

# *Near Record January Snowfall!*

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As of early Saturday, Cleveland was only 2.3" of snowfall away from a new all-time January snowfall record. The standing record is from 1978 (the blizzard year) when 42.8" of snow fell during the month.

- #1 42.8" 1978
- #2 40.5" 2009
- #3 32.9" 2004
- #4 32.8" 2005
- #5 30.3" 2003

Interesting to note that the previous #2, #3 and #4 were all between 2003-2005 and 4 of the top 5 are now from the last six years!

The snowfall runs tandem with the coldest arctic outbreak (Jan 13-18, 2009) since 1994 when Cleveland recorded its all-time record low temperature of -20 degrees F almost exactly fifteen years to the date.

October and November 2008 and January 2009 have all been colder to much colder than normal. December 2008 averaged near normal. Snowfall for most of the season ran above to well above normal pro-rated for each date and is currently running two feet above normal.

But that pales in comparison to the story of Erie, PA.

So far this season, Erie has accumulated **122.6"** of snow. That's 64.0" above normal.

**A backyard deck with unknown objects hiding in 19" of snow east of Cleveland.**



**Sunrise lows on Saturday, January 17th ran from -13 degrees officially at Hopkins Airport to -20 degrees in Millersburg in Holmes County.**

January 17, 2009  
Novelty, OH



**Parking spaces are becoming limited with heaps of snow grabbing many of them. Mayfield Heights, OH.**



**Parking lot of Cornerstone Christian Academy in Willoughby, OH with the same issues.**





**North Chagrin Reservation, Metro Park after the January 28th snowstorm which left Cleveland with 9.5" officially and ranges of 6-13" in 24 hours.**



