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## **WILL SANTA BRING SOME COLD WEATHER TO HOUSTON?**

**Houston** – Will it be cold enough for Christmas in Houston? “It looks like Houston could experience some really cold temperatures by the middle of next week just before Christmas this year,” according to meteorologist Jill F. Hasling of the Weather Research Center. If you plan to leave for the Christmas holiday prior to Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> you might consider preparing for the possibility of a few days of below freezing temperatures.

Long Range Models indicate a strong cold front is anticipated to move through the Houston area early next week possibly bringing below freezing temperatures and a slight chance of snow to Houston. Temperatures are expected to remain below freezing for 36 to 48 hours according to one long-range outlook. By Christmas Eve and into Christmas, temperatures could warm up to the upper 30s and 40s.

The average high on Christmas Day is 64.6 degree F and the average low is 42.8 degree F. Since 1969, Houston has had three really cold Christmas Eves and Christmas Days.

	December 24	December 25
	Max/Min	Max/Min
1990	41/19	44/26
1989	43/11	61/20
1983	27/14	28/11

The closest Houston has come to a white Christmas was last year when there was a trace of Snow on Christmas Eve. Other years with before Christmas snow were 1989 when 1.7” of snow fell on December 22 and 1929 when 2.5” of snow fell December 21-22.

The warmest Christmas Day recorded at Bush Intercontinental was in 1987 when the high was 78 and the low was 51. Christmas Eve 1987 the high was 75 and the low was 69. There have only been 7 years since 1969 when the high temperature on Christmas Eve has been above 70 degrees. Below is a table of the highs and lows for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at Bush Intercontinental Airport since 1969.

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Since 1914, there have only been 14 Christmas mornings when the minimum temperature was 32 degrees or below. [1921, 1924, 1953, 1963, 1966, 1980, 1983, 1985, 1989, 1990, 1996, 1998, 2002, and 2004]

Earlier Years with cold Christmas Eves and Days were 1953 where the lows were 26 degrees and 31 degrees and 1963 where the low was 21 degrees and 32 degrees; 1966 with a low of 25 degrees and 31 degrees.

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Year	24-Dec	25-Dec
1969	69/44	64/34
1970	64/34	65/39
1971	76/59	73/59
1972	62/36	66/34
1973	68/43	51/45
1974	78/50	51/43
1975	52/43	46/35
1976	64/30	61/45
1977	78/56	59/39
1978	52/43	46/35
1979	64/38	70/33
1980	61/40	50/30
1981	50/40	56/33
1982	79/71	74/51
1983	27/14	28/11
1984	79/62	64/49
1985	63/39	45/29
1986	63/36	68/41
1987	75/69	78/51
1989	43/11	61/20
1990	41/19	44/26
1991	51/40	56/37
1992	65/52	62/51
1993	55/35	64/33
1994	58/46	64/35
1995	50/31	60/45
1996	63/35	59/32
1997	63/40	59.38
1998	39/34	41/31
1999	71/32	58/36
2000	53/46	57/48
2001	54/34	54/33
2002	51/38	50/32
2003	60/34	61/43
2004	37/31	49/32