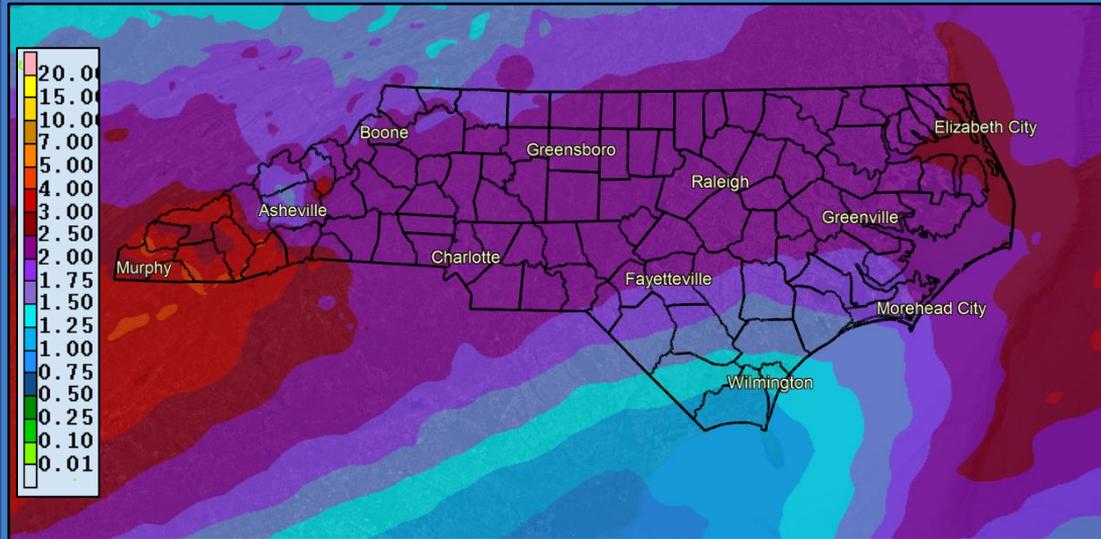




# 7-Day Rainfall Forecast

8AM Wednesday January 21, 2026 – 8AM Wednesday January 28, 2026



- Light wintry precipitation will be possible across the mountains through Friday. Outside of the mountains, light rain is in the forecast Friday as a slow moving cold front finally pushes out of the region.
- The most impactful precipitation will be over the weekend where a wintry mix is forecast across much of the state.
- All wintry precipitation types are expected but it remains uncertain where exactly temperatures at the upper levels will be warm enough to support melting, resulting in sleet or freezing rain instead of snow.

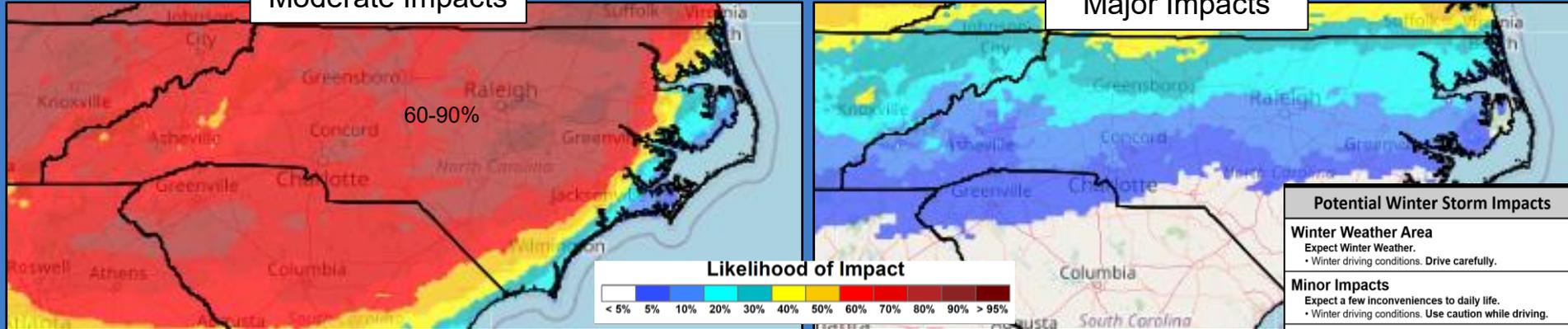


# Winter Storm Severity Index Probabilities

7pm Sunday January 25, 2026

Moderate Impacts

Major Impacts



Potential Winter Storm Impacts	
<b>Winter Weather Area</b>	Expect Winter Weather.
	• Winter driving conditions. Drive carefully.
<b>Minor Impacts</b>	Expect a few inconveniences to daily life.
	• Winter driving conditions. Use caution while driving.
<b>Moderate Impacts</b>	Expect disruptions to daily life.
	• Hazardous driving conditions. Use extra caution while driving.
	• Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.
<b>Major Impacts</b>	Expect considerable disruptions to daily life.
	• Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Avoid travel if possible.
	• Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.
<b>Extreme Impacts</b>	Expect substantial disruptions to daily life.
	• Extremely dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Travel is not advised.
	• Extensive and widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.
	• Life-saving actions may be needed.

- The likelihood of moderate impacts from a potential winter storm over the weekend is increasing, with a 50-90% chance across much of NC by late Sunday. Similarly, a likelihood of major impacts is currently 10-50%, with the higher probabilities across northern areas.
- Continue to monitor the forecast from trusted sources as details continue to be refined in the coming days.



# Saturday's High & Low Temperature Forecast

## Max Temperature Forecast

Valid Saturday Jan 24, 2026

Weather Forecast Office  
Raleigh, NC  
Issued Jan 21, 2026 5:06 AM EST



Maximum Temperature (F)



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## Min Temperature Forecast

Valid Sunday Jan 25, 2026

Weather Forecast Office  
Raleigh, NC  
Issued Jan 21, 2026 5:07 AM EST



Minimum Temperature (F)



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- Highs will top out in upper 20s across much of NC Saturday with low to mid 30s forecast across eastern NC. Lows will plummet into the teens and 20s into Sunday morning.
- Dangerously cold temperatures will linger through the weekend and into early next week. Any precipitation on roadways may linger longer than usual.



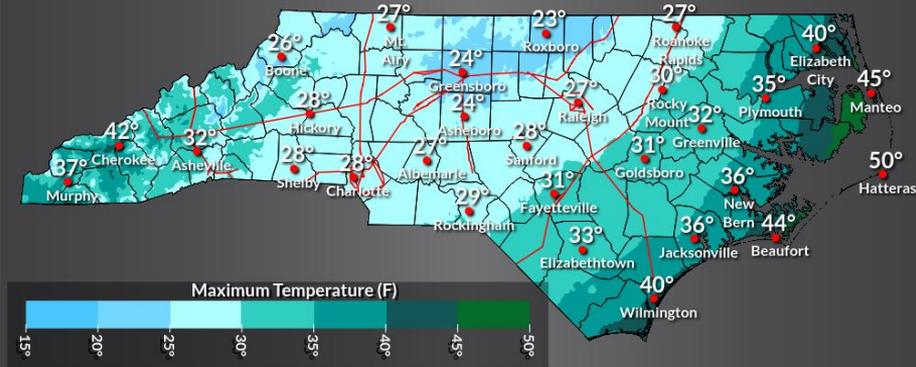
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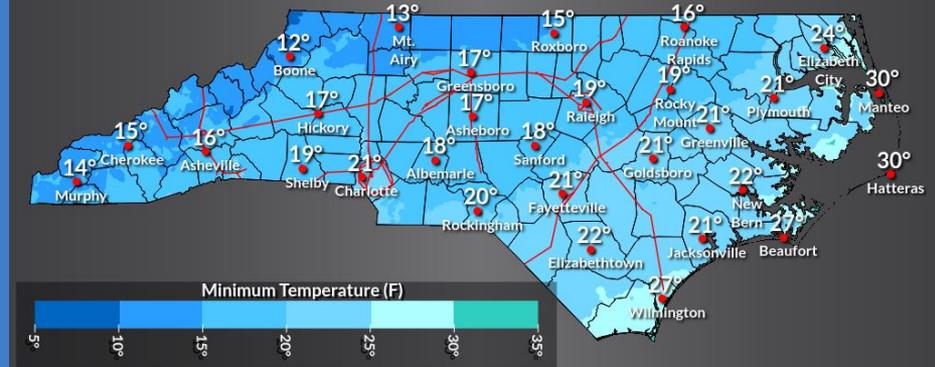
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## Min Temperature Forecast

Valid Monday Jan 26, 2026

Weather Forecast Office  
Raleigh, NC

Issued Jan 21, 2026 5:07 AM EST



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# **WINTER WEATHER**

## **ARE YOU READY FOR ICE STORMS?**

- **Trim weak or damaged branches around your home**
- **Don't leave vehicle wipers raised**
- **Don't park your car under trees**
- **Be prepared for long-duration power outages**
- **Keep devices charged**

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# Winter Precipitation

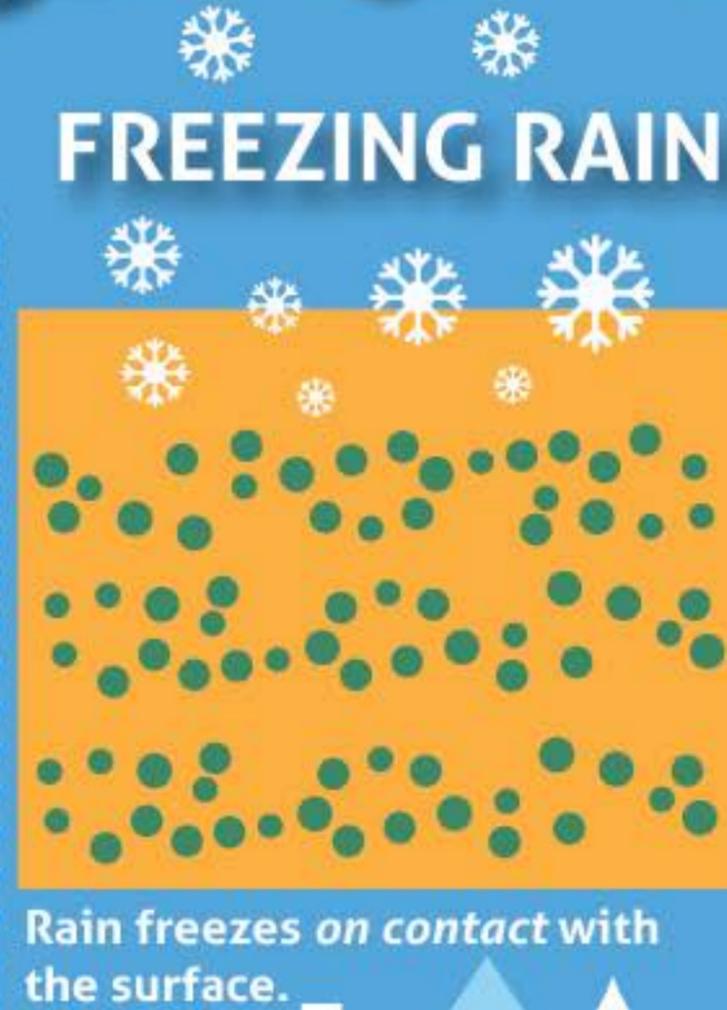
## SNOW



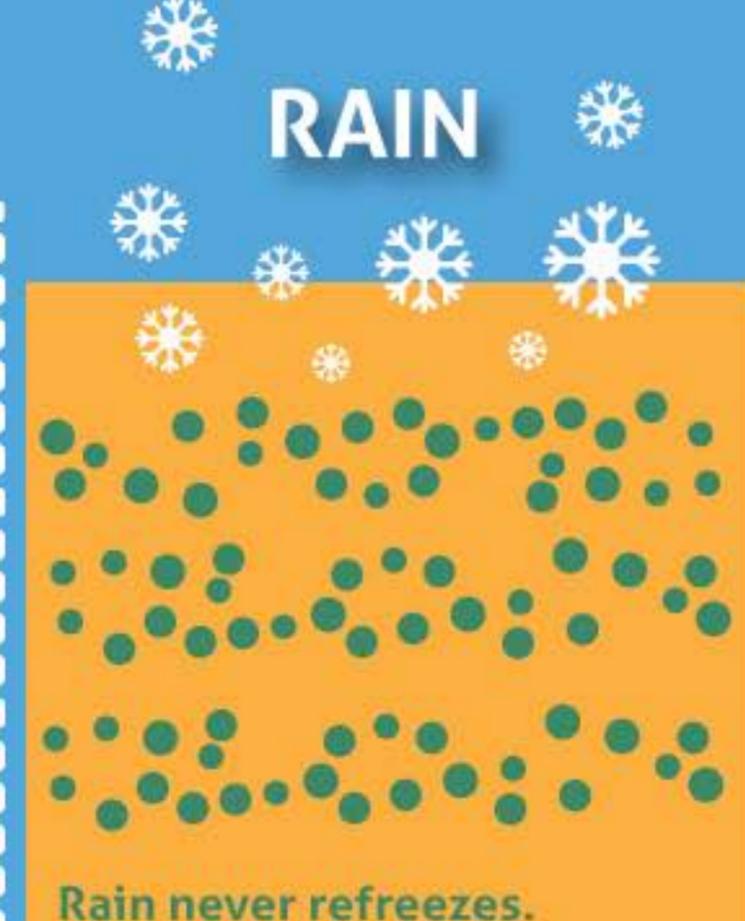
## SLEET



## FREEZING RAIN



## RAIN



■ At or Below 32°F

■ Above 32°F

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# WINTER WEATHER DRIVING TIPS



- Don't drive in snow and ice unless you have to.
- Reduce your speed.
- Keep the gas tank full.
- Leave lots of room between you and other vehicles.
- Approach bridges and overpasses with caution.
- Keep basic items on hand: Ice scraper, jumper cables, blankets, flashlight, first aid kit, road map.
- If you start to slide, take your foot off the gas pedal.

