



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FORESTRY

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DAILY FORECAST FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS

VALIDITY: 16TH TO 20TH JANUARY 2026

FORECAST ISSUED ON: 15TH JANUARY 2026

SUMMARY:

- *Mainly sunny and dry conditions will prevail over most parts of the country. Nonetheless, occasional rainfall is expected in a few areas, notably the Highlands east and west of the Rift Valley, the Rift Valley, the Lake Victoria Basin, and the south-eastern lowlands.*
- *Strong Northeasterly to Southeasterly winds exceeding 25 knots (12.5m/s) expected over North Western, Northeastern, South-Eastern Lowlands and the Coast.*

REGION	Time and Temperature	FRIDAY 16 JANUARY 2026	SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2026	SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2026	MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2026	TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2026
The Highlands West of the Rift Valley, the Lake Victoria Basin, and the Rift Valley (Siaya, Kisumu, Homabay, Migori, Kisii, Nyamira, Trans Nzoia, Baringo, Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nandi, Nakuru, Narok, Kericho, Bomet, Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma, Busia and West Pokot Counties)	<i>Morning</i>	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Sunny intervals	Showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	Sunny intervals
	<i>Night</i>	Partly cloudy	Chance of Showers over few places	Chance of Showers over few places	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
	<i>Maximum Temperatures</i>	31°C	31°C	31°C	31°C	31°C
	<i>Minimum Temperatures</i>	07°C	07°C	07°C	07°C	07°C

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North-western (Turkana and Samburu Counties)	<i>Morning</i>	Sunny conditions	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Sunny conditions	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
	<i>Night</i>	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.
	<i>Maximum Temperatures</i>	38°C	38°C	38°C	38°C	38°C
	<i>Minimum Temperatures</i>	17°C	17°C	17°C	17°C	17°C
Highlands East of the Rift Valley (Nyandarua, Laikipia, Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Murang'a, Kiambu, Meru, Embu, Tharaka Nithi and Nairobi Counties)	<i>Morning</i>	Sunny intervals	Cloudy breaking sunny intervals	Cloudy breaking sunny intervals	Cloudy breaking sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Sunny intervals	Showers over few places.	Showers over few places.	Chance of Showers over few places.	Sunny intervals
	<i>Night</i>	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
	<i>Maximum Temperatures</i>	29°C	29°C	29°C	29°C	29°C
	<i>Minimum Temperatures</i>	07°C	07°C	07°C	07°C	07°C
North-eastern (Marsabit, Mandera, Wajir, Garissa and Isiolo Counties)	<i>Morning</i>	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
	<i>Afternoon</i>	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Chance of Showers over few places.	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
	<i>Night</i>	Partly cloudy	Chance of Showers over few places.	Chance of Showers over few places.	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

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	Maximum Temperatures	38°C	38°C	38°C	38°C	38°C
	Minimum Temperatures	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C
South-eastern lowlands (<i>Kitui, Makueni, Machakos, Kajiado and Taita Taveta Counties as well as inland parts of Tana River County</i>)	Morning	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
	Afternoon	Sunny intervals	Chance of Showers over few places	Chance of Showers over few places	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
	Night	Partly cloudy	Chance of Showers over few places	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
	Maximum Temperatures	32°C	32°C	32°C	32°C	32°C
	Minimum Temperatures	14°C	14°C	14°C	14°C	14°C
Coast (<i>Mombasa, Kilifi, Lamu and Kwale Counties as well as coastal parts of Tana River County</i>)	Morning	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
	Afternoon	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
	Night	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
	Maximum Temperatures	34°C	34°C	34°C	34°C	34°C
	Minimum Temperatures	23°C	23°C	23°C	23°C	23°C

N.B: This forecast should be used in conjunction with the daily (24-hour) forecast issued by this Department. County specific forecasts are available from the offices of respective County Directors of Meteorological Services.

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APPENDIX I: INTERPRETATION OF TERMS USED

Term	Rainfall Amount (24 hrs.)	Description
Light	< 5 mm	Gentle rain, drizzle.
Moderate	5–20 mm	Steady, noticeable rain.
Heavy	21–50 mm	Intense rain, possible thunder.
Very Heavy	> 50 mm	Prolonged rain.

Term	Area Affected	Description
Few places	< 33%	Rain in a small portion of the region.
Several places	33% to 66%	Rain in multiple but not most parts of the region.
Most places	> 66%	Rain in nearly all parts of the region.

Term	Area Affected	Description
Isolated	Less than 25%	Very few areas affected.
Scattered	25–50%	Several, but not most, areas affected.
Numerous	51–70%	Many areas affected.
Widespread	Over 70%	Almost all areas affected.

Term	Time Coverage (%)	Meaning
Occasional	Less than 25%	Happens rarely or a few times.
Intermittent	25% – 50%	Starts and stops, comes and goes.
Frequent	51% – 75%	Occurs regularly.
Very Frequent / Common	More than 75%	Happens almost all the time.

Term	Probability of Occurrence	Description
Possible	10–30%	There is low confidence.
Chance of/ May	31–50%	There is moderate confidence.
Likely	51–75%	The event is more probable than not.
Expected	76–90%	There is high confidence.
Very Likely	91–99%	There is very high confidence. Almost certain.
Certain	100%	The event is guaranteed to occur.