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NY cities shatter snowfall totals after brutal winter



With some winter weather potentially still ahead, seasonal totals are likely to rise.

Rochester stands as state's second snowiest city with 113.8 inches

People walk along snow-covered streets as snow falls during a blizzard on Feb. 23 in Brooklyn's Flatbush neighborhood.

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This winter has been a doozy throughout the Empire State. Two feet of snow on a single day in Syracuse in December, a string of extreme cold temperatures throughout upstate New York and a bona fide blizzard that brought Long Island, New York City and its surrounding communities to its knees in February.

Its no wonder at least three major cities within the Empire state have greatly surpassed their annual seasonal snowfall totals over the 2025-26 winter season as of late March. Another spot where the National Weather Service takes official measurements – Islip in Suffolk County on Long Island – nearly doubled its annual seasonal

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Irondequoit closed most of the 519 Plaza due to crime. To reopen, businesses will have to reapply for operating certificates, undergo inspections and agree to additional oversight. SHAWN DOWD/ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE

Much of East Ridge Road plaza shut down

Irondequoit declares site a 'public nuisance'

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Most of the businesses inside an Irondequoit shopping center were shut down March 31 after the town board declared the plaza a "public nuisance."

Police have responded to 519 Plaza on East Ridge Road more than 500 times since 2022 for incidents that include a homicide at a bar police say was operating illegally and to investigate reports of prostitution at a foot spa. The complaints came to a head at a March 13 public hearing.

"This was a longstanding issue for the town, for staff, for the police department and code enforcement and that is why they requested to proceed in this manner," town attorney Peter

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Buildings were damaged in an Israeli air strike in the Al Hadath neighborhood of Beirut's southern suburbs on April 1. AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Trump says Iran has asked for ceasefire

President threatens to pull U.S. out of NATO

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President Donald Trump, ahead of his scheduled prime time address to the

nation, signaled the United States may soon end its part in the Iran war but sent conflicting messages on his strategy.

In a social media post on April 1, Trump said Iran's "new regime" president asked for a ceasefire but added that he would only consider it when the Strait of Hormuz is open.

"Iran's New Regime President, much less Radicalized and far more intelligent

than his predecessors, has just asked the United States of America for a CEA-SEFIRE!" Trump said in a Truth Social Post. "We will consider when Hormuz Strait is open, free, and clear. Until then, we are blasting Iran into oblivion or, as they say, back to the Stone Ages!!!"

It's unclear whom Trump is referring

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