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Global Temperature

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January 2022

- Global Land & Ocean: +0.89°C / +1.60°F; the 6th warmest Jan on record.
 Global Land: +1.49°C / +2.68°F; 6th warmest Jan on record.
- **Global Ocean:** +0.67°C / +1.21°F; 5th warmest Jan on record.

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2022 currently ...

- 10.0% chance of warmest year
- Virtually certain that 2022 will be a top 10 year





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Contiguous U.S. January 2022

Temperature: 31.0°F, +0.9°F, "near average"

Precipitation: 1.60", -0.71", tied with 2009 as the 14th driest Jan on record

Temperature Percentiles January 2022 Period: 1895–2022 (128 years)



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- Above-average temperatures across much of the West and parts of the northern Plains.
 California had 9th warmest Jan.
- Below-average temperatures observed from Midwest and Tennessee Valley to the Northeast.

Precipitation Percentiles January 2022 Period: 1895–2022 (128 years)



- Drier-than-average conditions observed across much of West, High Plains, Deep South, Great Lakes and Northeast.
- NV and CA 2nd driest Jan, UT had 3rd driest Jan
- TN, KY, MD, DE, WV, VA, and NC had above-average statewide precipitation.

Current U.S. Drought

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- Storm rapidly intensified off the U.S. East Coast
- Coastal areas experienced heavy snow and strong winds



Photo courtesy of National Weather Service – Boston/Norton, Massachusetts





Map courtesy of National Weather Service – Eastern Region Headquarters

- Storm snowfall totals exceeded 12 inches in coastal areas from Maryland to Maine
- Parts of eastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York's Long Island saw 24 to 30 inches of snow



	Station	Jan. 29 Snowfall	Jan. Rank	All-time Rank	
	Boston, MA	23.6	1	1	
	Islip, NY	23.2	2	2	
	Providence, RI	18.8	1	1	
	Worcester, MA	14.7	6		
	Atlantic City, NJ	14.0	2	6	
	Bridgeport, CT	9.6	5		
	Kennedy Airport, NY	9.3	6		
	LaGuardia Airport, NY	8.1	9		

- Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island, experienced their all-time snowiest day on record (1891 and 1904, respectively) on January 29
- January 29 ranked among the 10 snowiest January days on record at several other sites

	Jan. 2022				All-time
Location	Snowfall (in.)	Normal (in.)	Departure (in.)	Jan. Rank	Rank
Atlantic City, NJ	33.2	5.7	27.5	1	3
Buffalo, NY	52.1	26.7	25.4	7	13
Boston, MA	36.2	14.3	21.9	4	8
Islip, NY	31.8	10.3	21.5	2	3
Providence, RI	27.1	10.3	16.8	5	9
Bridgeport, CT	20.8	8.5	12.3	5	15
LaGuardia Airport, NY	20.4	8.6	11.8	4	15
Kennedy Airport, NY	17.8	7.5	10.3	5	18

- Atlantic City, New Jersey, has its snowiest January on record (since 1946)
- This January was among the 10 snowiest Januaries and 20 all-time snowiest months on record for several sites

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THE FOLLOWING STATIONS RECORDED BLIZZARD CONDITIONS...

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PROVIDENCE (KPVD)...5 HOURS 18 MINUTES, FROM 921 AM TO 158 PM AND FROM 210 PM TO 251 PM.

WESTERLY (KWST)...6 HOURS 16 MINUTES. CRITERIA WERE MET FROM 911 AM TO 1146 AM, FROM 1153 AM TO 301 PM, AND FROM 420 TO 453 PM.

NEWPORT (KUUU)...9 HOURS 28 MINUTES CONTINUOUSLY, FROM 725 AM TO 453 PM.

BLOCK ISLAND (KBID)...6 HOURS 37 MINUTES CONTINUOUSLY, FROM 705 AM TO 142 PM.

IN MASSACHUSETTS...

BOSTON (KBOS)...7 HOURS 39 MINUTES CONTINUOUSLY, FROM 815 AM TO 354 PM.

WORCESTER (KORH)...8 HOURS 27 MINUTES. IT WAS CONTINUOUS FOR 8 HOURS 16 MINUTES FROM 749 AM TO 405 PM. CONDITIONS ALSO WERE MET FROM 432 PM TO 443 PM.

BEVERLY (KBVY)...6 HOURS 9 MINUTES. CONDITIONS WERE MET FROM 853 TO 1153 AM, 1225 PM TO 201 PM, 253 PM TO 353 PM, AND FROM 453 PM TO 526 PM.

LAWRENCE (KLWM)...5 HOURS 14 MINUTES. BLIZZARD CONDITIONS OCCURRED FROM 1254 PM TO 245 PM AND FROM 331 PM TO 654 PM.

HYANNIS (KHYA)...AT LEAST 6 HOURS 33 MINUTES. BLIZZARD CONDITIONS WERE CONTINUOUS FROM 704 AM TO 1232 PM, BUT THEN REPORTING WAS INTERRUPTED UNTIL LATER IN THE AFTERNOON. BLIZZARD CONDITIONS RESUMED FROM 505 PM TO 539 PM AND FROM 548 PM TO 619 PM.

MARSHFIELD (KGHG)...12 HOURS 0 MINUTES. BLIZZARD CONDITIONS WERE CONTINUOUS FOR 10 HOURS 40 MINUTES FROM 435 AM TO 315 PM. THEY WERE AGAIN MET FROM 335 PM TO 355 PM AND FROM 415 PM TO 515 PM.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD (KMVY)...9 HOURS 17 MINUTES CONTINUOUSLY, FROM 743 AM TO 500 PM.

Courtesy of National Weather Service – Boston/Norton, Massachusetts

- Wind gusts ranged from 25 to 50 mph in many coastal areas, with localized gusts over 65 mph in coastal Maine, eastern Massachusetts, southern Rhode Island, and New York's Long Island
- Blizzard conditions were experienced from Maryland to Maine including Atlantic City, New Jersey; Providence, Rhode Island; Boston, Massachusetts; and Portland, Maine



Sea Surface Temperatures and ENSO

16 JAN 2022 - 12 FEB 2022

Average SST Anomalies

Sea surface temperatures

- Below normal sea surface temperatures continue across the eastern Pacific Ocean near the equator
- The oceanic and atmospheric observations currently reflect La Nina conditions
- Easterly trade winds are slightly stronger than normal and precipitation over the central Pacific is less than normal



ENSO forecast

- La Nina is likely to persist through the next three months (77 percent chance)
- ENSO neutral conditions are more likely later in spring and summer (greater than 50 percent chance)

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March Total Precipitation Probability



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U.S. Drought Outlook



Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. based on the U.S. Drought Monitor

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by areas imply drought removal by the

Drought remains but improves

Drought development likely

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For More Information

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TODAY'S PRESENTATION:

- <u>http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc/briefings</u>
- NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information: <u>www.ncdc.noaa.gov</u>
 - Monthly climate reports (U.S. & Global): <u>www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc/</u>
 - Dates for upcoming reports: <u>http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/monitoring-references/dyk/monthly-releases</u>
 - NOAA's Climate Prediction Center: <u>www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov</u>
 - U.S. Drought Monitor: www.drought.gov
 - Climate Portal: <u>www.climate.gov</u>
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