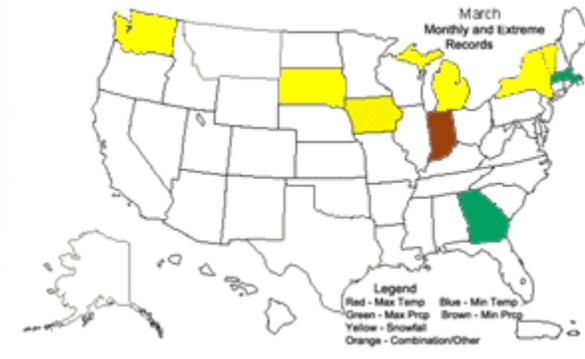


Selected U.S. City and State Extremes

March 2001

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Temperature / Dewpoint

1. None Reported.

Rainfall

1. As of March 29th, Columbus, GA recorded 13.30 inches of rain during March 2001. This sets a new record for March and breaks the previous record of 12.53 inches set in 1952.
2. In contrast, March 2001 was the driest March on record at Ft. Wayne, IN with only 0.48 inches of precipitation measured during the month. The old record was 0.74 inches set in 1981.
3. At Blue Hill, MA the monthly total precipitation during March 2001 was 13.07 inches. This is a new March record besting the previous record of 10.96 inches set in 1968. March 2001 was also the fourth wettest month on record, records date back to 1885.

Snowfall

1. The record for consecutive days of 1 inch or more snow on the ground reached 99 days at the Des Moines IA, NWS office (Johnson, IA) on Sunday, March 19th, 2001. Des Moines, IA has had at least an inch of more or snow on the ground since the morning of December 11th, 2001.

This is a new record for the longest period of consecutive days with 1 inch or more of snow on the ground.

2. The NWS office in Negaunee Township (Marquette, MI) seasonal snowfall as of March 26th is now 265.2 inches, only 7 inches shy of the snowiest season on record in 1996-1997 when 272.2 inches fell. The current snow depth as of 7 AM est on March 26th was 29 inches. Weather records for the site date back to 1961.

3. As of 7:50 PM on March 17th, 2001 3.7 inches of snow fell at the Binghamton regional airport, NY. This brings the monthly total snowfall for March 2001 to 38.1 inches which is a new March snowfall record. The old record for March was 37.9 inches set in 1993.

4. The Spokane, WA area sets record for consecutive days with an inch or more snow cover. The Spokane, Intl airport, WA observed 117 days with an inch or more of snow on the ground from November 9th, 2000 until March 6th, 2001. This broke the old record of 113 days set in the winter of 1992-1993.

5. Second snowiest winter on record (so far) at Syracuse, NY. The seasonal snowfall as of 7 AM on March 6th, 2001 was 175.6 inches. The record snowiest season was 1992-1993 when 192.1 inches fell. Records for the airport location in North Syracuse date back to the 1949-1950 season, records from 1902 to 1949 were taken downtown.

6. Iowa record snow cover record set on March 27th, 2001. As of March 27th, 2001 there has been 1 inch or snow or more on the ground in extreme northwest Iowa for 141 days or since November 7th, 2000. This breaks the previous record of 137 days set at Sioux Center from November 17th, 1978 through April 2nd, 1979. The following NWS cooperative sites confirm the record with today's snow depths: Galva- 2 inches, Rock Rapids - 1 inch and Sanborn with 7 inches. The record may need additional updates.

7. Aberdeen, SD has 140 days with consecutive snow cover. The snow depth as of 6AM on March 28th, 2001 was 2 inches. This marked the 140th consecutive day with 1 inch or more of snow on the ground. This is the longest stretch of snow cover since 1950 when daily snow depth became available. During the winter of 1936-1937, 110.8 inches of snow fell and that winter likely had snow on the ground for a longer period. The old record for consecutive days was the winter of 1996 - 1997 with 139 days. The streak ended at 144 days on April 1st- see the [April Report](#) for more details.

8. The record for consecutive days of 1 inch or more snow on the ground reached a record breaking 141 days at the Sioux Falls, SD on March 27th, 2001. The station has had at least an inch of more or snow on the ground since the morning of November 7th, 2001. This is a new record for the longest period of consecutive days with 1 inch or more of snow on the ground. The old record was 125 days set in the winter of 1996 - 1997 from November 17th to March 21st.

9. In Burlington, VT 47.6 inches of snow fell during March 2001. This broke the old March record of 39.9 inches which was set back in 1993.

Pressure

None Reported.

Miscellaneous

None reported yet.

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