# RIVER AND WEATHER CONDITIONS 

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## WEATHER RECAP

February was a warm month (4th warmest on record) with below average precipitation and almost no snow. The month ended as the least snowiest February on record. For the winter season (Dec-Jan-Feb) we had the 8th warmest and 12th least snowy winter on record.

| Location | Feb 2023 <br> Precipitation | Departure <br> (Inches) | Feb <br> Snowfall | Seasonal <br> Snowfall |
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| Pittsburgh | 1.54 | -1.08 | $0.2(-11.5)$ | $11.2(-21.5)$ |


| Location | Feb Average <br> Temperature | Departure <br> Degrees | Extreme <br> High | Extreme <br> Low |
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| Pittsburgh | 39.7 | +8.3 | 71 on Feb 15 | 5 on Feb 3 \& 4 |

## Pittsburgh Forecast:



## OUTLOOK

This week: High pressure will keep conditions dry and temperatures near seasonal levels through the remainder of the week. Next Low pressure system will approach Friday evening, bringing a mix of rain and snow to the region.
Week of March $13^{\text {th }}$ : Next system could bring rain and snow to the region at the beginning of the week. Temperatures below normal and precipitation below normal.
Week of March $2 \mathbf{2 0}^{\text {th }}$ : Colder temperatures and below average precipitation continues.
Week of March $27^{\text {th }}$ : Temperatures near or slightly below normal with normal precipitation.
Outlook for April: Temperatures near normal and near normal precipitation.
Outlook for May: Temperatures near normal and near normal precipitation.

## HIGH WATER POTENTIAL

Streamflows are running near or above normal across the region due the precipitation observed last week. At this time, we will need 1.50-2.50 inches in 12 hours to get streams near bankfull.

Average Yearly precipitation Pittsburgh: 39.61 inches. In 2023: 6.32 (+0.04)
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 2022-23: 14.5 (-23.1); 2021-22: 44.8" (+0.7); 2020-21:



