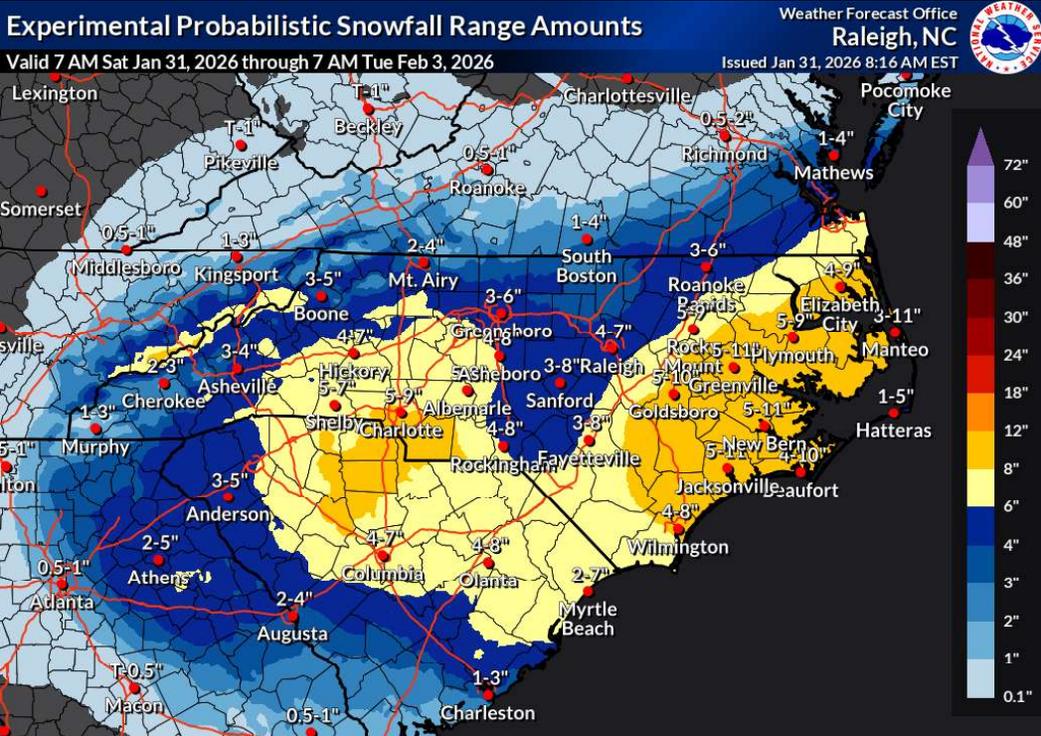


### State Declaration: EO32

### Federal Declaration: No. 2026-001

**Current Situation**  
 The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and Regional Coordination Centers (RCCs) are fully activated, with multiple counties declaring States of Emergency and opening Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs). Warming stations and shelters are expected to continue opening throughout the day to support community needs. Travel conditions will deteriorate through the evening as heavy snow quickly accumulates, and hotspot teams remain positioned in McDowell, Polk and Surry counties. Additional assets have been pre-positioned and are ready for rapid deployment as needed.

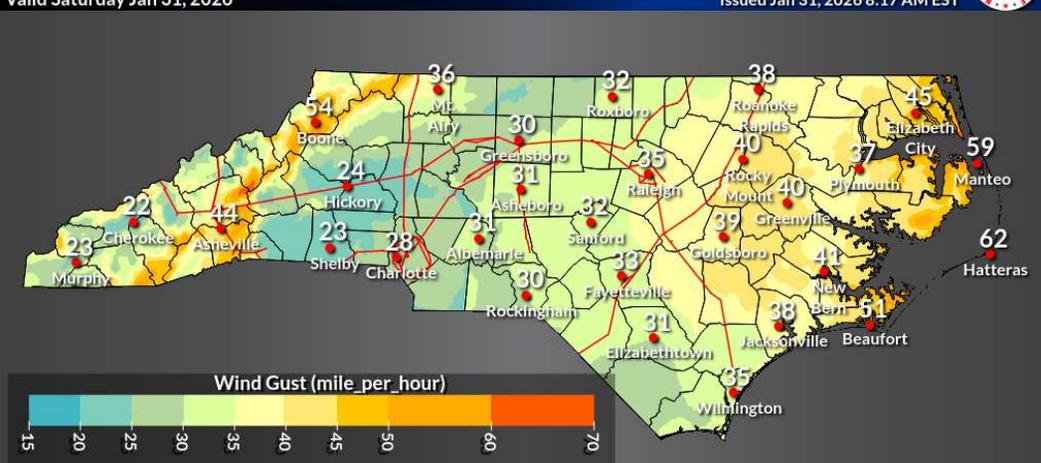


**Weather**  
 A major winter storm underway with snow falling across western and eastern regions. Widespread snowfall totals of 3-8" are forecast Saturday through midday Sunday. Some locations may experience low-end snow totals while others see locally significant amounts of 8-12"+, particularly where heavy snow bands develop. Snowfall is forecast to end from west to east as low pressure exits the region by mid-day Sunday. A Winter Storm Warning remains in effect across NC through Sunday.

### 24-hour Max Wind Gust

Weather Forecast Office Raleigh, NC  
 Valid Saturday Jan 31, 2026  
 Issued Jan 31, 2026 8:17 AM EST

Very cold temperatures and strong wind gusts are expected Saturday into Sunday. Daytime wind chills Saturday will dip into the single digits and teens, and below zero wind chills are forecast overnight statewide. Wind gusts of 25-45 mph are possible across central NC, with stronger gusts of 55-65 mph across the mountains, and 55-70+ mph along the coast. High winds will also lead to moderate to locally significant coastal flooding of 2-4ft. AGL along much of the coast. Strong winds will likely reduce visibility from blowing/drifting snow and could lead to brief blizzard conditions, especially within heavy snow bands. Avoid travel as hazardous driving and white out conditions are likely.



POWER OUTAGES	Duke 262	Dominion 1	Co-Op 863	ElectriCities 3	TOTAL 1,129
NC Emergency Management Regions	County EOC Activated	Local SOE	Resources Requested	Evacuations Ordered	Open Shelters (Population)
Eastern Branch	10	23	43	0	1 (0)
Central Branch	7	13	73	0	2 (2)
Western Branch	8	13	29	0	4 (0)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>147*</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7 (2)**</b>

\*Includes resource requests from other sources.  
 \*\*Includes shelters on standby.



## Lifeline Summary

### **Safety and Security**

- Executive Order 32, issued 29 January, declares a State of Emergency for the entire state providing temporary waivers and the suspension of some motor vehicle regulations.
- The U.S. DOT FMCSA Regional Emergency Declaration remains in effect through 6 February to support the rapid transport of essential supplies, services and passenger carrying vehicles.
- 49 counties have declared a State of Emergency (SOE) and 25 county Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) have opened (see attached map).
- The NC National Guard (NCNG) has deployed 72 Force Packages, including 341 personnel and 127 vehicles that are expected to be in place by tonight, 31 January. Aircraft are also staged in Salisbury for potential activation.
- SERT partners have conducted inventory of all available 4x4 vehicles for immediate response and stand by to support local requests for assistance.
- There are currently no operational gaps as a result of the federal shutdown.

### **Food, Water, and Sheltering**

- 2 shelters are open (with an additional 5 shelters on standby) and 22 warming centers are open across the state (see attached map).
- 705 blankets, 150 cots, and 1 pallet of water has been distributed for shelter operations. Deliveries of additional commodities will be suspended until conditions improve.

### **Health and Medical**

- The U.S. HHS ASPR emPOWER data is available for local health departments providing information about individuals on power dependent medical devices.
- NC OEMS continues to monitor and conduct outreach of healthcare facilities for potential unmet needs and challenges associated with weather impacts.

### **Energy (Power and Fuel)**

- Energy partner crews are prepared and ready to respond.
- FEMA deployed 2 generator packages to NCEM's Badin Warehouse to support regional response operations.

### **Communications**

- Social media messaging continues to emphasize practical protective measures for home and travel.
- General information and links to resources for this winter storm can be found by visiting [readync.gov/winterstorm2026](https://readync.gov/winterstorm2026).

### **Transportation**

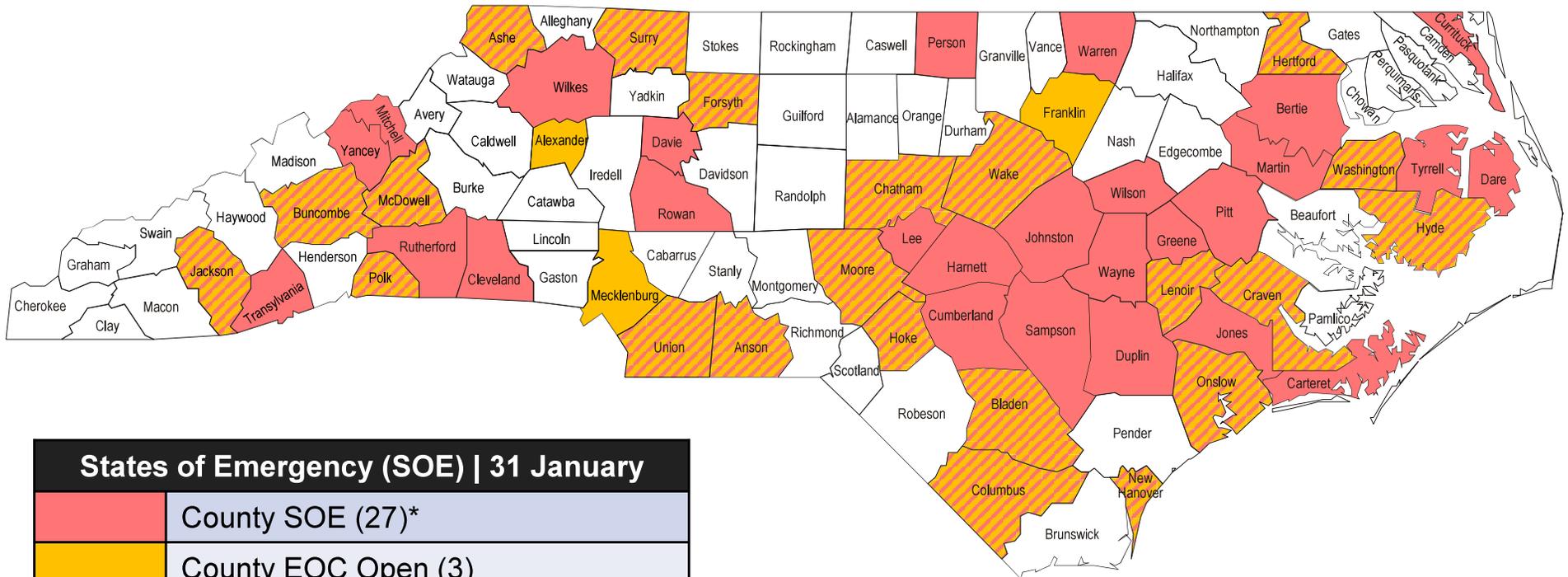
- All NC ferries and ferry routes have been suspended.
- The Port of Morehead City will close at noon and the Port of Wilmington will close at 1700 today, 31 January.
- Several passenger trains have been cancelled including the Piedmont, Floridian and Palmetto. Amtrak and NCDOT will monitor conditions and adjust services as necessary.
- There are currently 559 cancellations and 87 delayed flights at CLT, 138 cancellations and 13 delayed flight at RDU, and several cancellations/delays across GSO and ILM.

### **Hazardous Materials**

- Partners are monitoring and standing by to assist as needed.

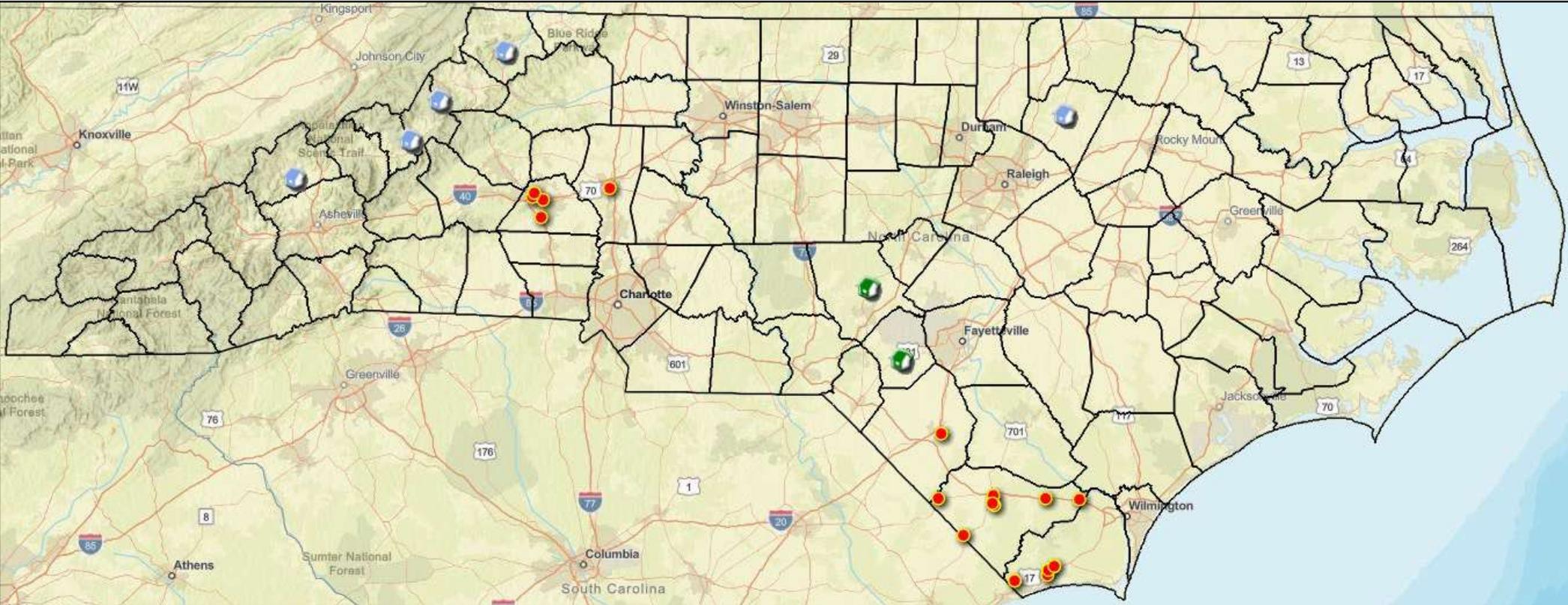
### **Water Systems**

- Partners are monitoring and standing by to assist as needed.



<b>States of Emergency (SOE)   31 January</b>	
	County SOE (27)*
	County EOC Open (3)
	County SOE with Open EOC (22)
<b>Total: 49 SOEs, 25 EOCs</b>	

\*Incl. Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



<b>Warming Centers and Shelters   31 January</b>						
Warming Centers: 22	●					
Shelters: 7 (% Capacity Occupied)	80-100%	🏠	40-60%	🏠	Standby	🏠
	60-80%	🏠	20-40%	🏠	< 20%	🏠

This map reflects only shelters and warming centers that are currently active and entered in WebEOC or submitted to NCEM. Not all shelters or warming centers may be represented.