

# Snow Cover History

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| Year  | Date of first snow cover greater than ... |          | Date of last snow cover greater than ... |          | Days of snow cover greater than ... |          | January median temp. | Comments        |
|-------|---|----------|--|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------|
|       | 1 inch                                    | 8 inches | 8 inches                                 | 1 inch   | 1 inch                              | 8 inches |                      |                 |
| 48-49 | 12/24/48                                  |          |  | 1/31/49  | 5                                   |          | 45.3                 |                 |
| 49-50 | 3/16/50                                   |          |  | 3/16/50  | 1                                   |          | 47.7                 |                 |
| 50-51 | 2/9/51                                    |          |  | 2/9/51   | 1                                   |          | 38.7                 |                 |
| 51-52 | 12/14/51                                  |          |  | 1/22/52  | 4                                   |          | 42.6                 |                 |
| 52-53 | 3/2/53                                    |          |  | 3/3/53   | 2                                   |          | 41.7                 |                 |
| 53-54 | 1/14/54                                   |          |  | 1/24/54  | 4                                   |          | 38.4                 |                 |
| 54-55 | 1/11/55                                   |          |  | 1/23/55  | 10                                  |          | 35.9                 |                 |
| 55-56 |   |          |  |          |                                     |          | 36.9                 | no snow cover   |
| 56-57 | 1/15/57                                   |          |  | 1/17/57  | 3                                   |          | 35.8                 |                 |
| 57-58 | 1/24/58                                   | 2/15/58  | 2/17/58                                  | 3/18/58  | 10                                  | 3        | 34.8                 |                 |
| 58-59 | 12/14/58                                  |          |  | 1/11/59  | 5                                   |          | 37.3                 |                 |
| 59-60 | 1/7/60                                    | 2/13/60  | 3/17/60                                  | 3/20/60  | 28                                  | 15       | 39.6                 |                 |
| 60-61 | 1/19/61                                   |          |  | 2/14/61  | 25                                  |          | 32.9                 |                 |
| 61-62 | 1/2/62                                    | 3/5/62   | 3/6/62                                   | 3/10/62  | 10                                  | 2        | 37.1                 |                 |
| 62-63 | 12/21/62                                  |          |  | 2/27/63  | 13                                  |          | 34.4                 |                 |
| 63-64 | 1/1/64                                    |          |  | 2/15/64  | 14                                  |          | 38.1                 |                 |
| 64-65 | 1/10/65                                   |          |  | 2/15/65  | 14                                  |          | 37.6                 |                 |
| 65-66 | 1/16/66                                   | 1/26/66  | 2/7/66                                   | 2/25/66  | 28                                  | 13       | 31.9                 |                 |
| 66-67 | 12/13/66                                  | 12/24/66 | 12/28/66                                 | 1/20/67  | 20                                  | 3        | 40.4                 |                 |
| 67-68 | 12/28/67                                  |          |  | 12/31/67 | 4                                   |          |                      | Incomplete Data |
| 68-69 |   |          |  |          |                                     |          | 32.5                 | no snow cover   |
| 69-70 | 12/26/69                                  | 12/26/69 | 12/30/69                                 | 2/16/70  | 13                                  | 5        | 33.1                 |                 |
| 70-71 | 1/2/71                                    | 3/27/71  | 3/27/71                                  | 3/28/71  | 7                                   | 1        | 35.1                 |                 |
| 71-72 | 2/17/72                                   | 2/19/72  | 2/19/72                                  | 2/24/72  | 6                                   | 1        | 40.3                 |                 |
| 72-73 |   |          |  |          |                                     |          | 38.2                 | no snow cover   |
| 73-74 | 2/10/74                                   |          |  | 2/16/74  | 2                                   |          | 46.8                 |                 |
| 74-75 | 12/1/74                                   |          |  | 2/6/75   | 4                                   |          | 40.7                 |                 |
| 75-76 |   |          |  |          |                                     |          | 34.1                 | no snow cover   |
| 76-77 |   |          |  |          |                                     |          | 24.0                 | no snow cover   |
| 77-78 |   |          |  |          |                                     |          | 28.5                 | no snow cover   |
| 78-79 | 2/7/79                                    | 2/19/79  | 2/19/79                                  | 2/19/79  | 4                                   | 1        | 33.9                 |                 |
| 79-80 |   |          |  |          |                                     |          | 36.8                 | no snow cover   |
| 80-81 | 3/23/81                                   |          |  | 3/23/81  | 1                                   |          | 34.4                 |                 |
| 81-82 | 1/14/82                                   | 1/15/82  | 2/28/82                                  | 4/9/82   | 4                                   | 2        | 30.4                 |                 |

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| 82-83                | 2/11/83                                   | 2/11/83       | 2/12/83                                  | 2/12/83       | 2                                   | 2        | 35.9                 |                 |
| 83-84                |   |               |  |               |                                     |          | 35.0                 | no snow cover   |
| 84-85                |   |               |  |               |                                     |          | 32.0                 | no snow cover   |
| 85-86                |   |               |  |               |                                     |          | 35.3                 | no snow cover   |
| 86-87                |   |               |  |               |                                     |          | 33.4                 | no snow cover   |
| 87-88                |   |               |  |               |                                     |          | 29.4                 | no snow cover   |
| 88-89                |   |               |  |               |                                     |          | 39.9                 | no snow cover   |
| 89-90                |   |               |  |               |                                     |          | 42.9                 | no snow cover   |
| 90-91                |   |               |  |               |                                     |          | 37.4                 | no snow cover   |
| 91-92                |   |               |  |               |                                     |          | 40.4                 | no snow cover   |
| 92-93                | 3/13/93                                   | 3/13/93       | 3/14/93                                  | 3/14/93       | 2                                   | 2        | 41.1                 |                 |
| 93-94                | 12/21/93                                  |               |  | 3/3/94        | 8                                   |          | 32.2                 | Incomplete Data |
| 94-95                |   |               |  |               |                                     |          | 39.3                 | no snow cover   |
| 95-96                | 2/16/96                                   |               |  | 2/16/96       | 1                                   |          | 32.8                 |                 |
| 96-97                |   |               |  |               |                                     |          | 35.8                 | no snow cover   |
| <b>Median Values</b> |   |               |  |               |                                     |          |                      |                 |
|                      | <b>14-Jan</b>                             | <b>14-Feb</b> | <b>19-Feb</b>                            | <b>16-Feb</b> | <b>5</b>                            | <b>2</b> | <b>36.4</b>          |                 |

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