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Wisconsin records wettest year on record through July

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If it seems like umbrellas have worked overtime recently, it's official - Wisconsin recorded its wettest year through July. [Fullscreen](#)

The average precipitation in the state was 25.25 inches from June 1 through July 4, which is 1.4 inches above average. Precipitation totals (https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/surface/usa/precipitation/usa-precipitation-july-2017-us-average-temperature-percentiles-map_hi-res.png) from 1,000 reporting stations around the state were averaged together to come up with the 25-inch number.

Records date back 123 years.

Photos: National Guard to help in flooding cleanup as Fox River crests

A motorist changes turns around instead of driving down Honey Lake Road, which is closed due to flooding north of Burlington, Wis. Gov. Scott Walker declared a state of emergency and called up the National Guard to assist residents in parts of Racine, Kenosha and Walworth counties in dealing with flooding after Wednesday's historic rains. [Mark](#)

The National Weather Service office in Sullivan trumpeted the news on Twitter Tuesday afternoon.

Severe flooding that affected parts of southeastern and south central Wisconsin in July probably pushed National Weather Service meteorologist based in Sullivan.

"Most of the summer, up until a week ago, we were in a very active weather pattern. The jet stream is bringing a lot of weather systems through the region," said Wood.

"May, June and July we were seeing weather systems come through every few days. We just had several systems coming through bringing rain and thunderstorms."

The statistics factor in rain and liquid equivalent of snow and sleet. The same period last year - January through July 2016 - recorded 21.42 inches of precipitation in Wisconsin.

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