

Michigan has had its share of wild weather. In Oct 1762 Jonathon Carver reported that dense black clouds hung over the Detroit area and a rain with a sulphorous odor. Some of it was collected and used as ink. (Farmer p46) In the winter of 1779-80 hundreds of horses and cattle froze to death from the severe cold. (Farmer p46) In 1784 there was a very severe frost as late as March 6 and snow 6 feet deep. On Lake St Clare a mile from shore the ice was 3 feet deep and it did not disappear until May. (Farmer 46) An earthquake was felt with after shocks from December thru February. In 1816 ice formed every month of the year. In 1821 from 14-20 April 8 inches of snow fell May 1, 1824 saw one foot of snow. 1828 had extreme fires across state as was very dry. In 1853 there was no rain until Oct 21. On April 20, 1871 ice ¼ inch formed and heavy frosts Aug 17 and 18. Sept and October had extensive fires across the state. In 1873 the temp went to 35 below 0. In 1879 there was a hailstorm with hail as big as walnuts which fell in great quantity. In 1886 there was a 24" snowfall. In 1887 there was 107 degree heat. July 16 and 17. (Farmer p46, 47)

"You people don't know what snow is," grandpa used to say.

"When I was a boy we had REAL snowstorms and we had to walk . . . "

Well, chalk up one for grandpa. It seems he was right. The worst snowstorm in Detroit history came in early April, 1886, and dumped 24.5 inches of the white stuff on the city.

Accompanying winds caused drifts up to 12 feet high in some places.

The second worst storm in 1974 brought us a mere 19.2 inches.

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Record High Temperature: 105/40.5 in July 1934. Record Low Temperature: -24/-31 on Dec. 22, 1872. Mean Annual Temperature: 48.6/9.2. Average Snowfall: 41.1 inches Average Wind: 10.4 mph/16.64 kph. Precipitation 32.89 inches annual average.

Date	Normal High	Normal Low	Record High 105	Record High Year	Record Low -24	Record Low Year
1-Jan	33	20	65	1876	-7	1968
2-Jan	33	20	62	1876	-12	1875
3-Jan	32	20	59	1950	-15	1875
4-Jan	32	20	61	1997	-12	1981
5-Jan	32	20	59	1997	-10	1999
6-Jan	32	20	62	1946	-7	1924
7-Jan	32	19	57	1989	-5	1942
8-Jan	32	19	62	1965	-10	1981
9-Jan	32	19	55	1880	-12	1875
10-Jan	32	19	59	1950	-15	1875
11-Jan	32	19	66	1890	-9	1984
12-Jan	32	19	63	1890	-16	1918
13-Jan	32	19	62	1995	-9	1977
14-Jan	32	19	58	1995	-9	1893
15-Jan	32	19	59	1932	-12	1972

16-Jan	32	19	55	1949	-15	2009
17-Jan	32	19	63	1952	-15	1982
18-Jan	32	19	58	1973	-18	1976
19-Jan	32	19	60	1907	-20	1994
20-Jan	32	19	64	1906	-14	1985
21-Jan	32	19	65	1906	-21	1984
22-Jan	32	19	62	1906	-10	1970
23-Jan	32	19	62	1967	-12	1963
24-Jan	32	19	61	1909	-13	1963
25-Jan	32	19	67	1950	-16	1897
26-Jan	32	19	64	1944	-9	1897
27-Jan	32	19	61	1916	-6	1936
28-Jan	32	19	57	2002	-8	1977
29-Jan	32	19	58	1914	-12	1873
30-Jan	32	19	53	1969	-4	1951
31-Jan	32	19	60	1989	-7	1920
1-Feb	33	19	54	1933	-7	1971
2-Feb	33	19	52	1983	-15	1976
3-Feb	33	19	54	1991	-15	1985
4-Feb	33	19	63	1890	-10	1918
5-Feb	33	20	51	1962	-16	1918
6-Feb	33	20	59	1938	-7	1889
7-Feb	33	20	53	1882	-10	1875
8-Feb	34	20	62	1900	-11	1934
9-Feb	34	20	56	2001	-20	1875
10-Feb	34	20	59	2009	-13	1899
11-Feb	34	20	70	1999	-10	1885
12-Feb	34	20	62	1999	-14	1875
13-Feb	35	21	63	1938	-12	1905
14-Feb	35	21	57	1918	-15	1905
15-Feb	35	21	66	1954	-10	1875
16-Feb	35	21	60	1921	-9	1904
17-Feb	36	21	59	1911	-7	1979
18-Feb	36	21	62	1976	-9	1936
19-Feb	36	22	64	1884	-4	1936
20-Feb	36	22	61	1930	-8	1934
21-Feb	37	22	63	1930	-2	1918
22-Feb	37	22	65	1930	-5	1907
23-Feb	37	22	64	1984	-8	1889
24-Feb	38	23	59	1976	-11	1894
25-Feb	38	23	66	1957	-2	1900
26-Feb	38	23	69	2000	-1	1963
27-Feb	39	23	63	1976	-5	1934
28-Feb	39	24	60	1934	-1	1994
Feb-29	39	24	63	1976	-6	1884
1-Mar	40	24	64	1992	1	1962
2-Mar	40	24	63	1882	-4	1978
3-Mar	40	24	67	1974	-4	2003
4-Mar	41	25	69	1983	5	1912
5-Mar	41	25	68	2004	2	1948

6-Mar	41	25	67	2009	2	1901
7-Mar	42	26	76	2000	2	1913
8-Mar	42	26	80	2000	-1	1943
9-Mar	43	26	68	1878	1	1978
10-Mar	43	27	70	1925	4	1877
11-Mar	44	27	72	1977	7	1960
12-Mar	44	27	75	1995	4	1896
13-Mar	44	27	73	1995	5	1896
14-Mar	45	28	77	1995	2	1895
15-Mar	45	28	77	1990	5	1895
16-Mar	46	28	74	1945	4	1900
17-Mar	46	29	75	1945	-2	1900
18-Mar	47	29	72	1903	7	1916
19-Mar	47	30	76	1921	4	1885
20-Mar	48	30	73	1918	-2	1885
21-Mar	48	30	73	1991	-1	1885
22-Mar	48	31	81	1938	3	1885
23-Mar	49	31	73	1994	2	1888
24-Mar	49	31	81	1910	3	1888
25-Mar	50	32	78	1945	4	1974
26-Mar	50	32	81	2007	11	2001
27-Mar	51	32	81	2007	3	1934
28-Mar	51	33	82	1945	4	1934
29-Mar	52	33	78	1951	7	1932
30-Mar	52	34	81	1998	10	1923
31-Mar	53	34	80	1943	6	1923
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2-Apr	53	35	83	1963	17	1881
3-Apr	54	35	77	1999	14	1894
4-Apr	54	35	74	1921	9	1874
5-Apr	55	36	79	1921	16	1881
6-Apr	55	36	83	1929	18	1982
7-Apr	56	36	83	1929	10	1982
8-Apr	56	37	79	2001	11	1982
9-Apr	57	37	78	1931	19	1985
10-Apr	57	38	86	1977	20	1989
11-Apr	57	38	87	1977	22	1940
12-Apr	58	38	89	1977	18	1976
13-Apr	58	39	87	1977	19	1950
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17-Apr	60	40	85	1976	10	1875
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23-May	72	52	89	1964	34	1917
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28-Dec	33	21	64	1984	-4	1924
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