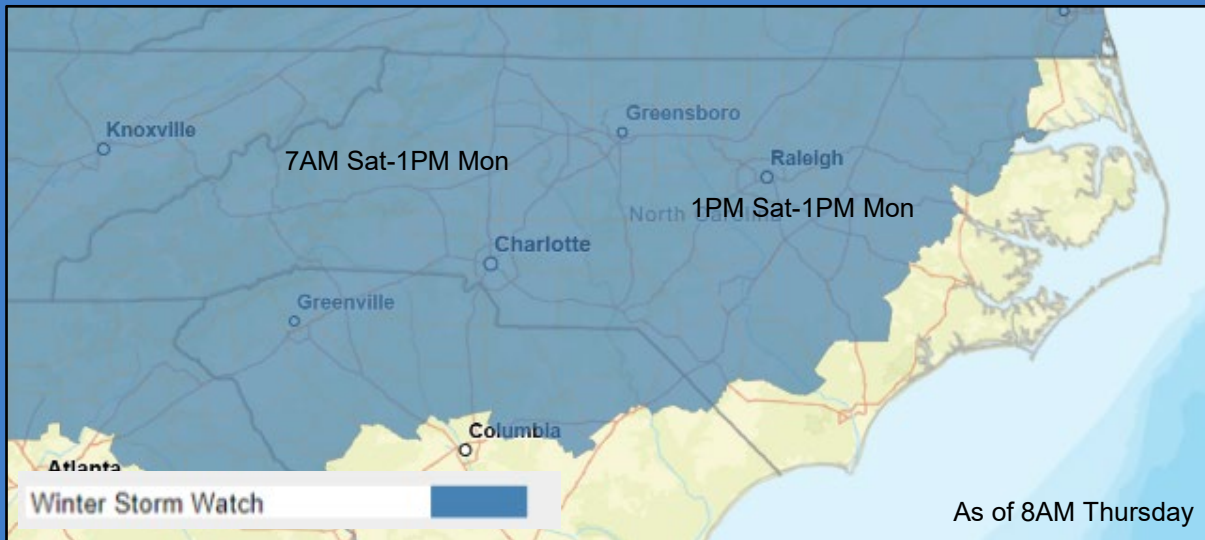




## Winter Storm Watch

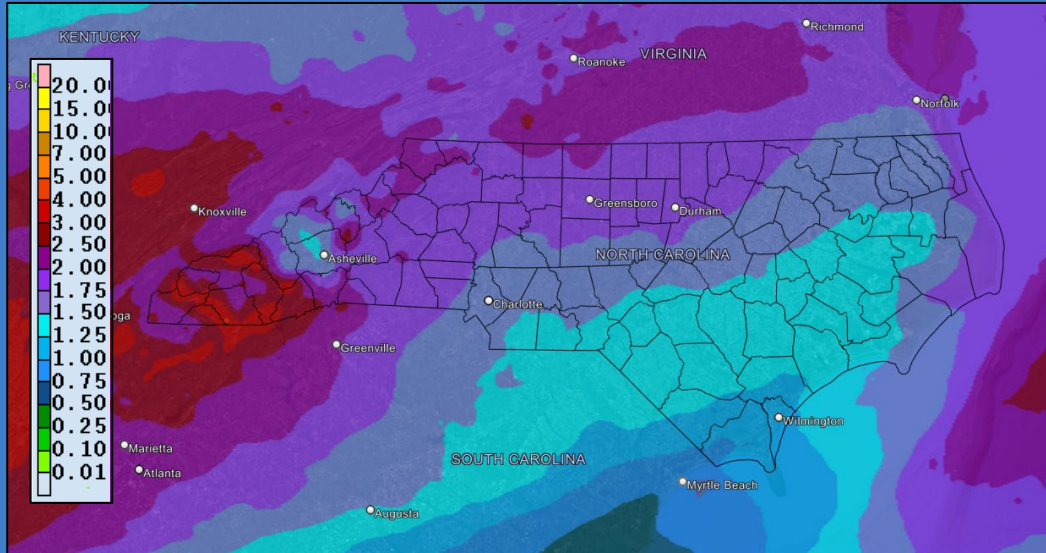


- A Winter Storm Watch has been issued for much of NC through Monday afternoon. The watch will go into effect Saturday morning across western NC and Saturday afternoon farther east.
- The Winter Storm Watch will be transitioned to a Winter Storm Warning or Winter Weather Advisory this evening into tomorrow.



# 7-Day Rainfall Forecast

7AM Thursday January 22, 2026 – 7AM Thursday January 29, 2026



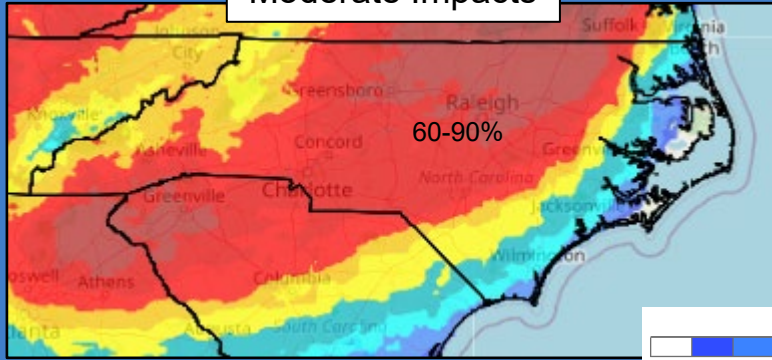
- Light wintry precipitation will be possible across the mountains through Friday. Outside of the mountains, light rain is in the forecast Friday as a slow moving cold front finally pushes out of the region.
- The most impactful precipitation will be over the weekend where a wintry mix is forecast across much of the state.
- While specific types and amounts are highly dependent on where transition zones occur, a wintry mix of snow, sleet, and freezing rain is possible statewide. Now is the time to prepare for winter weather and the potential for power outages across your area.



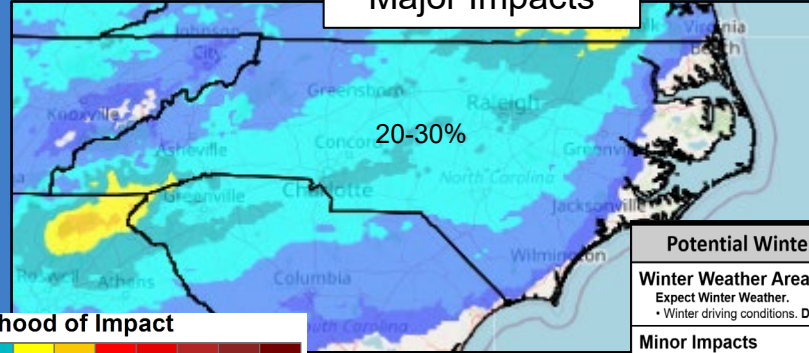
# Winter Storm Severity Index Probabilities

9AM Monday January 26, 2026

Moderate Impacts



Major Impacts

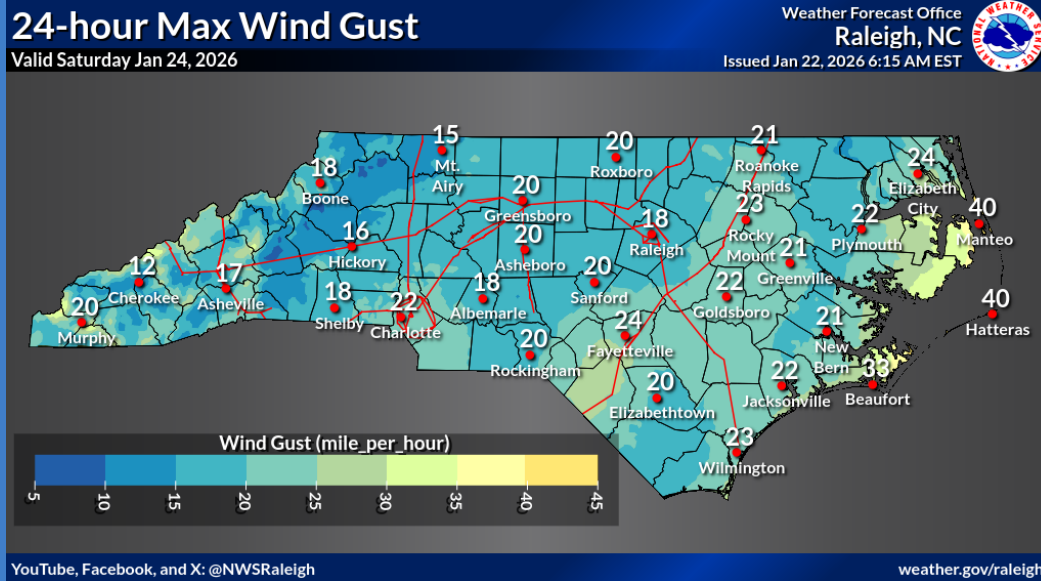


Potential Winter Storm Impacts	
<b>Winter Weather Area</b>	Expect Winter Weather.
	• Winter driving conditions. Drive carefully.
<b>Minor Impacts</b>	Expect a few inconveniences to daily life.
	• Winter driving conditions. Use caution while driving.
<b>Moderate Impacts</b>	Expect disruptions to daily 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 remains 60-90% by late Sunday into Monday morning. The probability of major impacts (20-30%) is due to forecast ice accumulation and dangerously cold air behind the precipitation.
- Continue to monitor the forecast from trusted sources as details continue to be refined in the coming days.



# Saturday's Wind Gust Forecast



- Wind gusts between 15-25 mph are forecast for much of the state on Saturday with greater wind gusts possible along the coast.



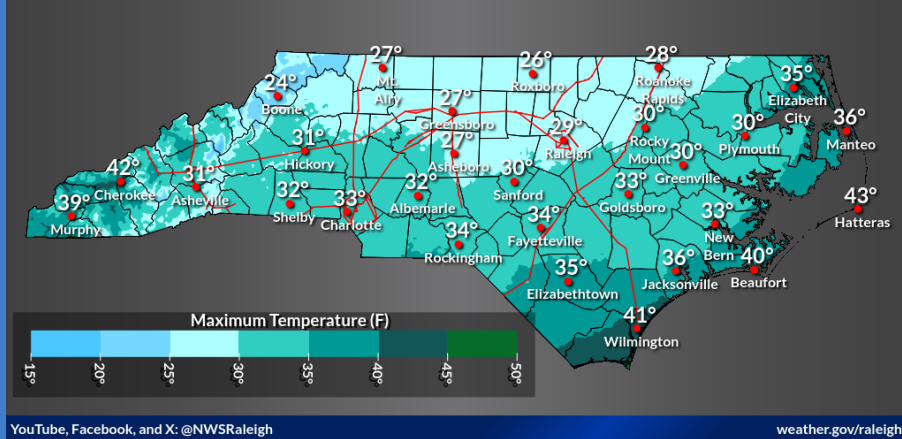
# Saturday's High & Low Temperature Forecast

## Max Temperature Forecast

Valid Saturday Jan 24, 2026

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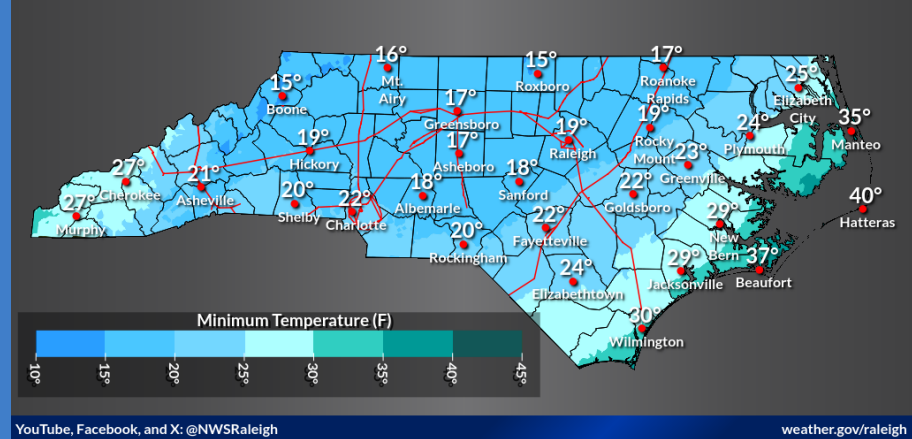


## Min Temperature Forecast

Valid Sunday Jan 25, 2026

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- Highs will top out in upper 20s to low 30s across much of NC Saturday with mid 30s to low 40s 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.



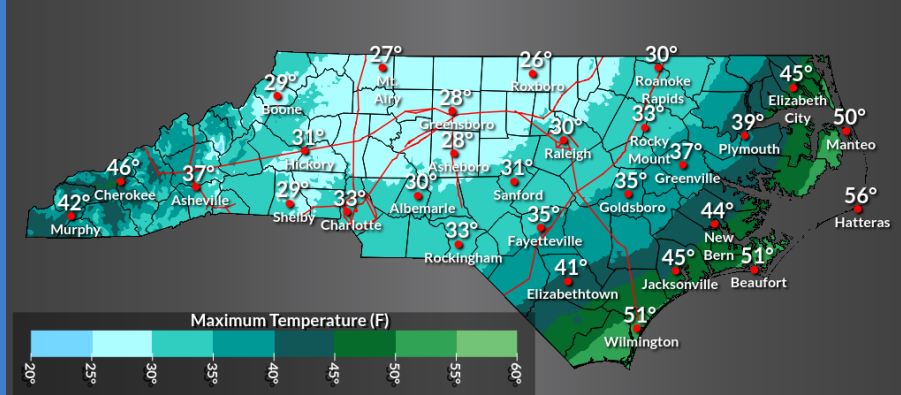
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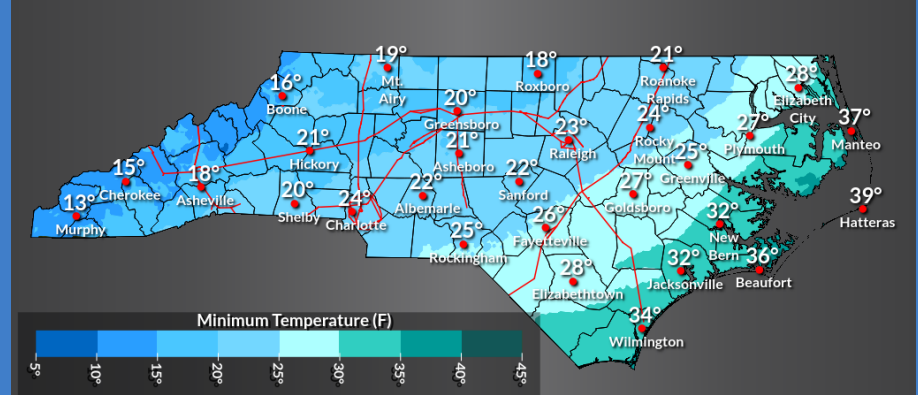
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## Min Temperature Forecast

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