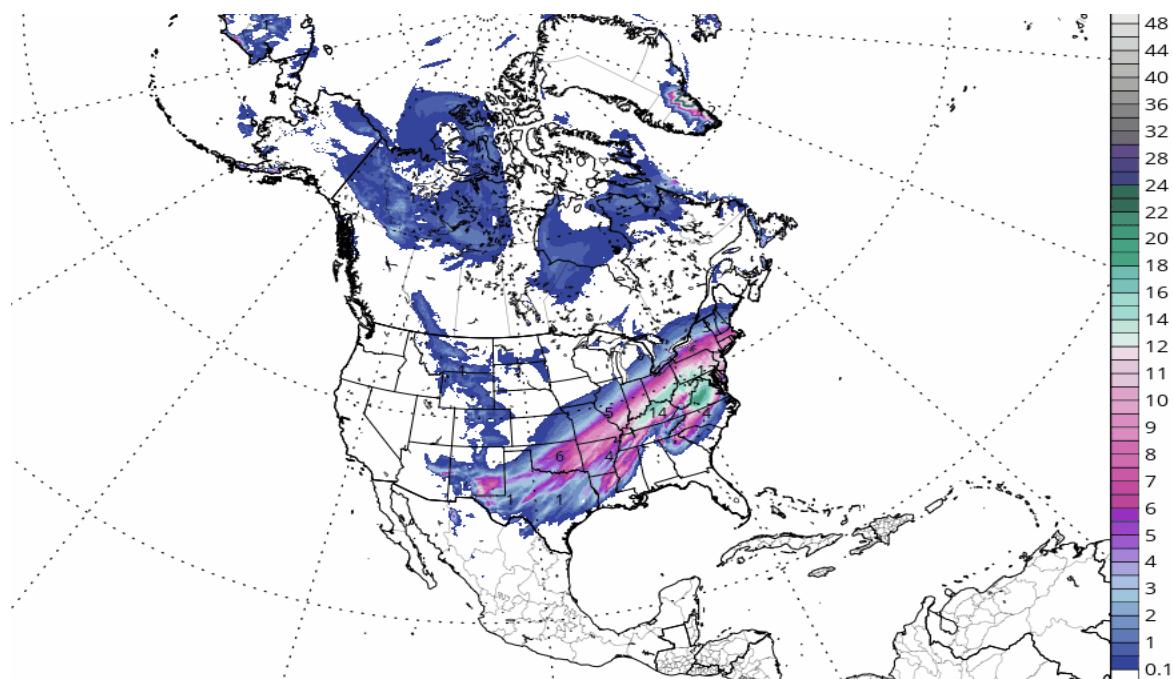




Winter Storm Impacting North America



Valid: January 25–February 8, 2026

Affected Areas

Northeastern US (New York, Boston, Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, Albany, Hartford, Chicago); southeastern Canada (Ontario incl. Toronto, Quebec incl. Montreal, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland); Great Lakes (Michigan, northern Ohio, Illinois); Mid-Atlantic (Pennsylvania, New Jersey); southern edges (Virginia, Gulf Coast near Houston)

Hazard Types

Heavy snow (20–100+ cm, max in lake-effect/upslope zones), freezing rain (0.47–0.54 in ice), strong winds (gusts 50–90 km/h), blowing snow/whiteouts, scattered thunderstorms (0.05" central), travel/power outages, river flooding risk.

Hazard Summary

Deep lows form western US/Canada Jan 25, track east through Great Lakes/Midwest Jan 29–30, reach Atlantic coast Feb 1–4, regenerate Feb 8. Arctic air surges south, Gulf/Atlantic moisture north, driving heavy snow Northeast/southeastern Canada (40–100+cm Buffalo, Toronto, Montreal lake-effect/upslope), freezing rain southern zones (0.47–0.54" Houston/Mid-Atlantic), early central thunderstorms (0.05"), cyclonic winds with blowing snow. Peaks: Jan 29 heavy snow (0.54" liquid), Jan 30 freezing rain dominant, Feb 4 northern snow (4.3 in), Feb 8 Michigan snow (0.14").