

## RIVER AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

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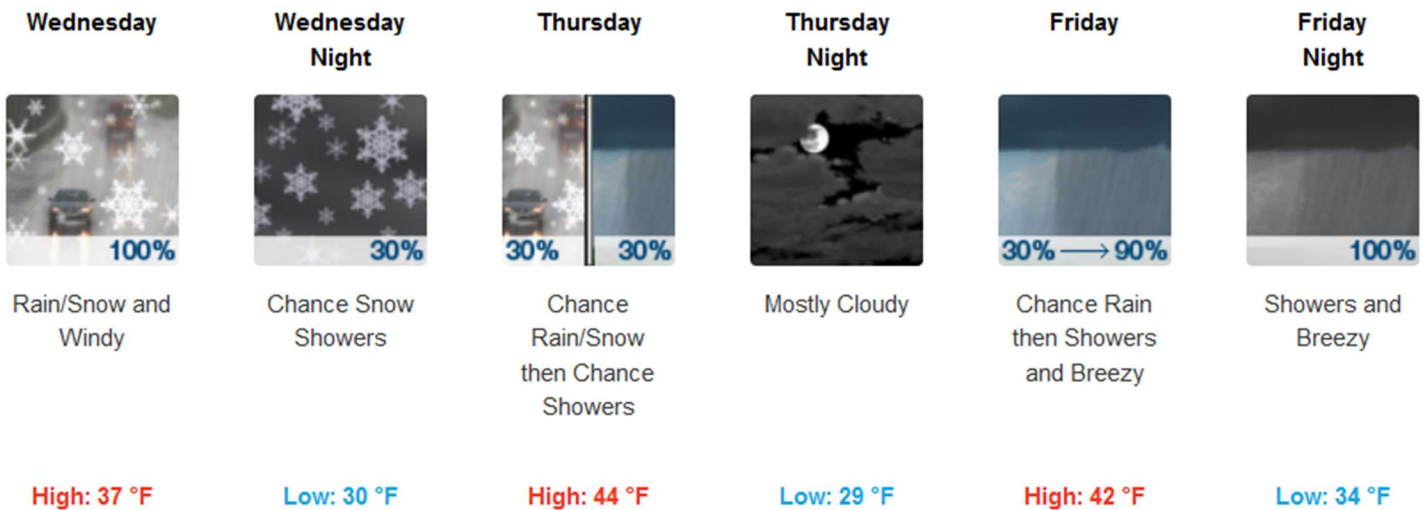
### WEATHER RECAP

December was the 5th warmest December on record (records back to 1875). While snowfall was well below average, it did not make it into the top 10 for least amount of snowfall. Precipitation (rain) was very close to normal.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Dec 2023 Precipitation</i>	<i>Departure (Inches)</i>	<i>Dec Snowfall</i>	<i>Departure (Inches)</i>
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	2.80	-0.04	1.1	-6.6

<i>Location</i>	<i>Dec Average Temperature</i>	<i>Departure Degrees</i>	<i>Extreme High</i>	<i>Extreme Low</i>
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	42.7	+9.0	61 on Dec 8, 9, &10	20 on Dec 20

### Pittsburgh Forecast:



**This week:** A very active weather pattern is expected through the week with periods of rain, wintry mix, and snow. An additional 1-1.50 inches of rainfall is projected at this time.

**Week of January 15<sup>th</sup>:** Upper trough will remain in place along with cold temperatures and snow showers, especially downwind of the lakes. Temperatures are projected to be below normal with below normal precipitation.

**Week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Temperatures slightly below normal with normal precipitation.

**Week of January 29<sup>th</sup>:** Precipitation near or slightly below normal and temperatures near normal.

**Outlook for February:** Temperatures near normal with precipitation slightly below normal.

**Outlook for March:** Temperatures near or slightly above normal with near normal precipitation.

**Preliminary Spring Outlook:** Near normal temperatures, precipitation slightly above average.

### HIGH WATER POTENTIAL

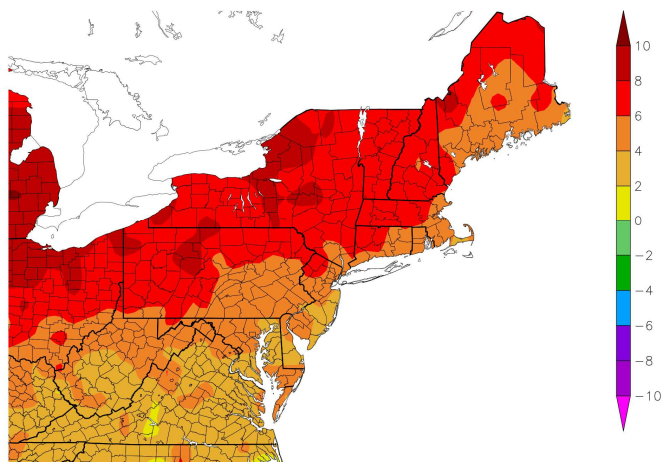
Streamflows are running above normal across the region due to recent precipitation. As such, it will take 1.00-2.00 inches of rainfall in 12 hours to reach bankfull.

**Average Yearly precipitation Pittsburgh: 39.61 inches. In 2024: 0.38 (-0.31) In 2023: 30.75 (-7.06)**

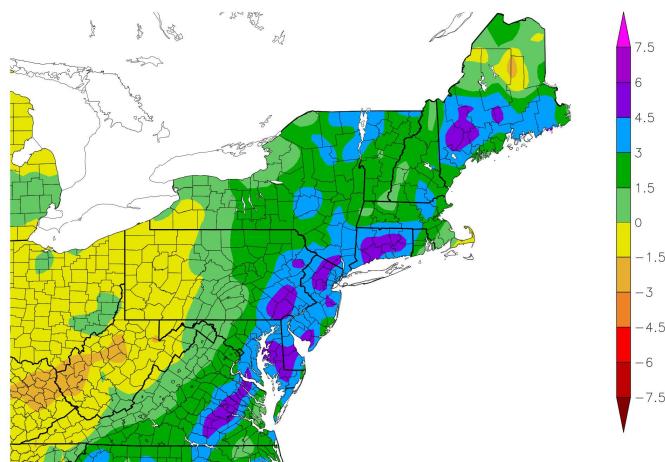
Totals for: 2022: 42.58" (+2.97); 2021: 40.53" (+0.92); 2020: 39.33" (+1.14); 2019: 52.46" (+14.27); 2018: 57.83" (+19.64); 2017: 42.15"; 2016: 35.01"; 2015: 40.56"; 2014: 36.84"; 2013: 36.65"; 2012: 41.74"

**Average snowfall Pittsburgh (Nov- Apr): 44.1 inches. In 2023-24: 4.1 (-9.0); 2022-23: 17.6 (-26.5); 2021-22: 44.8" (+0.7); 2020-21: 55.3" (+20.3); 2019-20: 21.7" (-19.6); 2018-19: 36.6" (-5.3); 2017-18: 59.8" (+17.9); 2016-17: 32.0" (-9.2), 2015-16: 29.6" (-12.3) 2014-15: 47.2"; 2013-14: 63.4"; 2012-13: 57"; 2011-12: 37"; 2010-11: 57"; 2009-10: 77"**

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)  
12/1/2023 – 12/31/2023



Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)  
12/1/2023 – 12/31/2023

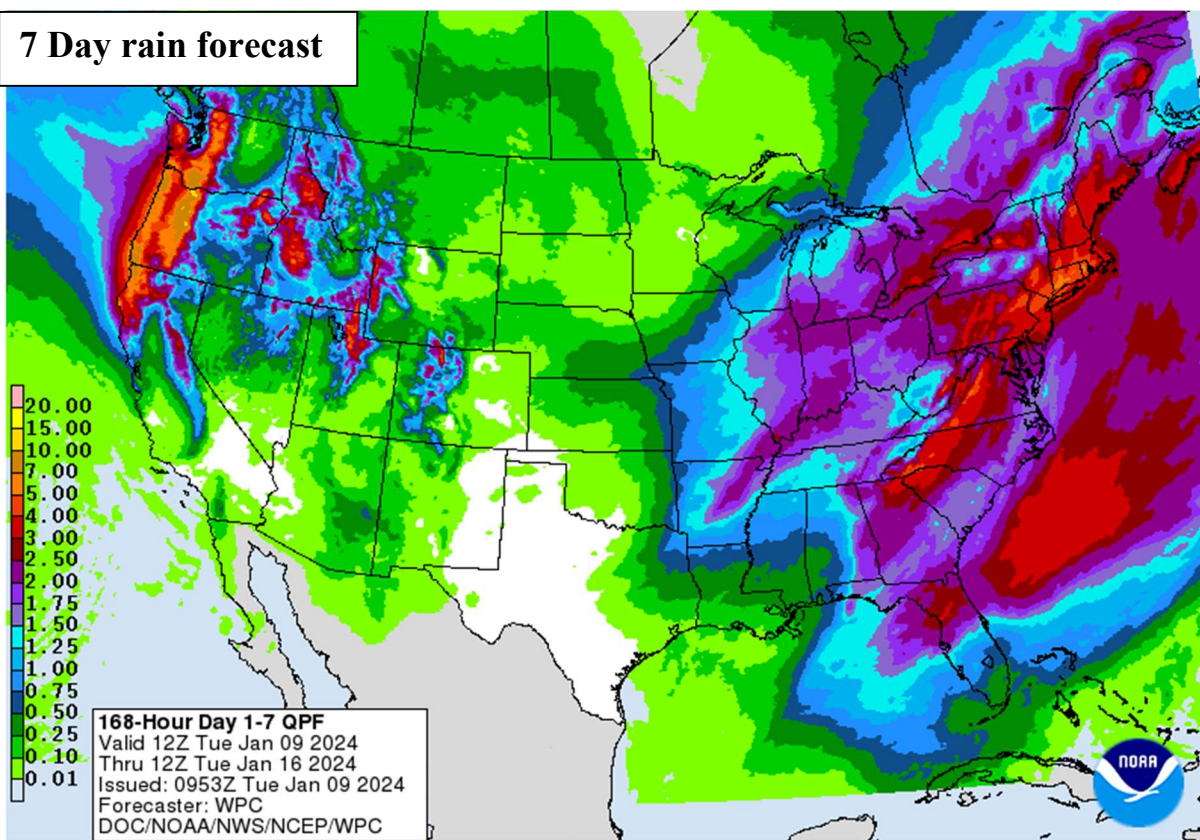


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**7 Day rain forecast**



# 2023 Pittsburgh Weather Recap

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	<b>Rank</b> <small>(out of 148 years back to 1875)</small>	<b>Normal</b> <small>(1991-2020)</small>
Average Mean Temperature: 54.3 F	7 <sup>th</sup> warmest	51.8 F
Average High Temperature: 63.7 F	8 <sup>th</sup> warmest	61.1 F
Average Low Temperature: 45.0 F	11 <sup>th</sup> warmest (tied)	42.5 F
Annual Precipitation: 32.6"	31 <sup>st</sup> lowest	39.61" (-7.01")
Annual Snowfall: 13.1"	2 <sup>nd</sup> lowest	44.1" (-31.0")

## Period of Record Annual Extremes (1875-2023)

Warmest/Coldest Average High Temperature: 64.6 F (1884) / 57.4 F (1958)  
Warmest/Coldest Average Low Temperature: 46.9 F (1921) / 37.5 F (1963)  
Most/Least Annual Precipitation: 57.84" (2018) / 22.65" (1930)  
Most/Least Annual Snowfall: 78.8" (2010) / 10.9" (1998)