

60th Presidential Inauguration Weather Briefing

3:00 PM EST Friday, January 17, 2025

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Sunday through Sunday Night

- There is a Winter Storm Watch for areas north and west of Washington, D.C.
 - Most likely snow accumulation: 1-3 inches in Washington, D.C., with a reasonable worst case 4-8 inches across the northwestern suburbs.

Monday through Wednesday

• Bitterly cold wind chills expected, most likely in the single digits to teens, with temperatures well below freezing during this period.



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Snow on Sunday

Sunday through early Monday Morning



• Winter Storm Watch in effect on Sunday from 6 AM until 9 PM.

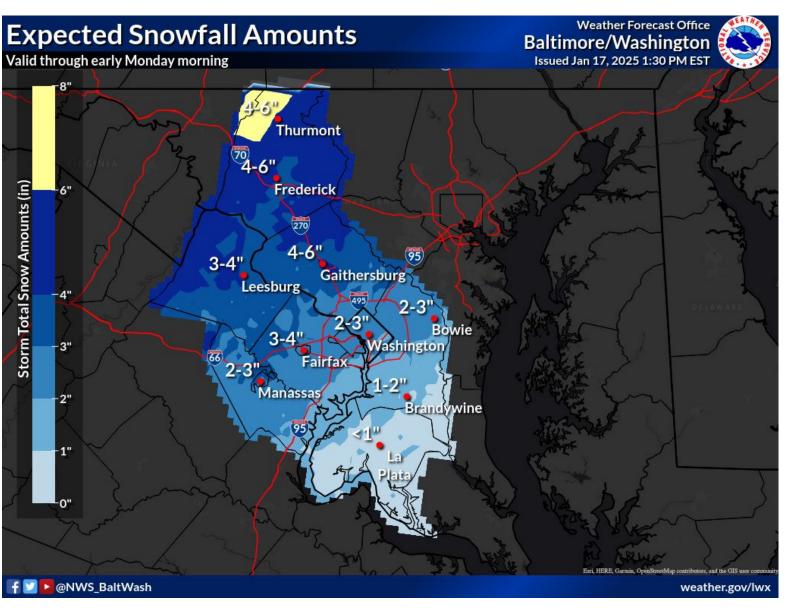


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Snow on Sunday

Sunday through early Monday Morning



- Most likely total snow accumulations 1 to 3 inches, with higher amounts in the northwestern suburbs of Washington, D.C.
- Snow most likely Sunday morning through early Sunday evening around Washington metropolitan area.
- Snow may mix with rain or sleet at times which could decrease snowfall amounts.

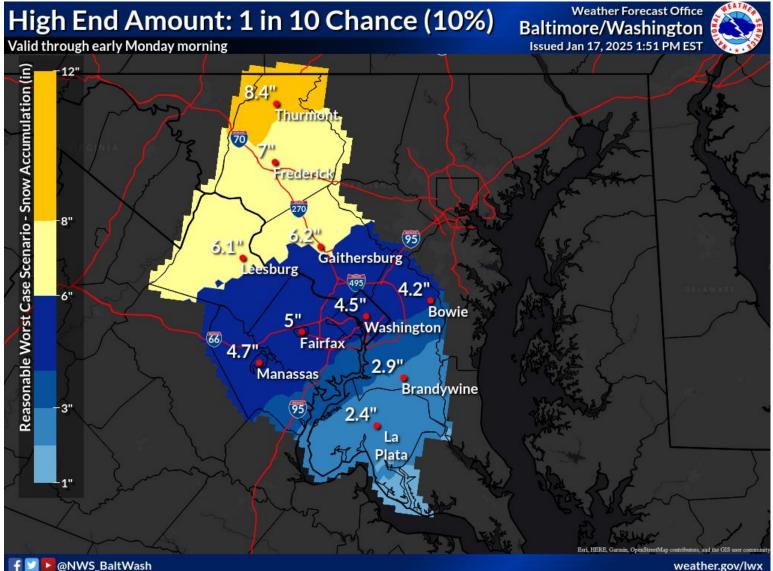


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Snow on Sunday

Reasonable Worst Case Scenario



- **Reasonable Worst Case Accumulation:** 4 to 8 inches.
- **Potential Low End Accumulation:** Coating to 1 inch (if more rain/sleet mixes in).

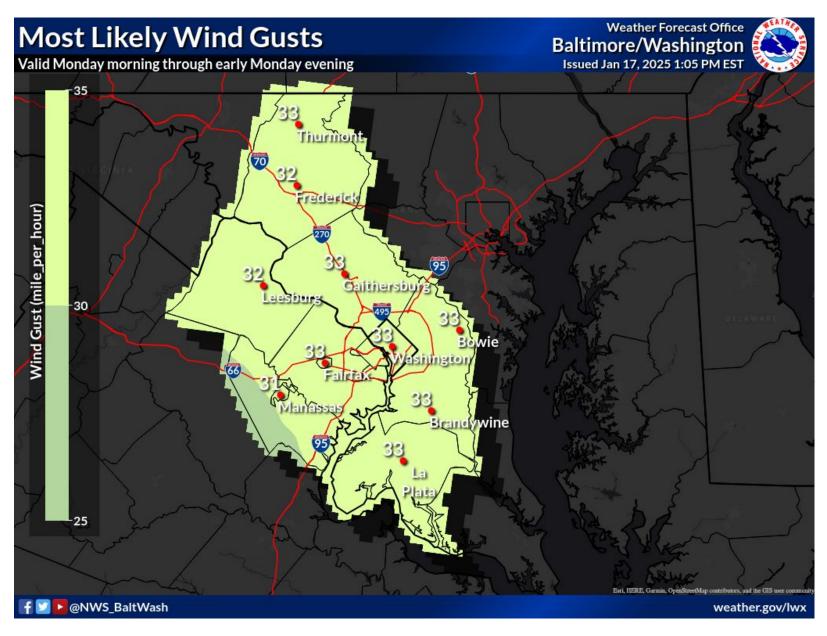


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Gusty Winds Expected

Inauguration Day



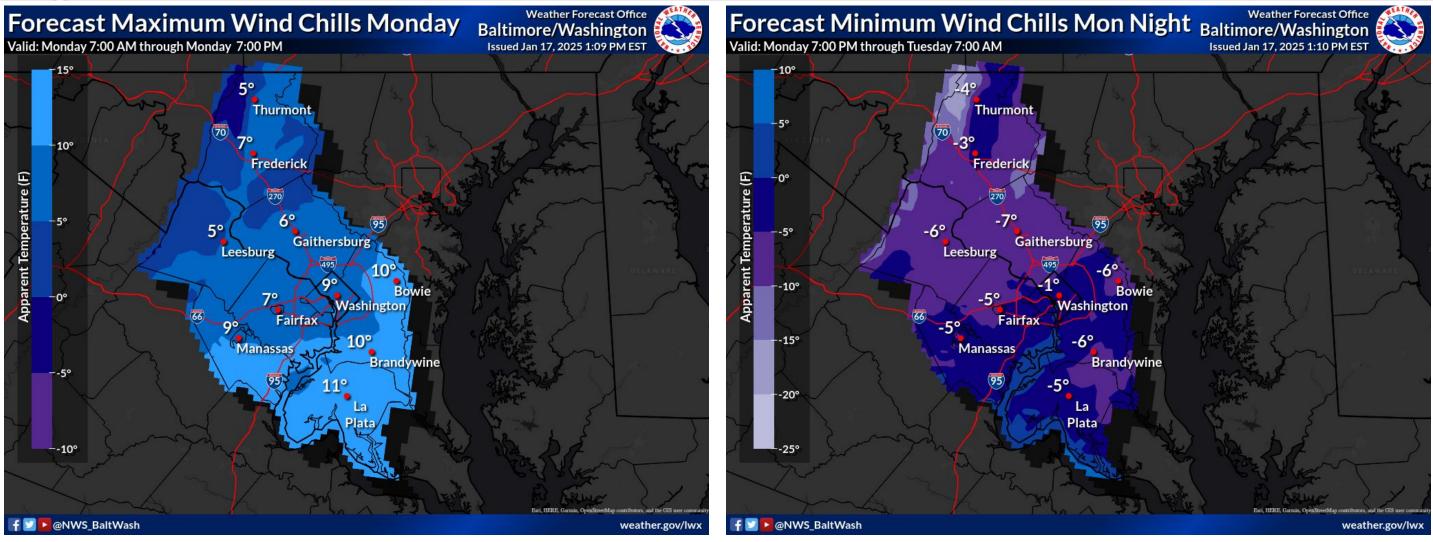
- Strongest winds most likely between 7 AM and 4 PM Monday with gusts 25 to 35 mph.
- Reasonable worst case for gusts up to 40 mph.



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Cold Wind Chills Expected

Inauguration Day (Monday and Monday night)



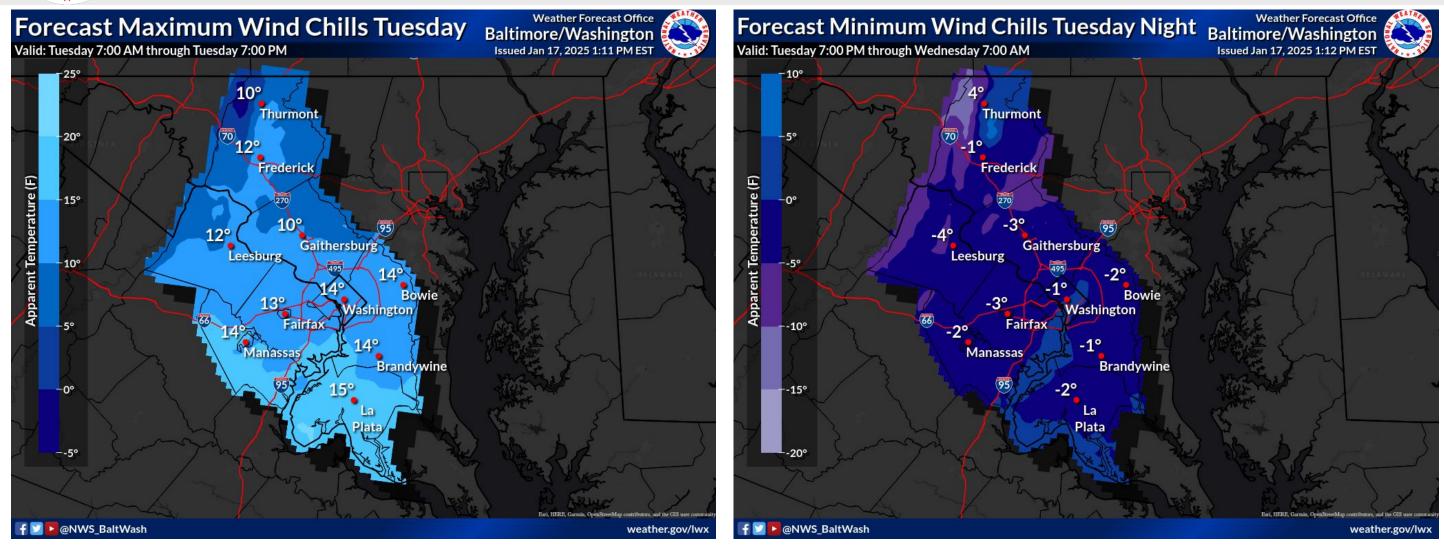
- Strong winds and very cold temperatures will result in dangerously cold wind chills.
- Bitterly cold wind chills could result in hypothermia or frostbite. Wear appropriate clothing including multiple layers.
- Frozen residential pipes, broken water mains are likely results. Check on pets, elderly, and livestock.
- Wind chills between 6 and 10 degrees at noon.



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Cold Wind Chills Expected

Tuesday and Tuesday Night



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- Frozen residential pipes, broken water mains are likely results. Check on pets, elderly, and livestock.



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General Forecast for U.S. Capitol

For Next 7 Days

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his Afternoon	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	M.L.King Day	Monday Night					
*	-	50 % -+ 20 %	20%	80%	*** *** 60 %	*	9					
High: 42 °F	Low: 32 °F	High: 46 °F	Low: 33 °F	High: 36 °F	Low: 19 °F	High: 23 °F	Low: 7 °F					
Sunny	Increasing Clouds	Chance Rain/Snow then Slight Chance Showers	ChanceMostly CloudyRain/SnowSnow LikelySunnyMostly ClearRain/Snowthen Slightthen Partlythen SlightChanceCloudyChanceRain/Snow									
This Afternoon	Sunny, wit	th a high near 42. ^V	West wind 5 to 7 n	nph becoming so	uth.							
Tonight	Increasing	r clouds, with a low	v around 32. Light	south wind.								
Saturday		A chance of rain and snow showers before 11am, then a chance of rain showers between 11am and 3pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Light south wind increasing to 5 to 9 mph in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 50%.										
Saturday Night		A slight chance of rain and snow after 4am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. Light and variable wind becoming north around 6 mph after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 20%.										
Sunday	Rain and s	snow. High near 30	6. North wind 8 to	13 mph, with gus	ts as high as 21 m	ph. Chance of pre	ecipitation is 80%.					
unday Night	Snow likel	y, mainly before 7	pm. Mostly cloudy,	, with a low aroun	d 19. Chance of p	recipitation is 60%	6.					
M.L.King Day	Sunny, wit	h a <mark>high near 2</mark> 3.										
Aonday Night	Mostly cle	ar, with a low arou	ind 7.									
Tuesday	Partly sun	ny, with a high nea	ar 2 <mark>1</mark> .									
Fuesday Night	A chance	of snow before 1a	m. Mostly cloudy,	with a low around	8. Chance of pred	cipitation is 30%.						
Wednesday	Mostly sunny, with a high near 18.											
Inesday Night	Partly clou	Partly cloudy, with a low around 8.										
Thursday	Partly sun											



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U.S. Capitol Forecast (Next 24 Hours)

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U.S. Capitol				Fri 1/17/2025																	Si 1/18/				
	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am	1am	2am	3am	4am	5am	6am	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm
Temperature	41°F	42°F	40°F	38°F	37°F	35°F	33°F	33°F	32°F	32°F	32°F	32°F	32°F	31°F	32°F	32°F	33°F	34°F	36°F	38°F	39°F	42°F	42°F	43°F	44°F
Sky Cover	11%	13%	9 %	8%	6%	10%	18%	27%	39 %	45%	50 %	55%	60%	69%	71%	77%	90 %	9 5%	95%	95%	94 %	9 2%	90%	80%	68%
Wind Chill	37°F	39°F	38°F	36°F	34°F	31°F	28°F	28°F	26°F	26°F	26°F	26°F	26°F	25°F	26°F	26°F	28°F	29°F	31°F	33°F	34°F	38°F	38°F	39°F	40°F
Wind Direction	sw	ssw	s	s	SSE	SSE	SSE	s	S	s	s	s	S	s	s	s	S	S	s	s	s	ssw	SSW	ssw	SSW
Wind Speed	6mph	5mph	3mph	3mph	3mph	5mph	6mph	6mph	6mph	6mph	6mph	6mph	6mph	6mph	6mph	6mph	6mph	6mph	6mph	7mph	7mph	7mph	7mph	7mph	7mph
Wind Gust Speed	7mph	7mph	6mph	6mph	6mph	7mph	8mph	9mph	9mph	9mph	10mph	12mph	12mph	13mph	13mph	13mph	13mph	15mph	15mph	15mph	15mph	15mph	14mph	13mph	10mph
Weather Conditions		-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	5-		-		-	Light Snow Showers	Light Snow Showers	Light Snow Showers	Light Rain Showers, Light Snow Showers	Light Rain Showers, Light Snow Showers	Light Rain Showers	Light Rain Showers	Light Rain Showers	Light Rain Showers
Probability of Precipitation	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	22%	22%	22%	28%	28%	28%	18%	19 %	19 %
Liquid Precipitation Amount	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in
Ice Accumulation	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	Oin
Snow Accumulation	0in	Oin	0in	Oin	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in
Ceiling Height	SKC	SKC	SKC	SKC	SKC	SKC	SKC	SKC	SKC	SKC	SKC	SKC	23000ft	22000ft	20300ft	17900ft	10000ft	10000ft	6000ft	2700ft	900ft	500ft	700 ft	1200ft	1600ft
Visibility	0.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	6.48mi	6.48mi	6.48mi	5.00mi	5.00mi	5.00mi
Probability of Thunder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
NWS Hazardous Weather Alerts	1.000																								

None Limited Elevated Significant Extreme



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U.S. Capitol Forecast Matrix (Days 2-3) January 17, 2025 3:00 PM EST

Saturday through Sunday; Full table at weather.gov/lwx/inauguration

U.S. Capitol				Sa 1/18/2									Sun 9/2025					
	2am	5am	8am	11am	2pm	5pm	8pm	11pm	2am	5am	8am	11am	2pm	5pm	8pm	11pm	2am	5am
Temperature	32°F	34°F	39°F	43°F	45°F	44°F	39°F	37°F	36°F	35°F	35°F	35°F	35°F	32°F	27°F	25°F	23°F	21°F
Sky Cover	70%	96%	99%	98%	82%	78%	86%	88%	93%	97%	98%	98%	99%	94 %	80%	53%	26%	21%
Wind Chill	29°F	30°F	30°F	35°F	39°F	38°F	36°F	34°F	30°F	27°F	26°F	27°F	25°F	18°F	15°F	14°F	11°F	7°F
Wind Direction	s	s	s	s	SSW	ssw	SW	w	NW	s	N	s	NNW	NW	NW	NW	WNW	WNW
Wind Speed	3mph	3mph	9mph	8mph	8mph	6mph	3mph	3mph	6mph	8mph	9mph	10mph	13mph	13mph	12mph	12mph	10mph	10mph
Wind Gust Speed	10mph	8mph	14mph	15mph	13mph	7mph	5mph	5mph	8mph	10mph	10mph	12mph	21mph	21mph	17mph	15mph	16mph	18mph
Weather Conditions	-	Light Rain Showers, Light Snow Showers	Light Rain Showers, Light Snow Showers	Light Rain Showers	Light Rain Showers	-	-		Light Rain, Light Snow	Light Rain, Light Snow	Light Rain, Light Snow	Light Rain, Light Snow, Rain	Rain, Light Snow, Light Rain	Light Rain, Light Snow, Snow	Light Snow	-	-	-
Probability of Precipitation	2%	16%	48%	36%	15%	6 %	4%	11%	23%	57%	70%	78%	78%	66%	34%	13%	1%	1%
Liquid Precipitation Amount	0in	0in	0.01in	0.01in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0.01in	0.03in	0.06in	0.07in	0.09in	0.06in	0in	0in	Oin	0in
Ice Accumulation	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in
Snow Accumulation	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0.1in	0.3in	0.4in	0.8in	0.5in	0.1in	0.1in	0in	0in
Ceiling Height	SKC	10000ft	2700ft	500ft	1200ft	1700ft	-	-	-	-1	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
Visibility	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	6.48mi	5.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	5.00mi	2.00mi	2.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	2.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi
Probability of Thunder	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
NWS Hazardous Weather Alerts		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	r.	-	-	-	-	τ.	-

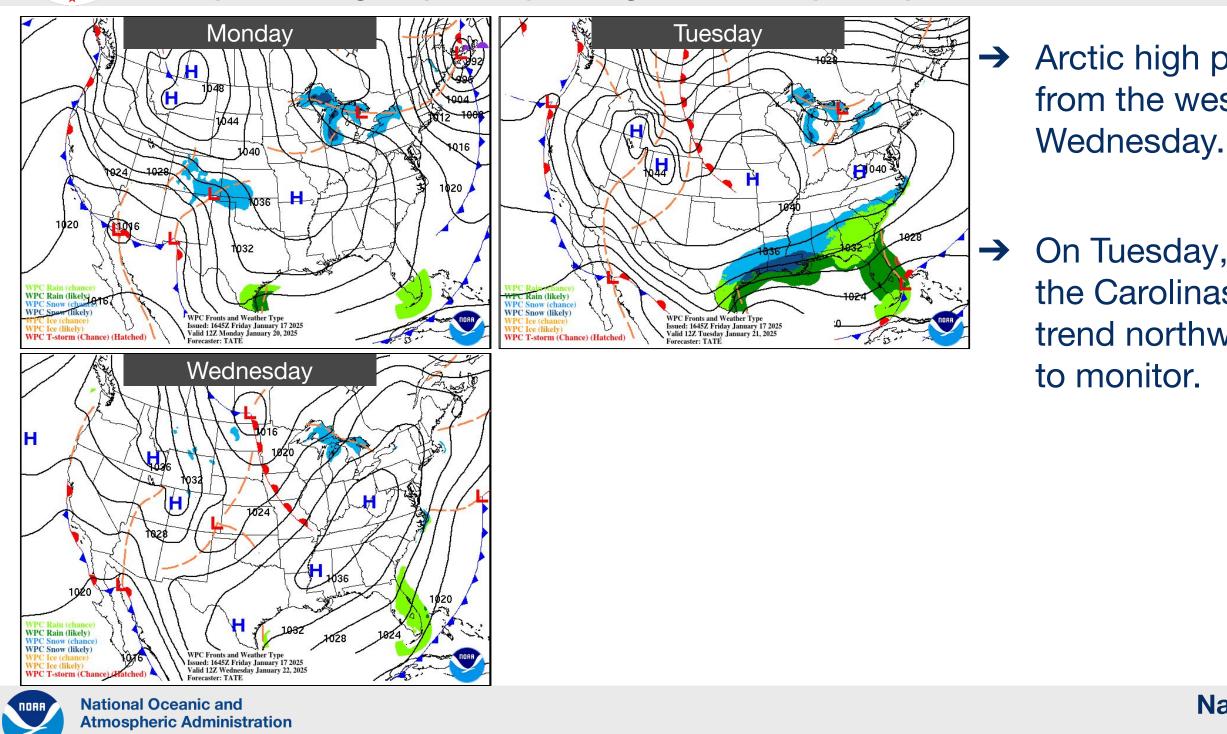
Limited Elevated Significant Extreme None



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Extended Forecast Overview

Days 4 through 6 (Monday through Wednesday; 7AM)



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Arctic high pressure builds in from the west Monday through Wednesday.

On Tuesday, snow threat near the Carolinas is starting to trend northward. Will continue



U.S. Capitol Forecast Matrix (Days 4-5) January 17, 2025 3:00 PM EST

Monday through Tuesday; Full table at weather.gov/lwx/inauguration

U.S. Capitol		on /2025				ue /2025	Wed 1/22/2025			
	8am	2pm	8pm	2am	8am	2pm	8pm	2am	8am	2pm
Temperature	23°F	23°F	16°F	11°F	19°F	21°F	20°F	15°F	17°F	18°F
Sky Cover	38%	35%	12%	50%	73%	80%	78%	56%	35%	31%
Wind Chill	6°F	7°F	3°F	-1°F	2°F	11°F	10°F	2°F	2°F	8°F
Wind Direction	WNW	WNW	WNW	WNW	WNW	WNW	NNW	NNW	NNW	NW
Wind Speed	17mph	17mph	6mph	6mph	7mph	7mph	3mph	5mph	8mph	8mph
Wind Gust Speed	33mph	31mph	13mph	12mph	13mph	13mph	8mph	9mph	13mph	13mph
Weather Conditions	-	-		-		Light Snow	Light Snow	Light Snow	-	-

Probability of Precipitation	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	34%	34%	24%	11%	6%	
Liquid Precipitation Amount	0in	0in	-	-	-	÷	-	-	-0	-	
Ice Accumulation	0in	0in	•	-			-		172		
Snow Accumulation	0in	0in		-	-	-	-	-	120		
Ceiling Height	<u>i</u>						L	(1 -1)		l <mark>.</mark> I	
Visibility	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	
Probability of Thunder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NWS Hazardous Weather Alerts	<i>.</i>	æ 1	-	a t 0	-		e.	1.			



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U.S. Capitol Forecast Matrix (Day 6)

Wednesday; Full table at weather.gov/lwx/inauguration

U.S. Capitol		ed /2025			Thu 1/23/2	
	8am	2pm	8pm	2am	8am	2pm
Temperature	17°F	18°F	15°F	11°F	29°F	30°F
Sky Cover	35%	31%	29 %	54%	54%	60%
Wind Chill	2°F	8°F	8°F	9°F	8°F	24°F
Wind Direction	NNW	NW	WNW	wsw	sw	ssw
Wind Speed	8mph	8mph	3mph	2mph	6mph	6mph
Wind Gust Speed	13mph	13mph	8mph	7mph	12mph	12mph
Weather Conditions	-					

Probability of Precipitation	11%	6%	3%	1%	4%	14%
Liquid Precipitation Amount	-	-	-	-		
Ice Accumulation		•		-	-	-
Snow Accumulation		2		-	-	2
Ceiling Height	•	-	-	-	-	-
Visibility	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	-
Probability of Thunder	0	0	0	0	1.	1
NWS Hazardous Weather Alerts	8-0	-	-	-		-

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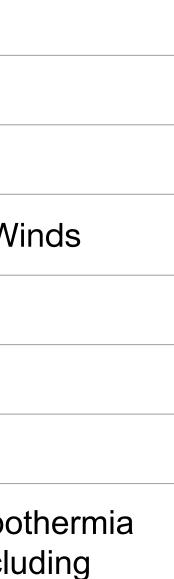
January 20 U.S. Capitol Forecast

For 12 Noon EST on Inauguration Day

Temperature:	20-25°F
Wind and Wind Gusts:	NW 15 to 20 mph, gusts 30-35 mph
Wind Chill:	6-10°F
Weather:	Bitterly Cold With Increasing Northwest W
Chance of Precipitation:	0%
Sky Cover:	Mostly sunny - 20-35% cloud cover
Cloud/Ceiling Height:	4-8 KFT
Additional Details:	Bitterly cold wind chills could result in hypo or frostbite. Wear appropriate clothing inclu- multiple layers.



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January 17, 2025 **Potomac River Forecast Next 24 Hours** 3:00 PM EST

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Potomac River		F 1/17/										Sat /2025	
	3pm	5pm	7pm	9pm	11pm	1am	3am	5am	7am	9am	11am	1pm	3pm
Temperature	42°F	40°F	37°F	35°F	34°F	33°F	33°F	34°F	36°F	39°F	42°F	45°F	46°F
Wind Chill	38°F	35°F	32°F	30°F	29°F	28°F	29°F	30°F	31°F	31°F	36°F	38°F	42°F
Wind Direction	SSW	s	SSE	SSE	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	SSW
Wind Speed	5kt	5kt	4kt	4kt	4kt	5kt	4kt	4kt	5kt	8kt	7kt	7kt	6kt
Wind Gust Speed	6kt	6kt	8kt	9kt	9kt	10kt	9kt	7kt	9kt	12kt	13kt	12kt	10kt
Sky Cover	12%	9%	7%	38%	63%	71%	68%	93%	98%	99%	98%	86%	59%
Probability of Precipitation	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	10%	27%	48%	36%	15%	11%
Probability of Thunder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Liquid Precipitation Amount	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0.01in	0.01in	0.01in	0in	0in
Ice Accumulation	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in
Snow Accumulation	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in	0in
Visibility	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	10.00mi	2.00mi	2.00mi	5.00mi	5.00mi	5.00m
Ceiling Height	SKC	SKC	SKC	SKC	SKC	SKC	21900ft	17400ft	9800ft	2600ft	500ft	700ft	1700ft
Wave Height	1ft	1ft	1ft	1ft	1ft	1ft	1ft	1ft	1ft	1ft	1ft	1ft	1ft
NWS Hazardous Weather Alerts	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

None Limited Elevated Significant Extreme



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- Saturday.
- and around Washington D.C.

Looking Ahead

Water Temperatures in any ice free waters: 35°F

Winds below Small Craft Advisory threshold (20 knots) likely through

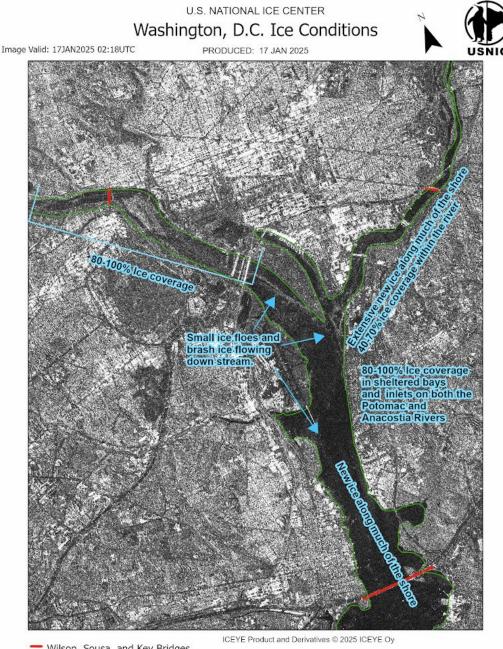
Ice largely covers the Potomac River in

A brief period of *Small Craft Advisory* conditions are possible on Sunday. Small Craft Advisory conditions are expected Sunday night and Monday.



Ice Coverage

Valid Friday, January 17, 2025 on the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers



Wilson, Sousa, and Key Bridges Shoreline

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- Ice coverage on the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers near Washington D.C. has increased over the past week.
- Extensive Ice coverage on the Potomac River has been reported along and north of the 14th Street Bridge and on the Anacostia River up to the Sousa Bridge
- New ice coverage has been reported along the shore of the Anacostia River and along the shore of the Potomac River between the 14th Street Bridge and the Wilson Bridge.



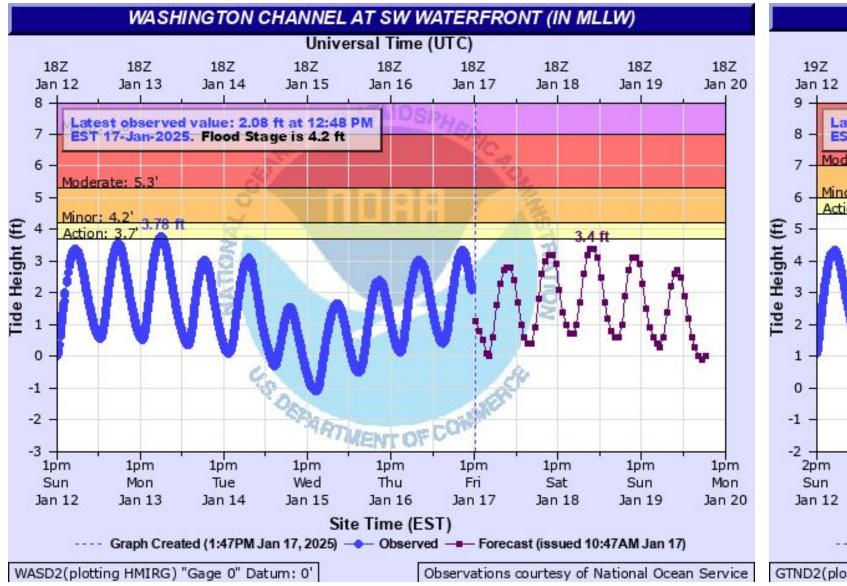


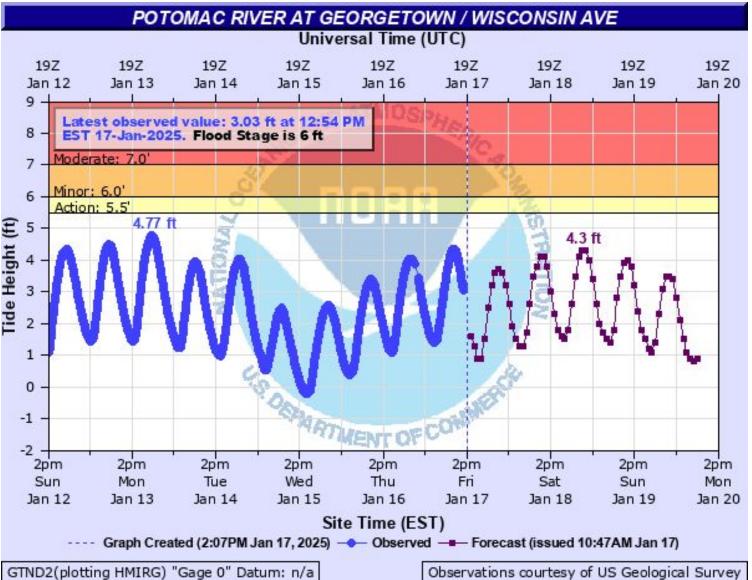
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Tidal Forecast

For Washington Channel at SW Waterfront and Potomac River at Georgetown





No tidal issues expected through Monday Afternoon.



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KDCA 171720Z 1718/1824 28006KT P6SM BKN050 FM172000 22005KT P6SM FEW050 FM180500 17006KT P6SM SCT250 FM180900 18006KT P6SM BKN150 WS020/20040KT FM181400 19007KT P6SM VCSH OVC030 FM181700 20007KT P6SM VCSH OVC010 FM182100 20005KT P6SM SCT020

Washington Dulles International Airport (KIAD)

KIAD 171720Z 1718/1824 28005KT P6SM BKN050 FM172000 20005KT P6SM FEW050 FM180500 17007KT P6SM SCT250 FM180900 18009KT P6SM BKN150 WS020/20035KT FM181500 19009KT P6SM VCSH OVC030 FM181700 19009KT P6SM VCSH OVC015 FM182300 22003KT P6SM SCT015



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Astronomical Data: U.S. Capitol

17-21 January 2025, all times local time/EST

Date	Sunrise/Sunset	Civil Twilight	Nautical Twilight	Astronomical Twilight	Moonrise/Moonset
Fri 17 Jan	0724/1713	0655/1742	0622/1814	0551/1846	2113/0941
Sat 18 Jan	0724/1714	0655/1743	0622/1815	0550/1847	2213/1002
Sun 19 Jan	0723/1715	0654/1744	0622/1816	0550/1848	2312/1022
Mon 20 Jan	0723/1716	0654/1745	0621/1817	0550/1849	/1042
Tue 21 Jan	0722/1717	0653/1746	0621/1818	0549/1850	0011/1104

Data courtesy Astronomical Applications Department of the U.S. Naval Observatory

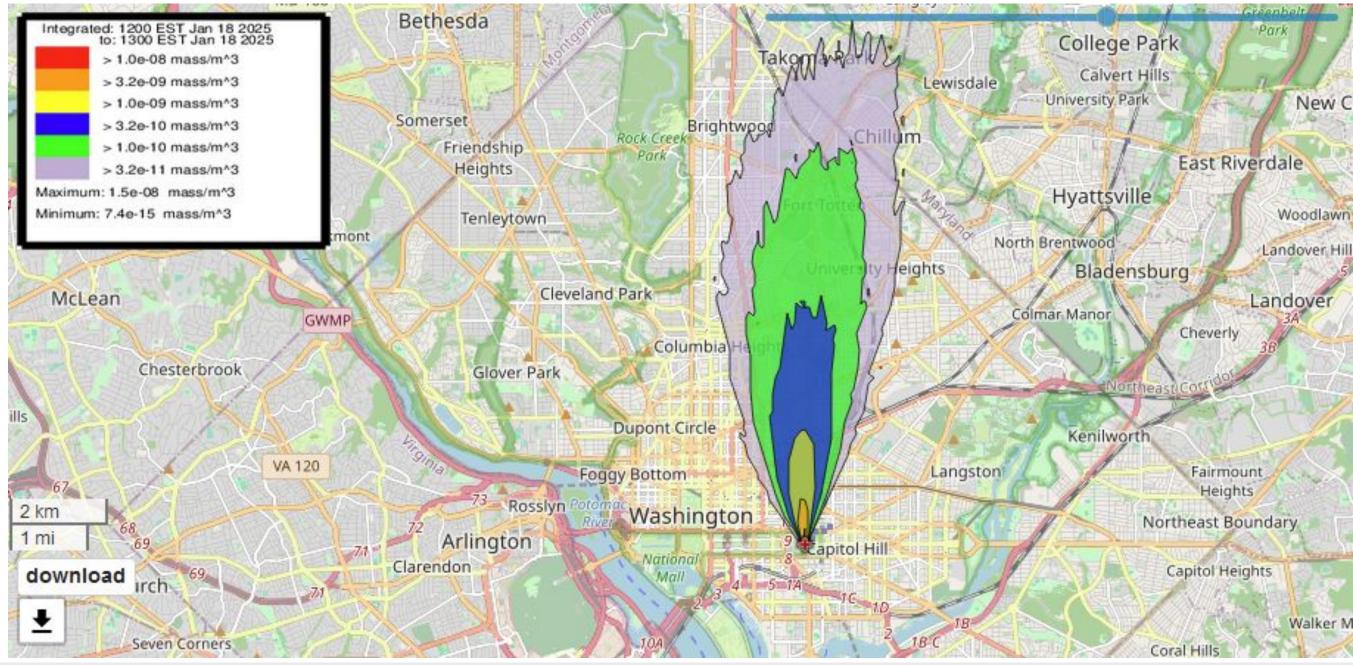


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U.S. Capitol Plume Dispersion (HYSPLIT Model) January 17, 2025 3:00 PM EST

Valid at Noon EST Saturday 18 Jan 2025 (can be run anytime by request)





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(G3+ Risk)

1%

(S1+ Risk)

5%

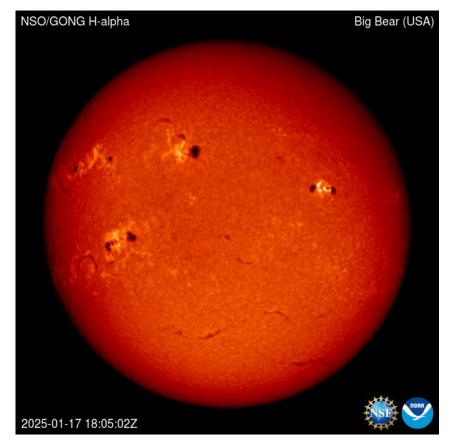
Key Messages

- No significant space weather activity is expected at this time.
- Sunspot growth and development may increase chances for minor HF radio interference over the next 24-48 hrs.

	Space Weather Related Concerns			24hr Foreca 18 Jan	ast	48hr Forecast 19 Jan
Communications Degrad	ommunications Degradation			HF		HF
Satellite Functionality						
GPS Errors						
Power Grid Disruption						
Low Risk <10%	Slight Risk	<20%	Moderate	e Risk >50%		High Risk >70%
Inauguration Day Outlook	HF R			agnetic orm	So	lar Radiation Storm

(R3+ Risk)

15%



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Power Grid Disruption



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Probability

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Activity	Past 24 Hours
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Sunday through Sunday Night

- There is a Winter Storm Watch for areas north and west of Washington, D.C.
 - Most likely snow accumulation: 1-3 inches in Washington, D.C., with a reasonable worst case 4-8 inches Ο across the northwestern suburbs.

Monday through Wednesday

Bitterly cold wind chills expected, most likely in the single digits to teens, with temperatures well below freezing during this period.



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