Winter Weather Briefing

January 25, 2026
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For Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, and Northern West Virginia

Decision Support Briefing #8

➔ As of 3:00 AM Sunday January 25, 2026

Current Headlines:

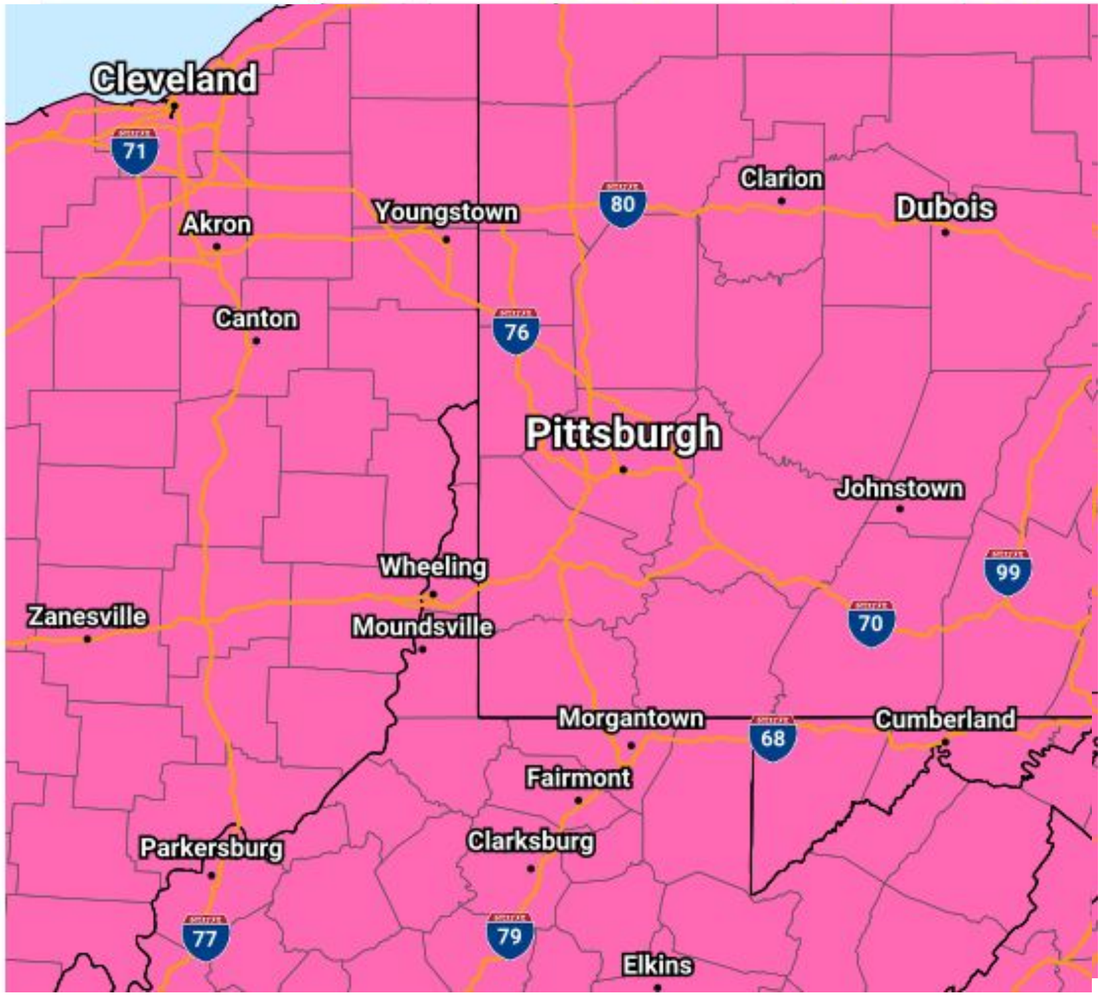
➔ **Winter Storm Warning** for the entire forecast area **through 12pm Monday**

➔ 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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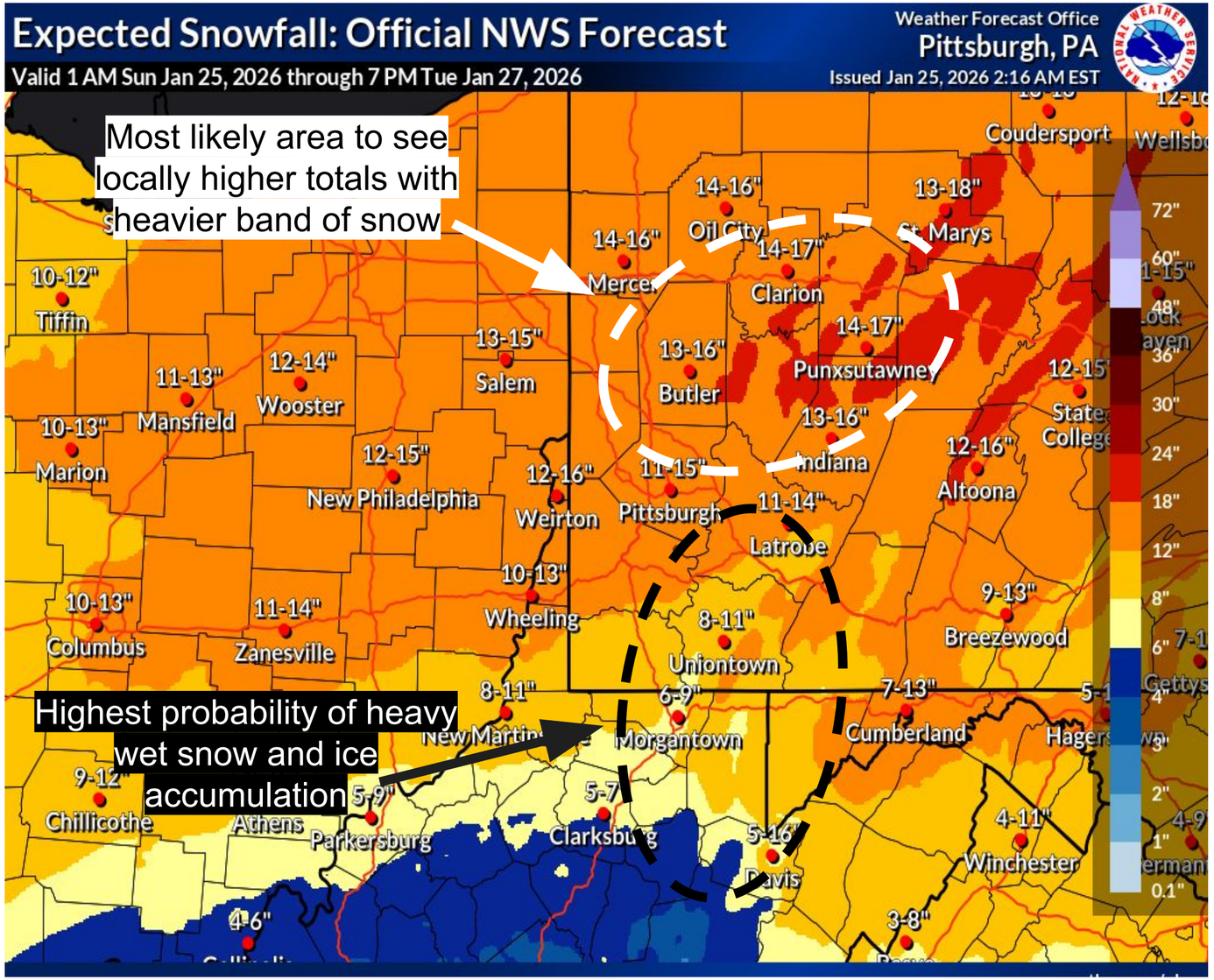
Key Messages:

- Precipitation Type:
  - ***Snow*** areawide with a ***Wintry Mix*** at times mainly in the Mon Valley and southeastern ridges

- Timing:
  - Light snow ongoing pre-dawn Sunday morning
  - 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
  - Confidence has increased some that we may see a **localized area of higher totals** north and east of Pittsburgh along a line from **roughly Beaver to Jefferson County** (highlighted in white)

- Snowfall Rates:
  - **0.5-1”/hr likely** with shorter bursts of **1” to 1.5”/hr possible within snow bands**



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Approximate End Time of Snow

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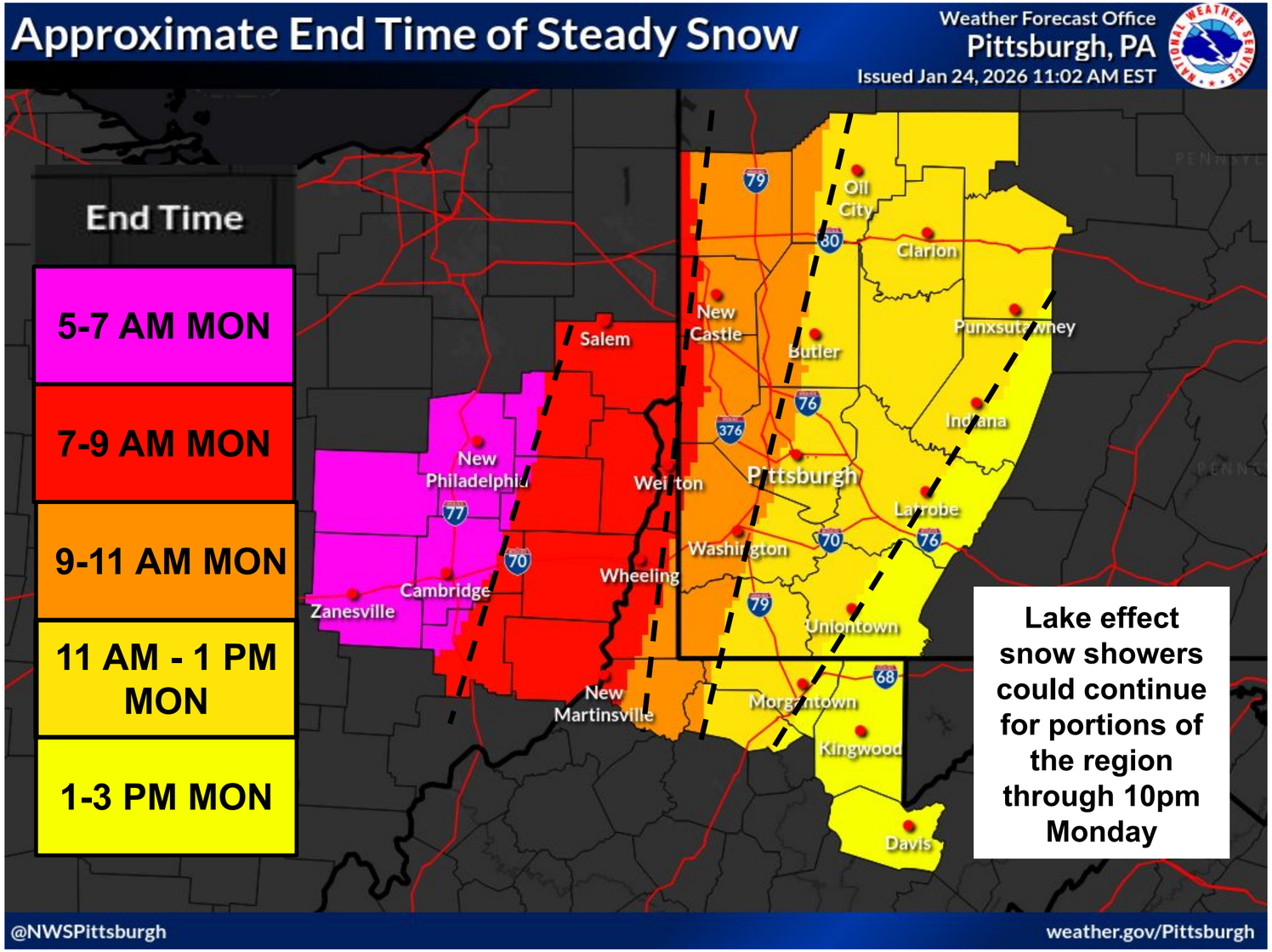

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Snowfall Probability

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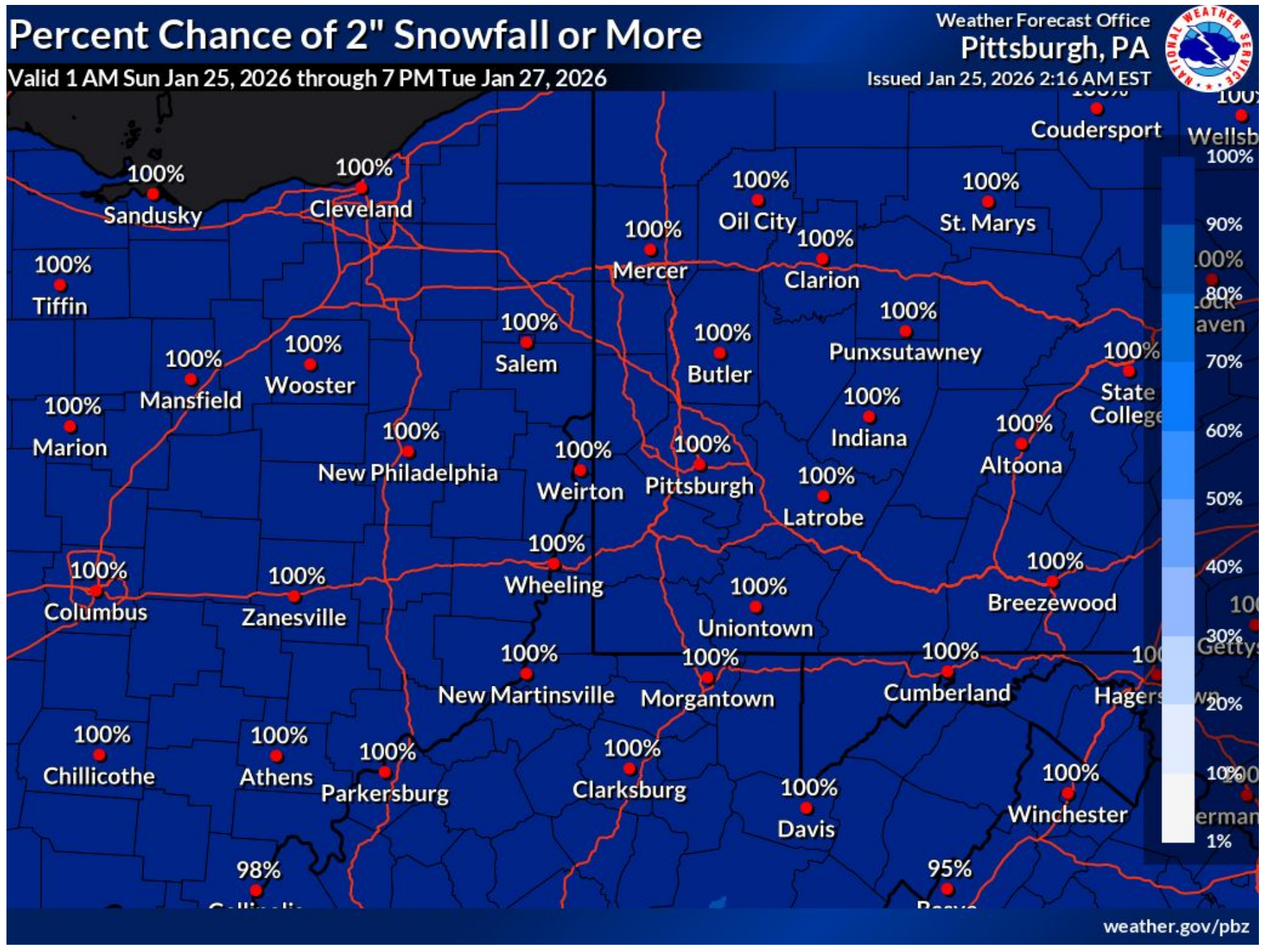
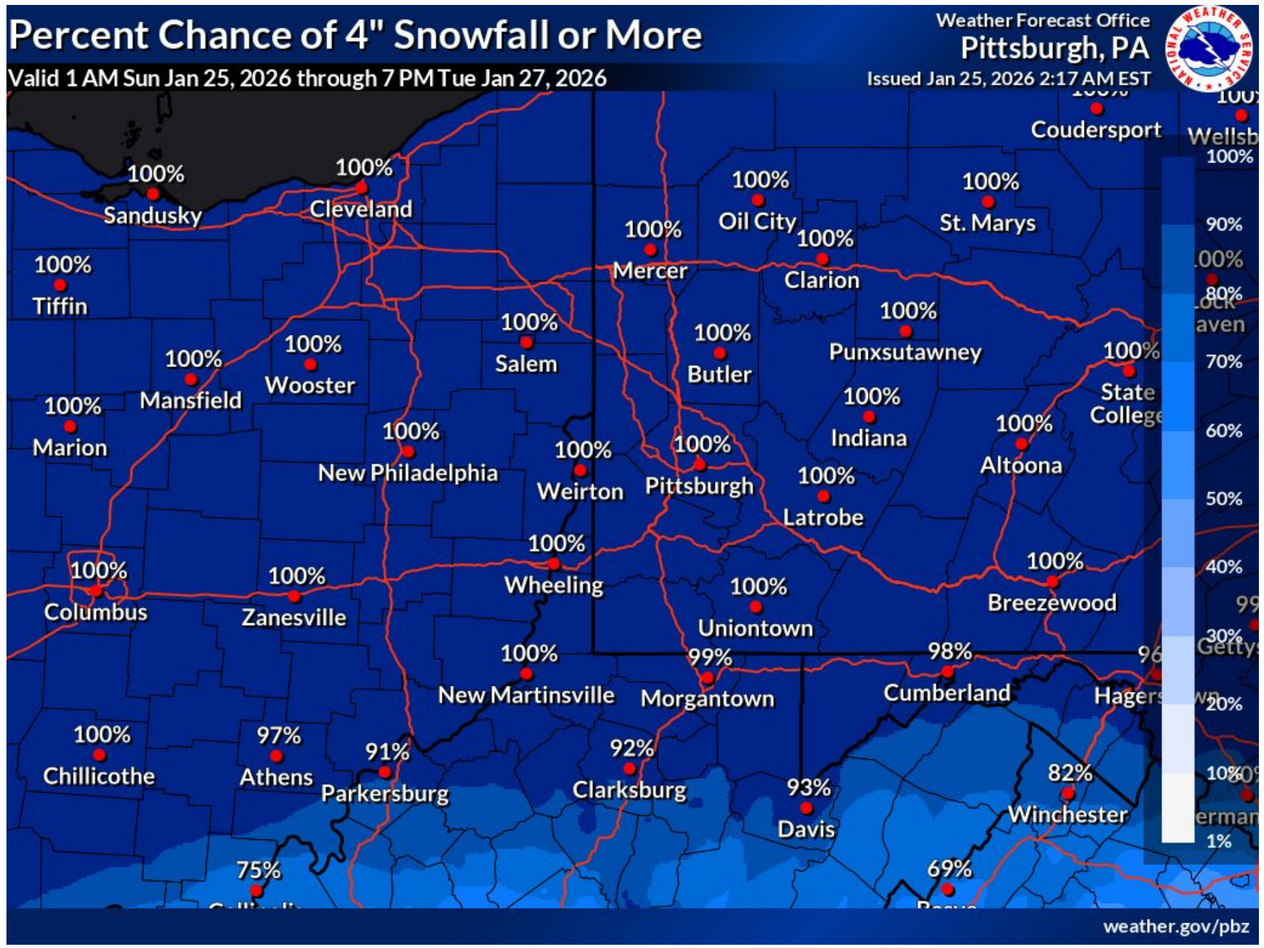
Percent chance of reaching or exceeding 2 and 4 inch snowfall amounts





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Snowfall Probability

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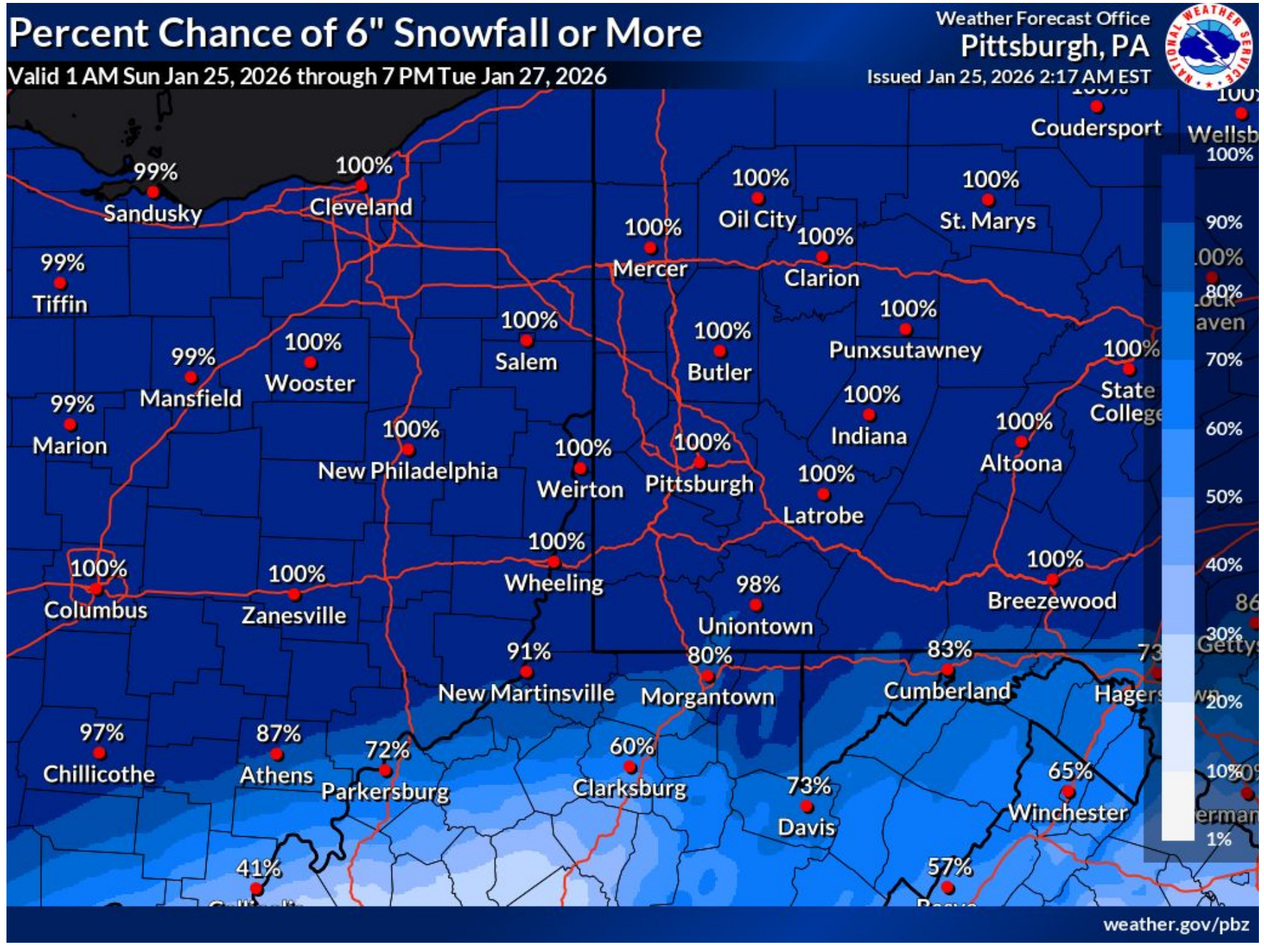
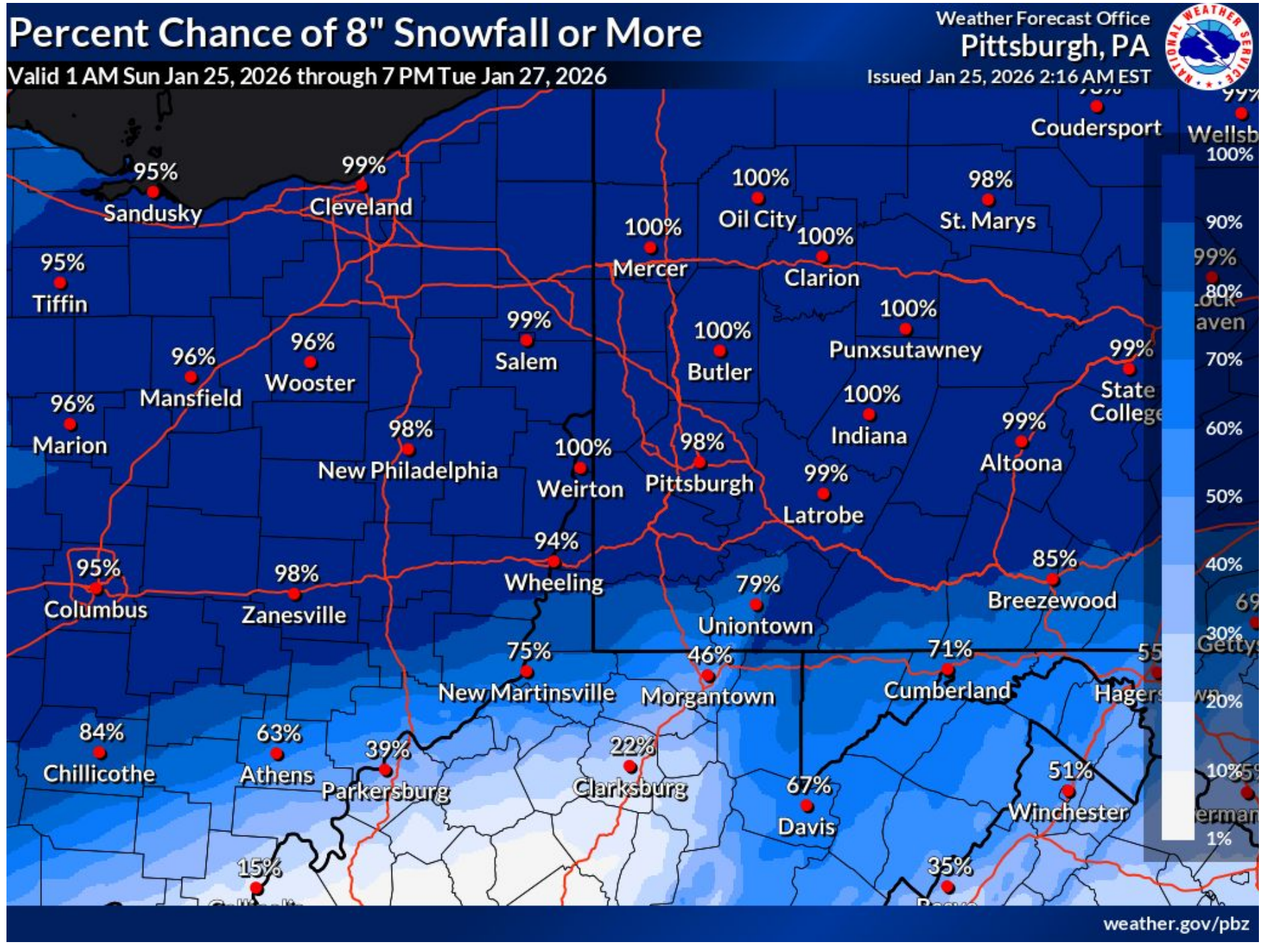
Percent chance of reaching or exceeding 6 and 8 inch snowfall amounts





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Snowfall Probability

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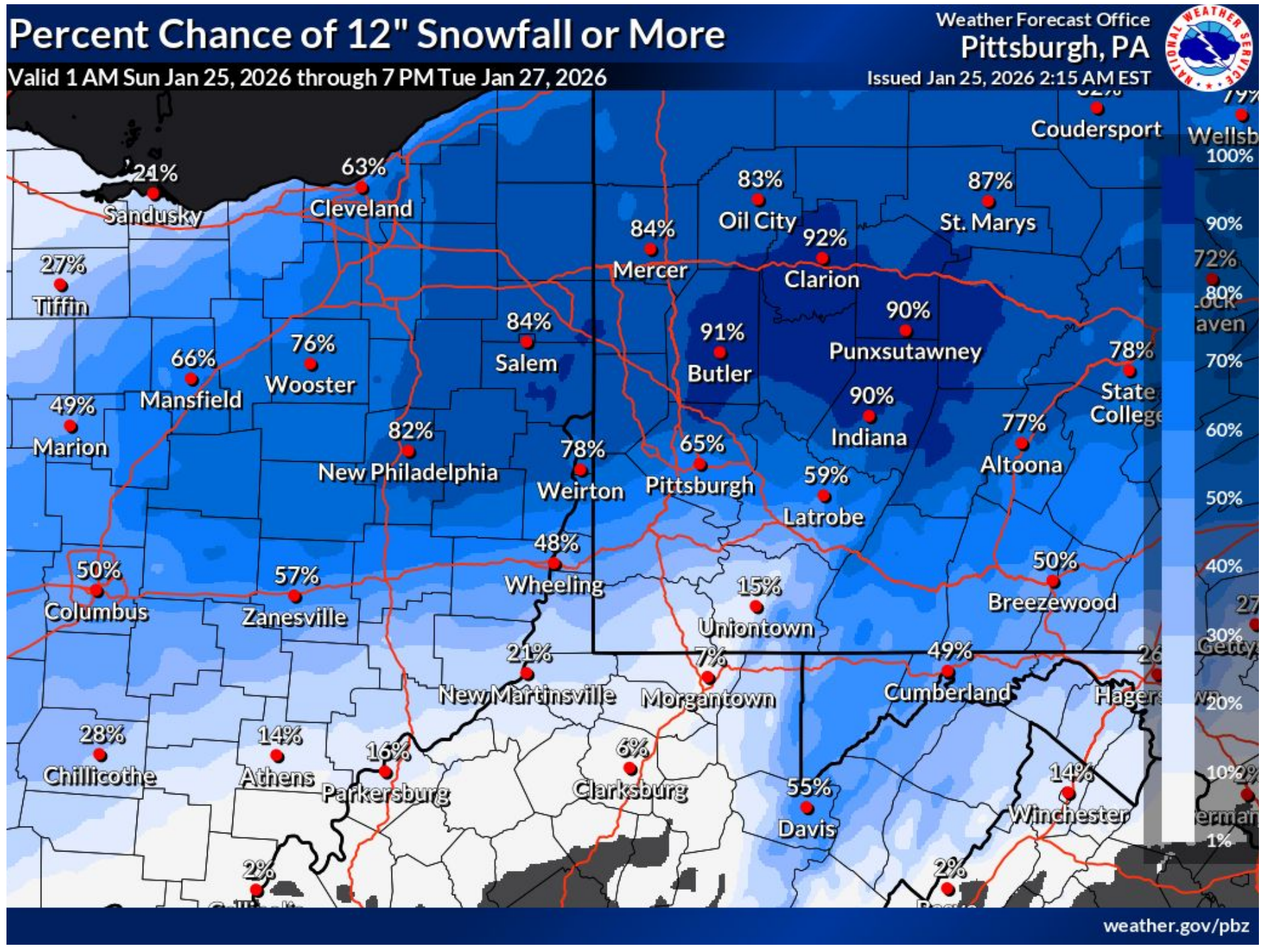
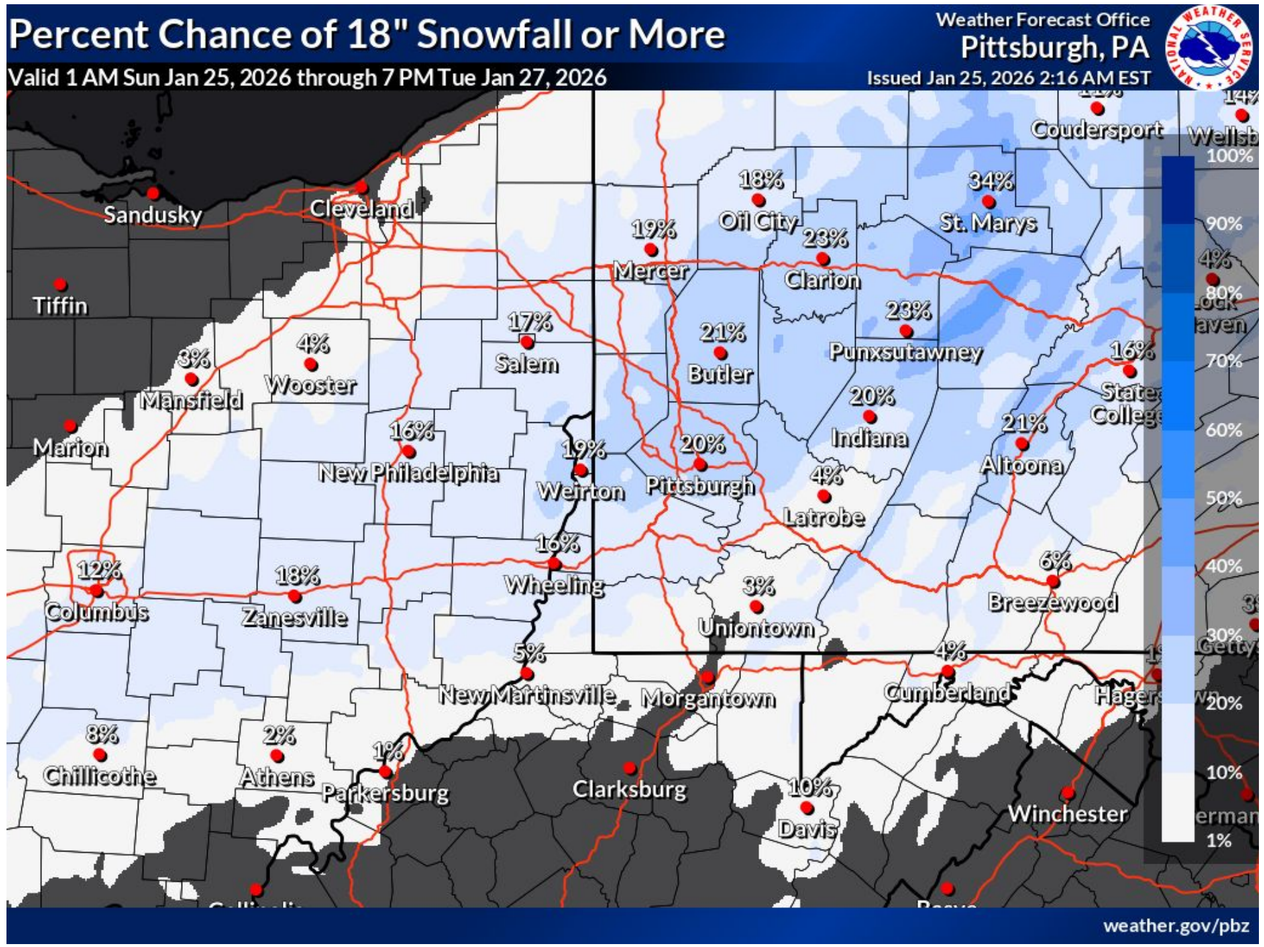
Percent chance of reaching or exceeding 12 and 18 inch snowfall amounts





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Snow Character

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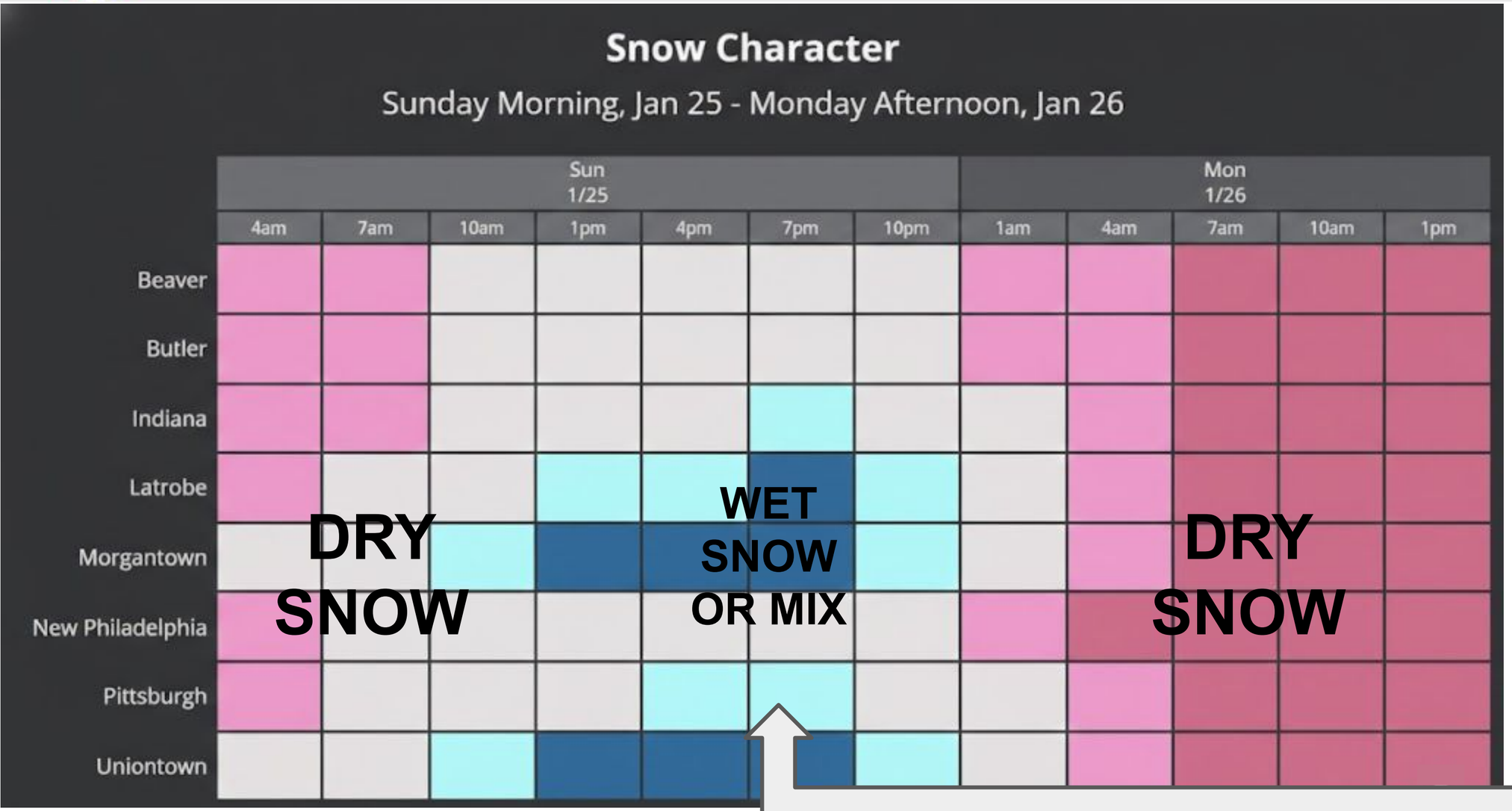
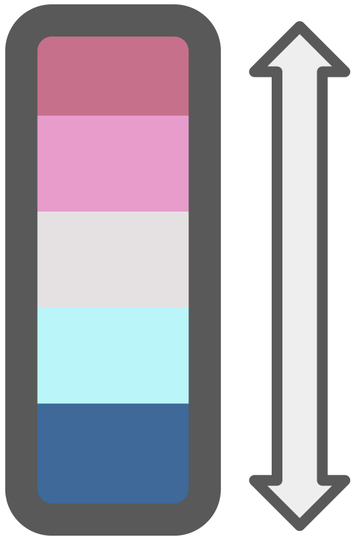
Snow likely to become wetter for a period near and south of Pittsburgh





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

Sunday Morning, Jan 25 - Monday Morning, Jan 26

	Sun 1/25							Mon 1/26	
	4am	7am	10am	1pm	4pm	7pm	10pm	1am	4am
Butler	0.2	0.6	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.1
Clarion	0.2	0.5	0.9	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.1
Indiana	0.4	0.5	0.9	1.1	1	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.2
Mercer	0.2	0.4	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.5	0	0.1
New Castle	0.3	0.5	1.1	1.1	1	0.6	0.5	0	0
Pittsburgh	0.4	0.6	1.4	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1
Uniontown	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3
Washington	0.4	0.8	1.3	1.1	1	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.1
Waynesburg	0.5	0.8	1.3	1	0.8	0.2	0.6	0	0.2

Hourly Snowfall Rates: OH

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Sunday Morning, Jan 25 - Monday Morning, Jan 26

	Sun 1/25							Mon 1/26	
	4am	7am	10am	1pm	4pm	7pm	10pm	1am	4am
Caldwell	0.5	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.7	0	0	0.1
Cambridge	0.6	1	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.3	0	0.1
Coshocton	0.5	0.9	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.1	0	0
New Philadelphia	0.4	0.9	1.3	1	0.8	0.7	0.2	0	0
Salem	0.4	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.4	0	0.1
Steubenville	0.4	0.7	1.3	1	1.2	0.7	0.6	0	0.1
Zanesville	0.6	1	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.1	0	0

Hourly Snowfall Rates: WV

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Hourly Snowfall Rates

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

	Sun 1/25							Mon 1/26	
	4am	7am	10am	1pm	4pm	7pm	10pm	1am	4am
Davis	0.7	1	0.6	0	0	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.2
Fairmont	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2
Kingwood	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3
Morgantown	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.3
New Martinsville	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2
Weirton	0.4	0.7	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.6	0	0.1
Wheeling	0.5	0.8	1.4	0.9	1	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.1

Mixed Precipitation Threat

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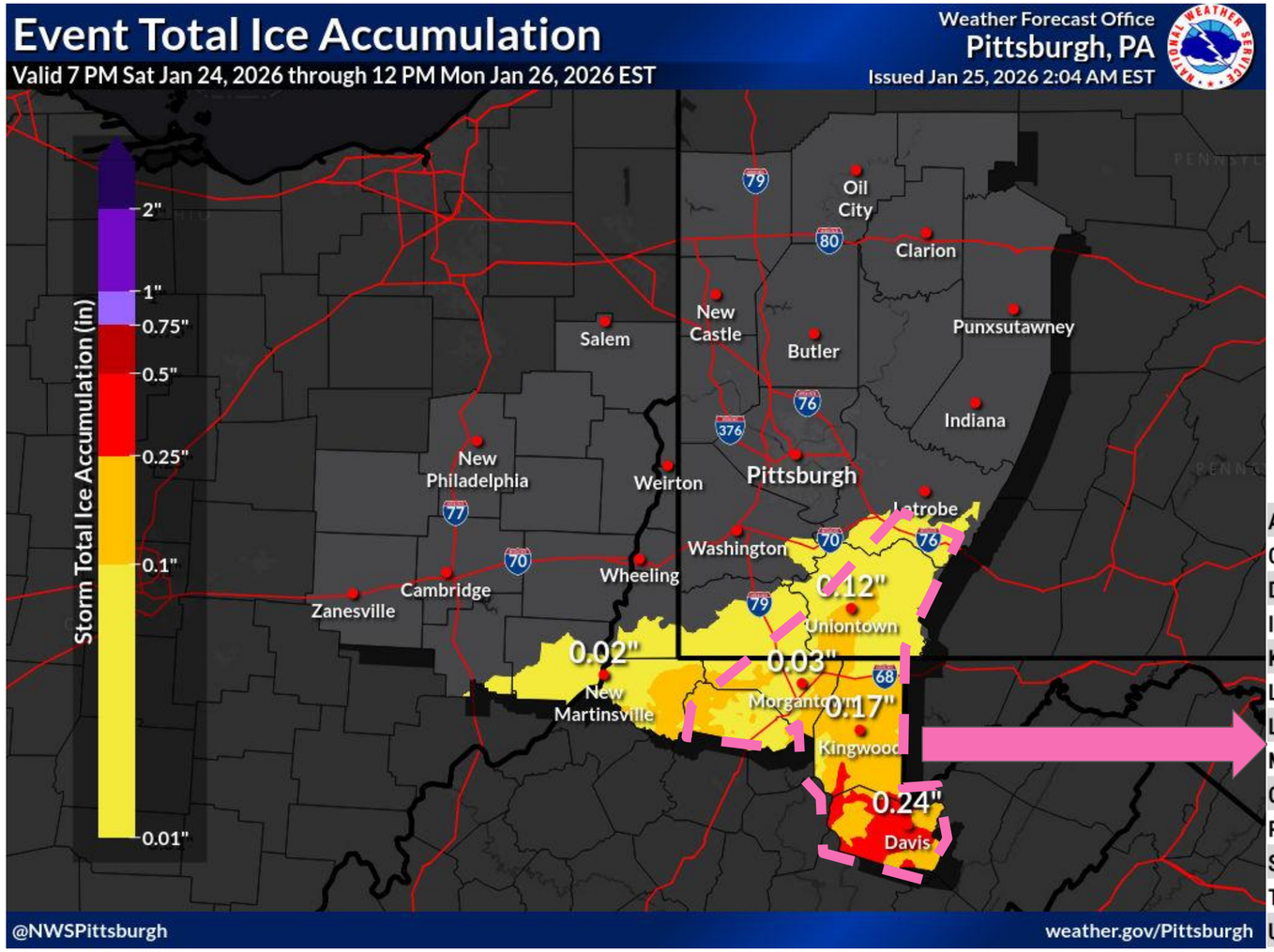
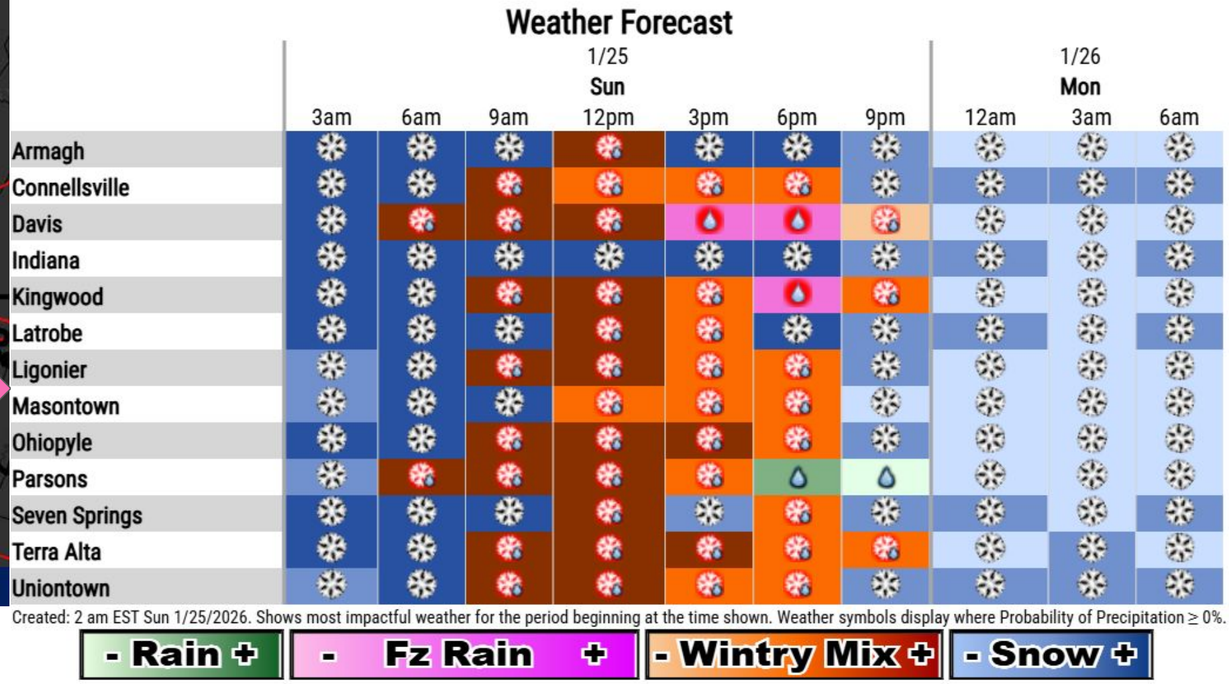
Periods of mixed precipitation likely for northern WV and the PA ridges



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



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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)

	Sunday Jan 25th		Monday Jan 26th		Tuesday Jan 27th		Wednesday Jan 28th		Thursday Jan 29th		Friday Jan 30th	
Butler, PA	9°	23°	12°	19°	-3°	15°	-1°	14°	-2°	14°	-3°	14°
Carrollton, OH	10°	24°	12°	18°	-3°	16°	-3°	13°	-4°	13°	-3°	14°
Coshocton, OH	9°	24°	11°	18°	-3°	18°	-5°	13°	-5°	15°	-4°	17°
Davis, WV	7°	31°	8°	12°	-6°	14°	0°	10°	-4°	5°	-6°	10°
DuBois, PA	7°	17°	12°	16°	-3°	11°	0°	11°	-2°	11°	-2°	12°
Indiana, PA	11°	24°	14°	19°	-1°	14°	1°	13°	0°	12°	-2°	14°
Latrobe, PA	12°	28°	14°	20°	0°	17°	2°	14°	0°	14°	-1°	16°
Mercer, PA	8°	21°	11°	18°	-3°	14°	-1°	12°	-2°	12°	-2°	13°
Morgantown, WV	12°	33°	15°	19°	1°	18°	3°	15°	2°	14°	0°	16°
New Castle, PA	11°	24°	12°	20°	-2°	16°	-2°	14°	-2°	15°	-2°	16°
Oil City, PA	8°	20°	12°	18°	-2°	14°	0°	14°	0°	14°	-2°	14°
Pittsburgh, PA	12°	27°	15°	21°	0°	17°	0°	15°	1°	15°	-1°	17°
Washington, PA	11°	28°	14°	19°	0°	17°	0°	15°	0°	14°	-2°	16°
Weirton, WV	12°	26°	14°	20°	0°	17°	-1°	15°	-1°	15°	-1°	17°
Wheeling, WV	9°	29°	14°	19°	0°	18°	-2°	14°	-1°	15°	-2°	17°
Zanesville, OH	11°	24°	10°	16°	-3°	18°	-6°	12°	-5°	13°	-5°	16°

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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

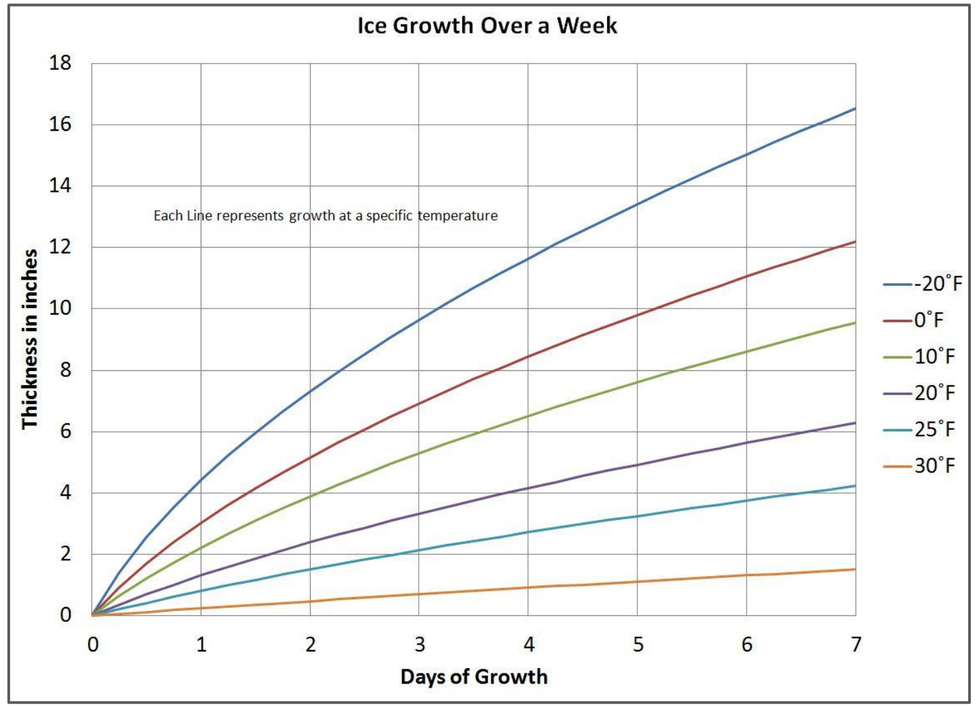

Image right shows average river ice growth over a week based on average temperature

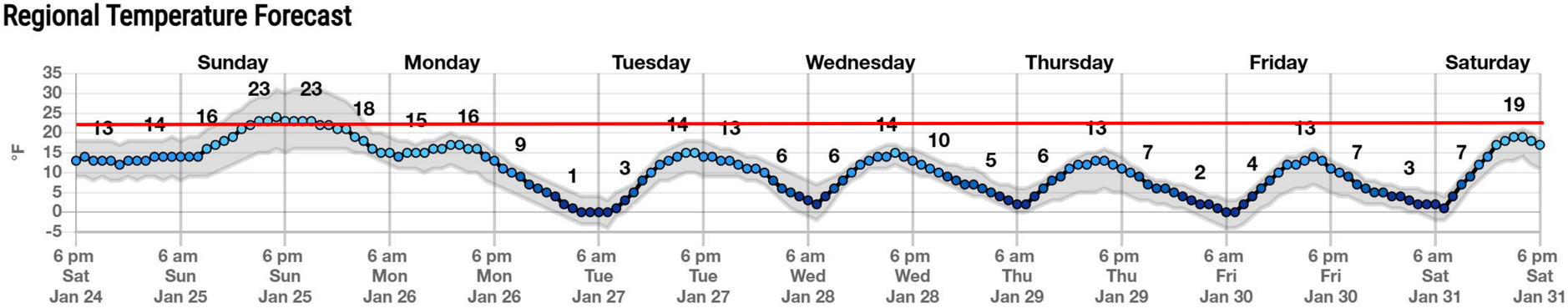

Image left shows average temperature for the region (upper Ohio Valley) through Thursday. Red line is 22 degrees (average temperature needed for ice growth)

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