

## Oymyakon, Russia Coldest Village in the World Record -96.2°F or -71C.

Russian hamlet where even the planes can't land in winter it is so cold.



- Russian village of Oymyakon population of about 500 has lowest recorded temperature for any permanently inhabited location
  - Nothing grows so locals live off diet of reindeer meat and horse meat but never suffer malnourishment. Below is an example of a home Russia-Oymyakon.



- Locals keep their cars running all day for fear of them not starting again if turned off.
- Digging graves for a funeral can take up to three days as ground has to be thawed with hot coals.

The valley of Oymyakon in northeast Russia is known as the 'Pole of Cold' and with an average January temperature of -50C, it is no wonder the village is the coldest permanently inhabited settlement in the world.

**-96.2°F** is the lowest recorded temperature for any permanently inhabited location on Earth and the lowest temperature recorded in the Northern Hemisphere.

The village is located around 2,475 feet above sea level and the length of a day varies from 3 hours in December to 21 hours in the summer.

And despite its terrible winters, in June, July and August temperatures over 86°F are not uncommon. There are few modern conveniences in the village but many buildings still have outdoor toilets. When coal deliveries are irregular the power station starts burning wood. If the power ceases, the town shuts down in about five hours, and the pipes freeze and crack.

A single shop provides the town's bare necessities and the locals work as reindeer-breeders, hunters and ice-fisherman. Doctors say the reason the locals don't suffer from malnutrition is that their animals' milk contains a lot of micronutrients. Unsurprisingly, locals are hardened to the weather and unlike in other countries – where a flurry of snow brings things grinding to a halt, Oymyakon's solitary school only shuts if temperatures fall below -52C.

**See more pictures of this area go to the following link.**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2280650/Oymyakon-coldest-village-earth-Weather-takes-turn-worse-71C-Russian-hamlet.html>

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