

*As a result of our recent snowstorm, several local media contacts and interested snow lovers have been wondering: when was the last time the metro Detroit area saw as much snow as the 9.0” that fell officially out at Detroit Metropolitan Airport?*

*It is interesting to note that several times it was heard: “Wasn’t it several years ago since we saw this much snow?” “Biggest storm in ten years?” “Biggest storm since the Blizzard of ’99?” I think the following list proves some of us indeed, have a short memory ( hopefully I didn’t miss one ;-))*

*Well, being that the nature of the beast is to dump varying amounts of snow across the large metro area, that question is still worthy of being investigated when one point of reference is used. Officially, snowfall for the Detroit climate statistics is taken at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, therefore using that as the data point as reference shows the following....*

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*Recent snowstorms /8.0” or greater/ in the metro Detroit area (taken at Detroit Metro Airport) since the Blizzard of ’99, in order of occurrence.*

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>footnotes</u>
9.0”	12/15-16/07	very widespread heavy amounts
9.5”	2/13-14/07	Valentine’s Day storm, heaviest amounts fell from Detroit south to Ohio border. North suburbs 3-6”
12.2”	1/22-23/05	Biggest since ’99 Blizzard, 11 <sup>th</sup> biggest snowstorm
8.9”	12/22-23/04	Ironically, occurred exactly a month before 12.2”
11.3”	01/02-03/99	New Year’s weekend “Blizzard of ’99”

*Were there more than you thought?*

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*Note:*

*Data reflects just the actual snowstorm, usually a day or two, and not snow that may have fallen the day before or after and not associated with the storm.*