

# “Old-Fashioned” Winter Concludes

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Winter 2025-2026 concluded on Saturday. It offered a reminder of the kind of cold and snowy winters that were far more common prior to the onset of anthropogenic warming. The winter featured prolonged cold, long-duration snow cover, and a pair of big snowstorms.

## New York City: Winter 2025-2026

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| Mean Temperature                             | 31.9°F (-0.1°C)  | Coldest since 2014-15 (31.7°F/-0.2°C) |
| Mean Temperature of 50°F (10.0°C) or Above   | 0                | Last winter with 0 days was 2000-01   |
| Highs < 20°F (-6.7°C)                        | 3                | Most since 2017-18 (5)                |
| Winter Maximum Temperature                   | 58°F (14.4°C)    | Coldest since 1981-1982 (58°F/14.4°C) |
| Lows < 32°F (0.0°C)                          | 64               | Most since 2010-11 (72)               |
| Lows < 20°F (-6.7°C)                         | 19               | Most since 2017-18 (20)               |
| Lows < 10° (-12.2°C)                         | 4                | Most since 2017-18 (5)                |
| Consecutive highs < 32°F (0.0°C)             | 9                | Most since 2017-18 (14)               |
| Snowfall                                     | 43.4" (110.2 cm) | Most since 2013-14 (57.3"/145.5 cm)   |
| 10" (25.4 cm) or Greater Snowstorms          | 2                | Most since 2020-21 (2)                |
| Biggest Snowstorm                            | 19.7" (50.0 cm)  | Biggest since 2016-17 (27.5"/69.9 cm) |
| Days with 1" (2.5 cm) or Greater Snow Depth  | 43               | Most since 2013-14 (49)               |
| Days with 6" (15.2 cm) or Greater Snow Depth | 18               | Most since 2014-15 (31)               |

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