

It's being called the Denver Blizzard, the [Sprizzard](#), the Early-Spring Sucker Punch and other names we can't repeat here! The storm that hit Colorado on March 23 dropped more than a foot of snow in parts of the metro area, setting new records.

The total snowfall at Denver International Airport was 13.1 inches, a record for March 23 in Colorado. The old site at Stapleton recorded close to a foot of snow.

The National Weather Service office in Boulder reported 17 inches.

Here's a look at some of the totals:





Yesterday's storm was NO where near our biggest blizzards.

DENVER — Heavy snow pounded the Denver metro area on March 23, 2016 Wednesday, grinding air traffic to a halt as a springtime blizzard wreaked havoc on the city just a day after temperatures reached 70 degrees.

Denver International Airport halted all air traffic shortly after noon Wednesday as a result of the conditions, but did tweet out Wednesday evening that flights would resume by 7 p.m. local time.

Hundreds of flights at Denver International Airport were canceled or delayed earlier, in part due to gusting winds that also created blizzard conditions on the state's eastern Plains.

Several interstates and major roadways in Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska were closed.



Earlier Wednesday, hundreds of people at Denver International Airport checked their smartphones, queued at airline ticket counters, or wandered aimlessly, killing time. March is the snowiest month in Denver, and many travelers seemed taken aback at the storm's ferocity, given the mild winter Denver received recently.

"What are the odds?" laughed Peter Aukstolis of Denver. Aukstolis and his new wife, Laura Hargadine, got married Sunday and were supposed to be on a beach in Aruba by Wednesday evening. The two cuddled up on the floor near a coffee shop and checked and re-checked their flights. They're being rerouted through Philadelphia with a beach arrival expected sometime Thursday.

"Will miss a day, but we're going for 10 days, and we are off for two weeks anyway," Aukstolis said.

About 21 inches of snow had fallen in 11 hours today in Louisville, Colo., near Boulder, reported Weather Underground meteorologist Bob Henson.

State transportation officials, in an unusual move, required all vehicles driving on major highways around Denver use four-wheel-drive, all-wheel-drive, chains or snow tires. Drivers reported gridlock around the city as the morning commute began.



What visibility was like during the March 23 Blizzard with peak winds of around 50 mph?