

National Weather Service Indianapolis
Central Indiana Weather History
May

01. 2002: At Bloomfield, heavy rain from thunderstorms washes out culverts and a driveway.
01. 2012: At Linnsburg in Montgomery County, an EF-1 tornado causes nearly \$50,000 in damage.
02. 1983: Winds up to 80 mph blow out some windows in downtown Indianapolis.
03. 1990: Severe thunderstorms bring damaging winds and golf ball size hail to southern parts of central Indiana.
04. 1977: A tornado destroys a barn and damages houses near Cutler in Carroll County.
05. 1952: At Indianapolis, the record high temperature for the date is set at 92 degrees.
06. 1971: A tornado skips across Knox and Daviess counties, destroying a house and 3 mobile homes in addition to other damage.
07. 1986: At Rushville, a tornado breaks windows in houses and knocks down trees.
08. 1923: At Indianapolis, 0.9 inches of snow is the latest spring measurable snowfall on record for the city.
09. 2000: A squall line moves across central Indiana producing widespread tree damage, localized structural damage, and numerous reports of golf ball size hail.
- 09: 2020: At Indianapolis, the temperatures drops to 27 degrees, the coldest May morning on record. Scattered crop damage occurs across northern Indiana.
10. 2003: An F0 tornado touches down near Cloverdale in Putnam County, dropping a tree on a car and a house.
11. 1993: At Muncie, a 16 year old near a pond is struck by lightning. The teen is hospitalized but quickly recovers.
12. 1886: From Williamsport to northeast of Attica, a tornado said to sound like the roar of a great waterfall strikes, killing five people and injuring 12. It is said that at Attica, in just five minutes, 200 homes were destroyed. A second tornado in Wilkinson takes two more lives and injures 12 more.
13. 2009: At Indianapolis, thunderstorm winds blow down a 31 foot tall radio tower.
14. 1972: A tornado causes non-continuous damage from Indianapolis to near Mechanicsburg. Damage is estimated at 2 million dollars.
15. 2009: At Hope, golf ball size hail falls.

16. 1990: Wave after wave of thunderstorms dumps up to 8 inches of rain in southern Indiana, eventually causing extensive flooding to the White and Wabash rivers.
16. 2019: Thunderstorms produce large hail from Vermillion County to Jackson County, including hail of 2.5 inches in diameter.
17. 1991: At Lebanon, thunderstorm winds gust to 87 mph.
18. 1927: At Indianapolis, a killer tornado accompanied by high straight line winds moves through the heart of the city. Two boys die, and up to 200 people are injured. The worst destruction occurs in the east central part of the city where 16 solid blocks are devastated.
19. 1977: Golf ball size hail falls for several minutes in eastern Hamilton County. Hail accumulates 12 to 18 inches deep in Bakers Grove.
20. 1982: Golf ball size hail falls in several counties across central Indiana.
21. 1949: Two tornadoes kill 17 people and injure over 200 more. Most of the deaths and injuries occur when a tornado hits the west side of Shelburn.
21. 2022: Four tornadoes touch down in central Indiana, and other storms brought damaging winds up to around 70 mph.
22. 1991: Severe storms bring a weak tornado, damaging winds, and flooding rains to southern portions of central Indiana.
23. 1978: A small tornado damages a farm near Cortland in Jackson County.
24. 1998: At Carmel, lightning strikes 5 area homes, starting fires.
25. 1975: A tornado carves a 3 mile long path through Brown County State Park, downing many trees.
25. 2011: Near Greensburg airport, two EF-1 tornadoes cause three quarters of a million dollars damage. Near Erie in Jennings County, an EF-3 tornado touches down.
26. 1996: Golf ball size hail falls at Monroe City.
27. 1961: Low temperatures below freezing mark the latest spring freeze on record for Indianapolis.
27. 2019: An EF-2 tornado strikes Pendleton, injuring 1. At Otterbein, 4 inch diameter hail falls.
28. 1883: From west of Clay City to Adams, a tornado that moves across the central part of the state kills 11 people, including two who were seeking shelter under a bridge across the Eel River when the bridge was demolished.
29. 1982: Severe thunderstorm winds cause several injuries at a campground in Lawrence County.

30. 2004: One of the largest tornado outbreaks in Indiana history occurs. Twenty-three tornadoes struck the state.

31. 1941: At Indianapolis, the driest Spring (March-May) on record for the city ends, with a total of only 4.15 inches of rain.