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Update (1613ET):

A massive winter storm is disrupting air travel across the country.

Flight tracking website FlightAware reports nearly 2,200 flights were canceled by 4 pm EST on Thursday, and delays of flights within, into, or out of the US were around 6,300.

Total delays today: 19,500

Total delays within, into, or out of the United States today: 6,286

Total cancellations today: 5,153

Total cancellations within, into, or out of the United States today: 2,180

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| Cancelled | | Delayed | | Cancelled | | Delayed | | Cancelled | | Delayed | | | | |
| # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | | | |
| 1022 | 54% | 54 | 2% | China Eastern | 255 | 26% | 259 | 26% | Denver Int'l (DEN) | 296 | 31% | 236 | 24% | Denver Int'l (DEN) |
| 834 | 20% | 1112 | 27% | Southwest | 252 | 24% | 239 | 23% | Chicago O'Hare Int'l (MDW) | 286 | 27% | 210 | 20% | Chicago O'Hare Int'l (MDW) |
| 317 | 25% | 49 | 3% | Air China | 125 | 66% | 24 | 12% | Jeju Int'l (CJU) | 136 | 48% | 21 | 7% | Chicago Midway Int'l (MDW) |
| 315 | 59% | 18 | 3% | Sichuan Airlines | 118 | 23% | 39 | 7% | Shanghai Pudong Int'l (PVG) | 119 | 25% | 22 | 4% | Shanghai Pudong Int'l (PVG) |
| 224 | 12% | 434 | 23% | SinWest | 115 | 37% | 33 | 10% | Chicago Midway Int'l (MDW) | 118 | 61% | 6 | 3% | Jeju Int'l (CJU) |
| 138 | 5% | 630 | 24% | United | 99 | 26% | 16 | 4% | Xian Xianyang Int'l (XIY) | 94 | 25% | 16 | 4% | Xian Xianyang Int'l (XIY) |
| 137 | 20% | 14 | 2% | Shenzhen Airlines | 87 | 21% | 15 | 3% | Kunming Changshui Int'l (KMG) | 90 | 25% | 10 | 2% | Shanghai Hongqiao Int'l (SHA) |
| 131 | 4% | 536 | 18% | Delta | 84 | 24% | 8 | 2% | Shanghai Hongqiao Int'l (SHA) | 85 | 22% | 22 | 5% | Beijing Capital Int'l (PKX) |
| 130 | 3% | 869 | 26% | American Airlines | 82 | 52% | 9 | 5% | Gimpo Int'l (GMP) | 84 | 52% | 17 | 10% | Gimpo Int'l (GMP) |
| 96 | 31% | 86 | 28% | Korean Air | 69 | 17% | 19 | 4% | Beijing Capital Int'l (PKX) | 81 | 20% | 14 | 3% | Kunming Changshui Int'l (KMG) |
| 93 | 13% | 217 | 30% | Emoy Air | 65 | 23% | 12 | 4% | Nanjing Lukou Int'l (NKG) | 66 | 24% | 10 | 3% | Nanjing Lukou Int'l (NKG) |
| 89 | 32% | 14 | 5% | Tianjin Airlines | 63 | 12% | 22 | 4% | Shenzhen Bao'an Int'l (SZX) | 62 | 28% | 39 | 17% | St Louis Lambert Int'l (STL) |
| 87 | 16% | 156 | 29% | Foxjet | 58 | 16% | 18 | 5% | Chengdu Tianfu Int'l (TFU) | 59 | 18% | 26 | 8% | Chengdu Tianfu Int'l (TFU) |
| 87 | 42% | 38 | 18% | Asiana | 55 | 5% | 195 | 18% | Hartsfield-Jackson Int'l (ATL) | 58 | 12% | 22 | 4% | Shenzhen Bao'an Int'l (SZX) |
| 80 | 16% | 140 | 29% | Allegiant Air | 54 | 10% | 22 | 4% | Guangzhou Baiyun Int'l (CAN) | 54 | 8% | 116 | 18% | LaGuardia (LGA) |
| 76 | 19% | 11 | 2% | Capit Air | 53 | 23% | 62 | 27% | St Louis Lambert Int'l (STL) | 53 | 16% | 17 | 5% | Beijing Daxing International Airport (PKX) |
| 74 | 37% | 26 | 13% | Air Wisconsin | 51 | 16% | 20 | 6% | Beijing Daxing International Airport (PKX) | 52 | 20% | 11 | 4% | Wuhan Tianhe (WUH) |
| 71 | 8% | 128 | 14% | Republic | 50 | 19% | 7 | 2% | Wuhan Tianhe (WUH) | 52 | 39% | 10 | 7% | Lanzhou Zhongchuan International (LHW) |
| 57 | 15% | 187 | 51% | WestJet | 49 | 4% | 336 | 34% | Dallas-Fort Worth Int'l (DFW) | 51 | 10% | 124 | 26% | Minneapolis/St Paul Int'l (MSP) |
| 53 | 10% | 218 | 41% | Lion Air | 49 | 36% | 11 | 8% | Lanzhou Zhongchuan International (LHW) | 50 | 5% | 296 | 30% | Dallas-Fort Worth Int'l (DFW) |
| 49 | 6% | 144 | 19% | Endeavor Air | 48 | 31% | 35 | 22% | Kansas City Int'l (MCI) | 50 | 9% | 18 | 3% | Guangzhou Baiyun Int'l (CAN) |
| 46 | 33% | 26 | 18% | Jin Air | 44 | 11% | 20 | 5% | Hangzhou Xiaoshan Int'l (HSH) | 47 | 12% | 75 | 20% | Nashville Int'l (BNA) |
| 44 | 8% | 199 | 40% | Jazz | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 20% | 94 | 44% | WestJet Encore | | | | | | | | | | |
| 40 | 5% | 218 | 28% | Japan Airlines | | | | | | | | | | |

Already, airlines have canceled 1,600 flights for Friday.

Total delays tomorrow: 955

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Total delays within, into, or out of the United States tomorrow: 0

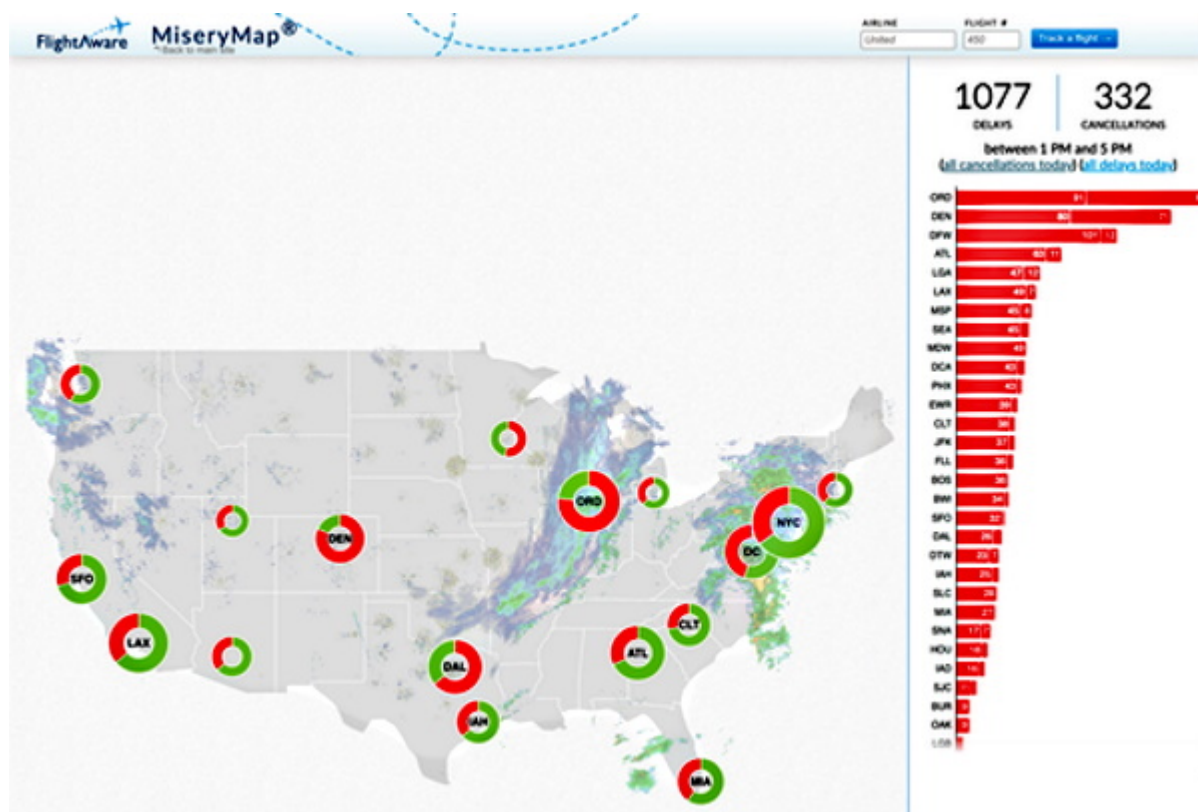
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Total cancellations tomorrow: 3,189

Total cancellations within, into, or out of the United States tomorrow: 1,617

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| Cancelled | | Delayed | | AIRLINE | Cancelled | | Delayed | | AIRPORT | Cancelled | | Delayed | | AIRPORT |
| # | % | # | % | | # | % | # | % | | # | % | # | % | |
| 744 | 41% | 26 | 1% | China Eastern | 118 | 32% | 0 | 0% | Detroit Metro Wayne Co (DTW) | 101 | 17% | 3 | 0% | LaGuardia (LGA) |
| 541 | 13% | 20 | 0% | Southwest | 116 | 20% | 1 | 0% | LaGuardia (LGA) | 100 | 27% | 3 | 0% | Detroit Metro Wayne Co (DTW) |
| 247 | 22% | 25 | 2% | Air China | 110 | 44% | 2 | 0% | Chicago Midway Intl (MDW) | 97 | 32% | 7 | 2% | Vancouver Intl (YVR) |
| 220 | 30% | 5 | 0% | Indonesian Air | 93 | 32% | 4 | 1% | Vancouver Intl (YVR) | 96 | 38% | 2 | 0% | Chicago Midway Intl (MDW) |
| 152 | 8% | 10 | 0% | SkyWest | 92 | 9% | 4 | 0% | Chicago O'Hare Intl (ORD) | 66 | 14% | 9 | 2% | Shanghai Pudong Intl (PVG) |
| 130 | 19% | 1 | 0% | Shenzhen Airlines | 66 | 19% | 9 | 2% | Xi'an Xianyang Intl (XIY) | 65 | 6% | 2 | 0% | Chicago O'Hare Intl (ORD) |
| 106 | 21% | 4 | 0% | Jazz | 60 | 24% | 2 | 0% | Nanjing Lukou Intl (NKG) | 63 | 13% | 1 | 0% | Boston Logan Intl (BOS) |
| 97 | 11% | 2 | 0% | Republic | 57 | 12% | 5 | 1% | Shanghai Pudong Intl (PVG) | 61 | 16% | 4 | 1% | Kunming Changshui Intl (KMG) |
| 84 | 2% | 33 | 1% | Delta | 55 | 12% | 10 | 2% | Shenzhen Bao'an Intl (SZX) | 60 | 18% | 16 | 4% | Xi'an Xianyang Intl (XIY) |
| 83 | 24% | 12 | 3% | WestJet | 55 | 14% | 7 | 1% | Kunming Changshui Intl (KMG) | 57 | 21% | 3 | 1% | Nanjing Lukou Intl (NKG) |
| 83 | 8% | 0 | 0% | JetBlue | 55 | 6% | 6 | 0% | Denver Intl (DEN) | 56 | 17% | 4 | 1% | Chengdu Tianfu Intl (TFU) |
| 73 | 2% | 5 | 0% | United | 55 | 16% | 3 | 0% | Chengdu Tianfu Intl (TFU) | 56 | 16% | 2 | 0% | Shanghai Hongqiao Intl (SHA) |
| 60 | 14% | 3 | 0% | Allegiant Air | 53 | 9% | 7 | 1% | Seattle-Tacoma Intl (SEA) | 53 | 9% | 6 | 1% | Seattle-Tacoma Intl (SEA) |
| 55 | 24% | 4 | 1% | WestJet Encore | 53 | 15% | 1 | 0% | Shanghai Hongqiao Intl (SHA) | 52 | 15% | 9 | 2% | Beijing Capital Intl (PEK) |
| 52 | 11% | 21 | 4% | Air Canada | 53 | 11% | 0 | 0% | Boston Logan Intl (BOS) | 48 | 9% | 14 | 2% | Toronto Pearson Intl (YYZ) |
| 46 | 21% | 0 | 0% | Cape Air | 53 | 46% | 0 | 0% | Cleveland-Hopkins Intl (CLE) | 46 | 10% | 10 | 2% | Shenzhen Bao'an Intl (SZX) |
| 37 | 4% | 6 | 0% | Alaska Airlines | 52 | 16% | 6 | 1% | Beijing Capital Intl (PEK) | 45 | 5% | 2 | 0% | Denver Intl (DEN) |
| 33 | 6% | 23 | 4% | Lion Air | 47 | 24% | 0 | 0% | Portland Intl (PDX) | 41 | 10% | 9 | 2% | Guangzhou Baiyun Intl (CAN) |

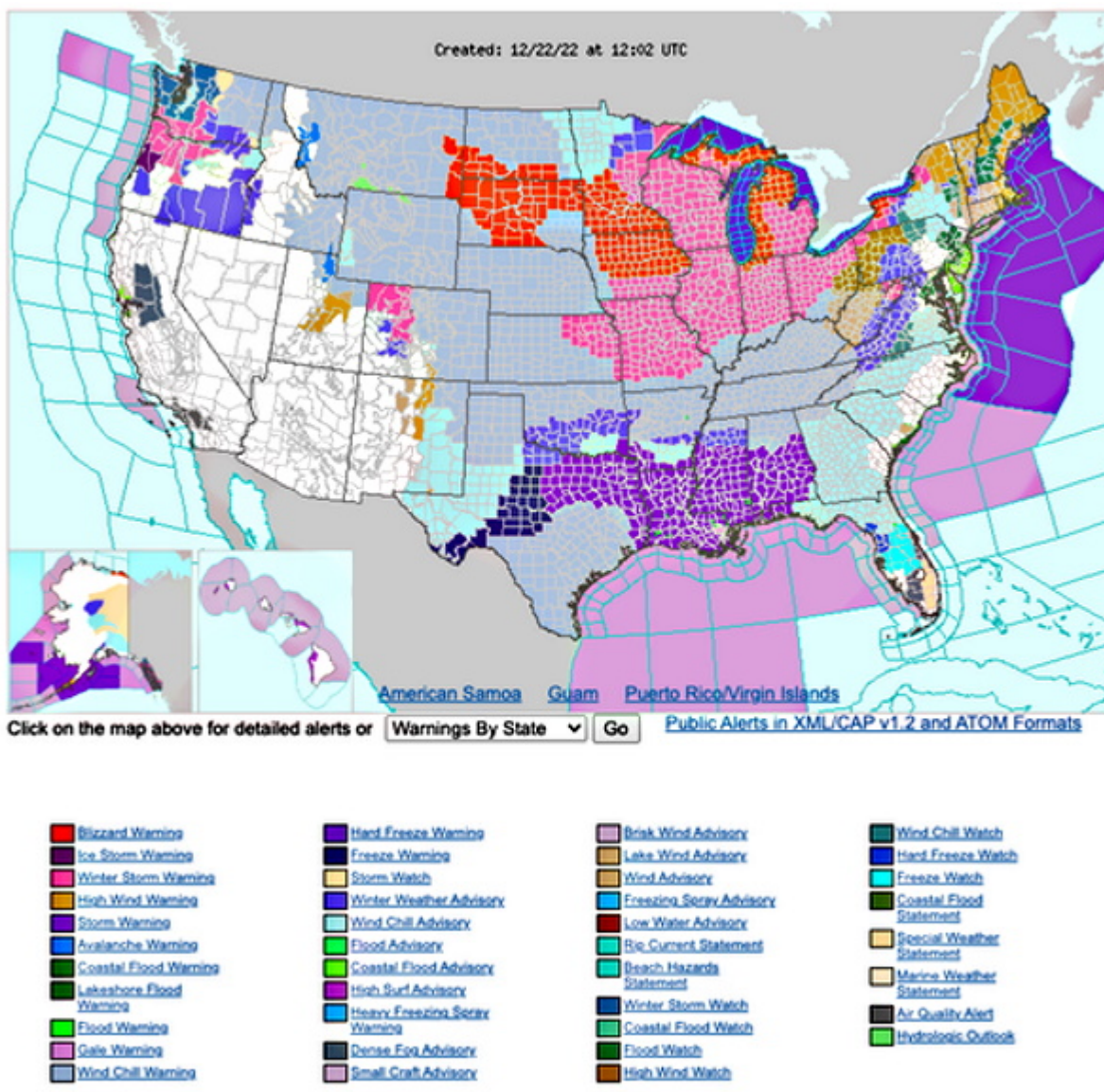
FlightAware's misery map shows flight delays and cancellations are widespread as the "once-in-a-generation" winter storm traverses the country.



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A powerful winter storm and cold blast will wreak havoc across the central and eastern US through the weekend and bring what the [National Weather Service](#) calls a “once-in-a-generation type event.”

More than 100 million people across the US are under winter weather alerts which extend across 37 states, dipping as far south as Texas.



NWS said heavy snowfall, strong winds, and dangerously cold temperatures would affect areas from the northern Great Basin region through the Plains, Upper Midwest, Great Lakes, and the northern/central Appalachians starting today and lasting

through the weekend.

“At the forefront of the impressive weather pattern is a dangerous and record-breaking cold air mass in the wake of a strong arctic cold front diving southward across the southern Plains today and eastward into the Ohio/Tennessee Valleys by tonight,” the weather agency said.

“Behind the front, temperatures across the central High Plains have already plummeted 50 degrees F in just a few hours, with widespread subzero readings extending throughout much of the central/northern Plains and northern Rockies/Great Basin ... these temperatures combined with sustained winds of 20 to 30 mph and higher wind gusts of up to 60 mph will continue to lead to wind chills as low as minus 40 degrees across a large swath of the Intermountain West and northern/central Plains, with more localized areas of minus 50 to minus 70 possible through the end of the week,” it continued.

Key Messages for Dec 20-25 Arctic Blast Updated Dec 20, 2022 3:00 PM CST

An Arctic cold front will bring widespread, dangerous cold, with potential for snow squalls and flash freezing

- Dangerous Cold for Much of Country**
Frigid temperatures and gusty winds behind a powerful Arctic cold front will bring dangerously cold conditions across most of the country this week, and to the Eastern U.S. by week's end.
- Increased Impact if Power Outages Occur**
The impact of the cold will be increased if any power outages occur due to the winter storm.
- Rapid Temperature Drops with Front**
Temperatures are likely to rapidly drop 20 to 35 degrees in just a few hours as the front passes a given location.
- Considerable Travel Impacts Possible**
Snow squalls, or a brief burst of moderate to heavy snow (1 to 2 hours), are likely to occur immediately behind the Arctic cold front from the Intermountain West, to the Central Plains, Ohio Valley, Mid Atlantic, and Northeast.
 - ❖ Snow will be accompanied by gusts to 40 MPH, potentially creating sudden whiteouts.
 - ❖ Snow will coincide with rapid temperature drops, which will likely lead to flash freezing and icy spots developing on roadways. Any flooding in the Northeast may also re-freeze.

Forecast Minimum Wind Chill December 20-25

Snow Squall and Flash Freeze Potential & Timing

Arctic cold front likely arrival times in CST

Main Impact Timing

- Tonight
- Wednesday & Wed Night
- Thursday & Thu Night
- Friday & Friday Night

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
For more information go to: www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov and www.weather.gov

Weather Prediction Center
College Park, MD

The weather service's office in Cheyenne, Wyoming, reported a

stunning 56-degree temperature drop in 6 hours overnight as the Arctic blast swept across the central US.

A wild day of weather continues over southeast Wyoming! In addition to the record 1-hour temp drop earlier, we have now dropped 51 degrees (from 42 to -9) in TWO hours! The bottom keeps falling out as wind chills crash into the -40s locally in Cheyenne!

Stay safe out there! [#WYwx](#) pic.twitter.com/gFUh03v7FV

– NWS Cheyenne (@NWSCheyenne) [December 21, 2022](#)

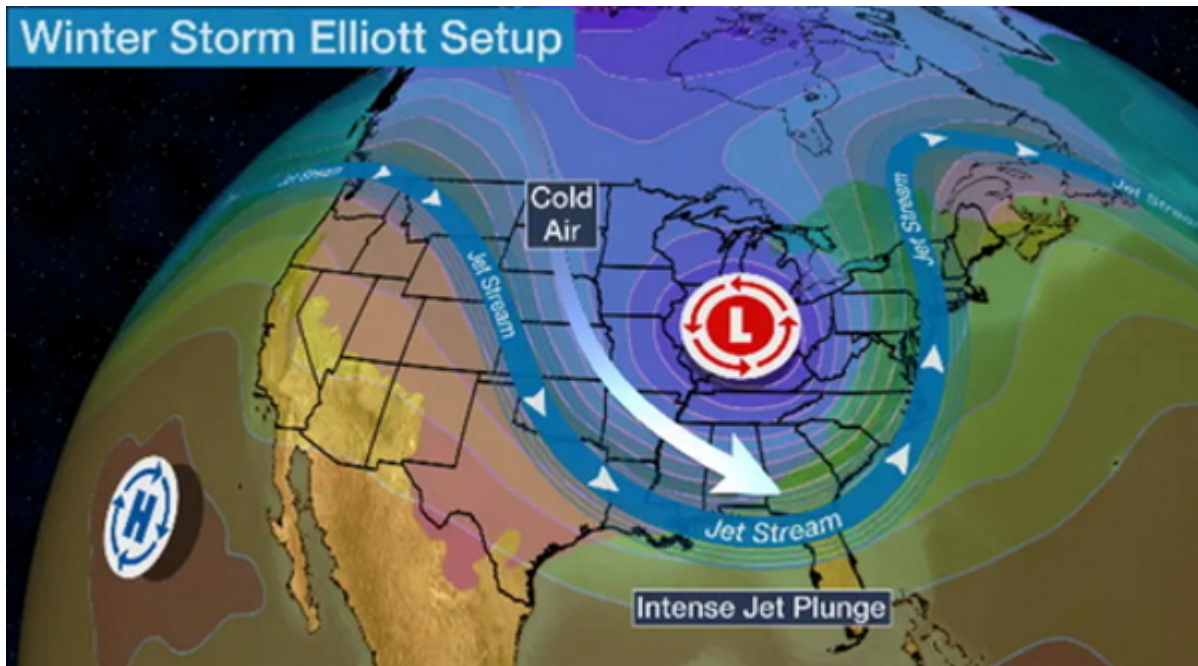
Ryan Maue, a private meteorologist, tweeted a weather model showing the massive cold blast pouring down into the Lower 48.

☐☐48-hour animation of wind chill from HRRR model. Pink is -30°F or colder. That's a large chunk of real estate with dangerous, deadly cold. ☐

Arctic blasts or [#PolarVortex](#) + [#BombCyclone](#) = extreme start to Winter 2022-2023. pic.twitter.com/PRrIt9lIzv

– Ryan Maue (@RyanMaue) [December 21, 2022](#)

The storm is expected to rapidly intensify by Thursday evening into Friday and become what meteorologists call a “[bomb cyclone](#).”



“This is a case in which snow totals may not tell the whole story. Even small snow amounts, when combined with very strong wind gusts and plummeting temperatures, can cause poor visibility and slick spots on roads. The sudden arrival of these conditions can increase the danger,” the weather service [explained](#).

On Friday, the storm will pass through the Great Lakes and produce accumulating snow across much of the Midwest. Some areas in Michigan could expect more than a foot of snow by tomorrow, making travel a nightmare ahead of the Christmas holiday.

Dakotas, Montana, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, and Michigan all have blizzard warnings where the storm peaks Thursday into Friday. Major cities such as Chicago, Kansas City, St Louis, Twin Cities, and Detroit are under winter storm warnings.

As for the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic, and Northeast, heavy rain is expected through Friday. However, New England will get a shot of snow Friday night into early Saturday.

Severe winter weather will cause travel pains for millions of travelers over the next 48 hours. As of Thursday morning, more

than 1,100 flights were canceled across the US, according to the flight tracking site FlightAware. Several US airlines offered travel waivers before the storm's arrival.

Total delays today: 9,172

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Total delays within, into, or out of the United States today: 1,117

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Total cancellations today: 3,836

Total cancellations within, into, or out of the United States today: 1,251

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| Cancelled | | Delayed | | Cancelled | | Delayed | | Cancelled | | Delayed | |
| # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| 1018 | 53% | 50 | 2% | 186 | 18% | 18 | 1% | 217 | 21% | 31 | 3% |
| 459 | 11% | 374 | 9% | 140 | 15% | 40 | 4% | 170 | 18% | 15 | 1% |
| 317 | 26% | 42 | 3% | 116 | 61% | 24 | 12% | 107 | 56% | 6 | 3% |
| 182 | 35% | 19 | 3% | 101 | 20% | 33 | 6% | 105 | 22% | 21 | 4% |
| 147 | 8% | 37 | 2% | 94 | 24% | 15 | 3% | 94 | 34% | 14 | 5% |
| 137 | 20% | 12 | 1% | 86 | 21% | 12 | 2% | 92 | 25% | 15 | 4% |
| 94 | 31% | 74 | 24% | 83 | 23% | 8 | 2% | 86 | 24% | 10 | 2% |
| 93 | 3% | 65 | 2% | 78 | 50% | 8 | 5% | 85 | 22% | 21 | 5% |
| 87 | 45% | 33 | 17% | 72 | 25% | 10 | 3% | 82 | 51% | 18 | 11% |
| 83 | 2% | 91 | 3% | 69 | 17% | 14 | 3% | 79 | 19% | 10 | 2% |
| 78 | 2% | 47 | 1% | 64 | 22% | 12 | 4% | 65 | 24% | 5 | 1% |
| 65 | 35% | 3 | 1% | 62 | 13% | 21 | 4% | 59 | 18% | 23 | 7% |
| 59 | 8% | 3 | 0% | 58 | 17% | 19 | 5% | 57 | 12% | 17 | 3% |
| 56 | 10% | 201 | 38% | 54 | 10% | 15 | 3% | 53 | 16% | 17 | 5% |
| 56 | 21% | 13 | 4% | | | | | | | | |

The Arctic air will stick around for the weekend, making this the coldest Christmas in four decades across the country.

And it was only this summer that climate alarmists and progressive mainstream media were pushing stories about how the Earth would burn without government intervention. Someone tell these delusional folks that climate change has been happening for hundreds of millions of years. Also, they should be reminded that [El Nino and La Nina weather patterns](#) are naturally occurring – not influenced by humans.

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