

January 2026 Temperature Summary

Sault Ste. Marie

Avg. Temperature: 12.8°F
Anomaly: -3.4°F
Warmest Temp: 40°F Jan. 9th
Coldest Temp: -19°F Jan. 29th

Alpena

Avg. Temperature: 17.1°F
Anomaly: -2.9°F
Warmest Temp: 53°F Jan. 9th
Coldest Temp: -18°F Jan. 24th

Houghton Lake

Avg. Temperature: 16.1°F
Anomaly: -3.0°F
Warmest Temp: 51°F Jan. 9th
Coldest Temp: -20°F Jan. 24th

Gaylord

Avg. Temperature: 15.3°F
Anomaly: -2.4°F
Warmest Temp: 48°F Jan. 18th
Coldest Temp: -13°F Jan. 29 & 30

Pellston

Avg. Temperature: 16.1°F
Anomaly: -1.7°F
Warmest Temp: 49°F Jan. 9th
Coldest Temp: -21°F Jan. 24 & 29

Traverse City

Avg. Temperature: 19.7°F
Anomaly: -3.4°F
Warmest Temp: 55°F Jan. 9th
Coldest Temp: -5°F Jan. 25th

Photo: Sub-zero temperatures at sunrise over a frozen Otsego Lake on January 31st, 2026. Numerous intrusions of deep arctic air led to well below normal temperatures following a milder start to the month.

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January 2026 Snowfall & Precipitation

Sault Ste. Marie

Observed Precip: 4.07"

Anomaly: +1.86"

4th Most Precip in Jan. on Record

Observed Snow: 52.4"

Anomaly: +22.1"

Snowiest Day: 6.2" Jan. 3rd

5th Snowiest Jan. on Record

Gaylord (NWS Office)

Observed Precip: 3.09"

Deficit: -0.01"

Observed Snow: 41.1"

Anomaly: +4.2"

Snowiest Day: 4.9" Jan. 10th

Alpena

Observed Precip: 1.76"

Deficit: -0.05"

Observed Snow: 24.9"

Anomaly: +5.6"

Snowiest Day: 5.5" Jan. 5th

Houghton Lake

Observed Precip: 2.32"

Anomaly: +0.62"

Observed Snow: 19.5"

Anomaly: +3.1"

Snowiest Day: 3.6" Jan. 16th

Traverse City

Observed Precip: 3.16"

Anomaly: +0.19"

Observed Snow: 53.0"

Anomaly: +5.7"

Snowiest Day: 6.7" Jan. 10th

4th Snowiest Jan. on Record

Note- snowfall / precip data not available for Pellston

Photo: A snowy scene at the Jordan River crossing on the Jordan River snowmobile trail in Antrim County, January 20th, 2026. Above average snowfall and cold temperatures have led to a boost in winter recreational activities across much of northern Michigan.

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