

Fun stats about this weird winter warmth

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Elias Dasilva and his daughter, Emilly, climbed a melting pile of snow on Boston Common Friday.

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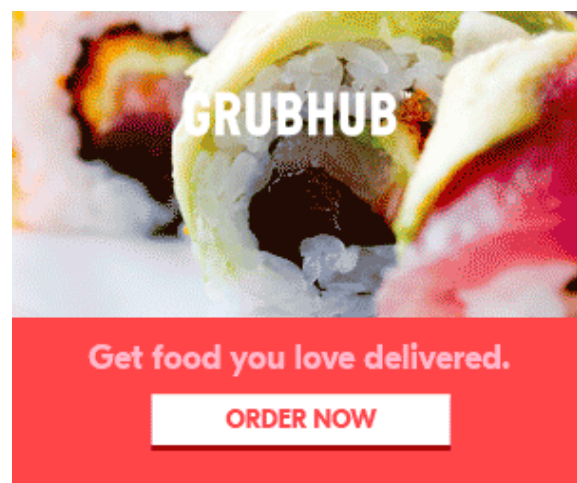
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Friday brought the warmest February temperatures ever recorded in Boston, as the mercury reached 73.

Previously, the warmest Boston temperature on record for the month was 70 degrees on Feb. 24, 1985, according to the National Weather Service.

Friday marked the second-straight day of remarkably warm weather for this time of year (or perhaps the third day in a row if you count Wednesday when the high hit a still-impressive 56 degrees).

Thursday's high of 68 degrees is in a three-way tie for the third-warmest February temperature ever recorded in Boston. The other two times temperatures reached 68 degrees were Feb. 26, 1957, and Feb. 20, 1930.

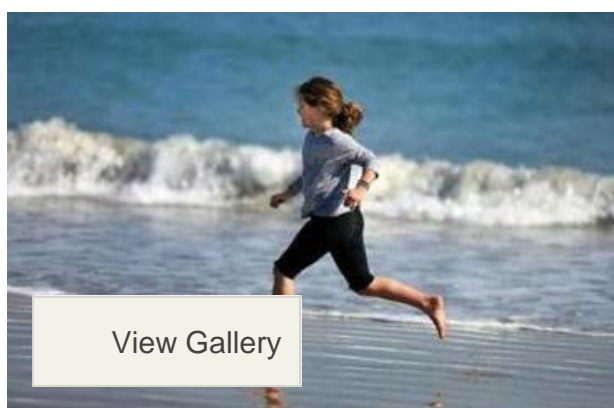


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Some other noteworthy statistics about Friday's "scorcher":



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- It was, quite obviously, way hotter than normal. By comparison, the historical average daily temperature for Feb. 24 in Boston is in the low 30s, the average high is in the low 40s.
- Last year, Feb. 24 was also warm, but rainy. The high was 57 degrees and the low was 38, and the city got little more than a half inch of rain. The year before that, in the midst of the [snowiest winter on record](#), the high was just 19 degrees, the low was 2, and a trace of snow fell, with plenty more already on the ground.
- It actually hadn't been *that* long since Boston experienced temperatures as warm or warmer than Friday. The last time it was 73 or higher was 126 days ago, on Oct. 21, when temperatures hit 75 degrees.
- This week's heat came just days after what has been, on average, the coldest day of the year in Boston. The coldest day in the city, based on historical average daily temperatures, has been Feb. 5, at 27.1 degrees.



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