

Watseka, IL hail — 27 Jul 2026 recap

Storm date **27 Jul 2026** (CDT). 2 reports ≥ 1.25 in within ~3 miles of the Nominatim place centroid. Max **2.00 in** (hen egg). Heading/path: **NW**.

On 27 Jul 2026, thunderstorms produced hail up to 2.00 in (hen egg) at Watseka, IL. 2 NOAA/NWS Local Storm Reports of 1.25 in or larger were logged within about 3 miles of the Nominatim Watseka centroid, at 5:33 a.m. CDT and 5:35 p.m. CDT. Hail fell on or next to the town street grid (SE of the town centroid; in/near the town grid). Largest: 2.00 in at 1 SSE Watseka (5:33 a.m. CDT); 1.75 in at Watseka (5:35 p.m. CDT). This meets HailDataHub in-town qualify (2+ stones ≥ 1.25 in near the place centroid), not a rural offset or a single-report pin. Storm motion from the timed reports was toward the NW. Chasers and PDR/roof crews tracking the swath would treat Watseka as an in-town hit. Census ACS population is 4,780. Public LSR only — not a damage certificate and not insurance.

Census / ACS

Population: **4,780** (MOE ± 292) — Watseka, IL.

Median household income: **\$43,608** (MOE $\pm 4,318$).

Primary industry / how people make a living (ACS employment by industry): Educational services, health care, and social assistance (27%); Retail trade (19%).

Median age: **47.7** (MOE ± 4.3).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2024 5-year. Profile:

<https://censusreporter.org/profiles/16000US1779228/>. Figures are ACS estimates, not invented. If a cell is missing in ACS, it is listed as not published.

NOAA / NWS hail reports (≥ 1.25 in)

Times converted from LSR VALID UTC to local. Miles are haversine to the Nominatim place centroid (40.7761, -87.7364).

LOCAL TIME	LOCATION	SIZE	OBJECT	SOURCE	MILES
5:33 a.m. CDT	1 SSE Watseka Iroquois County, IL	2.00 in	hen egg	Public	0.54 mi

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5:35 p.m. CDT	Watseka Iroquois County, IL	1.75 in	golf ball	Trained Spotter	0.33 mi

Qualify proof: 2 reports, max 2.00 in, centroid miles 0.33–0.54 (threshold ~3 miles).

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Sorry Chaisers, No Hooters Near By

NOAA/NWS LSR via IEM. Public reports, not a damage certificate, not insurance, no dollar damage.

Population, income, industry, and age: U.S. Census Bureau ACS 5-year via Census Reporter / data.census.gov tables B01003, B19013, B01002, C24050. Place match: Census 2025 Gazetteer. Town centroid: Nominatim.

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