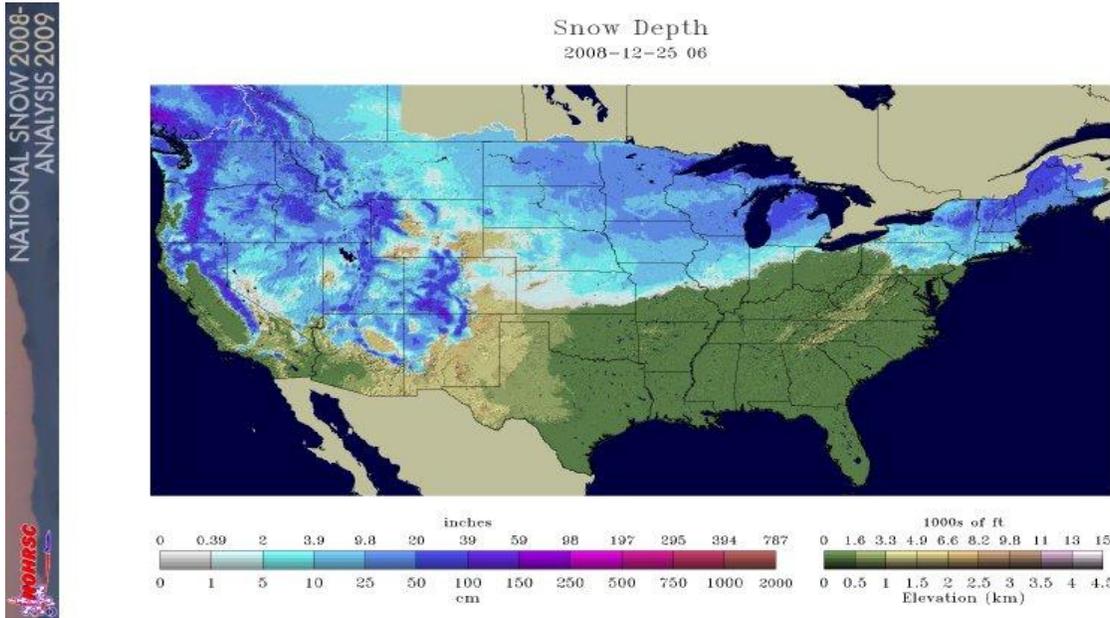


Christmas Day Weather Across West Central and Southwest Florida

In many parts of the United States it isn't Christmas unless it is cold with snow falling or on the ground. Across West Central and Southwest Florida it can be rather cool on Christmas Day, but snow has never been officially observed falling or on the ground in over 100 years of recorded history. That's not to say that it hasn't been cold enough for snow, as there have been several Christmas Days across the area where temperatures fell to or below freezing. However, if you're hoping for a White Christmas then you will need to travel north or west to some of the areas indicated on the latest snow depth map below.



Christmas Day is usually rather mild and dry across West Central and Southwest Florida, and this year looks to be on track. Morning lows this year are expected to range from the upper 50s to near 70 with daytime highs climbing into the upper 70s to mid 80s. Comparing this to the long term averages listed below we can see that these readings will be several degrees warmer than the average, but not as warm as some past Christmas Days.

Christmas Day Temperatures (°F)

Location		Long Term Avg High	Warmest /Year	Long Term Avg Low	Coldest /Year	Records Began
Arcadia	:ARCF1	75	87/1962	51	25/1983*	1899
Archbold Bio Stn	:ACHF1	76	86/1990	51	18/1989	1969
Avon Park 2 W	:AVPF1	75	89/1911*	52	22/1989	1901
Bartow	:BARF1	73	85/1901	51	22/1989	1892
Bradenton 5 ESE	:BRAFF1	72	84/1998	51	22/1983	1965
Brooksville Chin Hill	:BROF1	71	85/1932*	49	16/1983	1892
Bushnell 2 E	:BSHF1	71	85/1964*	47	18/1983	1948
Chiefland 5 SE	:CHIF1	67	85/1982	44	12/1983	1956
Fort Myers - Page Field	:FMY	75	86/1988*	55	28/1989	1902
Inverness 3 SE	:INVF1	71	85/1981	46	15/1989	1948
Mountain Lake	:LWLF1	73	85/1988*	51	20/1983	1935
Lakeland Linder Field	:LLDF1	70	83/1988*	51	23/1983	1946
Myakka River State Park	:MKCF1	74	85/1998*	51	22/1989	1956

Parrish	:PARF1	73	85/1962	51	23/1989	1957
Plant City	:PLCF1	73	85/1962	50	19/1906	1892
Punta Gorda 4 ESE	:PNTF1	74	84/1984	53	27/1989	1965
St. Leo	:STLF1	71	85/1981*	50	20/1983	1895
St. Pete - Albert Whitted	:SPG	71	84/1940	56	24/1983	1914
Tampa International	:TPA	70	83/1984*	53	20/1983	1890
Tarpon Springs	:TRPF1	71	86/1941	50	22/1983	1892
Venice	:VNCF1	72	85/1988	52	27/1989	1955
Wauchula 2 N	:WAUF1	75	86/1942*	52	24/1989	1933
Weeki Wachee	:WEEF1	71	84/1981	48	19/1989*	1969
Winter Haven	:WHNF1	73	84/1970	52	23/1989*	1941

* Last of Multiple Occurrences

As far as rainfall, there could be a couple of light showers or sprinkles on Christmas Day this year, but for the most part it is expected to remain dry. This is pretty typical for West Central and Southwest Florida on Christmas Day as the long term average for measureable rainfall is between 15 and 30%, or about once every 3 to 6 years.

Christmas Day Rainfall (inches)

Location		Long Term		No. of Years >= 0.01	Records Began
		Median	Most	Out of No. Possible	
Arcadia	:ARCF1	0.00	2.28/2004	16 out of 109	1899
Archbold Bio Stn	:ACHF1	0.00	1.50/2002	13 out of 39	1969
Avon Park 2 W	:AVPF1	0.00	1.05/1913	20 out of 107	1901
Bartow	:BARF1	0.00	3.45/2002	22 out of 116	1892
Bradenton 5 ESE	:BRAFF1	0.00	2.97/2004	10 out of 43	1965
Brooksville Chin Hill	:BROF1	0.00	1.15/2002	28 out of 116	1892
Bushnell 2 E	:BSHF1	0.00	0.86/1978	10 out of 60	1948
Chiefland 5 SE	:CHIF1	0.00	1.58/2006	14 out of 52	1956
Fort Myers - Page Field	:FMY	0.00	1.53/2004	23 out of 106	1902
Inverness 3 SE	:INVF1	0.00	1.42/1997	14 out of 60	1948
Mountain Lake	:LWLF1	0.00	2.40/2006	14 out of 73	1935
Lakeland Linder Field	:LLDF1	0.00	4.88/1949	18 out of 62	1946
Myakka River State Park	:MKCF1	0.00	2.51/2004	8 out of 52	1956
Parrish	:PARF1	0.00	1.20/2002	13 out of 51	1957
Plant City	:PLCF1	0.00	2.07/2002	23 out of 116	1892
Punta Gorda 4 ESE	:PNTF1	0.00	1.15/2006	9 out of 43	1965
St. Leo	:STLF1	0.00	1.63/1913	30 out of 113	1895
St. Pete - Albert Whitted	:SPG	0.00	1.75/2006	26 out of 94	1914
Tampa International	:TPA	0.00	1.53/1997	30 out of 118	1890
Tarpon Springs	:TRPF1	0.00	1.40/1913	28 out of 116	1892
Venice	:VNCF1	0.00	2.70/2004	14 out of 53	1955
Wauchula 2 N	:WAUF1	0.00	1.20/2006	15 out of 75	1933
Weeki Wachee	:WEEF1	0.00	1.73/1997	11 out of 39	1969
Winter Haven	:WHNF1	0.00	1.28/2004	17 out of 67	1941