

December 3, 2025

Polar Vortex

- Arctic air is sweeping the nation just in time for the start of meteorological winter, causing over 235 million Americans to experience below freezing temperatures through the end of the week.
- Many areas will continue to experience below freezing temperatures on Tuesday and Wednesday with the coldest air lingering over the High Plains and Upper Midwest.



- By Thursday and Friday, a cold front will move through the nation, ushering in another surge of arctic air. This push of freezing air will make conditions even colder, setting the stage for potentially record-breaking lows in the morning.
- The cold blast will impact the Midwest on Thursday, creating below zero morning temperatures in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa.
- By Friday, the cold will expand from the Midwest all the way to the I-95 corridor, causing record low temperatures in the morning, affecting Pittsburgh, New York, Indianapolis, and Baltimore.
- Morning temperatures are expected to be in the single digits across the Midwest and Great Lakes while the I-95 corridor will see temperatures in the upper teens to lower 20s.
- Experts say that these temperatures are more typical for early February than December, which validates the forecasts from early November that predicted a cold and snowy start to the winter due to a weakening in the Polar Vortex and the emergence of the La Niña climate pattern.

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request							
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes			
IL*	Severe Storms and Flooding July 25 - 28, 2025 (Appeal)	11/21/2025	Pending	3 Counties			
IL*	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flash Flooding Aug 16-19, 2025 (Appeal)	11/21/2025	Pending	5 Counties			

^{*}Award of task order to contractor pending



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WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters						
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline		
4892 WI	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding and Mudslides	3 Counties	60	11/12/2025		

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