

SUMMARY OF HEAVY SNOWFALLS IN THE WORLD (NON UK) 2002

Wednesday 2 January 2002 - Thursday 3 January 2002

Heavy snow hit many southern areas of the U.S.A. The snow and adverse cold killed 10 people. Up to 15 cm of snow fell between Louisiana and North Carolina, U.S.A. Heavy snow and blizzards affected many parts of the Czech Republic and Poland. Southern districts of Poland were the worst hit.

Friday 4 January 2002 - Sunday 6 January 2002

At least nine people died due to snow falling in many areas of Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey. The famous Blue Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey turned white, and the snow-covered ancient Acropolis in Athens was closed to visitors. In Athens, Greece it was the worst snowstorm in 20 years. Key roads were blocked after approximately 60 cm of snow fell on the outskirts of the Greek capital. Hundreds of car passengers had to spend approximately 20 hours trapped in their vehicles. The heavy snow also reached the island of Crete. In Turkey, the heavy snow left some 5,000 villages cut off, while the snow forced flights to be cancelled at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport.

Tuesday 8 January 2002

More than 30 cm of snow fell across Amman, Jordan. The snow caused many districts to have electricity shortage. Snow also fell across parts of Israel, including Jerusalem. In Russia, the worst snowstorm in 50 years paralysed the Vladivostok area of the country. The snowstorm severed electricity supply and caused traffic chaos.

Thursday 17 January 2002

Snowstorms across central and southern Italy forced roads and schools to close.

Thursday 17 January 2002 – Monday 21 January 2002

Heavy snow fell in the Kangwon Province of South Korea. The snow caused traffic to come to a standstill. The snow also caused flight delays at Seoul Airport.

Wednesday 23 January 2002

An intense snowstorm affected Newfoundland, Canada closing schools, government offices and many private businesses. The city of St. John's received 25 cm of snow setting a new record for that date.

Monday 28 January 2002

Snow fell across the San Francisco Bay area, California, U.S.A. It was the first time snow had been reported in the region since 1996.

Thursday 31 January 2002

Heavy snow affected many areas from Texas to New England, U.S.A. Over 30 cm of snow affected many districts. In Kansas City, Texas more than 100,000 people lost their electricity supply.

Saturday 9 February 2002

Heavy snow up to 30 cm fell across portions of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota, U.S.A.

Friday 22 February 2002

Heavy snow occurred in southern parts of Sweden and causing chaos.

Saturday 2 March 2002 – Monday 4 March 2002

A snowstorm occurred over Texas to Michigan's Upper Peninsula area of the U.S.A. killing 21 people.

Thursday 14 March 2002

Snow up to 60 cm fell across Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota, U.S.A. The snow caused many schools to close and many districts lost their electricity supply.

Saturday 16 March 2002 – Sunday 17 March 2002

Anchorage, Alaska, U.S.A. received a snowfall of 73 cm.

Monday 25 March 2002

Heavy snow up to 18 cm fell across many districts of Nebraska, U.S.A.

Sunday 28 April 2002 – Monday 29 April 2002

Heavy snow affected Wisconsin and Minnesota, U.S.A. The snow caused 40,000 people to lose their electricity supply across northern parts of Wisconsin.

Monday 6 May 2002

Nearly 18 cm of snow fell across western and central North Dakota, U.S.A. causing traffic chaos. In Canada, southern Alberta a snowfall of 30 cm occurred.

Saturday 8 June 2002

Snow up to 48 cm fell in parts of Lincoln County just west of Spokane, Washington state, U.S.A.

Friday 14 June 2002

Heavy snow fell across northern parts of South Africa closing several mountain passes and roads. Up to 15 cm blanketed mountain areas.

Tuesday 18 June 2002

Heavy snow caused disruption across many districts of New Zealand.

Saturday 6 July 2002

More than 100 miners were trapped by a blizzard in southern districts of Bolivia.

Sunday 14 July 2002

Heavy snow affected south-east Peru.

Wednesday 25 September 2002

Snow fell in Munich, Germany which was the earliest snowfall in the city in autumn since 1923.

Saturday 19 October 2002

Heavy snow affected southern Sweden. Gothenburg saw up to 30 cm of snow. As trees were still in leaf, the weight of the snow broke many branches. The snow also damaged electric cables causing power loss to some 10 000 people.

Monday 21 October 2002

Heavy snow affected Wisconsin and Wisconsin, U.S.A. Up to 25 cm of snow occurred.

Thursday 7 November 2002

Heavy snow severed electricity to 100,000 people across Nova Scotia, Canada.

Sunday 17 November 2002

Albany, New York state, U.S.A. received a record 8 cm of snow. Some parts of Maine had between 8-15 cm of snow.

Sunday 24 November 2002

Heavy snow fell across Wyoming, U.S.A. with up to 30 cm of snow falling across the mountains.

Thursday 5 December 2002 - Friday 6 December 2002

The first major snowfall of the season disrupted power to thousands of customers in north-eastern New York state, U.S.A. and closed schools there and in Maine. Up to 20 cm of snow fell between New York and Washington D.C. The snowstorm caused at least 17 fatalities, mostly from traffic accidents.



Central Park, New York City after the snowfall of the 5-6 December 2002



Capital Hill, Washington D.C. after the snowfall of the 5-6 December 2002

Monday 9 December 2002

Heavy snow across Tokyo, Japan caused many injuries and traffic chaos, as 10 cm of snow fell. It was the first accumulating snow to hit the city in the month of December since 1991. Thirty-one people were taken to hospitals suffering from weather related injuries including broken bones.

Monday 16 December 2002

At least four people were killed and several injured as sleet and snow caused traffic chaos across much of Germany. Worst hit areas were the southern state of Bavaria and Lower Saxony in the north.

Monday 23 December 2002 – Wednesday 25 December 2002

A major winter storm affected much of the eastern U.S.A. Significant accumulations of snow occurred from the Texas panhandle, through Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and northern Arkansas during the 23rd-24th, causing 12 deaths. Springfield, Missouri received 33 cm of snow. The snow spread across north-eastern districts of the U.S.A. during Christmas Day. Some areas experienced the snowiest Christmas Day ever recorded. Flights at several East Coast airports were cancelled or delayed, and officials closed 100 miles of the New York State Thruway, the state's main east-west highway. In Washington, D.C., snow fell on Christmas Day for only the ninth time since record-keeping began in 1872. Up to 90 cm of snow was reported in New York's Mohawk Valley. The snowstorm resulted in 19 deaths.



Times Square, New York City on the 25 December 2002

Tuesday 24 December 2002

Heavy snow fell across Beijing, China.