



# Dangerous Cold and Winter Storm Briefing #4

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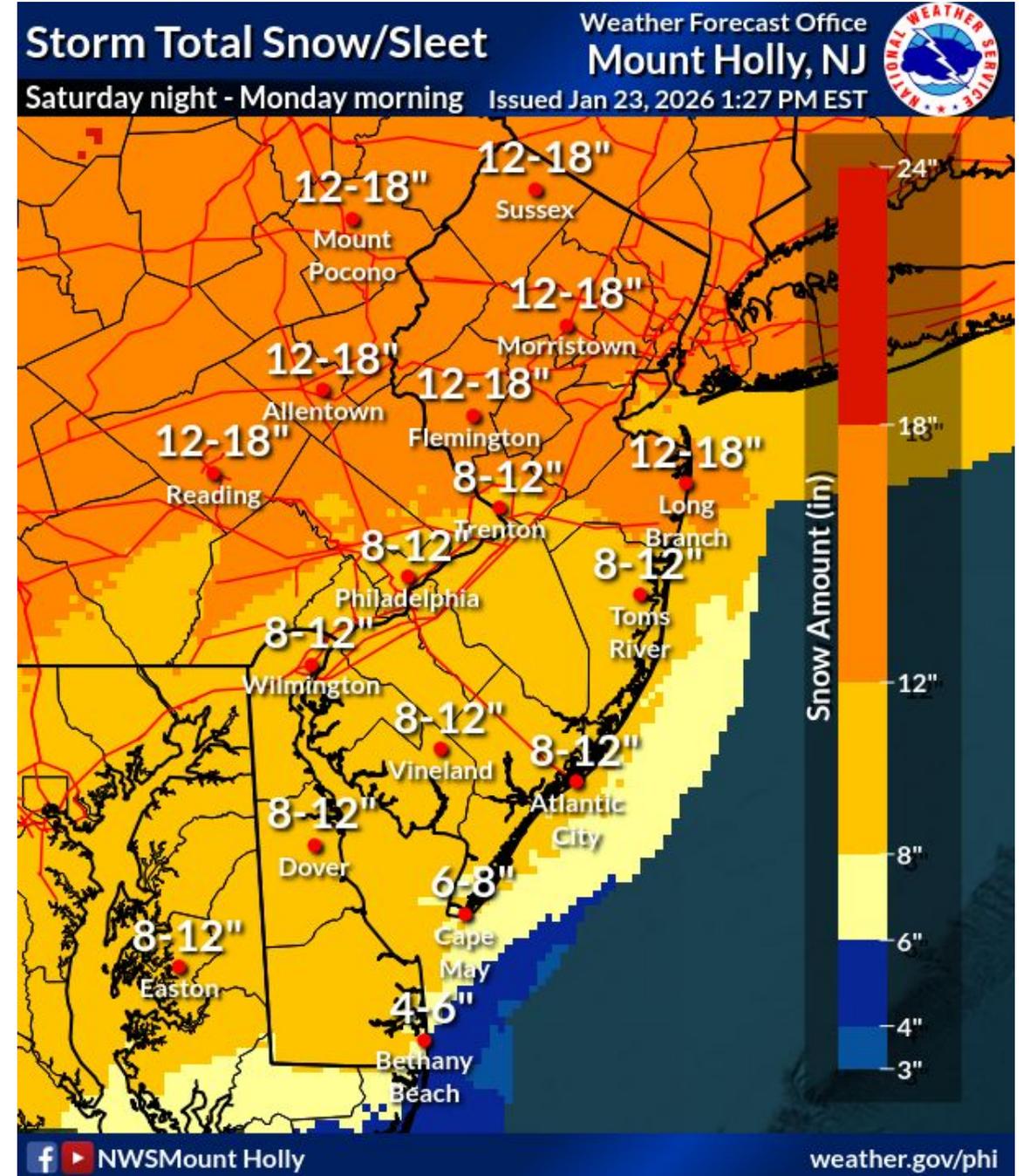
For Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland

## Decision Support Briefing #4

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### NEW Important Updates

- Winter Storm Watch was **upgraded** to a **Winter Storm Warning** for the entire area for Saturday night through Monday morning.
- Confidence is high for **major** impacts from a significant winter storm late Saturday night through Monday morning. **Sleet and freezing rain** chances continue to **increase** for the I-95 corridor southward into Delmarva. Increasing potential for some isolated power outages.
- **Gale Watch** issued for **all** marine zones for Sunday through Sunday evening.





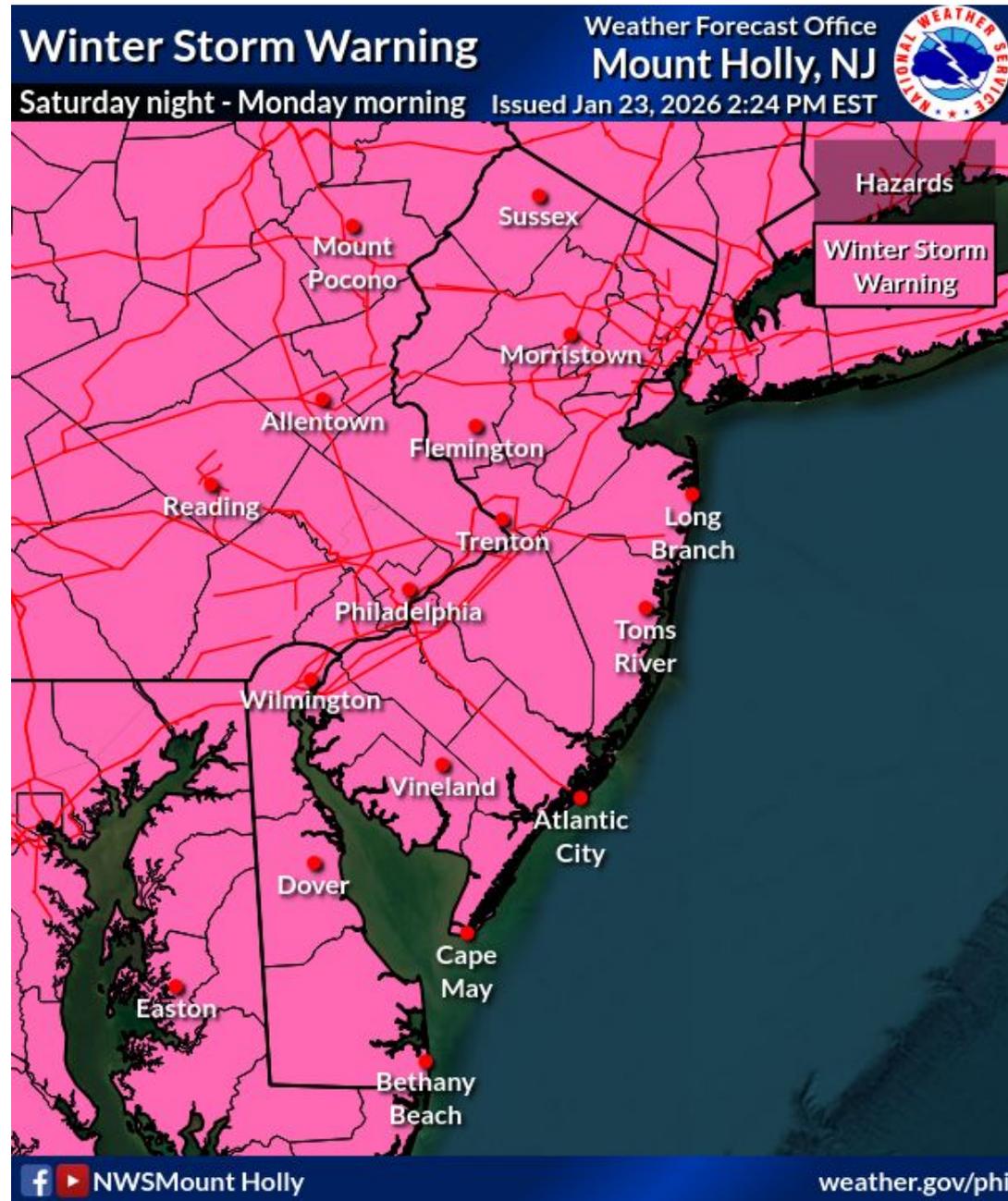
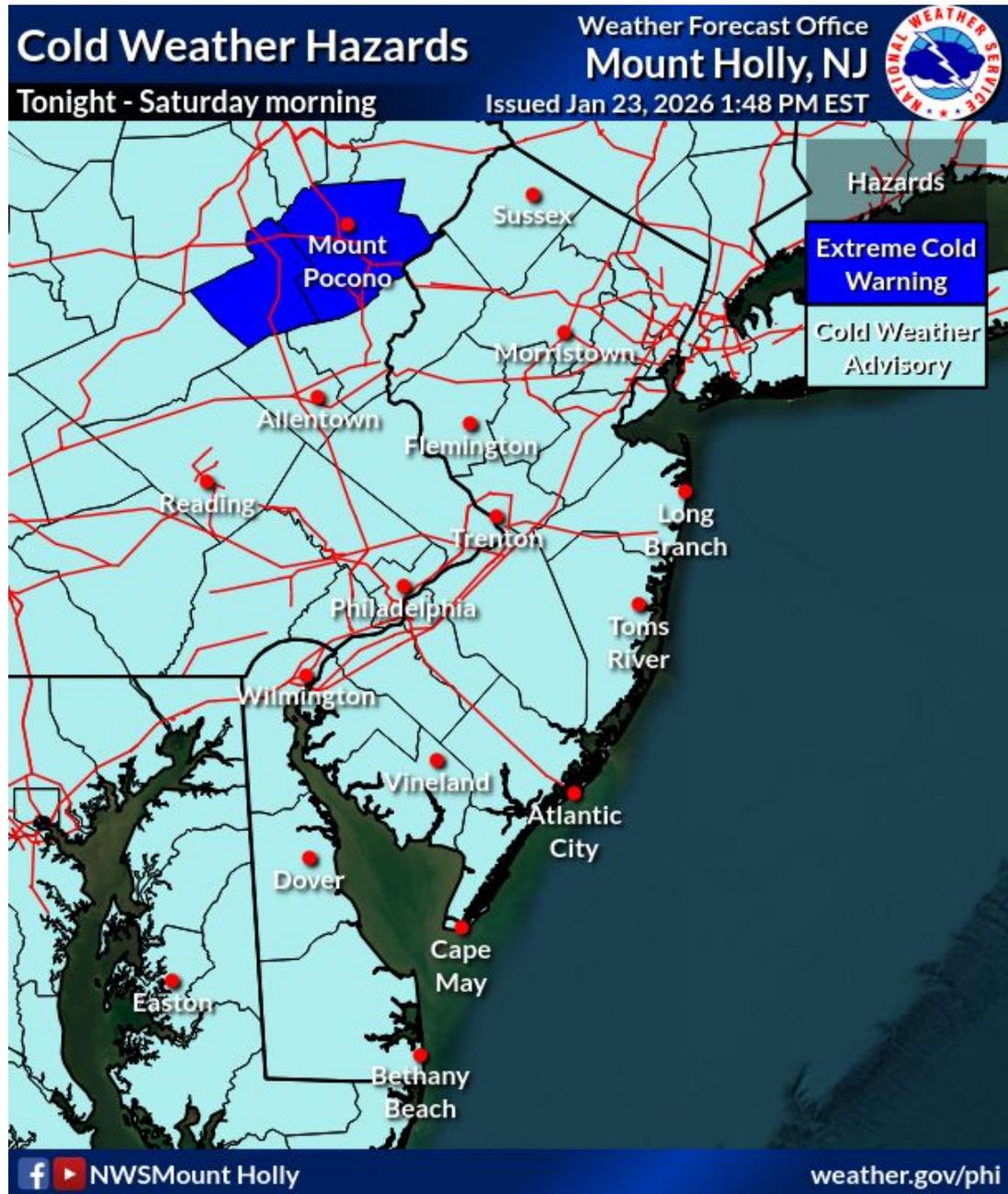
# Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

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Through This Weekend

## Key Messages

- **Extreme Cold Warning** is in effect for the southern Poconos as wind chills get as low as  $-20^{\circ}$  Saturday morning.
- A **Cold Weather Advisory** is in effect for the rest of the area for tonight through Saturday morning.
- A **Winter Storm Warning** is in effect for the entire area from Saturday night through Monday morning. **Significant snowfall accumulations are expected across the entire area, with some sleet and freezing rain accumulation in some areas as well.**

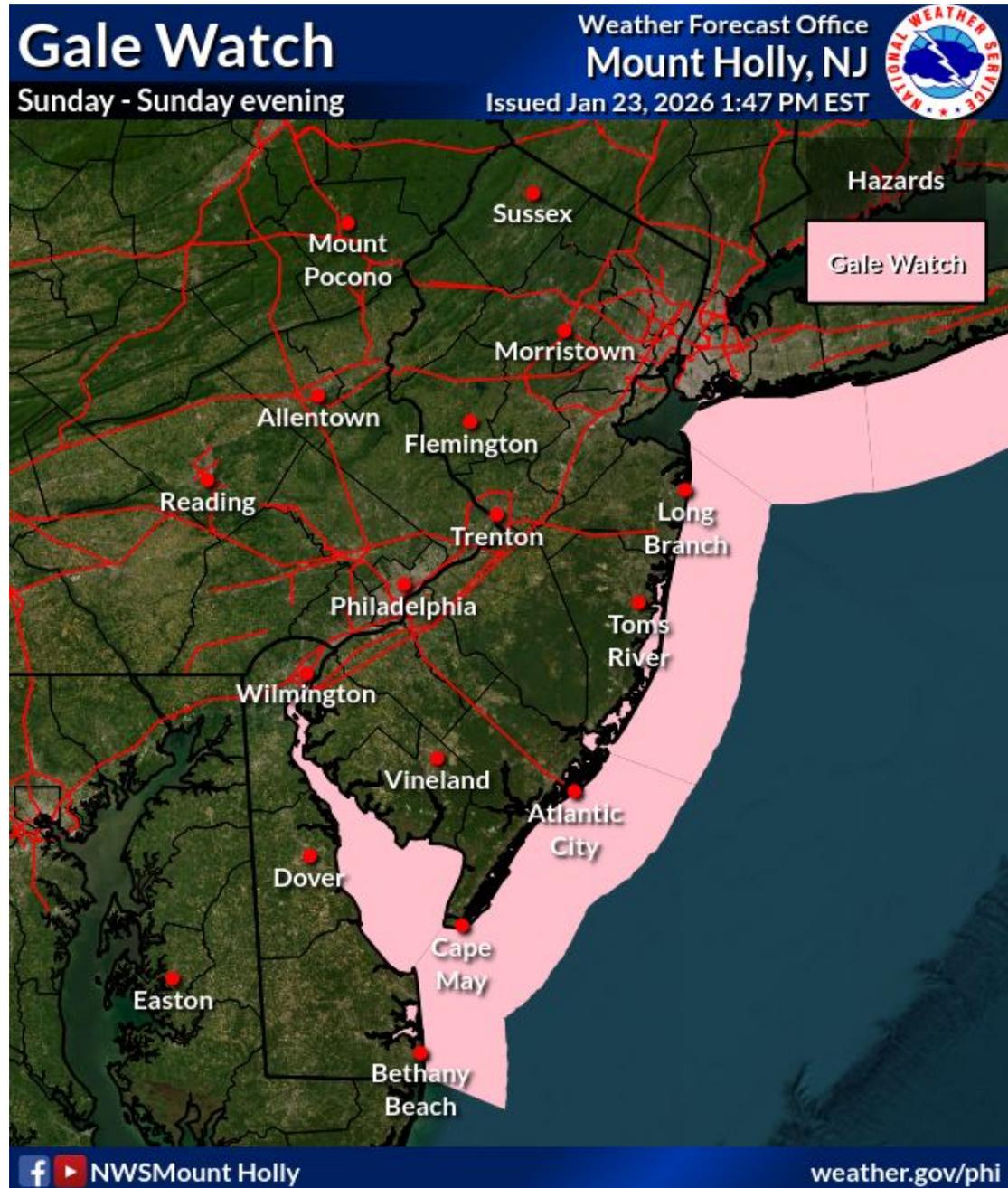




# Marine Hazards

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Through next week



## Key Messages

- **Small Craft Advisory** and **Freezing Spray Advisory** in effect tonight through Saturday morning.
- **Gale Watch** in effect Sunday through Sunday evening.
- Light to moderate freezing spray likely tonight through Saturday morning.
- Heavy snow leading to very low visibility Saturday night through Sunday.
- Periods of freezing spray possible next week.
- Air temperatures in the 10s and 20s will persist through all of next week, likely resulting in ice development across shallow and sheltered coastal waters. Greatest threat of ice development will be along the tidal Delaware River, Delaware Bay, and back bays of NJ and DE, potentially rivalling the ice impacts that occurred in January 2018.





# Main Points

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Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
<b>Heavy Snow</b> 	Heavy snow accumulations will lead to very difficult travel conditions. Widespread closures and impacts to infrastructure.	Eastern PA, NJ, DE, and the Eastern Shore of MD.	Saturday night through Monday morning.
<b>Sleet/Ice</b> 	Snow will mix with or change to sleet and freezing rain, contributing the hazardous driving conditions. Potential for isolated to scattered power outages.	The I-95 corridor southeastward into southern NJ and Delmarva. Some mixing possible as far inland as the I-78 corridor.	Sunday afternoon and evening.
<b>Blowing Snow</b> 	Minor blowing and drifting snow could lead to reduced visibilities and snow drifts.	Eastern PA, NJ, DE, and the Eastern Shore of MD.	Sunday into Monday.
<b>Cold/Wind Chill</b> 	A prolonged period of dangerous cold could result in hypothermia or frostbite if outside for long stretches. Impacts to infrastructure possible.	Eastern PA, NJ, DE, and the Eastern Shore of MD.	Through next weekend.
<b>Flash Freeze/ Black Ice</b> 	No flash freeze is expected with this event. Snow and ice covered surfaces will be slow to melt, with well below freezing temperatures through next weekend.	Eastern PA, NJ, DE, and the Eastern Shore of MD.	Tonight through at least next weekend. Temperatures could briefly rise above freezing on Sunday over Delmarva and southern NJ.
<b>Coastal Flooding</b> 	Isolated minor flooding of vulnerable roads and other areas possible.	The Atlantic Coasts of NJ and DE.	The Sunday night high tide cycle.

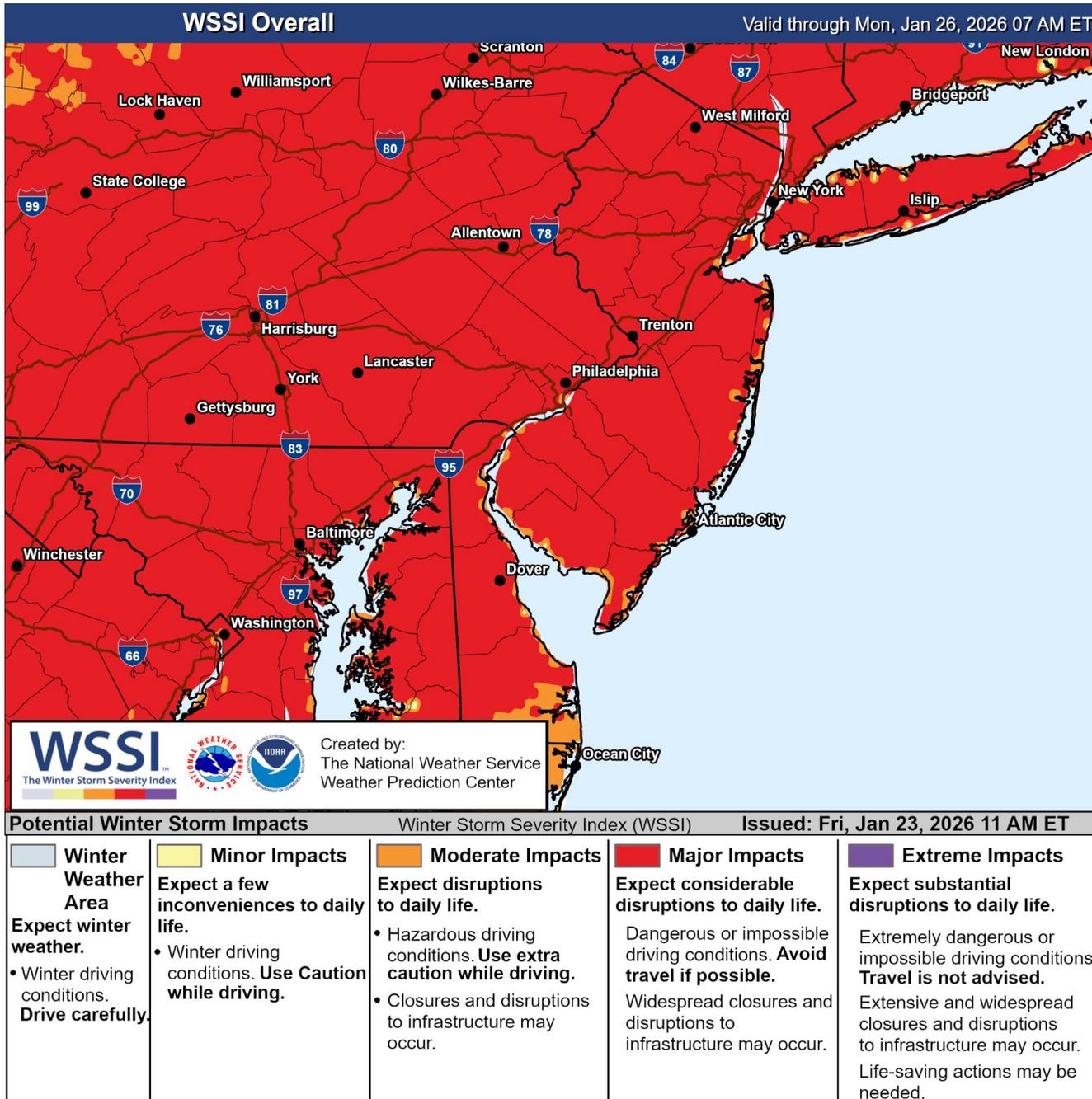




# Overall Impacts

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## Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI)



### Key Messages

- High confidence in widespread **MAJOR** impacts expected for most of the region.
- Heavy snow and some ice accumulation will make travel dangerous or impossible. Expect widespread road closures and significant delays on major interstates and highways.
- Some isolated power outages possible with ice accumulations potentially ranging from 0.1" to 0.3" (mainly for the I-95 corridor, southern NJ, and Delmarva).

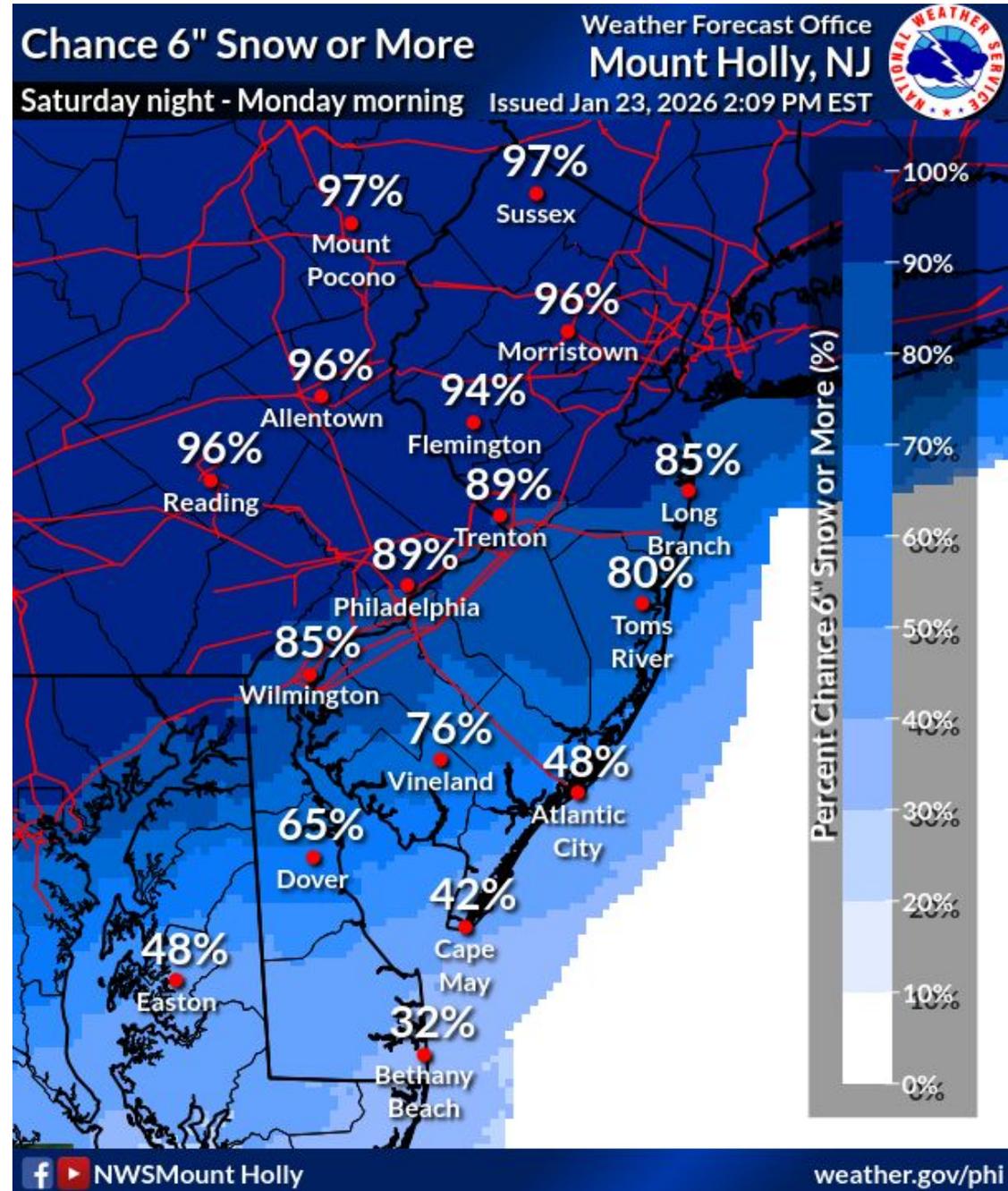






# Probability of Specific Amounts - Snow

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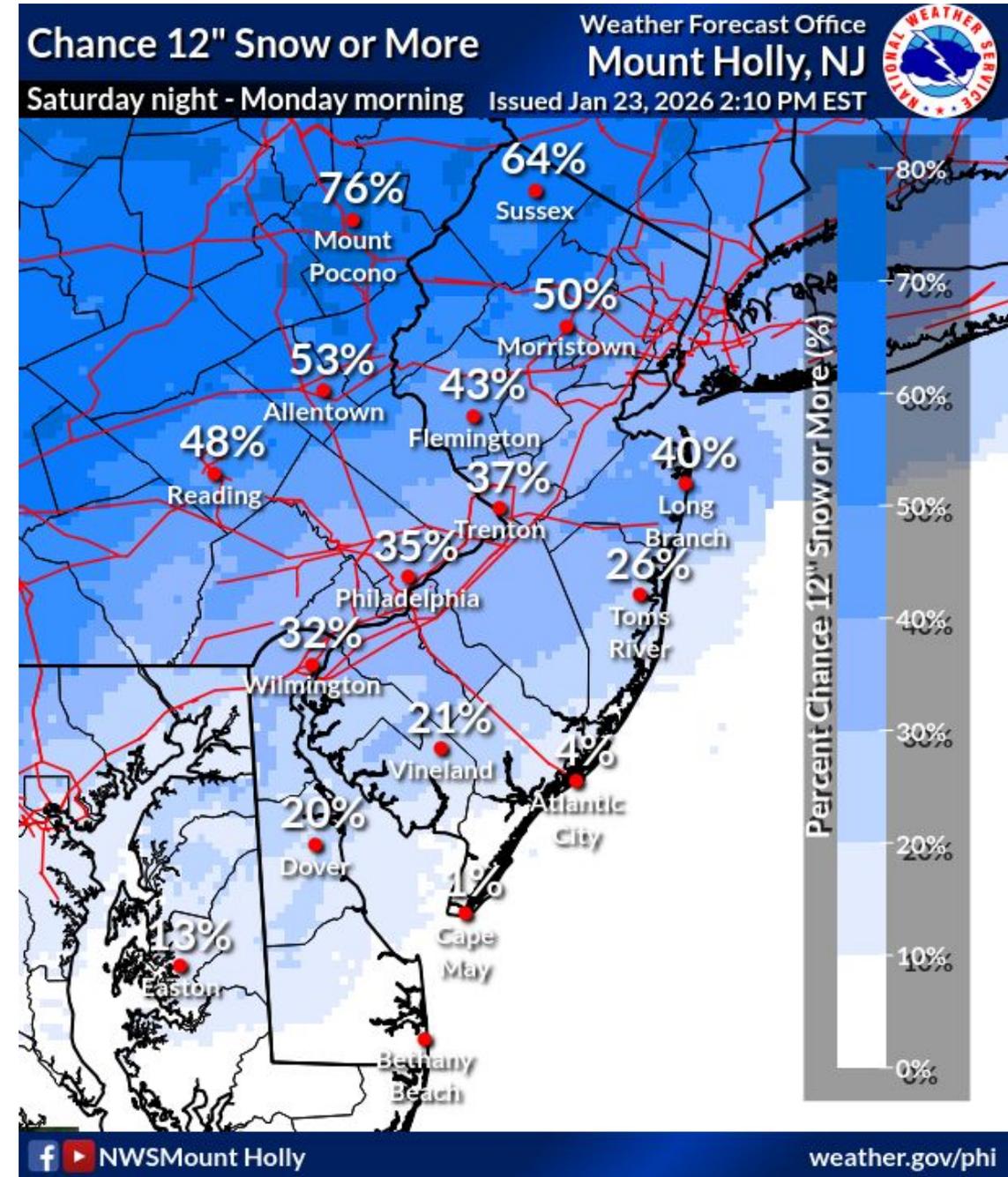
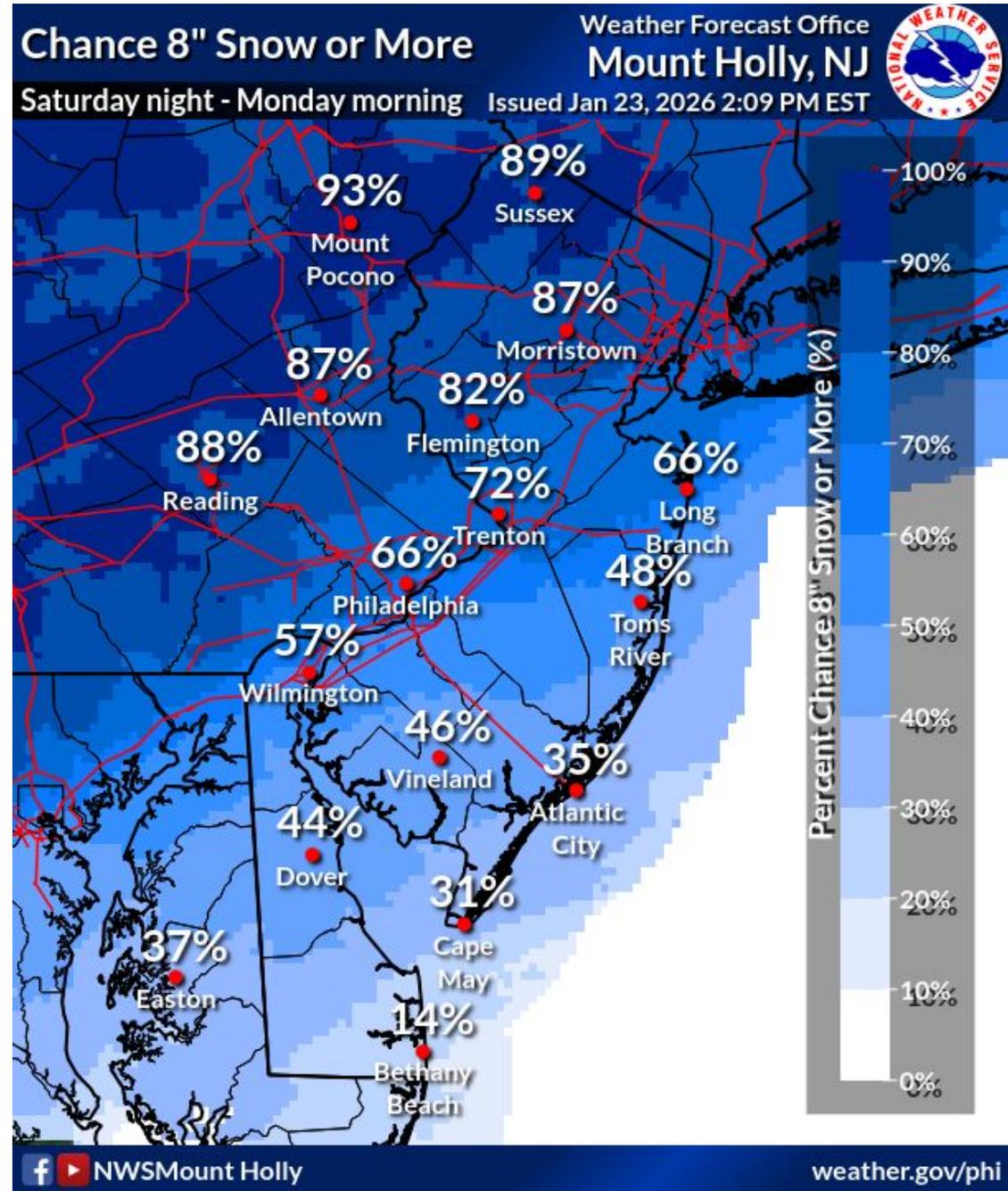
- The Probability of Specific Amounts graphics indicate the statistical probability of total snowfall reaching or exceeding a specific amount.





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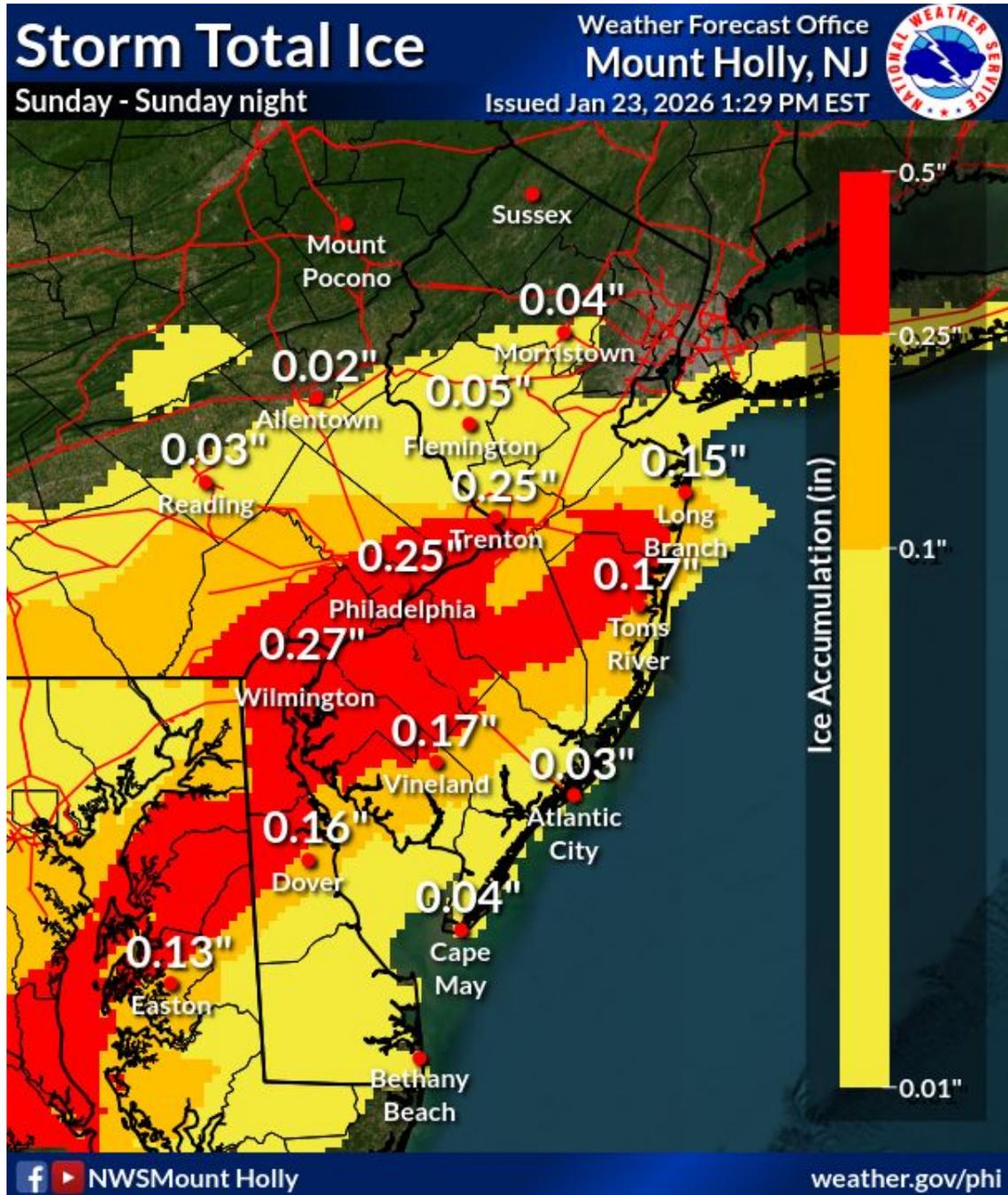




# Storm Total Ice Forecast

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Sunday through Sunday Night



## Key Messages

- There remains a threat for notable ice accumulations ranging from 0.1" to 0.3" across the I-95 corridor, southern New Jersey, and northern Delmarva.
- The combination of heavy snow followed by sleet/freezing rain and breezy northeast winds gusting 20-30 mph could result in some isolated instances of downed trees and power lines, and power outages.



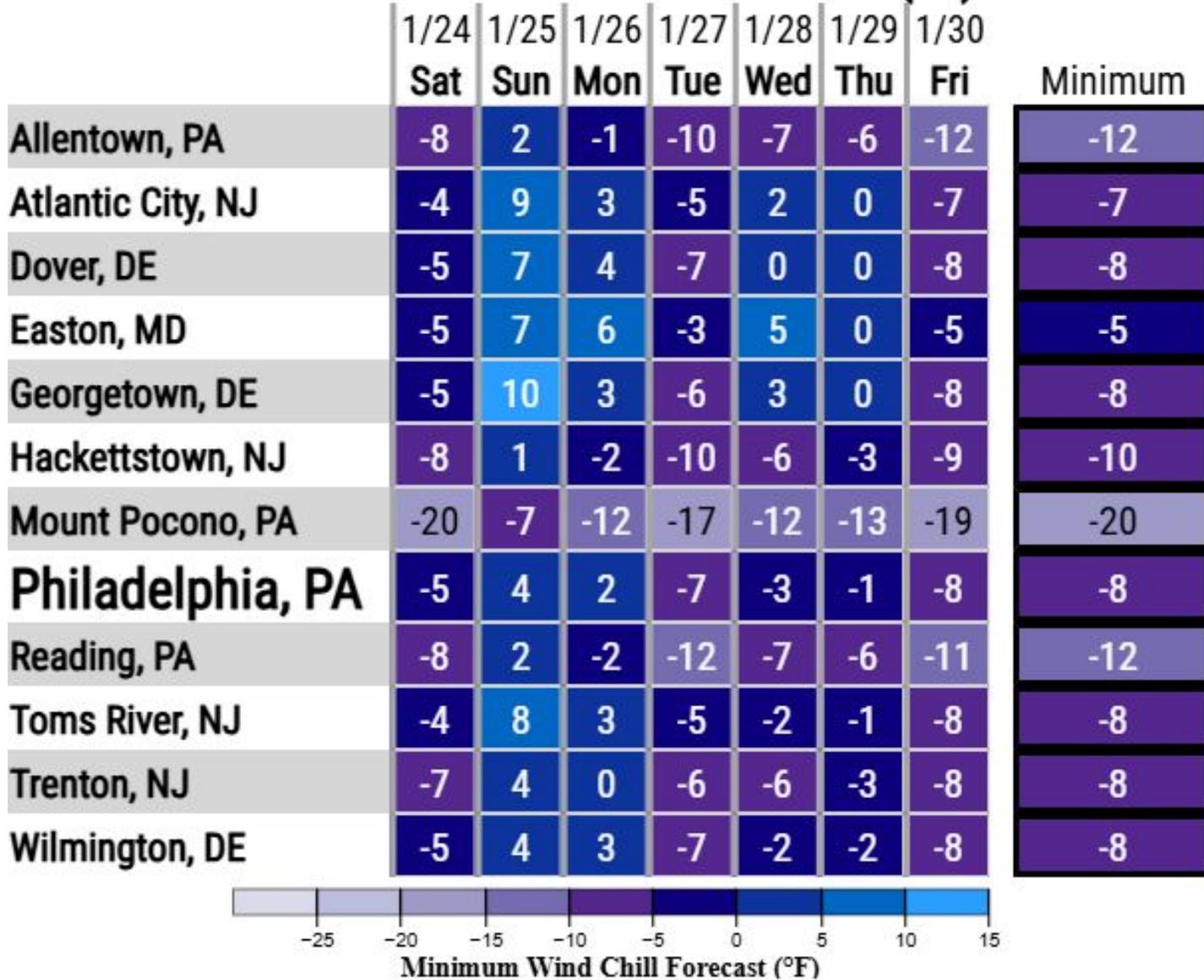


# Dangerous Stretch of Cold

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Tonight through Next Week

## Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)



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- **Extreme Cold Warning** is in effect tonight through Saturday morning for Carbon and Monroe Counties in PA, with a **Cold Weather Advisory** in place elsewhere.
- Dangerously cold wind chills between -10° and 0° will lead to an increased risk of hypothermia and frostbite. Wind chills as low as -20° in the southern Poconos.
- A prolonged period of well below normal temperatures is expected to continue after the storm and through next weekend, with temperatures and wind chills in the single digits to below zero each night.
- Increased risk of energy infrastructure impacts due to high heating demand following the winter storm.





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Tonight through Next Week

## Minimum Temperature Forecast (°F)

	1/24 Sat	1/25 Sun	1/26 Mon	1/27 Tue	1/28 Wed	1/29 Thu	1/30 Fri	Minimum
Allentown, PA	6	12	13	4	2	2	3	2
Atlantic City, NJ	12	18	20	13	12	10	10	10
Dover, DE	10	17	18	8	9	10	6	6
Easton, MD	11	16	19	12	15	10	10	10
Georgetown, DE	11	17	18	9	10	11	7	7
Hackettstown, NJ	4	9	12	2	2	2	2	2
Mount Pocono, PA	-1	5	8	2	0	0	1	-1
Philadelphia, PA	10	15	16	7	7	6	6	6
Reading, PA	7	14	14	4	4	4	4	4
Toms River, NJ	9	14	16	8	7	5	5	5
Trenton, NJ	9	14	14	5	5	4	4	4
Wilmington, DE	9	14	16	7	7	6	6	6



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# Summary of Greatest Impacts

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- A significant winter storm is expected to impact all of eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland starting late Saturday night through Monday morning. A **Winter Storm Warning** is now in effect for the entire region.
- There is high confidence in **major** impacts from snowfall, sleet, and ice accumulations across much of the area, making travel very difficult, and potentially resulting in widespread closures and infrastructure impacts. Widespread snow and sleet accumulations of 6-16" expected. Snowfall rates near 1-2" per hour possible during the daytime period Sunday.
- Snow will mix with or change to sleet and freezing rain across Delmarva, southern NJ, and into the I-95 corridor beginning Sunday afternoon into Sunday evening. Some brief mixing could occur as far inland as the I-78 corridor. There is increasing confidence in ice accumulations around 0.1-0.3", which could result in damage to trees and powerlines, and further complicate travel.
- In addition to the potential major winter storm, dangerous cold is expected beginning tonight and continuing through next weekend. An **Extreme Cold Warning** is in effect tonight through Saturday morning for Carbon and Monroe Counties in PA, and a **Cold Weather Advisory** is in effect for the remainder of the area. **Wind chills and temperatures in the single digits to below zero are expected for several consecutive nights.** Prolonged exposure to dangerous wind chills could result in hypothermia or frostbite if precautions are not taken. Impacts to energy infrastructure are possible due to increased heating demand.





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