



December 2014 Climate Summary



Location		Average Temp (°F)	Precip (inches)	Snowfall (inches)
Sault Ste. Marie	Observed	25.1°	3.34"	35.8
	Normal	22.2°	2.79"	33.5"
	Departure	+2.9°	+0.55"	+2.3"
	Rank *	*	*	*
Houghton Lake	Observed	27.0°	1.43"	6.0
	Normal	23.9°	1.65"	15.9"
	Departure	+3.1°	-0.22"	-9.9"
	Rank *	*	*	*
Alpena	Observed	28.0°	1.69"	0.5
	Normal	25.0°	1.75"	19.2"
	Departure	+3.0°	-0.06"	-18.7"
	Rank *	*	*	2nd Least Snowiest
Traverse City	Observed	30.2°	1.82"	5.1"
	Normal	26.7°	2.72"	26.7"
	Departure	+3.5°	-0.90"	-21.6"
	Rank *	*	*	6th Least Snowiest
Gaylord	Observed	25.2°	1.68"	11.1
	Normal	22.6°	3.11"	33.3"
	Departure	+2.6°	-1.43"	-22.2"
	Rank *	*	*	4th Least Snowiest

December Highlights:

- A remarkable change from November!
- Persistent, near record setting cold conditions during November quickly gave way to a much milder weather pattern during December. As a result, all of northern Michigan observed temperatures well above average for the month.
- Much like temperatures, the extremely active weather also quickly abated heading into the start of December. Snowfall was well below normal across much of the area, with only the snow belts of eastern Upper receiving near normal snowfall. Traverse City, Alpena, and Gaylord all experienced one of their least snowiest Decembers on record!

* Only top ten ranks will be included

* Normals from the 1981-2010 base period



<http://weather.gov/gaylord>