NCEI

Monthly maximum temperature by region (°C)

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Northwest	-2.2	6.0	12.7	18.9	23.3	26.6	29.9	27.2	25.6
Northeast	-2.0	5.5	12.6	18.5	22.0	26.2	29.6	27.2	25.6

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
West	0.0	8.3	15.6	20.8	23.5	27.3	30.6	28.6	27.7
Central	0.0	7.2	15.8	20.9	23.4	27.3	30.1	28.6	28.1
East	−0.5	6.1	15.4	20.5	22.8	27.2	29.8	28.1	28.0
West Southwest	1.9	8.7	17.8	22.4	23.7	28.5	31.1	30.1	30.3
East Southeast	1.9	7.4	17.4	22.2	22.8	28.1	30.4	29.7	30.5
Southwest	4.1	9.7	19.5	23.8	23.9	29.1	31.4	30.7	31.4
Southeast	3.8	8.7	19.0	23.8	23.5	28.8	31.2	30.9	31.2

CSV

Source: NOAA NCEI

Monthly mean temperature by region (°C)

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Northwest	−6.7	−0.3	6.1	12.6	16.1	21.0	24.2	22.1	20.5
Northeast	−6.3	−0.2	6.2	12.2	15.3	20.6	24.0	22.3	20.5
West	−4.9	1.9	8.5	14.2	17.0	22.0	25.1	23.4	22.4
Central	−4.9	1.0	8.7	14.4	16.8	21.8	24.4	23.3	22.3
East	−5.3	0.3	8.4	14.0	16.2	21.5	24.2	22.7	22.0
West Southwest	−3.4	2.4	10.2	15.8	17.5	22.9	25.4	24.3	24.0
East Southeast	−3.1	1.8	10.4	16.1	17.1	22.7	25.1	24.1	24.0
Southwest	−1.3	3.6	12.3	17.6	18.4	23.8	26.2	25.2	25.0
Southeast	−1.2	3.2	12.5	17.6	18.2	23.5	26.1	25.2	25.0

CSV

Source: NOAA NCEI

Monthly minimum temperature by region (°C)

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Northwest	−11.3	−6.5	−0.5	6.4	9.0	15.4	18.5	17.1	15.3
Northeast	−10.7	−5.9	−0.2	5.9	8.5	15.0	18.3	17.3	15.3
West	−9.9	−4.5	1.4	7.7	10.5	16.7	19.6	18.2	17.1
Central	−9.7	−5.2	1.5	8.0	10.2	16.3	18.7	17.9	16.5
East	−10.2	−5.6	1.3	7.5	9.6	15.8	18.5	17.3	15.9
West Southwest	−8.8	−3.9	2.5	9.2	11.4	17.3	19.6	18.5	17.8
East Southeast	−8.2	−3.8	3.5	10.0	11.3	17.4	19.8	18.6	17.5
Southwest	−6.6	−2.4	5.2	11.4	13.0	18.4	21.1	19.6	18.6
Southeast	−6.2	−2.4	6.0	11.5	12.9	18.1	20.9	19.6	18.7

CSV

Source: NOAA NCEI

Stations used

Id	Name	County	Latitude	Longitude	Altitude (m)	Days with data (Tmax) (%)
USC00110072	Aledo	Mercer	41.2	−90.7	223.7	97.0
USC00110137	Alton - Melvin Price L&D	Madison	38.9	−90.1	123.4	93.0
USC00110146	Amboy Water	Lee	41.7	−89.3	230.1	0.0
USC00110187	Anna 4 N	Union	37.5	−89.2	180.7	100.0
USC00110251	Arthur 1W	Moultrie	39.7	−88.5	204.2	0.0
USC00110306	Athens 4SW	Menard	39.9	−89.8	181.1	0.0

Id	Name	County	Latitude	Longitude	Altitude (m)	Days with data (Tmax) (%)
USC00110330	Augusta	Hancock	40.2	-90.9	203.6	0.0
USC00110338	Aurora Water	Kane	41.8	-88.3	205.7	97.0
USC00110356	Avon	Fulton	40.7	-90.4	195.1	97.0
USC00110442	Barrington 3SW	Cook	42.1	-88.2	269.1	100.0
USC00110500	Beecher City	Effingham	39.2	-88.8	185.3	0.0
USC00110598	Bentley	Hancock	40.3	-91.1	198.1	97.0
USC00110761	Bloomington Wtr Wks	McLean	40.5	-89.0	233.5	0.0
USC00110803	Bourbonnais 3NW	Kankakee	41.2	-87.9	200.6	0.0
USC00111083	Buffalo 3NNE	Sangamon	39.9	-89.4	187.1	0.0
USC00111250	Canton	Fulton	40.5	-90.0	195.1	0.0
USC00111265	Carbondale Sewage Plt	Jackson	37.7	-89.2	118.9	100.0
USC00111290	Carlyle Rsvr	Clinton	38.6	-89.4	152.7	33.0
USC00111329	Casey	Clark	39.3	-88.0	189.0	80.0
USC00111386	Centralia	Marion	38.6	-89.1	147.8	0.0
USC00111436	Charleston	Coles	39.5	-88.2	213.4	97.0
USC00111491	Chester	Randolph	37.9	-89.8	118.9	0.0
USC00111550	Chicago Northerly Is	Cook	41.9	-87.6	177.7	97.0
USC00111577	Chicago Midway AP 3SW	Cook	41.7	-87.8	189.0	100.0
USC00111655	Cisco	Piatt	40.0	-88.7	209.7	0.0
USC00111664	Cisne 2 S	Wayne	38.5	-88.4	138.4	0.0
USC00111700	Clay City 6SSE	Clay	38.6	-88.3	140.2	0.0
USC00111743	Clinton 1SSW	De Witt	40.1	-89.0	211.8	0.0
USC00111836	Congerville 2NW	Woodford	40.6	-89.2	195.1	20.0
USC00112048	Crystal Lake 4NW	McHenry	42.3	-88.4	283.8	0.0
USC00112140	Danville	Vermilion	40.1	-87.6	169.2	100.0
USC00112145	Danville Sewage Plt	Vermilion	40.1	-87.6	163.4	0.0
USC00112193	Decatur Wtp	Macon	39.8	-89.0	194.8	0.0
USC00112223	De Kalb	DeKalb	41.9	-88.8	267.6	93.0
USC00112348	Dixon Wwtp	Lee	41.8	-89.5	198.1	27.0
USC00112353	Dixon Springs Agric Ctr	Pope	37.4	-88.7	160.6	0.0
USC00112483	Du Quoin 4 SE	Perry	38.0	-89.2	128.0	30.0
USC00112500	Dwight Wwtp	Livingston	41.1	-88.4	190.5	53.0
USC00112510	Earlville 3S	LaSalle	41.6	-88.9	210.9	0.0
USC00112679	Edwardsville 2 W	Madison	38.8	-90.0	141.7	0.0
USC00112685	Effingham SE	Effingham	39.1	-88.5	161.8	0.0
USC00112736	Elgin Water	Kane	42.1	-88.3	227.1	97.0
USC00112745	Elizabeth	Jo Daviess	42.3	-90.2	205.7	97.0
USC00112923	Fairbury Wwtp	Livingston	40.8	-88.5	204.2	0.0
USC00112931	1 ENE Fairfield	Wayne	38.4	-88.4	140.8	100.0
USC00113061	Fisher	Champaign	40.3	-88.3	219.8	0.0
USC00113106	Flora	Clay	38.7	-88.5	146.6	93.0
USC00113107	Flora 2	Clay	38.7	-88.5	149.0	0.0
USC00113120	Ft Massac Sp	Massac	37.1	-88.7	104.2	0.0
USC00113262	Freeport Wwtp	Stephenson	42.3	-89.6	228.6	100.0
USC00113290	Fulton L&D #13	Whiteside	41.9	-90.2	180.4	100.0
USC00113320	Galesburg	Knox	40.9	-90.4	232.0	97.0
USC00113384	Geneseo	Henry	41.5	-90.1	194.8	97.0
USC00113395	Germantown Hills	Woodford	40.8	-89.5	238.7	0.0

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USC00113455	Gladstone L/D 18	Henderson	40.9	-91.0	164.0	87.0
USC00113490	Glen Ellyn 4S	DuPage	41.8	-88.1	207.3	0.0
USC00113580	Olmsted L&D	Pulaski	37.2	-89.1	114.3	93.0
USC00113879	Harrisburg	Saline	37.7	-88.5	111.3	0.0
USC00113902	Harvard Wwtp	McHenry	42.4	-88.6	279.2	0.0
USC00114012	Hennepin	Putnam	41.3	-89.3	157.0	100.0
USC00114089	Highland	Madison	38.7	-89.7	158.5	0.0
USC00114108	Hillsboro	Montgomery	39.2	-89.5	192.0	90.0
USC00114198	Hoopeston	Vermilion	40.5	-87.7	216.4	100.0
USC00114317	Hutsonville	Crawford	39.1	-87.7	147.2	0.0
USC00114355	Illinois City Dam 16	Rock Island	41.4	-91.0	167.6	100.0
USC00114442	Jacksonville 2E	Morgan	39.7	-90.2	185.9	100.0
USC00114489	Jerseyville 2 SW	Jersey	39.1	-90.3	185.9	100.0
USC00114530	Joliet Brandon Road Lock/Dam	Will	41.5	-88.1	165.5	100.0
USC00114603	Kankakee Wwtp	Kankakee	41.1	-87.9	182.9	97.0
USC00114629	Kaskaskia Rvr Navigation Lock	Randolph	38.0	-89.9	118.9	93.0
USC00114710	Kewanee 1E	Henry	41.2	-89.9	237.7	100.0
USC00114780	Knoxville	Knox	40.9	-90.3	221.9	100.0
USC00114805	Lacon	Marshall	41.0	-89.4	139.6	0.0
USC00114823	La Harpe	Hancock	40.6	-91.0	206.7	100.0
USC00114833	Lake Springfield	Sangamon	39.8	-89.6	177.1	0.0
USC00114890	Lansing 2S	Cook	41.5	-87.5	187.1	0.0
USC00114957	Lawrenceville 2WSW	Lawrence	38.7	-87.7	137.5	100.0
USC00115079	Lincoln	Logan	40.2	-89.3	177.7	100.0
USC00115097	Lisle - Morton Arboretum	DuPage	41.8	-88.1	206.3	100.0
USC00115110	Little Red School House	Cook	41.7	-87.9	219.2	0.0
USC00115219	Lovington	Moultrie	39.7	-88.6	207.9	0.0
USC00115272	Mackinaw 3WSW	Tazewell	40.5	-89.4	201.8	0.0
USC00115280	Macomb	McDonough	40.5	-90.7	185.9	0.0
USC00115314	Manhattan 5ENE	Will	41.5	-87.9	228.0	0.0
USC00115372	Marseilles Lock/Dam	LaSalle	41.3	-88.8	148.4	87.0
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USC00115772	Monmouth 4NW	Warren	40.9	-90.7	220.7	90.0
USC00115825	Morris 1NW	Grundy	41.4	-88.4	159.7	100.0
USC00115833	Morrison	Whiteside	41.8	-90.0	192.6	0.0
USC00115841	Morrisonville	Christian	39.4	-89.5	192.0	93.0
USC00115876	Morton	Tazewell	40.6	-89.5	213.7	0.0
USC00115901	Mt Carroll	Carroll	42.1	-90.0	215.8	93.0
USC00115917	Mt Olive 1 E	Macoupin	39.1	-89.7	204.2	0.0
USC00115927	Mt Pulaski	Logan	40.0	-89.3	201.5	0.0
USC00115943	Mt Vernon 3 NE	Jefferson	38.4	-88.9	149.4	100.0

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USC00115950	Moweaqua 2S	Shelby	39.6	-89.0	190.5	0.0
USC00115983	Murphysboro 2 SW	Jackson	37.8	-89.4	167.6	0.0
USC00116024	Neoga	Cumberland	39.3	-88.5	195.7	0.0
USC00116080	New Boston Dam 17	Mercer	41.2	-91.1	166.7	83.0
USC00116157	Newton	Jasper	39.0	-88.2	161.8	97.0
USC00116200	Normal 4NE	McLean	40.5	-88.9	240.8	100.0
USC00116344	Ogden	Champaign	40.1	-88.0	205.7	100.0
USC00116490	Oregon	Ogle	42.0	-89.3	206.7	0.0
USC00116526	Ottawa 4SW	LaSalle	41.3	-88.9	166.1	93.0
USC00116579	Pana	Christian	39.4	-89.1	198.1	100.0
USC00116610	Paris Stp	Edgar	39.6	-87.7	197.8	100.0
USC00116616	Park Forest Water	Cook	41.5	-87.7	216.4	93.0
USC00116661	Paw Paw 2S	Lee	41.7	-89.0	271.0	90.0
USC00116710	Peoria 5NW	Peoria	40.7	-89.6	213.4	0.0
USC00116725	Peotone	Will	41.3	-87.8	218.8	0.0
USC00116738	Perry 6 NW	Pike	39.8	-90.8	198.1	0.0
USC00116765	Petersburg 1E	Menard	40.0	-89.8	182.9	20.0
USC00116769	Philo	Champaign	40.0	-88.2	219.5	0.0
USC00117077	Quincy Dam 21	Adams	39.9	-91.4	147.2	97.0
USC00117157	Red Bud 2 S	Randolph	38.2	-90.0	128.0	0.0
USC00117329	Roanoke	Woodford	40.8	-89.2	219.5	0.0
USC00117345	Robinson	Crawford	39.0	-87.8	163.1	100.0
USC00117391	Rock Is L&D 15	Rock Island	41.5	-90.6	173.1	100.0
USC00117457	Romeoville Wfo	Will	41.6	-88.1	201.2	100.0
USC00117636	Salem	Marion	38.6	-88.9	167.6	97.0
USC00117833	Shabbona 3S	DeKalb	41.7	-88.9	259.1	0.0
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USC00117952	Sidell 4N	Vermilion	40.0	-87.8	204.8	97.0
USC00118020	Smithland L&D	Pope	37.2	-88.4	108.8	100.0
USC00118210	St Libory	St. Clair	38.4	-89.7	129.5	0.0
USC00118254	Steward 3S	Lee	41.8	-89.0	246.9	0.0
USC00118293	Stockton 3NNE	Jo Daviess	42.4	-90.0	295.7	100.0
USC00118353	Streator 2SE	Livingston	41.1	-88.8	184.7	0.0
USC00118491	Taylorville 2SE	Christian	39.5	-89.3	188.1	0.0
USC00118684	Tuscola	Douglas	39.8	-88.3	198.4	100.0
USC00118740	Champaign 3S	Champaign	40.1	-88.2	220.1	100.0
USC00118781	Vandalia	Fayette	39.0	-89.1	149.4	0.0
USC00118916	Walnut	Bureau	41.6	-89.6	213.4	0.0
USC00118932	Waltonville	Jefferson	38.2	-89.1	155.8	0.0
USC00119002	Waterloo 6SW	Monroe	38.3	-90.2	222.5	0.0
USC00119021	Watseka Public Works	Iroquois	40.8	-87.7	191.1	0.0
USC00119148	W Frankfort	Franklin	37.9	-88.9	131.1	0.0
USC00119241	White Hall 1 E	Greene	39.4	-90.4	176.8	97.0
USC00119275	Willisville	Randolph	38.0	-89.6	151.2	0.0
USC00119354	Windsor	Shelby	39.4	-88.6	210.3	100.0
USC00119480	Woodstock 5NW	McHenry	42.4	-88.5	288.6	0.0

Id	Name	County	Latitude	Longitude	Altitude (m)	Days with data (Tmax) (%)
USC00119816	Yates City	Knox	40.8	−90.0	203.9	0.0
USW00003887	Decatur AP	Macon	39.8	−88.9	205.1	100.0
USW00003960	Cahokia St Louis Dwtm AP	St. Clair	38.6	−90.1	123.4	100.0
USW00004808	Chicago Aurora Muni AP	Kane	41.8	−88.5	213.7	100.0
USW00004838	Chicago Palwaukee AP	Cook	42.1	−87.9	191.7	100.0
USW00013802	Belleville Siu Rsch	St. Clair	38.5	−89.8	137.2	100.0
USW00013809	Lawrenceville Vincennes Intl A	Lawrence	38.8	−87.6	130.1	100.0
USW00014819	Chicago Midway AP	Cook	41.8	−87.8	185.9	100.0
USW00014834	Joliet	Will	41.5	−88.1	167.9	0.0
USW00014842	General Wayne A Downing Intl A	Peoria	40.7	−89.7	199.6	100.0
USW00014880	Chicago Waukegan Rgnl AP	Lake	42.4	−87.9	216.4	100.0
USW00014923	Moline Quad City Intl AP	Rock Island	41.4	−90.5	175.6	100.0
USW00053802	Mattoon Charleston Coles Co AP	Coles	39.5	−88.3	216.4	100.0
USW00054808	Champaign 9 SW	Champaign	40.1	−88.4	213.4	100.0
USW00054811	Shabbona 5 NNE	DeKalb	41.8	−88.9	262.4	100.0
USW00054831	Bloomington Normal AP	McLean	40.5	−89.0	263.7	100.0
USW00093809	Cairo 3N	Alexander	37.0	−89.2	95.4	100.0
USW00093810	Carbondale Sthrn Illinois AP	Jackson	37.8	−89.2	121.9	100.0
USW00093822	Springfield Abraham Lincoln Ca	Sangamon	39.8	−89.7	179.8	100.0
USW00093989	Quincy Rgnl AP	Adams	39.9	−91.2	231.6	100.0
USW00094822	Rockford Gtr Rockford AP	Winnebago	42.2	−89.1	221.0	100.0
USW00094846	Chicago Ohare Intl AP	DuPage	42.0	−87.9	204.8	100.0
USW00094870	Champaign Urbana Willard AP	Champaign	40.0	−88.3	226.5	100.0
USW00094892	Chicago W Chicago Dupage AP	DuPage	41.9	−88.3	228.3	100.0

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11 Glossary, methodology and sources

Anomaly: difference between the observed value and its 1991–2020 normal. Percent of normal: observed total divided by the normal, times 100. Station record: most extreme daily value for the same month in all earlier years of record (at least 20 years).

Temperature: NOAA nClimGrid-Daily. Precipitation: NOAA nClimGrid-Daily. nClimGrid-Daily is the grid behind NOAA's official statewide values; it is averaged here from 1/24° to 1/8° (about 12 km). Mean temperature is (Tmax + Tmin)/2. Statewide, regional and county averages are weighted by the area of each grid cell inside each polygon. Temperature maps, frost days and annex tables are given by region; regions are NOAA NCEI climate divisions, with each county in the division of its centroid. Recent weeks use NCEI's preliminary file of the month; such reports are marked preliminary and updated when the final file is published. Normals refer to 1991-2020; ranks compare values rounded to one decimal. Stations: GHCN-Daily (NOAA NCEI) cooperative and first-order stations; values flagged by its quality control are discarded, as are daily values more than 5 robust standard

deviations from the station median and variables whose monthly anomaly differs by more than 3 °C from the gridded analysis. Period means require at least 80% of days with data and station normals at least 20 complete years. This report is generated automatically and does not replace official information from the National Weather Service or the state climatologist.

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NOAA CPC	ONI, Niño-region SST indices (OISST v2.1), NAO and AO	Public domain (NOAA)	NOAA Climate Prediction Center climate indices.
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NOAA NCEI	GHCN-Daily	Public domain (NOAA)	Menne et al. (2012), J. Atmos. Oceanic Technol., doi:10.1175/JTECH-D-11-00103.1
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