



# Des Moines Climate



## 1879-Present: February

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### Temperature

Highest Daily Maximum:	78	February 24, 1930
Lowest Daily Maximum:	-10	February 8, 1899; February 1, 1917
Highest Daily Minimum:	51	February 2 and 3, 1930; February 23, 2000
Lowest Daily Minimum:	-26	February 2, 1905; February 13, 1905; February 3, 1996
Highest Daily Average:	64	February 24, 1930
Lowest Daily Average:	-17	February 3, 1996

#### Top Ten Warmest

1.	38.1	1930
2.	37.7	1954
3.	36.9	1931
4.	36.4	2000
5.	36.3	1882
6.	36.2	1998
7.	35.7	1987
8.	35.5	1984
9.	35.2	1999
10.	34.9	1992

#### Top Ten Coldest

1.	8.0	1936
2.	13.3	1978
3.	13.8	1979
4.	14.4	1885
5.	14.8	1905
6.	15.2	1929
7.	15.4	1989
8.	15.6	1899
9.	16.7	1904
10.	16.8	1958

Number of Years with Max of 70 degrees or Higher:	5	(4% of the years)
Number of Years with Max of 60 degrees or Higher:	52	(40% of the years)
Number of Years with Max of 50 degrees or Higher:	95	(73% of the years)
Number of Years with Max of 40 degrees or Higher:	130	(99% of the years)
Number of Years with Min 10 degrees or below:	123	(94% of the years)

Number of Years with Min 0 degrees or below:	104	(79% of the years)
Number of Years with Min -10 degrees or below:	47	(36% of the years)
Number of Years with Min -20 degrees or below:	9	(7% of the years)

## Precipitation

Wettest Day:	1.76"	February 27, 1948
Highest 3-day total:	1.94"	23 - 25, 2007
Highest 7-day total:	2.32"	15 - 21, 1976
Highest 14 - day total:	2.80"	4 - 17, 1928

### Top Ten Wettest

1.	3.20	1915
2.	3.10	1928
3.	3.00	1919
4.	2.99	1951
5.	2.91	1911
6.	2.68	1881
	2.68	1961
8.	2.51	1883
9.	2.46	2008
10.	2.43	1976

### Top Ten Driest

1.	0.09	1931
2.	0.13	1957
3.	0.13	1968
4.	0.15	1946
5.	0.16	1933
6.	0.17	1880
	0.17	1991
8.	0.20	1910
9.	0.22	1904
	0.22	2006

Average Number of Days with at least 0.01" of precipitation:	7
Average Number of Days with at least 0.10" of precipitation:	4
Average Number of Days with at least 0.50" of precipitation:	1

Number of Years with at least one day where 0.50" of Precipitation fell:	56	(43% of the years)
Number of Years with at least one day where 1.00" of Precipitation fell:	10	(8% of the years)
Number of Years with at least one day where 2.00" of Precipitation fell:	0	(0% of the years)

## Snowfall

Snowiest Day: 14.2" February 28, 1939

Highest 3-day total: 14.2" 26 -28, 1939

Most Snow on Ground: 17" February 8, 1979

### Top Ten Snowiest

1. 22.7" 2008
2. 21.3" 1962
3. 20.4" 1939
4. 19.3" 1924
5. 19.1" 1929
6. 18.6" 1978
7. 18.5" 1960
8. 17.9" 1975
9. 16.9" 1912
10. 16.8" 1983

### Top Ten Least Snowiest

1. Trace 1931
2. 0.3" 1946
3. 0.4" 1922
- 0.4" 1925
- 0.4" 1991
6. 0.5" 1966
7. 0.7" 1957
8. 0.8" 1889
9. 0.9" 1943
- 0.9" 1977 and 2002

## Monthly Normals

Average Maximum Temperature 35.4

Average Minimum Temperature 17.8

Average Daily Temperature 26.6

Average Precipitation 1.19"

Average Snowfall 8.2"

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to [craig.cogil@noaa.gov](mailto:craig.cogil@noaa.gov).

Temperature and precipitation records for Des Moines began in August of 1878. Snowfall records didn't begin until December 1884.