

“Talk about schizophrenic weekend temps?

An 80°F maximum Saturday April 12, 2014 then a 69 peak April 13th at 11am before temperatures crashed 20-deg to 40s in just 2 hrs.

Then temperatures to resurge back into the 60s for five hours late Sun night April 13th before a retreat to the upper 30s by mid Monday morning.” – Tom Skilling (Chicago Weather Observer)

April 14, 2014 - Calendar day high was 63F in Chicago and through 7 PM we've had 0.5" of snow.

Never on record has there ever been a day with a high temp over 60F that also had 0.5" or more of accumulating snow! – Chicago NWS

April 14, 2014 - marks only the 7th time in recorded Chicago weather history that we've had a half inch or more of measurable snowfall AFTER our first 80 degree day in the spring! – Chicago NWS

This winter still third all-time in total snowfall

The Chicago light snow Monday April 14, 2014 was just enough to cause some accidents and dangerous road conditions.



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The Chicago area got a little more than an inch of snow from the storm late Monday, but it wasn't enough to change this winter's ranking as the third snowiest in recorded weather history.

The measurement at O'Hare International Airport was 1.4 inches, according to the National Weather Service, bringing the total for this snow season to an even 82 inches. That is just shy of the 82.3 inches that made the winter of 1977-1978 the city's second snowiest on record. The record remains 89.7 inches in 1978-79.

Other areas got more than O'Hare Monday, according to the weather service, including north suburban Gurnee with 2.5 inches, west suburban Roselle and northwest suburban Buffalo Grove with 2.1 inches, and north suburban Winnetka and west suburban Aurora with 2 inches.

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This winter will most likely not match the 1977-78 total, but it's not out of the question entirely, according to Ben Deubelbeiss of the weather service.

"Climatologically speaking, it would be pretty rare for us to see any accumulating snow this late in the season," Deubelbeiss said. "It would be unlikely but not impossible that we would catch up with that number."

According to the weather service, this was the latest date for a snowfall of at least one inch since April 16, 1983. According to weather records, Monday was the only time that the area had both a 60-degree high and a snowfall greater than a half-inch on the same day. The latest Chicagoland has had a snowfall of at least one inch was on May 3, in 1907.

Icy roads and near-record low temperatures combined Monday morning to create a treacherous commute for drivers. Roadways still were slick after Monday's snowfall, and road conditions appeared to be a factor in two crashes in close proximity on the Dan Ryan Expressway this morning that involved a total of 9 vehicles, according to Illinois State Police.

The crashes, one of which involved five vehicles and one that involved four, happened about 4:20 a.m. in the express lanes near 47th Street, according to state police.

Six people were transported to local hospitals with injuries described as minor.

As of 6 a.m., it was 26 degrees at O'Hare International Airport, close to the all-time record low for this date of 25 degrees, according to Deubelbeiss. Temperatures at O'Hare never got any lower than that, though, and by about 11 a.m. had risen to 32 degrees. Tuesday's predicted high is 40, according to WGN-TV meteorologist Tom Skilling.

Skilling said that the sudden change in temperature, from an 80-degree high Saturday to Monday's 26-degree reading, was the equivalent of moving from mid-June readings to late February readings in just 72 hours.

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