Winter Weather Briefing

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For Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, and Northern West Virginia

Decision Support Briefing #7

➔ As of 2:00 PM Saturday January 24, 2026

Current Headlines:

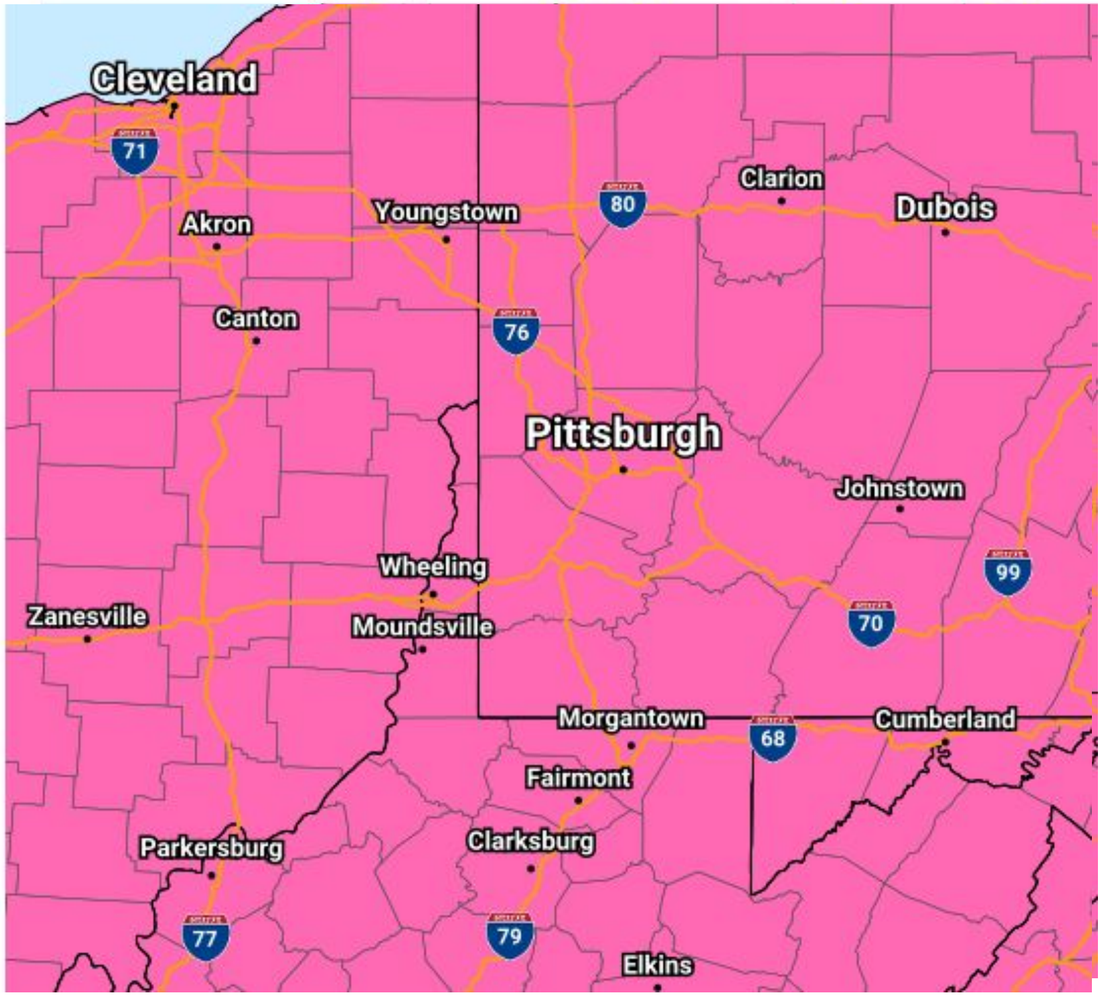
➔ **Winter Storm Warning** for the entire forecast area:
- **7pm Saturday - 12pm Monday**

➔ Probability for **SIGNIFICANT, HEAVY SNOWFALL** is high

➔ **Highest confidence** of **ice** accumulation in the **Mon Valley** and **southeastern ridges**

➔ Prolonged cold weather **highly likely** into next week

Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories



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Most Likely Snowfall Amounts

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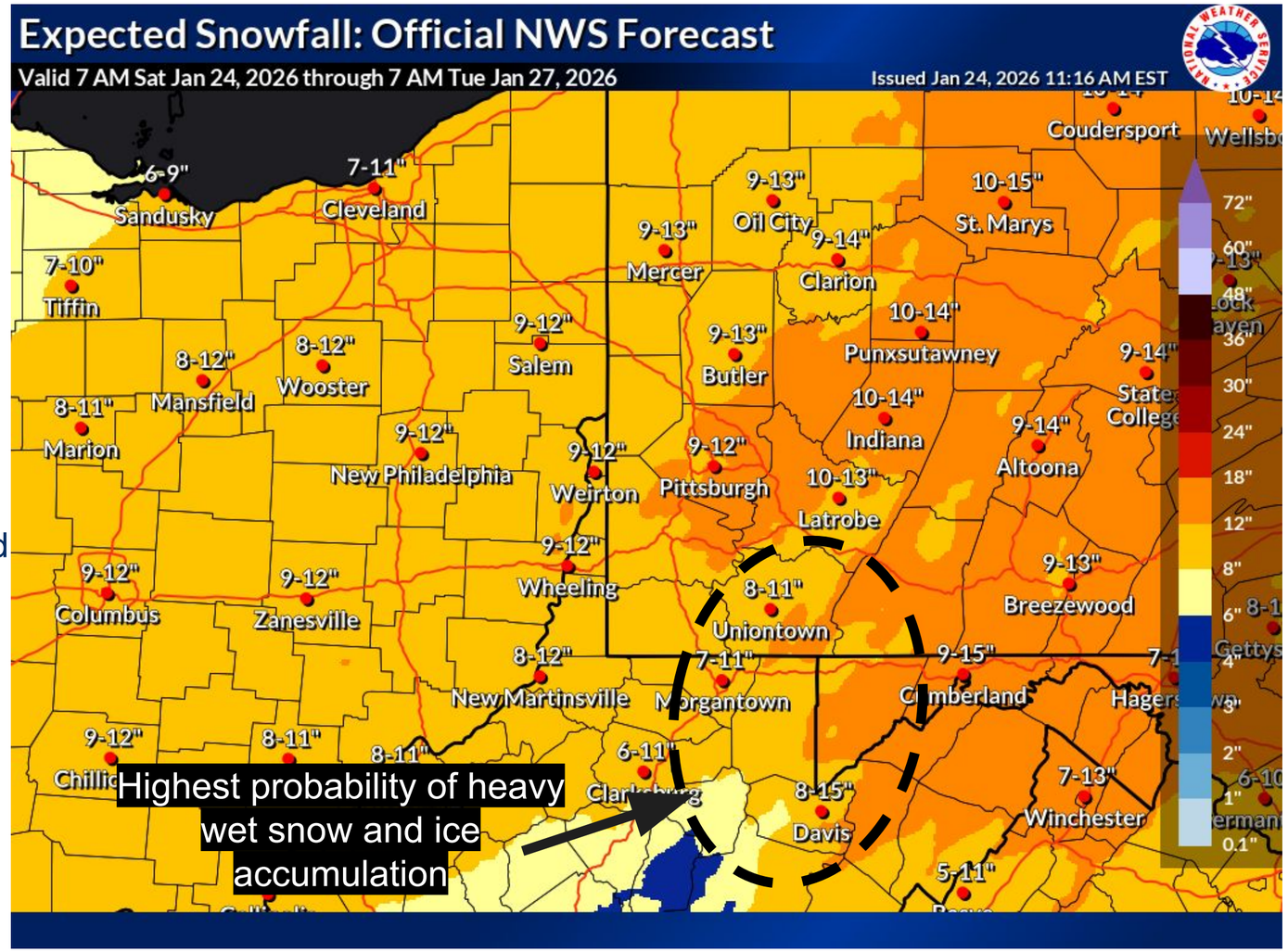
What We Know:

- Precipitation Type:
  - ***Snow*** areawide with a ***Wintry Mix*** at times mainly in the Mon Valley and southeastern ridges
- Timing:
  - Light snow starting late Sat eve and predawn Sun
  - Heaviest snowfall:
    - South of I-70… **4am Sunday - 7pm Sunday**
    - North of I-70… **7am Sunday - 11pm Sunday**
- Accumulation:
  - Snowfall Total Range: 9-16”
  - Mix of wet snow/ice is likely to reduce snowfall amounts for some areas south of Pittsburgh, especially the Mon Valley and southeastern ridges but **does not mean lesser impacts** with compounding effects from heavy wet snow and ice
- Snowfall Rates:
  - **0.5-1”/hr likely** with shorter bursts of **1” to 1.5”/hr possible within snow bands**

What We Don’t Know:

- The location of heavier snow bands which will determine where snowfall totals may exceed the high end of these ranges



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Start and End Time of Snow

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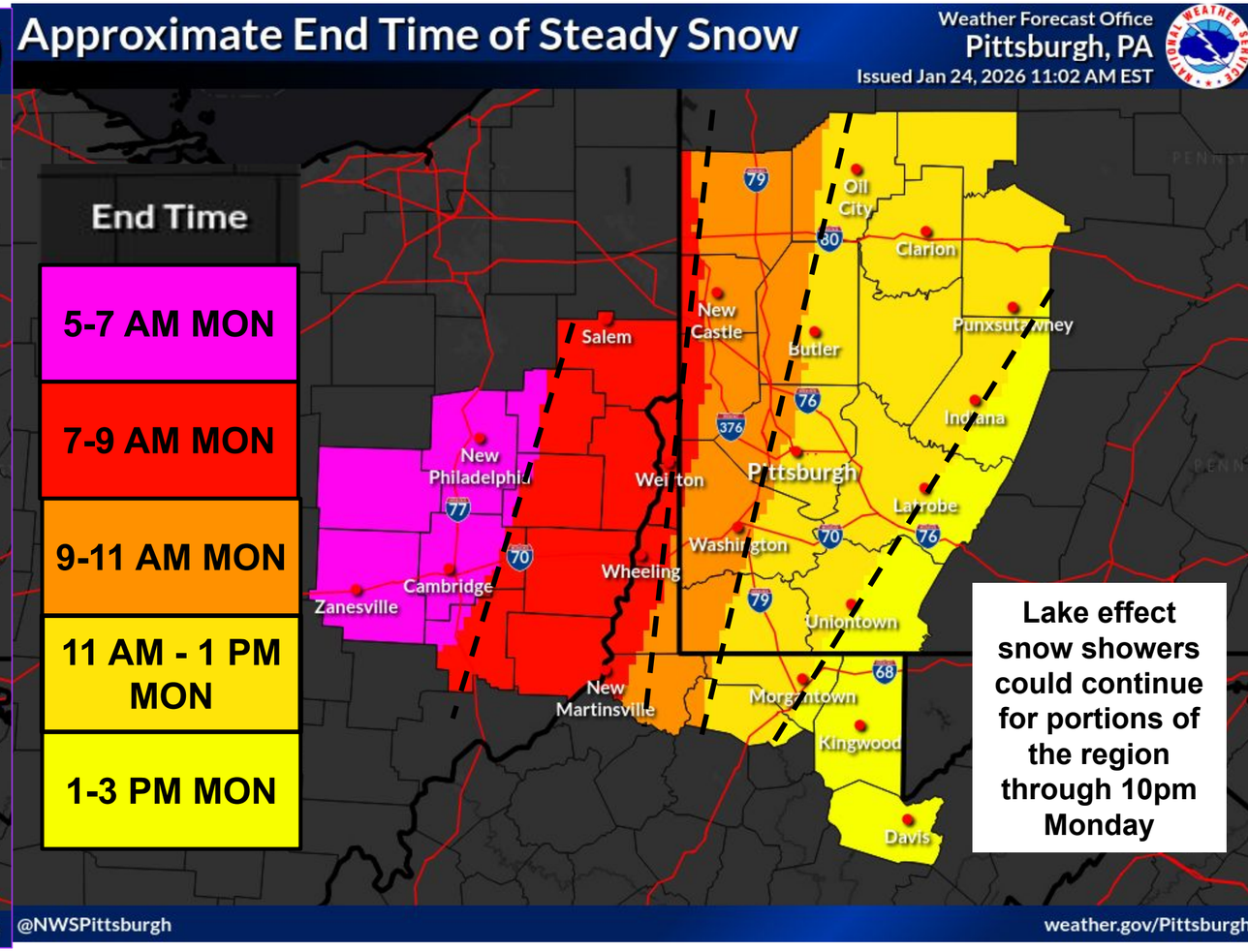

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Snowfall Probability

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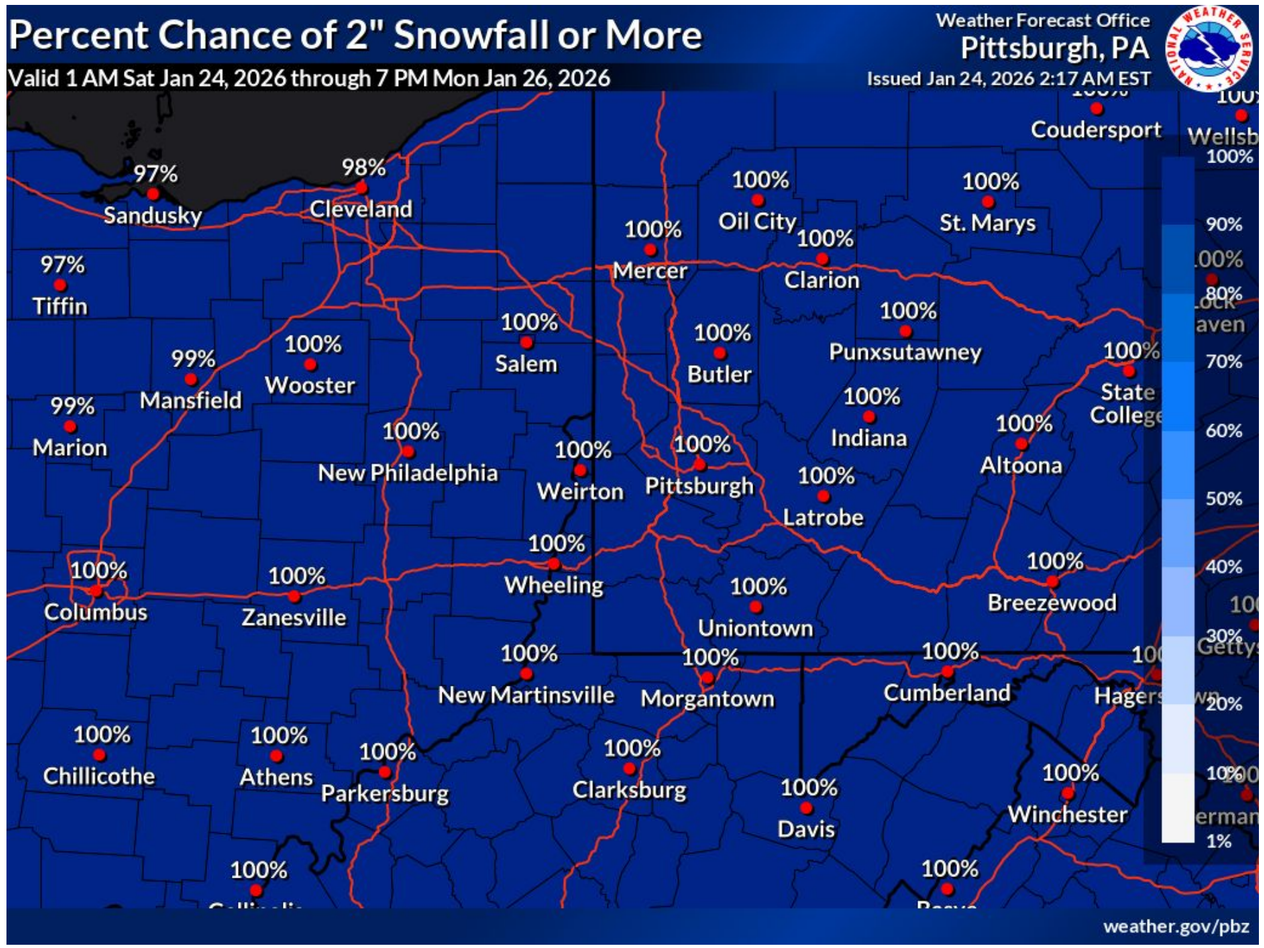
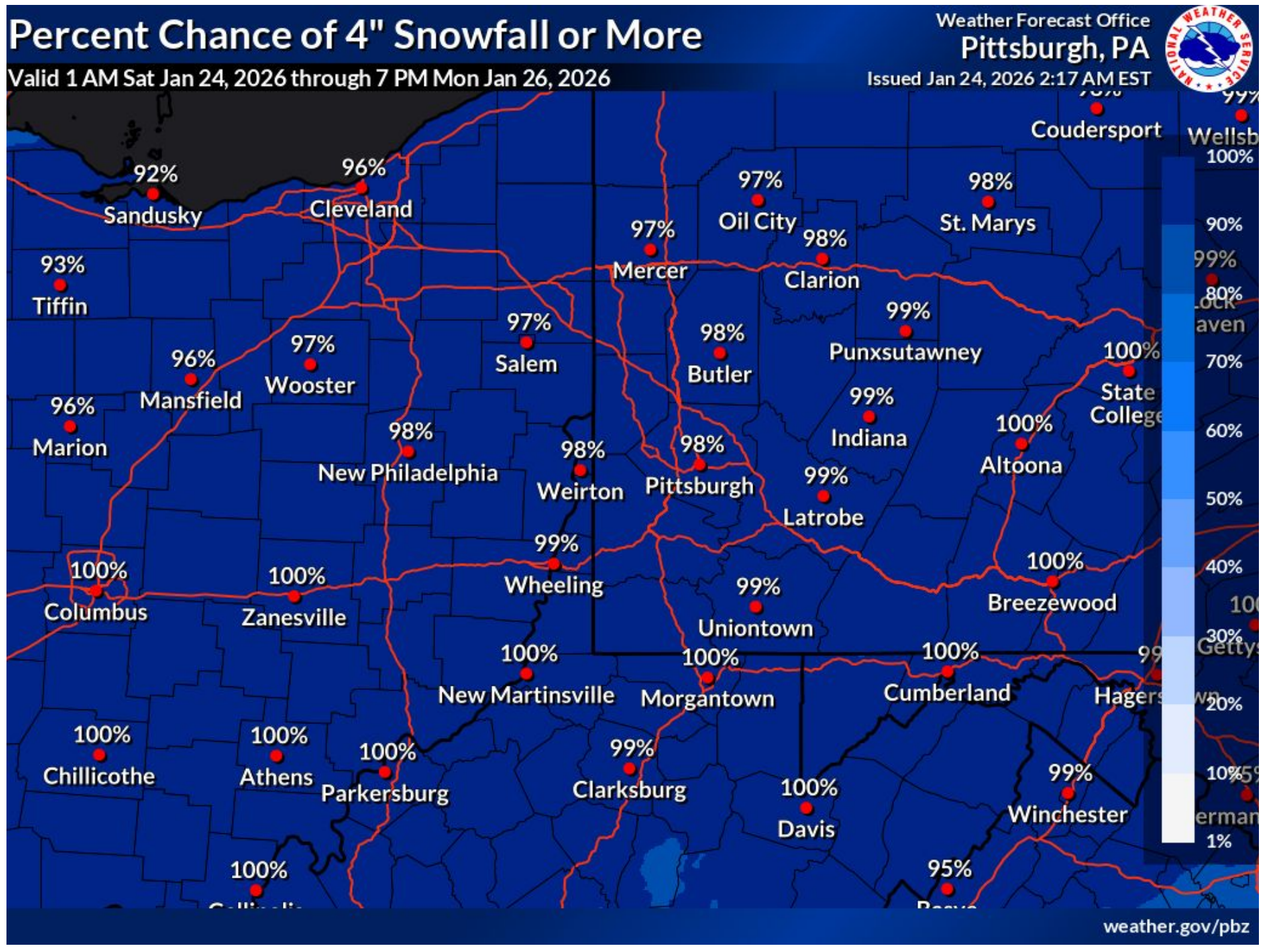
Percent chance of reaching or exceeding 2 and 4 inch snowfall amounts





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Snowfall Probability

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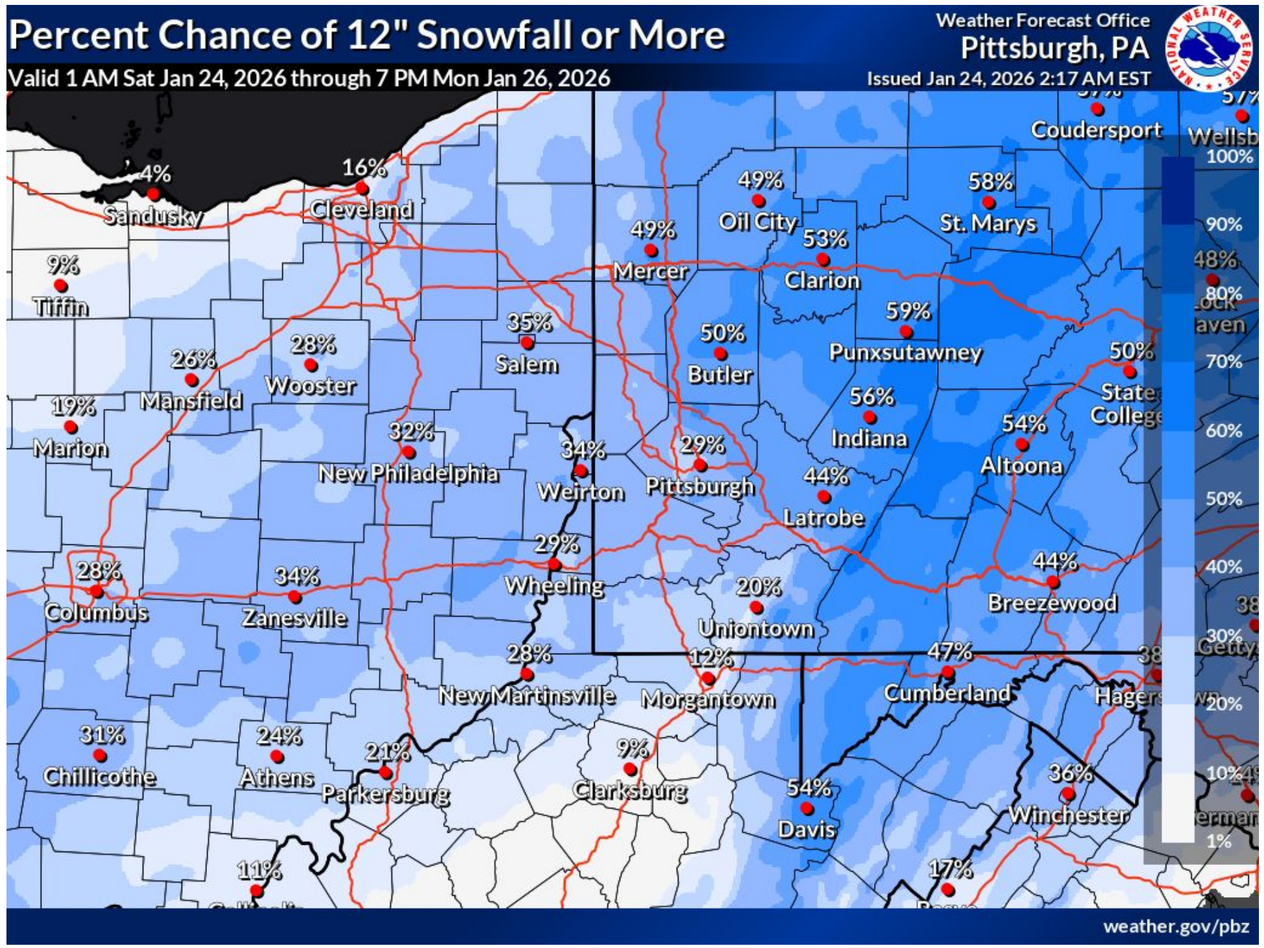
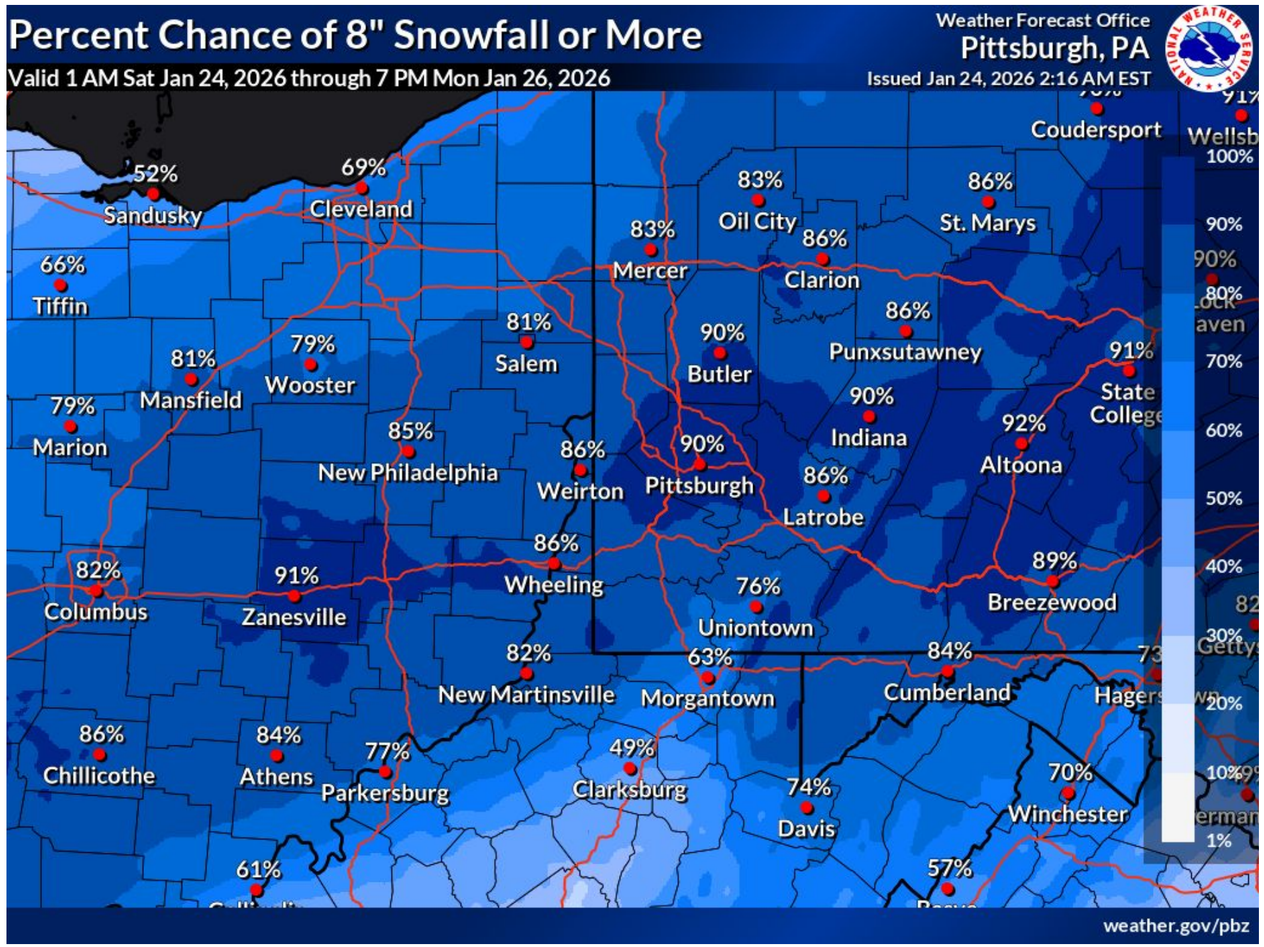
Percent chance of reaching or exceeding 6 and 8 inch snowfall amounts





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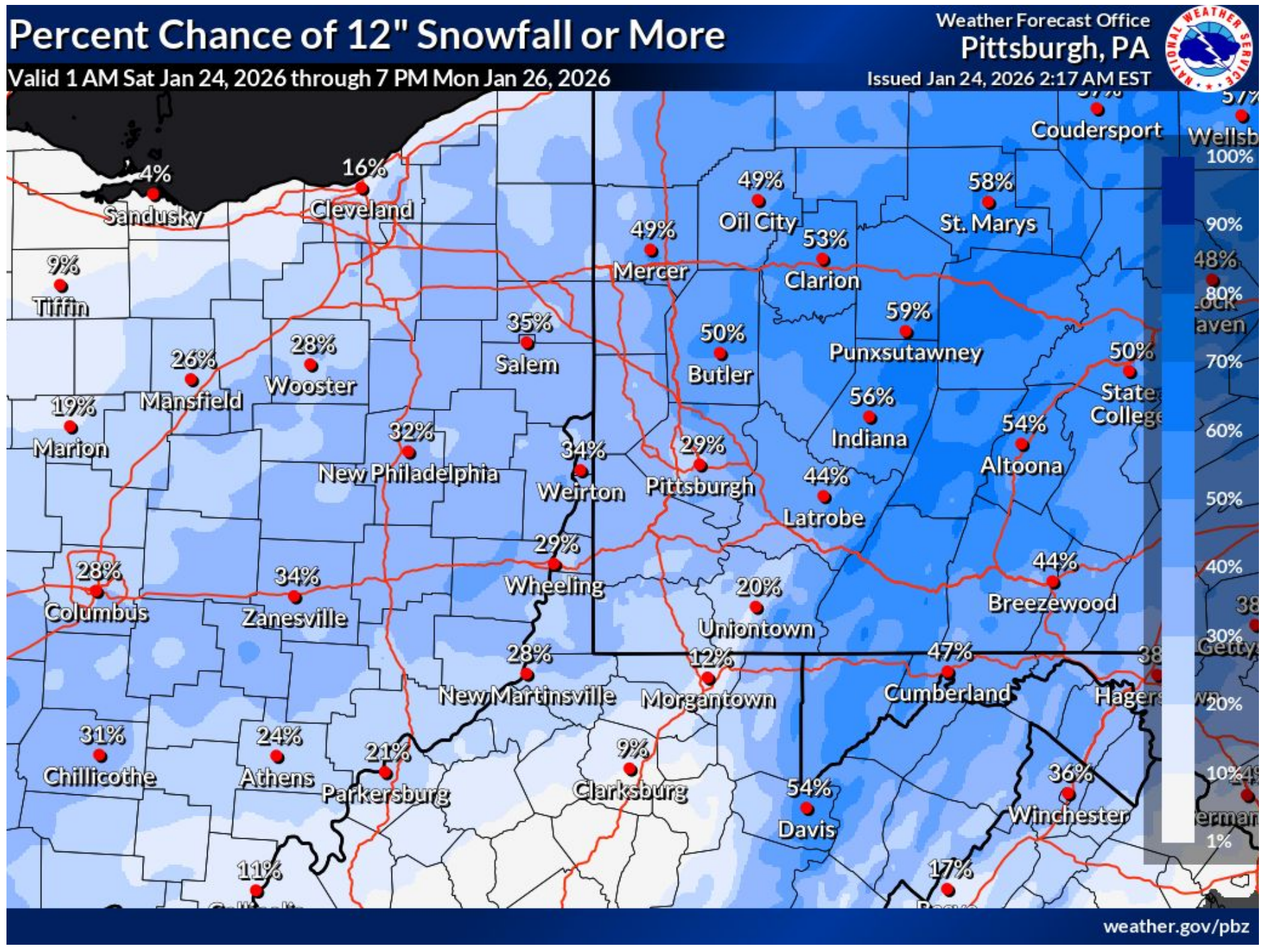
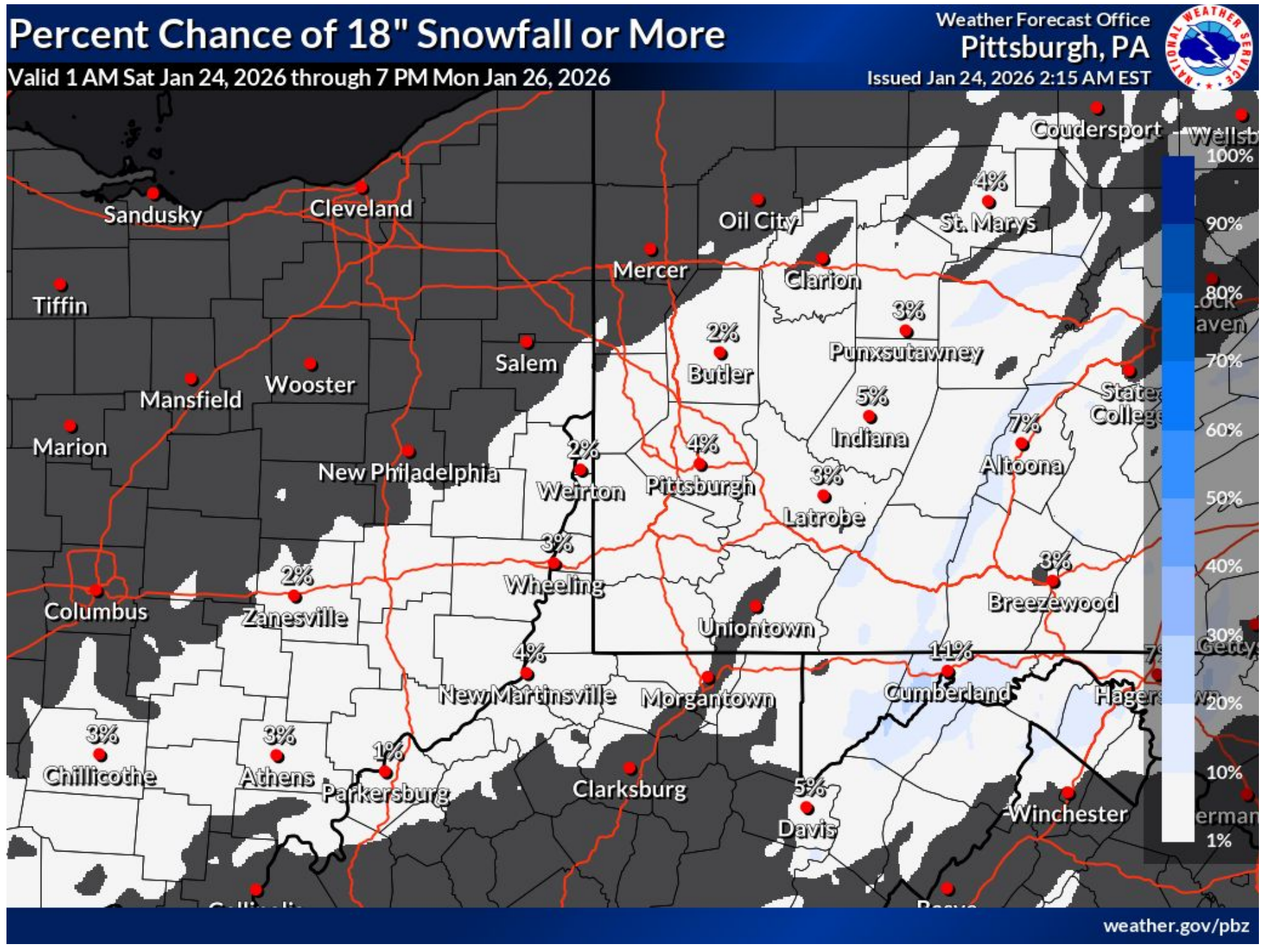
Percent chance of reaching or exceeding 12 and 18 inch snowfall amounts





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Snow Character

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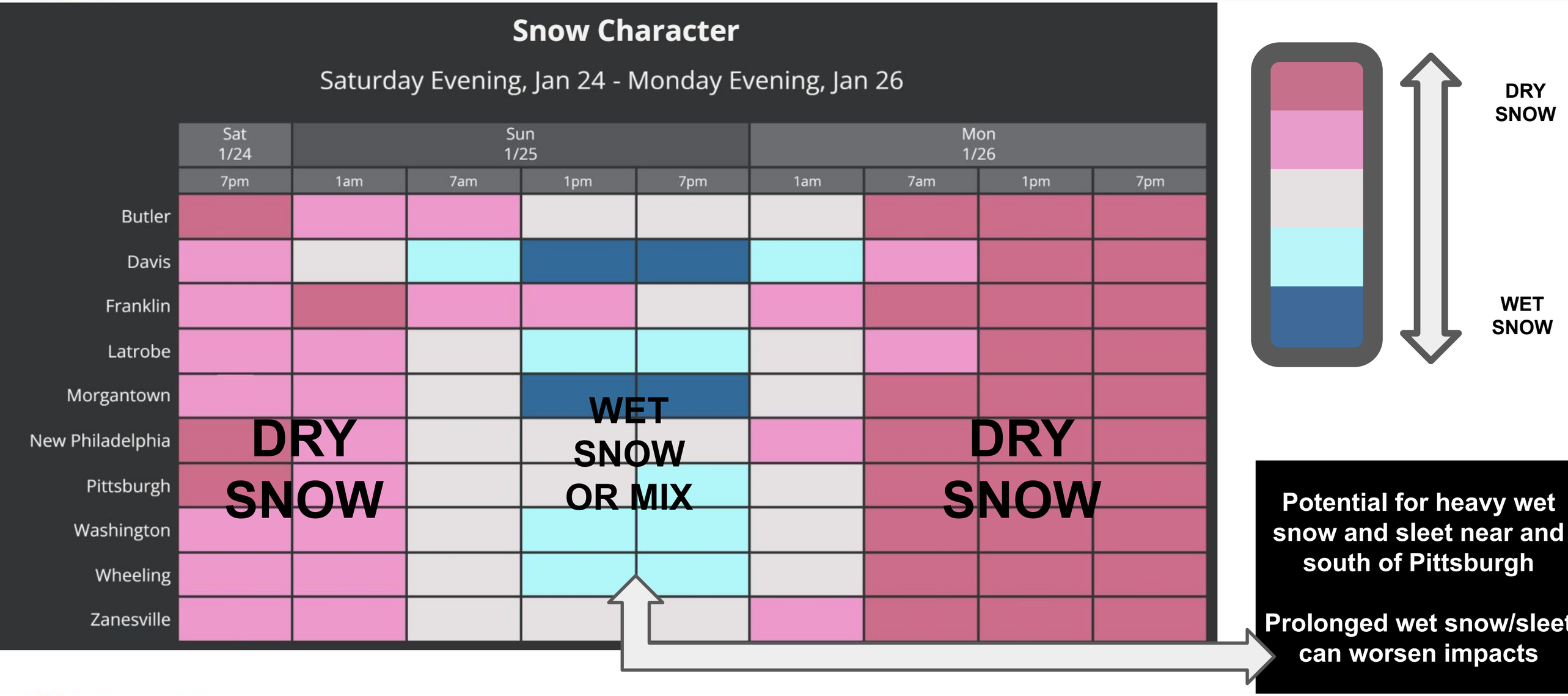
Snow likely to become wetter for a period near and south of Pittsburgh



Potential for heavy wet snow and sleet near and south of Pittsburgh

Prolonged wet snow/sleet can worsen impacts

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Hourly Snowfall Rates: PA

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Hourly Snowfall Rates

Saturday Evening, Jan 24 - Monday Morning, Jan 26

	Sat 1/24		Sun 1/25								Mon 1/26
	7pm	10pm	1am	4am	7am	10am	1pm	4pm	7pm	10pm	1am
Butler	0	0	0	0.2	0.5	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.2
Clarion	0	0	0	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.2
Indiana	0	0	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.9	1	0.9	0.9	0.4
Mercer	0	0	0	0.2	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.2
New Castle	0	0	0	0.2	0.4	1	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.1
Pittsburgh	0	0	0.1	0.3	0.6	1.2	1	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.1
Uniontown	0	0	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.4
Washington	0	0	0.2	0.4	0.8	1	0.8	1	0.6	0.5	0.1

1 Hour Snowfall (10:1) (in)

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Hourly Snowfall Rates: OH

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	7pm	10pm	1am	4am	7am	10am	1pm	4pm	7pm	10pm	1am
Caldwell	0	0	0.3	0.4	0.8	1.1	0.9	1	0.5	0	0.1
Cambridge	0	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.1	1.2	1	1	0.6	0.1	0.1
Coshocton	0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	1.4	0.9	0.8	0.6	0	0.1
New Philadelphia	0	0	0.1	0.3	0.6	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.1
Salem	0	0	0.1	0.3	0.4	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.1
Steubenville	0	0	0.1	0.3	0.7	1.2	0.9	1	0.6	0.3	0.1
Zanesville	0	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.2	1.2	1	1	0.6	0	0.1

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Hourly Snowfall Rates: WV

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Window for potential wintry mix - may be unrepresentative of actual snowfall rates

Hourly Snowfall Rates

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	7pm	10pm	1am	4am	7am	10am	1pm	4pm	7pm	10pm	1am
Davis	0	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.3	0	0.5	0.3
Fairmont	0	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.9	0	0.4	0.2
Kingwood	0	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.8	1	0.9	0.7	0	0.5	0.3
Morgantown	0	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0	0.5	0.3
New Martinsville	0	0	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.3	0.8	1	0.3	0.3	0.1
Weirton	0	0	0.1	0.3	0.7	1.2	1	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.1
Wheeling	0	0	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.1	0.9	1	0.6	0.4	0.1

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Mixed Precipitation Threat

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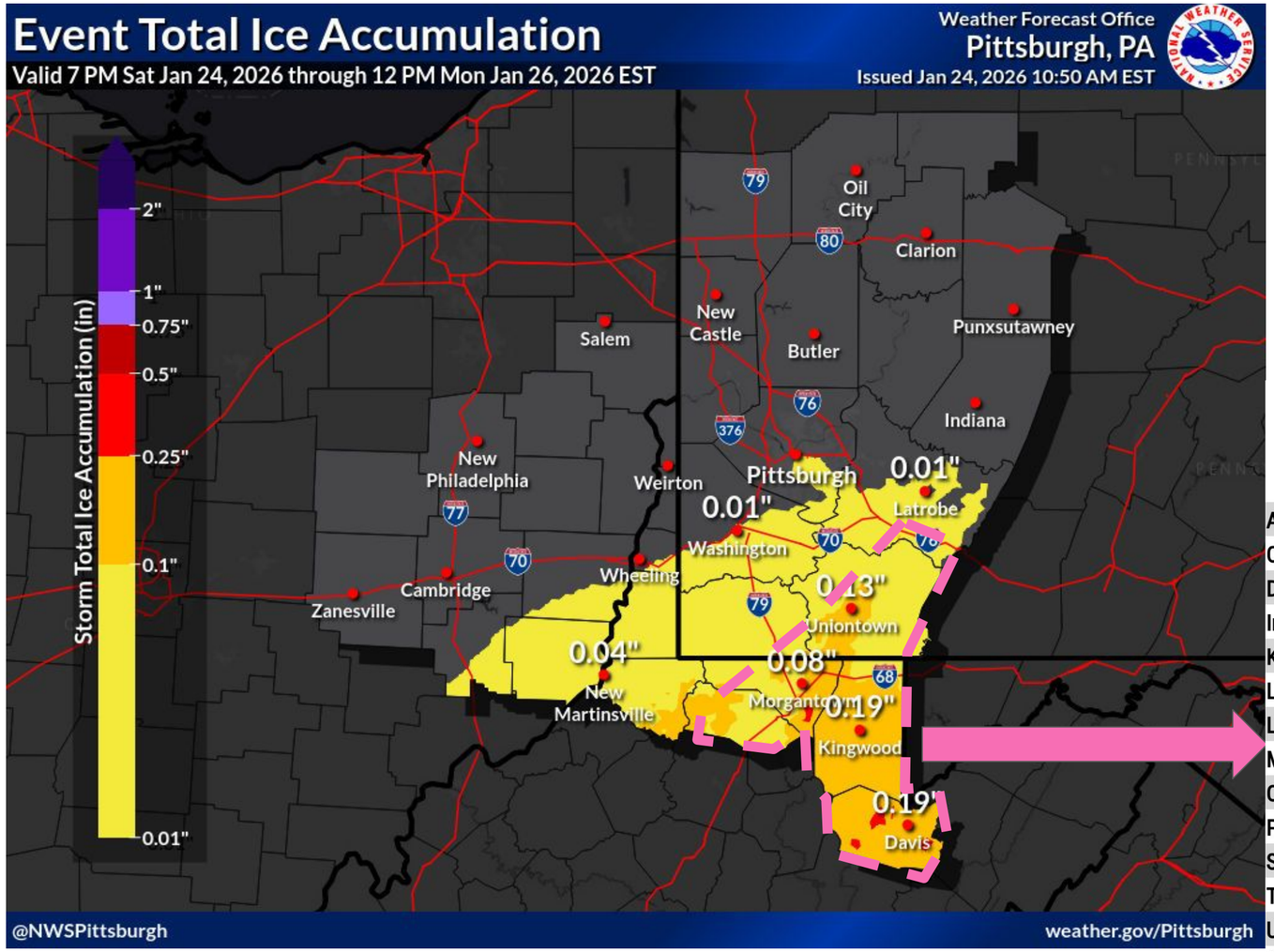
Periods of mixed precipitation likely for northern WV and the PA ridges



Key Messages on Ice:

- Advancing warm air along the ridges will cause snow to mix with sleet/freezing rain
- Slightly lower snowfall totals **does not** mean less impacts as accumulating ice becomes a compounding threat

Weather Forecast

	1/24 Sat 9pm	1/25 Sun 12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	1/26 Mon 12am	3am
Armagh											
Connellsville											
Davis											
Indiana											
Kingwood											
Latrobe											
Ligonier											
Masontown											
Ohiopyle											
Parsons											
Seven Springs											
Terra Alta											
Uniontown											

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- Fz Rain + | - Wintry Mix + | - Snow +

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Prolonged Cold into February

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Very **high probability** for:

- Well below normal temperatures through the end of the month
- Temperature < 32° F over the next 7+ days
- Wind Chill < 20° F over the next 7+ days
  Cold Weather Advisory likely needed for Mon night

Forecast Morning Low & Afternoon High Temperatures (°F)

	Saturday Jan 24th		Sunday Jan 25th		Monday Jan 26th		Tuesday Jan 27th		Wednesday Jan 28th		Thursday Jan 29th		Friday Jan 30th	
Butler, PA	-4°	14°	10°	22°	11°	19°	-3°	14°	0°	15°	0°	14°	-1°	15°
Carrollton, OH	-1°	13°	10°	23°	11°	16°	-3°	15°	-1°	15°	-1°	13°	-2°	15°
Coshocton, OH	0°	14°	12°	24°	11°	17°	-3°	17°	-3°	15°	-1°	14°	-4°	16°
Davis, WV	-7°	14°	7°	29°	8°	12°	-5°	13°	2°	12°	-1°	6°	-5°	8°
DuBois, PA	-9°	10°	7°	16°	12°	16°	-3°	10°	2°	13°	0°	12°	-1°	12°
Indiana, PA	-2°	14°	10°	23°	14°	19°	-1°	14°	3°	15°	2°	13°	0°	14°
Latrobe, PA	0°	16°	12°	26°	14°	19°	0°	17°	4°	16°	3°	14°	1°	15°
Mercer, PA	-11°	12°	9°	20°	11°	16°	-3°	13°	0°	13°	-1°	13°	-1°	14°
Morgantown, WV	1°	18°	15°	32°	15°	19°	1°	18°	6°	17°	4°	14°	1°	15°
New Castle, PA	-5°	15°	11°	23°	12°	19°	-2°	16°	0°	16°	0°	16°	0°	16°
Oil City, PA	-10°	13°	10°	19°	12°	17°	-2°	13°	2°	15°	1°	14°	1°	15°
Pittsburgh, PA	2°	16°	14°	26°	15°	19°	0°	17°	2°	17°	3°	15°	1°	16°
Washington, PA	1°	16°	13°	27°	14°	19°	0°	17°	3°	17°	2°	15°	0°	15°
Weirton, WV	1°	16°	14°	26°	14°	19°	0°	17°	2°	17°	2°	15°	0°	16°
Wheeling, WV	-1°	16°	15°	29°	14°	19°	0°	18°	2°	17°	2°	15°	0°	15°
Zanesville, OH	1°	14°	12°	25°	10°	16°	-3°	17°	-3°	15°	-1°	14°	-4°	15°

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River Ice Growth Will Continue

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- Significant ice accrual is anticipated on all rivers and tributaries through the next week with cold temperatures persisting
- Some freeze-up jams are possible
- Average temperature will range from 5-20 degrees through the next 10 days (or more) allowing for 8-12 inches of ice growth
- This could rival the ice years of 2018 and 2015

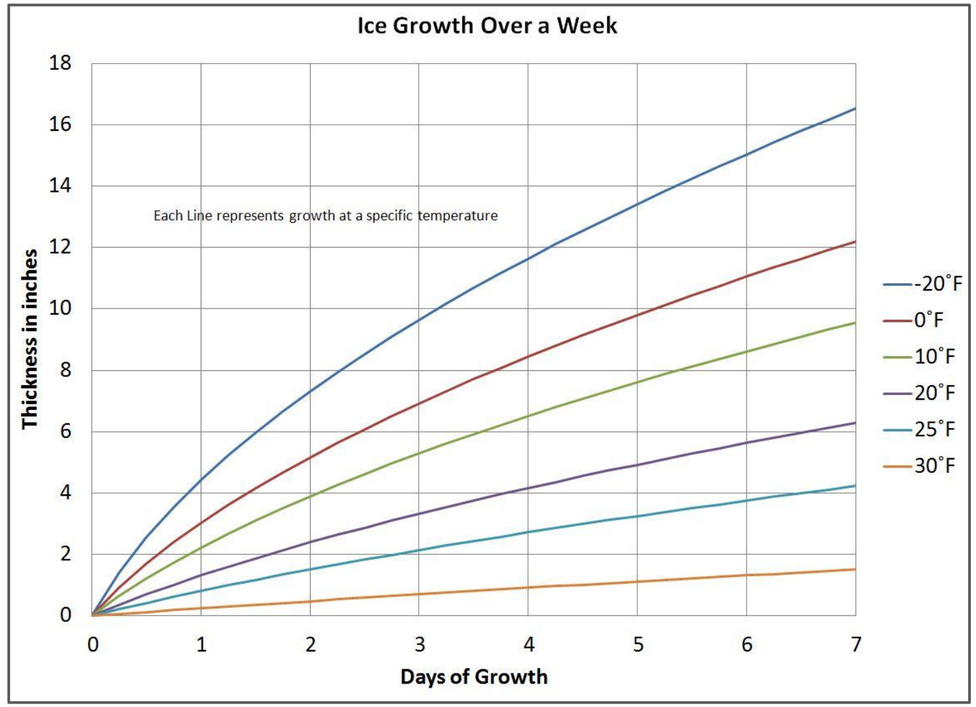

Image right shows average river ice growth over a week based on average temperature

Regional Temperature Forecast

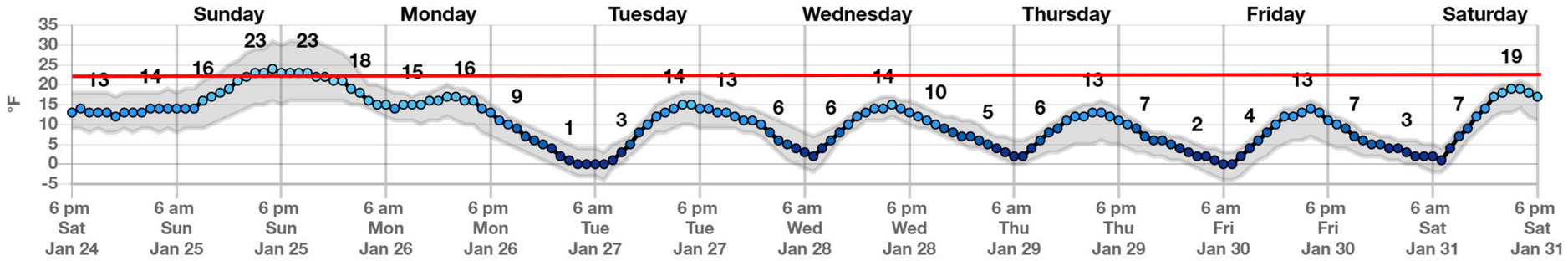

Image left shows average temperature for the region (upper Ohio Valley) through Thursday. Red line is 22 degrees (average temperature needed for ice growth)

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