



Winter 2014-2015 Climate Summary



Location		Average Temp (°F)	Precip (inches)
Sault Ste. Marie	Observed	13.5°	6.71"
	Normal	18.5°	6.32"
	Departure	-5.0°	+0.39"
	Rank *	*	*
Houghton Lake	Observed	16.3°	3.24"
	Normal	20.8°	4.37"
	Departure	-4.5°	-1.13"
	Rank *	9 th Coldest	*
Alpena	Observed	16.6°	3.48"
	Normal	21.7°	4.73"
	Departure	-5.1°	-1.25"
	Rank *	8 th Coldest	*
Traverse City	Observed	19.7°	5.25"
	Normal	23.7°	6.69"
	Departure	-4.0°	-1.44"
	Rank *	*	*
Gaylord	Observed	14.0°	4.50"
	Normal	19.6°	8.04"
	Departure	-5.6°	-3.54"
	Rank *	3 rd Coldest	8 th Driest

Winter Highlights:

- Initial mild start to the official winter season (December – February) gave way to increasingly below normal conditions, capped off by a historically cold February. As a result, several locations experienced a top ten coldest winter on record, led by Gaylord which experienced their 3rd coldest winter season.
- Much like last year, the cold temperatures resulted in a south-displaced storm track, with much of northern Michigan experiencing drier than normal conditions.
- After a recording setting start to the snow season in November, snowfall totals dropped off considerably during the actual winter season, especially away from the immediate coastal areas of Lake Michigan and Superior. Please see [snowfall totals](#) for season-to-date snowfall totals.

* Only top ten ranks will be included

* Normals from the 1981-2010 base period

