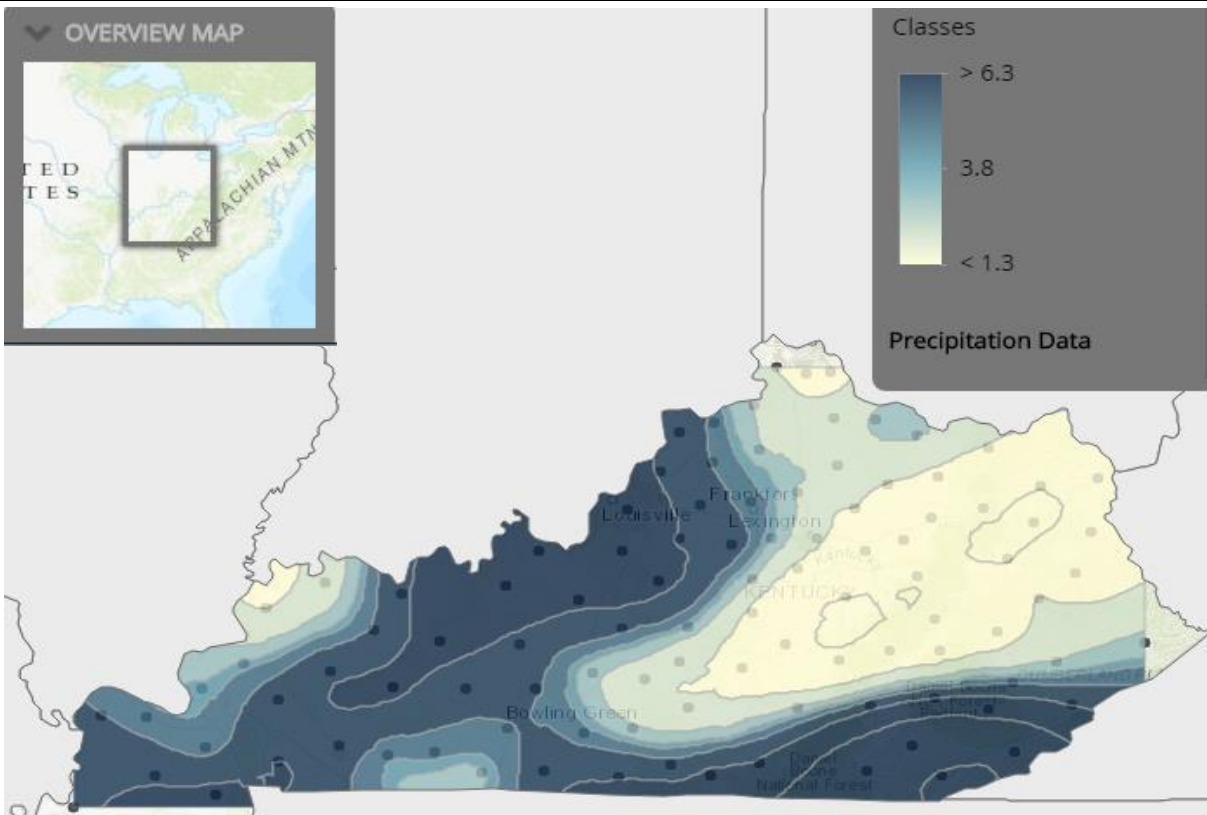


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# KENTUCKY IN THE NEWS

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Over this past February, most of Kentucky saw rainfall totals of over 7 inches, according to the [Kentucky Mesonet](#). This has led various places, like Owensboro, to experience flooding and bodies of water across Kentucky to rise above their banks. Owensboro is not the only place affected though, as much of the state is still under river flood warnings, too. According to the [Courier Journal](#), Louisville has not seen flooding of this magnitude since 1997.

Geographers look at information like flooding so they can study the impact that flooding has on human-environment interaction. For example, if an area has been built up by society and has predominantly asphalt or concrete, then flooding will have a much more devastating impact than if the area had more undeveloped areas that allowed the ground to soak up some of the water. By studying flooding, geographers can also come up with possible solutions to avoid or mitigate future flooding.

To see pictures of the flooding across Kentucky, the [Courier Journal](#) has slideshows of pictures sent in by the people living in the areas affected and the [Weather Channel](#) has an article and pictures comparing what the landscape looked like a year ago versus after the flooding. The [National Weather Service](#) has various pictures from past historic floods that can be compared to this most recent event. The story map for this Kentucky in the News is available [here](#).