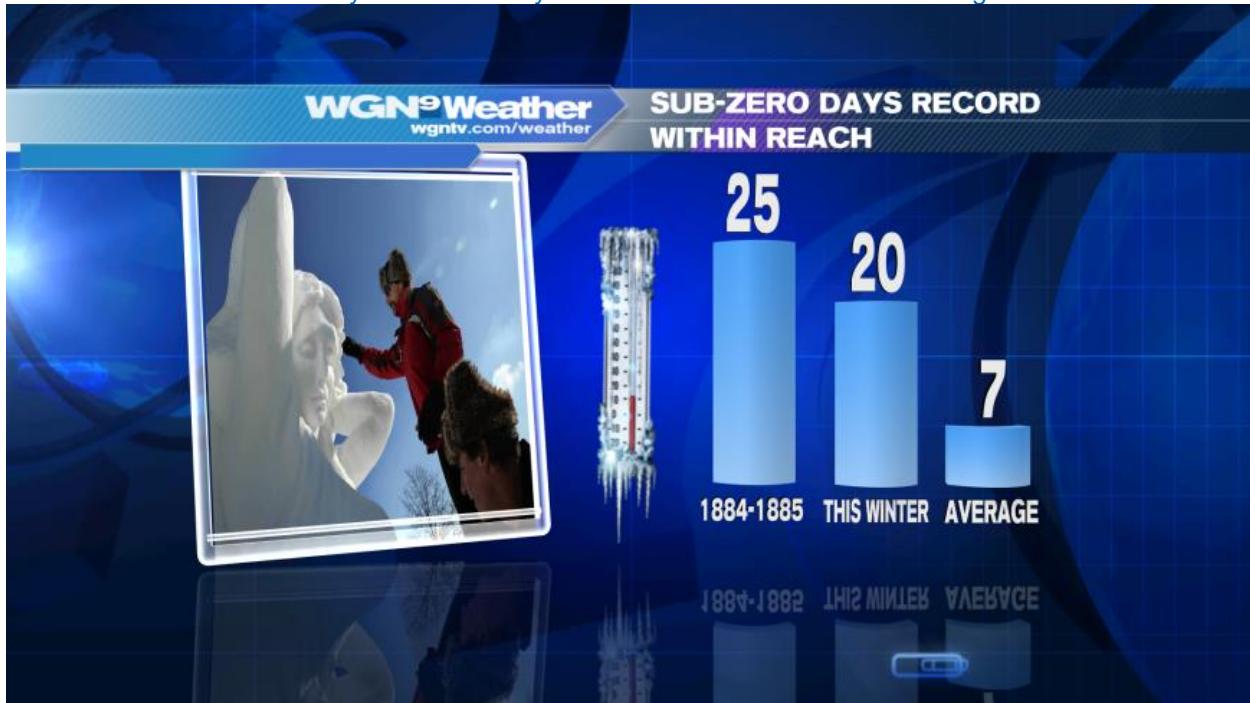


## Tim's Weather World: another record this winter?

Posted on Feb 10 2014 - 6:34 am

Today was the 20th day this winter which temperatures have dipped below zero at O'Hare. Tomorrow should be the 21st. That is triple the average of 7 days per winter. [The record number of sub-zero days for a winter was 25 set back in 1884-1885.](#) The way this winter has been going that record is certainly within reach. 50 out of 72 days or 69% of days this winter have been below average.



February has started out frigid. Here are some of the colder lows we saw this morning:

-26° Rochelle	-14° Streator
-19° Aurora	-14° Lowell
-17° Sycamore	-12° Beecher
-16° Kankakee	-13° Rockford

January will probably go down in the record books as the 8th coldest on record for the state of Illinois. [The average temperature statewide last month was 18.2° or 8.1° below average.](#)

Chicago's official temp dips below zero; tally of 0-degree and lower 2013-14 temps reaches a historic "24"—a first by Feb. 10!

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While lowest temperatures close in to Chicago were in the -3 to -5-degree range, as you looked to the outlying areas, lows away from the "heat" of the city, soon dipped another 10 to 15-degrees. Lowest readings were -27 at Rochelle and -23 in Aurora and Joliet.

Location Low temperature

Aurora	-23	Joliet	-23
Morris	-19	Pontiac	-22
DeKalb	-12	Ottawa	-16
Rockford	-20		
O'Hare	-8		
Midway	-3		
Lansing	-17		
Du Page	-11		
Kankakee	-21		
Wheeling	-4		
Rochelle	-27		
Romeoville	-14		
Gary, IN	-9		
Valparaiso, IN	-10		
Waukegan	-10		

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**historic "24"—a first by Feb. 10!**

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Never in 143 years of record-keeping has the Chicago area tallied 24 zero-degree or colder temperatures in a winter season by Feb. 11. Never—that is—until THIS season.

It's Tuesday morning's bone-chilling sub-zero official low at O'Hare which has established that dubious meteorological milestone.

The current winter season now ranks the 7th-coldest on the books since 1871. It's jumped ahead of the 1993-94 and 1978-79 seasons in terms of 0-degree and lower temperatures.

**Area enters an 11th consecutive day below freezing; 69% of Chicago's winter days have produced "below normal" temps**

The 0-degree tally isn't the only metric underscoring the severity of the 2013-14 season.

Tuesday marks the 11th consecutive day the temperature, which first dipped below freezing at 9 pm, Jan. 30, has failed to reach or break above 32.

**Winter 2013-14 now ranks among Chicago's 5% coldest since 1871**

Since Dec. 1, temps here have averaged 18.3-degrees—a reading cold enough to rank among the 5% coldest winter seasons over the term of the area's 143-year official observational record.

It's the 7th coldest average temp on record for the period and has fallen 7.9-degrees below the

long-term average of 26.3-degrees dating back to 1871.

**The beginnings of a changing pattern to tease area Thursday with its first 32 in 2 weeks; more significant warming—even the potential for a February thaw—ahead next week**