

YOUR 7-DAY FORECAST

Today Strong winds
61°
RealFeel: 57°
UV Index: 4

Tonight Mainly clear
35°
RealFeel: 37°

Saturday Clouds and sun; nice
60° 49°
RealFeel: 61°
UV Index: 4

Sunday Windy
75° 31°
RealFeel: 72°
UV Index: 3

Monday Windy and colder
35° 17°
RealFeel: 28°
UV Index: 2

Tuesday Brilliant sunshine
49° 25°
RealFeel: 44°
UV Index: 5

Wednesday Mostly cloudy
48° 39°
RealFeel: 49°
UV Index: 3

Thursday Mostly cloudy
63° 47°
RealFeel: 61°
UV Index: 2

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CHRIS BAILEY

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: What was the greatest reported snowfall from the blizzard of 1888?

A: 58 inches at Saratoga, New York

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Lexington Wednesday

TEMPERATURE

High/low	78°/39°
Normal high/low	54°/35°
Last year high/low	77°/43°
Record high	78° (2026)
Record low	11° (1934)

PRECIPITATION

Wednesday	0.09"
Month to date (normal)	1.28" (1.63")
Year to date (normal)	6.51" (8.69")
Last year to date	10.29"
Record for date	1.10" (1963)

POLLEN

As of 3/11

Absent	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
			▼	
			Trees	

Source: <https://www.allergyasc.com/>

NATIONAL EXTREMES

WEDNESDAY for the 48 contiguous states

High: 99° in Brownsville, TX

Low: -12° in Lake Yellowstone, WY

SUN & MOON

Sunrise today	7:53 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:44 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:54 a.m.
Moonset today	2:08 p.m.

MOON PHASES

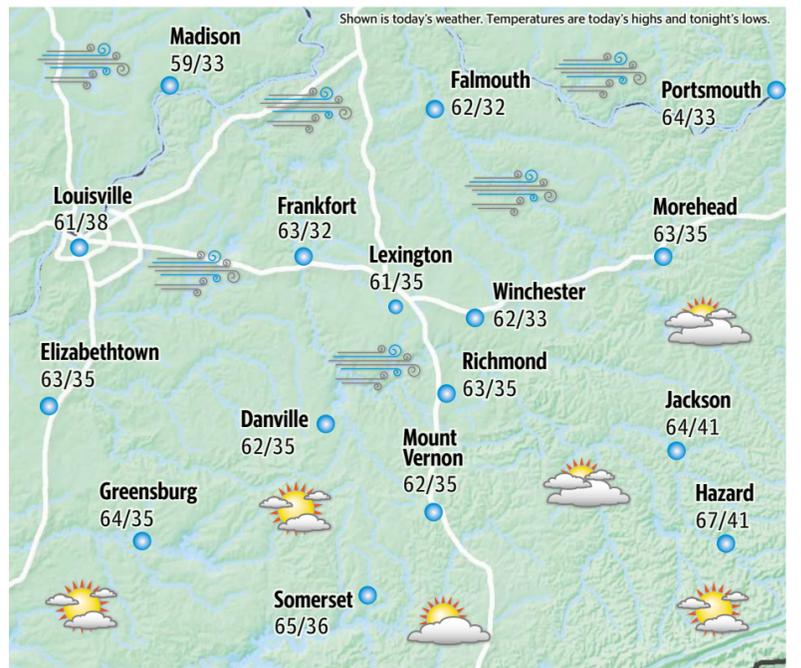
New	First	Full	Last
Mar 18	Mar 25	Apr 1	Apr 10

LAKES & RIVERS

Lake Levels	Full Pool	Level Wed.	24-hr. change
Herrington Lake	750	726.39	+0.25
Green River Lake	713	668.42	-0.01
Lake Cumberland	723	702.71	+0.26
Cave Run Lake	765	725.81	+0.12

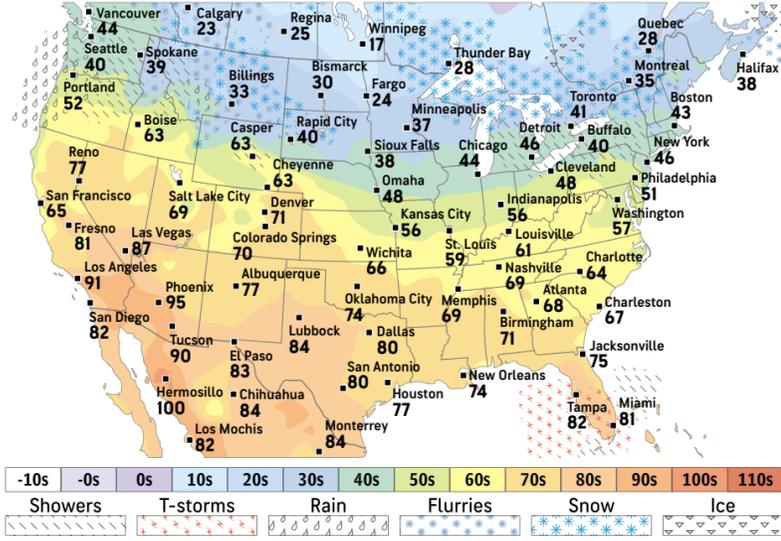
River Stages	Flood Stage	Stage Wed.	24-hr. change
Kentucky River Lock 4	31	8.58	-0.08
Kentucky River Lock 10	26	12.03	+0.03
Kentucky River Lock 14	20	10.78	-0.19
Ohio River at Ashland	52	35.68	-1.28

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TODAY'S NATIONAL FORECAST

Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.



AROUND THE NATION

City	Today			Saturday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Anchorage	17	5	s	21	9	pc
Atlanta	68	46	s	78	55	s
Boston	43	38	pc	48	28	pc
Chicago	44	31	pc	40	35	c
Dallas	80	54	s	81	63	s
Denver	71	49	pc	72	20	pc
Detroit	46	27	sh	41	31	c
Honolulu	76	72	r	77	71	r
Indianapolis	56	34	c	50	44	c
Kansas City	56	37	pc	69	47	pc
Las Vegas	87	63	s	90	62	s
Los Angeles	91	60	pc	83	55	pc
Miami	81	71	t	83	72	t
Nashville	69	42	pc	73	56	s
New Orleans	74	56	s	76	65	s
New York City	46	40	pc	51	34	pc
Orlando	80	63	pc	82	64	t
Philadelphia	51	41	pc	54	38	pc
Phoenix	95	66	s	92	63	pc
St. Louis	59	37	pc	63	56	pc
Salt Lake City	69	51	pc	64	34	c
San Francisco	65	51	pc	70	52	s
Seattle	40	35	sn	47	36	sh
Washington, DC	57	45	pc	60	41	pc

AROUND THE WORLD

City	Today			Saturday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	87	71	pc	86	70	pc
Amsterdam	52	40	r	49	36	pc
Baghdad	75	54	pc	71	63	c
Berlin	63	47	pc	58	39	r
Bogota	67	50	sh	67	50	r
Cairo	76	65	pc	75	56	pc
Calgary	23	9	sn	14	5	sn
Dublin	45	35	pc	48	41	r
Geneva	61	41	pc	44	35	sn
Havana	85	66	sh	86	67	r
Hong Kong	72	61	pc	73	63	s
Jerusalem	66	54	c	67	49	t
Johannesburg	65	53	t	73	55	t
Lisbon	64	51	pc	58	51	c
London	50	35	pc	53	37	pc
Madrid	65	49	s	55	37	c
Mexico City	71	48	sh	74	50	s
Moscow	52	33	pc	49	29	s
New Delhi	91	67	pc	88	66	c
Paris	54	39	r	50	34	r
Rome	63	42	pc	62	49	c
Stockholm	48	36	sh	42	34	c
Sydney	71	64	pc	75	62	pc
Tokyo	52	44	c	58	44	s

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice

Report: FIFA cuts operating budget by more than \$100M

Field Level Media

FIFA has slashed more than \$100 million from its operating budget for this summer's World Cup in North America, The Athletic reported.

In its annual report in 2024, FIFA's projected budget for the 2023-26 cycle included \$1.12 billion for operational expenses out of a total budget of \$3.756 billion. The \$1.12 billion included \$280 million for technical services, \$159 million for event transport, \$145 million for safety and security, and \$79 million for guest management.

However, four different sources told The Athletic that FIFA's staff at its U.S. headquarters in Miami are feeling strains after learning that cuts to the operating budget -- including areas of safety, logistics, security and accessibility --

had "comfortably exceeded" \$100 million.

A FIFA spokesperson issued a statement to The Athletic for Tuesday's story.

"FIFA is constantly reviewing budget efficiencies to ensure costs are controlled, so that as much revenue as possible can be invested in the development of football around the world. This should not surprise anyone, as budget reviews are routinely applied prior to all our tournaments and events," read the statement.

The 48-team World Cup is taking place at 16 venues across the U.S., Mexico and Canada from June 11 to July 19.

The U.S. Congress has allocated \$625 million from the federal government to help venues with security costs, however those funds have not yet been distributed due to a partial government shutdown that is impacting the Department of



FIFA President Gianni Infantino holds the FIFA World Cup trophy at the World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting in Davos, Switzerland on Jan. 22, 2026.

Homeland Security.

The FIFA statement addressed concerns about safety and security.

"FIFA will never com-

promise on the operational success, nor on key aspects such as safety and security, of its biggest tournament, and to suggest otherwise is

false and misleading. FIFA is investing considerable resources to ensure an outstanding experience. FIFA will be deploying a

total workforce of approximately 5,000 individuals to ensure smooth operations," read the statement.

Official: Iran will not participate in 2026 World Cup

Field Level Media

Iran's sports minister said there is no way that the nation's soccer team will compete in this summer's FIFA World Cup in North America.

Ahmad Donyamali addressed the situation in the wake of combined American and Israeli at-

tacks against his Middle East nation in an interview with state television.

"Considering that this corrupt regime has assassinated our leader, under no circumstances can we participate in the World Cup. Our children are not safe, and, fundamentally, such conditions for participation do not exist," he said, per CBS Sports.

"Given the malicious actions they have carried out against Iran, they have forced two wars on us over eight or nine months and have killed and martyred thousands of our people. Therefore, we certainly cannot have such a presence."

Those remarks came after FIFA president Gianni Infantino and U.S. Pres-

ident Donald Trump discussed the matter on Tuesday and declared that the Iranian team was welcome to participate when the World Cup gets underway on June 11 in the U.S., Mexico and Canada.

"This evening, I met with the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump to discuss the status of preparations for the upcoming FIFA World Cup, and the growing excitement as we are set to kick off in just 93 days," Infantino posted on

social media. "We also spoke about the current situation in Iran, and the fact that the Iranian team has qualified to participate in the FIFA World Cup 2026."

"During the discussions, President Trump reiterated that the Iranian team is, of course, welcome to compete in the tournament in the United States. We all need an event like the FIFA World Cup to bring people together now more than ever, and I sincerely thank the President of the Unit-

ed States for his support, as it shows once again that Football Unites the World."

Iran is in Group G and is scheduled to play New Zealand (June 15) and Belgium (June 21) in Los Angeles and Egypt in Seattle (June 26).

FIFA has not confirmed Iran's official withdrawal or announced which team would replace Iran. Iraq is the likeliest squad as the next team in line from the Asian Football Confederation.