

Fort Collins Weather Station Monthly Summary

January
2026

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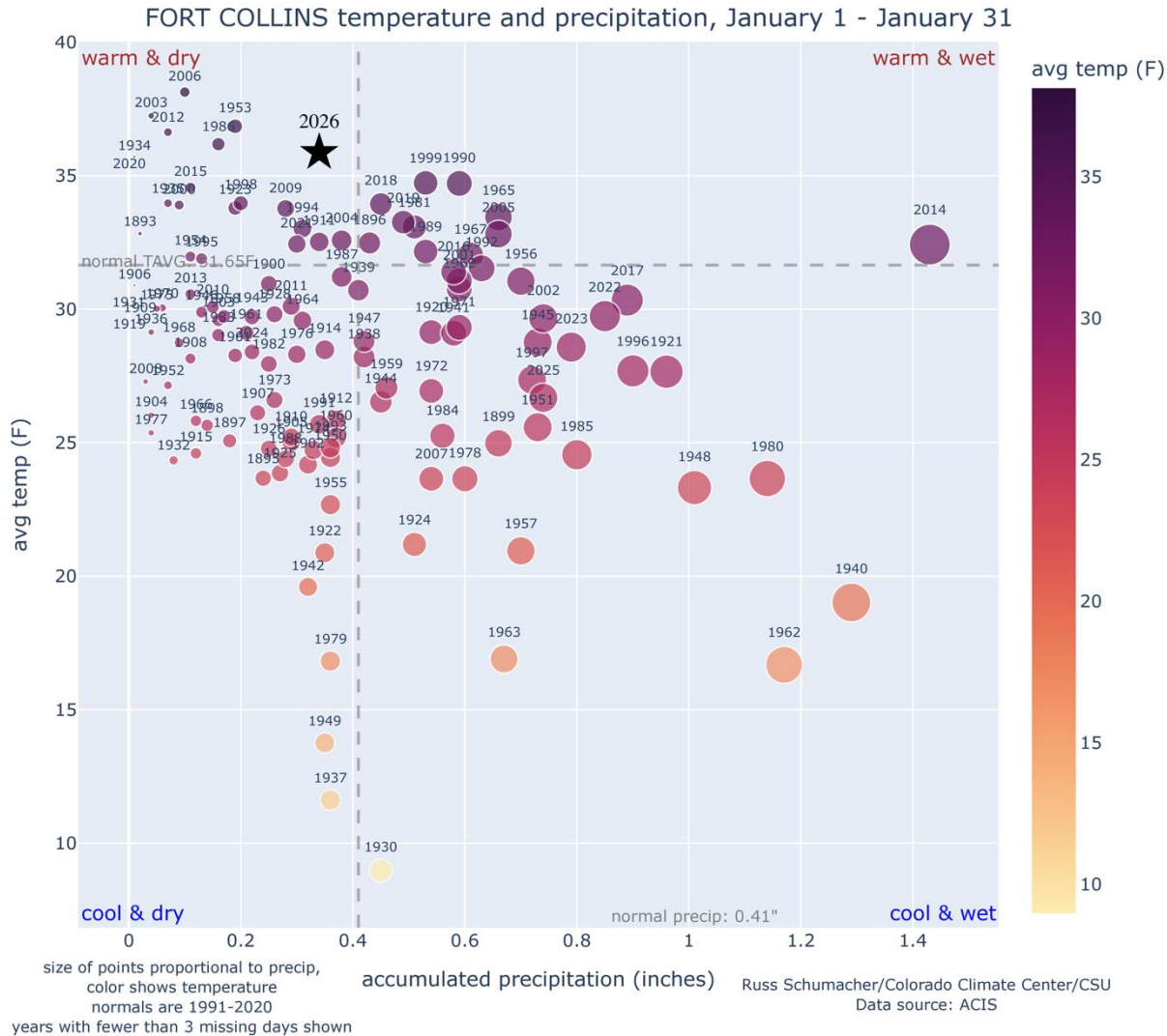


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Average January Temperature and Precipitation



The average air temperature for January 2026 was 35.9 °F, 4.3 °F above our 1991-2020 January normal (31.6 °F)

The last warmer January was 2012 (36.6 °F)

We received 0.34" of precipitation in January 2026, 83% of our 1991-2020 January normal (0.41")

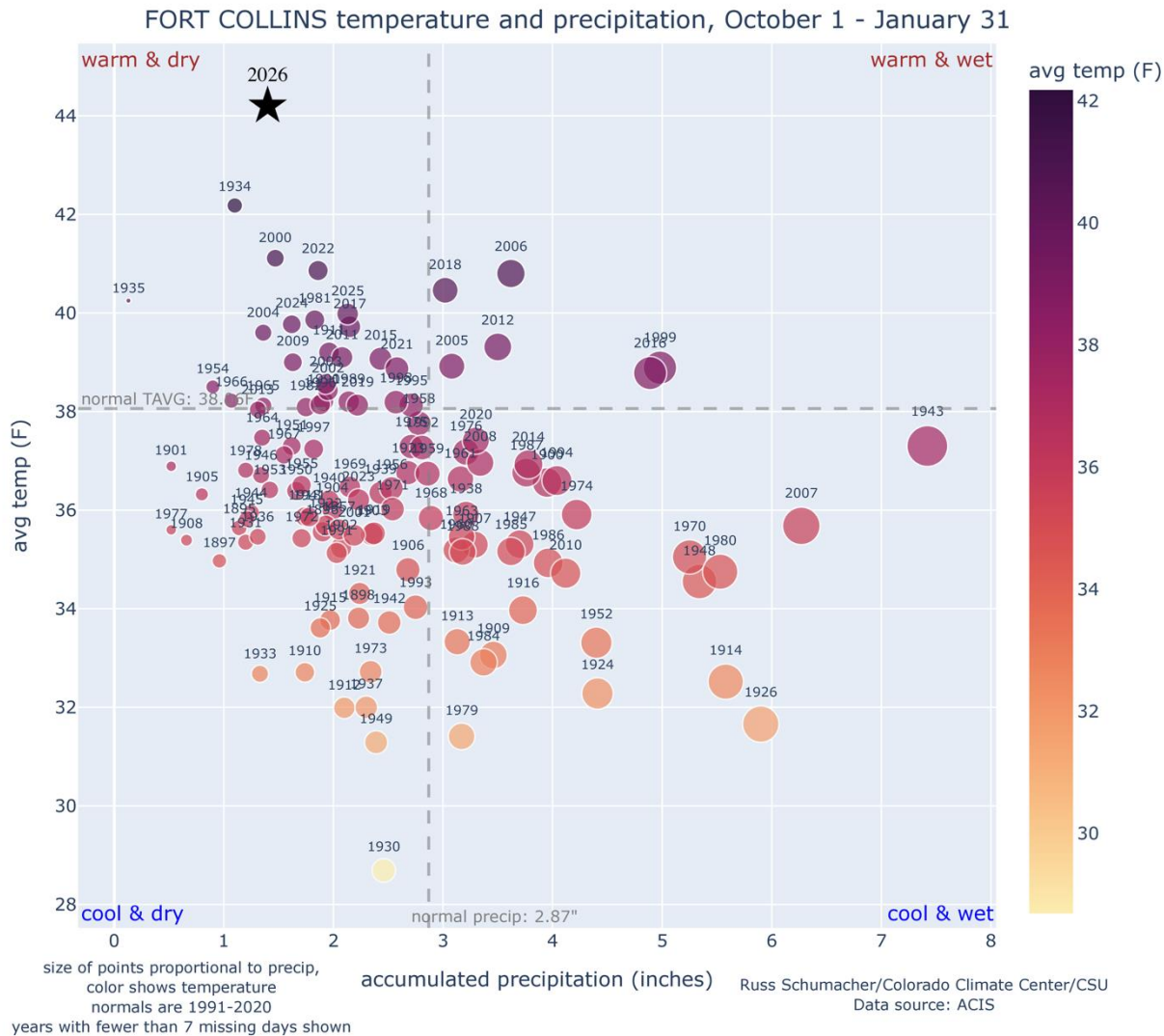
The last drier January was 2021 with 0.30" of precipitation

We received 5.1" of snowfall in January 2026, 76% of our 1991-2020 January normal (6.7")

The last January with less snow was 2024 with 3.0" of snowfall



Water Year 2026 Temperature and Precipitation



The average air temperature for water year 2026 to date (Oct 2025 – Jan 2026) is 44.2 °F. This is 6.2 °F warmer than the 1991-2020 normal (38.0 °F).

This is the warmest October-January on record by a wide margin. The next closest is 1934 (42.2 °F).

We have received 1.40" of precipitation for water year 2026 to date (Oct 2025 – Jan 2026). This is 49% of our 1991-2020 normal (2.87").

The last drier beginning four months of a water year was 2013 (1.31").

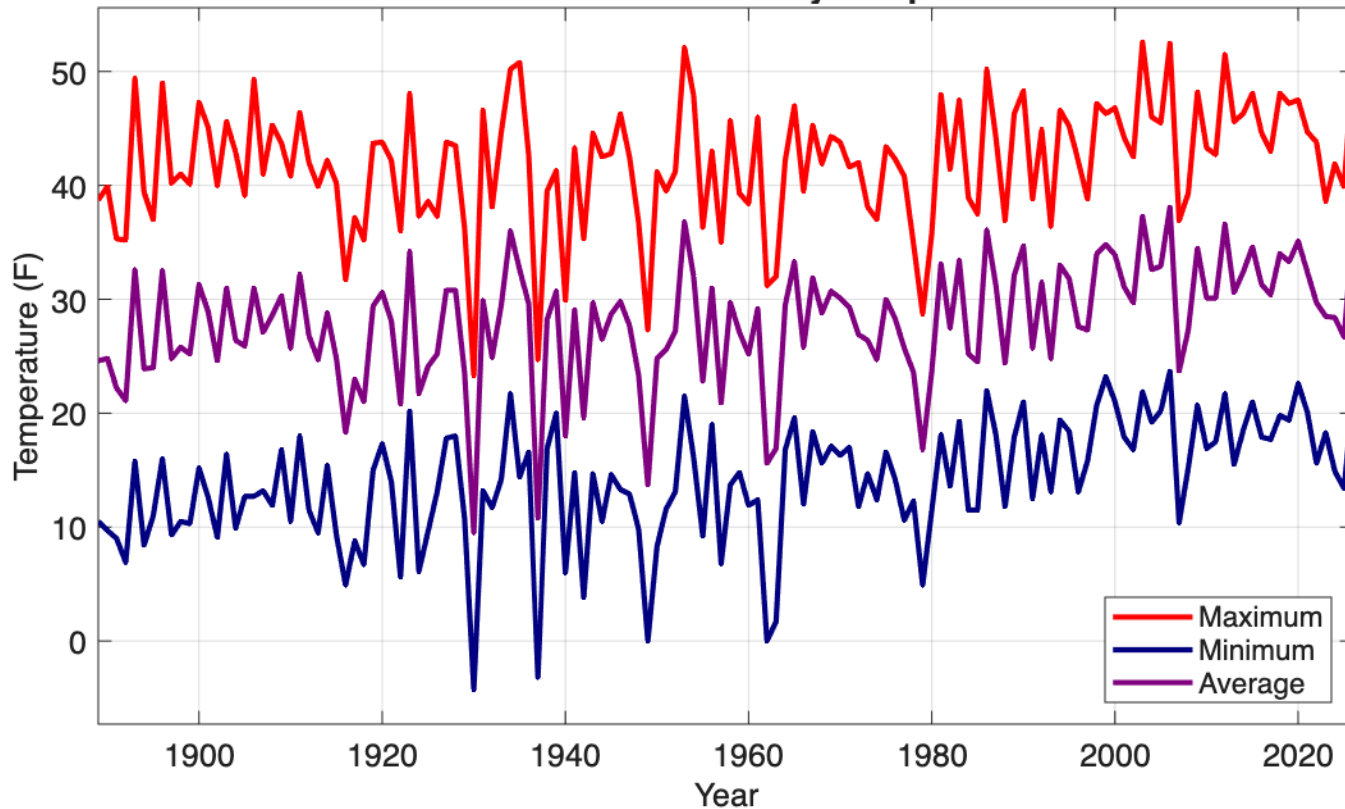
We have received 12.0" of snowfall for the snow season to date. This is 46% of our 1991-2020 normal snow season to date (26.1").

The last snow season through January lower than 2026 was 2006 with just 4.7" through January.

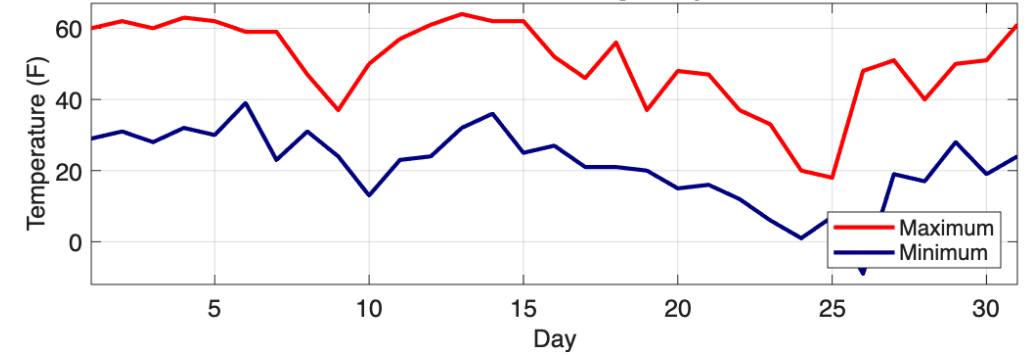


January 2026 Time Series Graphics

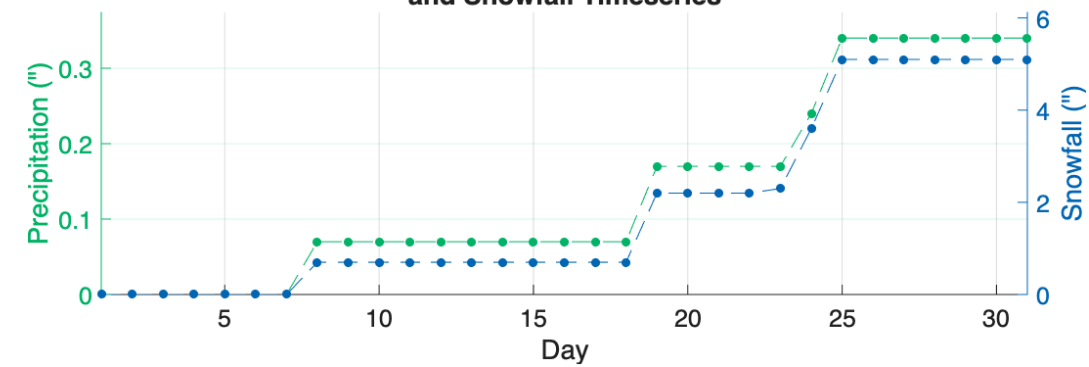
Fort Collins Weather Station January Temperature Timeseries



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Fort Collins Weather Station January Precipitation and Snowfall Timeseries



Highest Daily T_{\max} : 64 °F on January 13th

Lowest Daily T_{\min} : -9 °F on January 26th

Highest Daily Precipitation: 0.10" on January 25th

Highest Daily Snowfall: 1.5" on January 19th



Additional January 2026 Statistics

	Observed	1991-2020 Normal	POR Average	Depart from Normal	Depart from POR Average	Last Above	Last Below
T_{mean} °F	35.9	31.7	28	4.2	7.9	2012	2025
Mean(T_{max}) °F	50.3	45	41.9	5.3	8.4	2012	2025
Mean(T_{min}) °F	21.4	18.3	14	3.1	7.4	2020	2025
Precipitation "	0.34	0.41	0.39	-0.07	-0.05	2025	2021
Snowfall "	5.1	6.7	6.1	-1.6	-1	2025	2024
Oct-Jan Precipitation "	1.4	2.87	2.56	-1.47	-1.16	2025	2013
Oct-Jan Snowfall "	12	26.1	22.6	-14.1	-10.6	2025	2006

	Value	Date
Max(T_{max}) °F	64	13 th
Min(T_{max}) °F	18	25 th
Max(T_{min}) °F	39	6 th
Min(T_{min}) °F	-9	26 th
Max(Daily Precip)"	0.10	25 th
Max(Daily Snowfall)"	1.5	19 th
Peak Wind Gust (mph)	34.3	16 th

Days Precip > 0	9
Days Snowfall > 0	8
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Days Snowfall > Trace	5
Days Wind Gust > 20mph	17
Peak Wind Gust Direction	328
Peak Wind Gust Time (MST)	1128 MST

POR = period of record
(1889-2026)

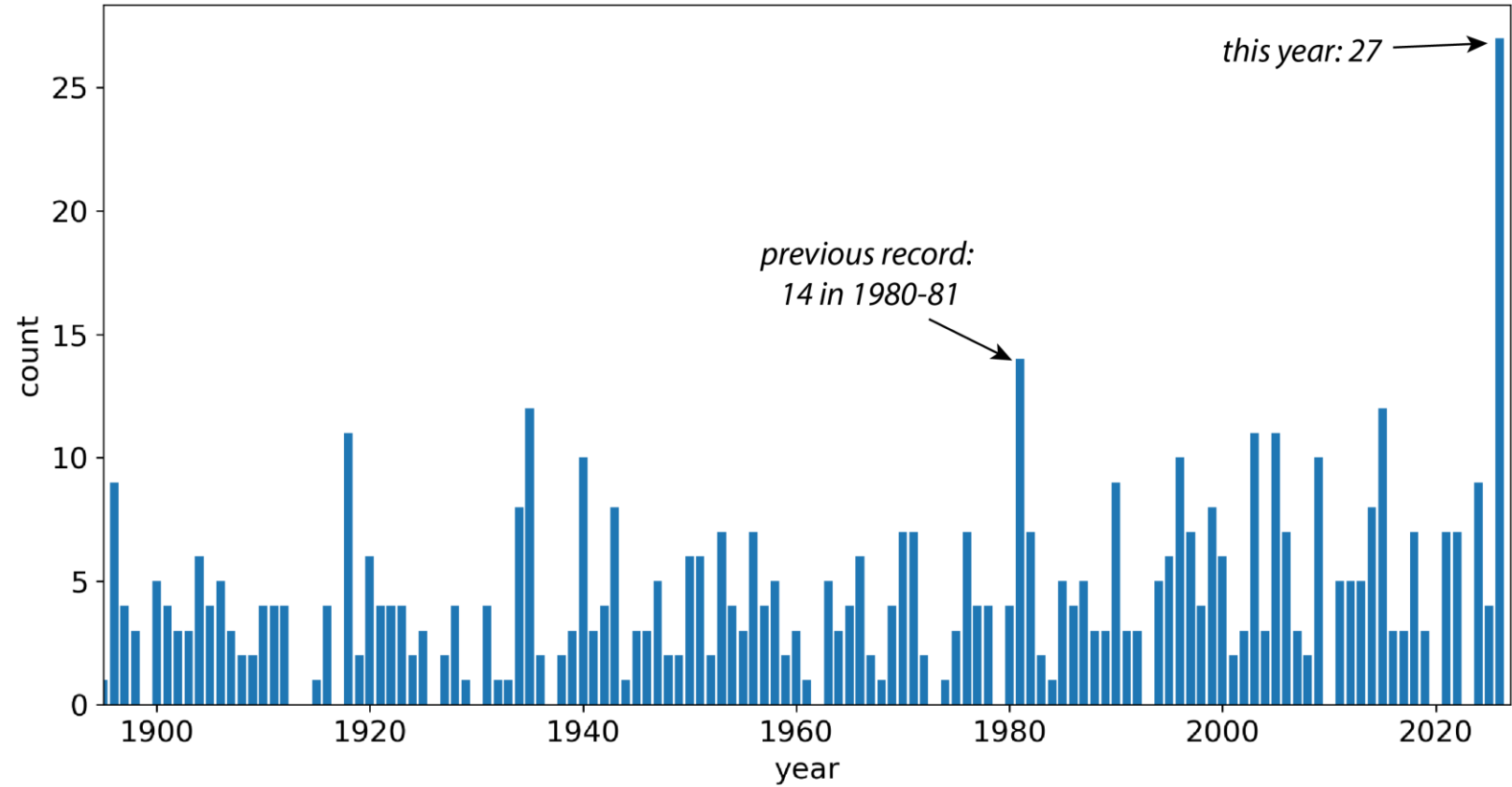


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We set a record for the warmest December-January with an average temperature of 39.1 °F. The previous record was 1934 at 37.4 °F. We are well on track for our warmest winter on record. The current record is 1934 at 36.5 °F. February would have to be quite cool to surpass this mark, and it looks likely the month will start warm

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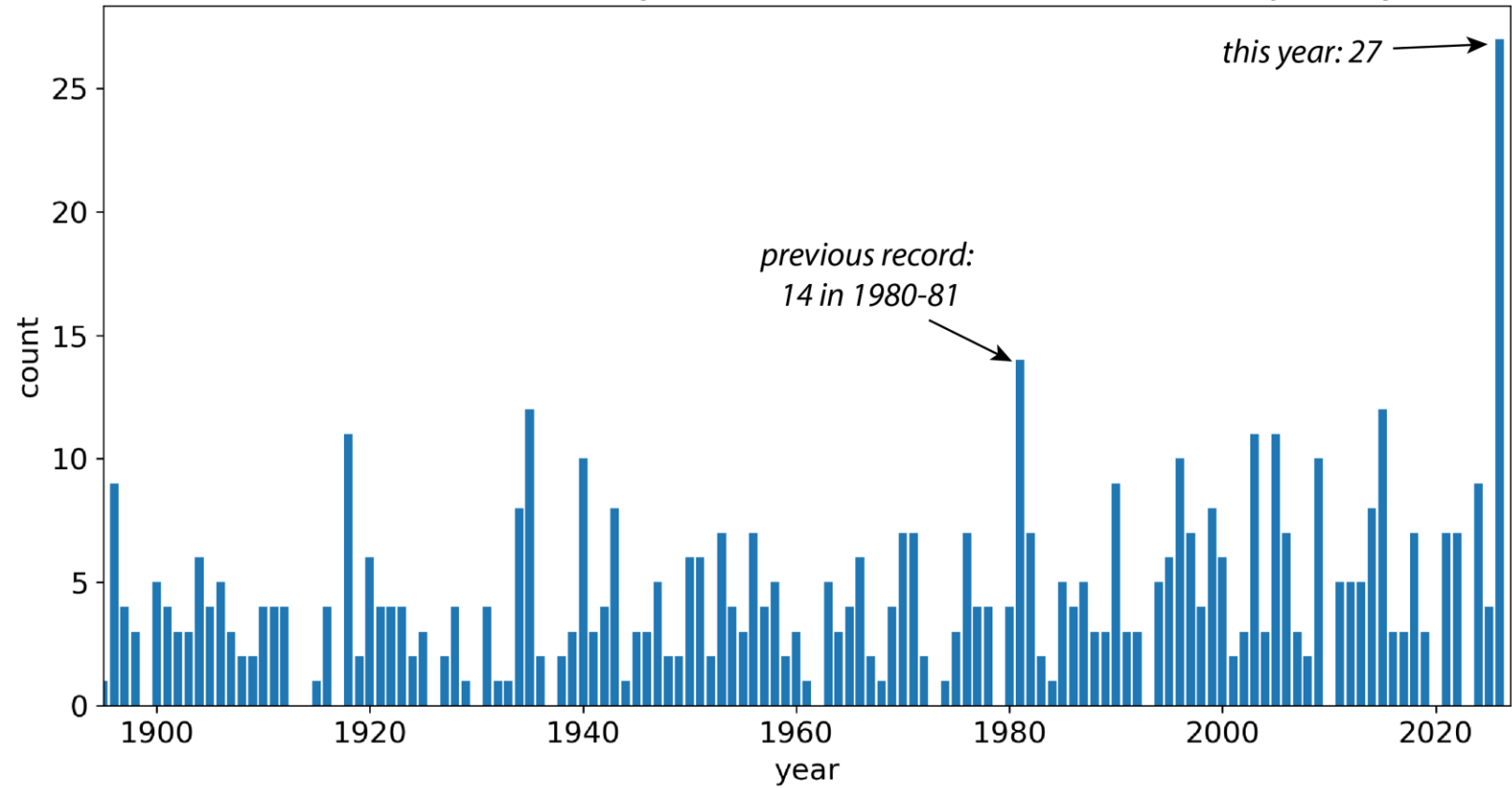
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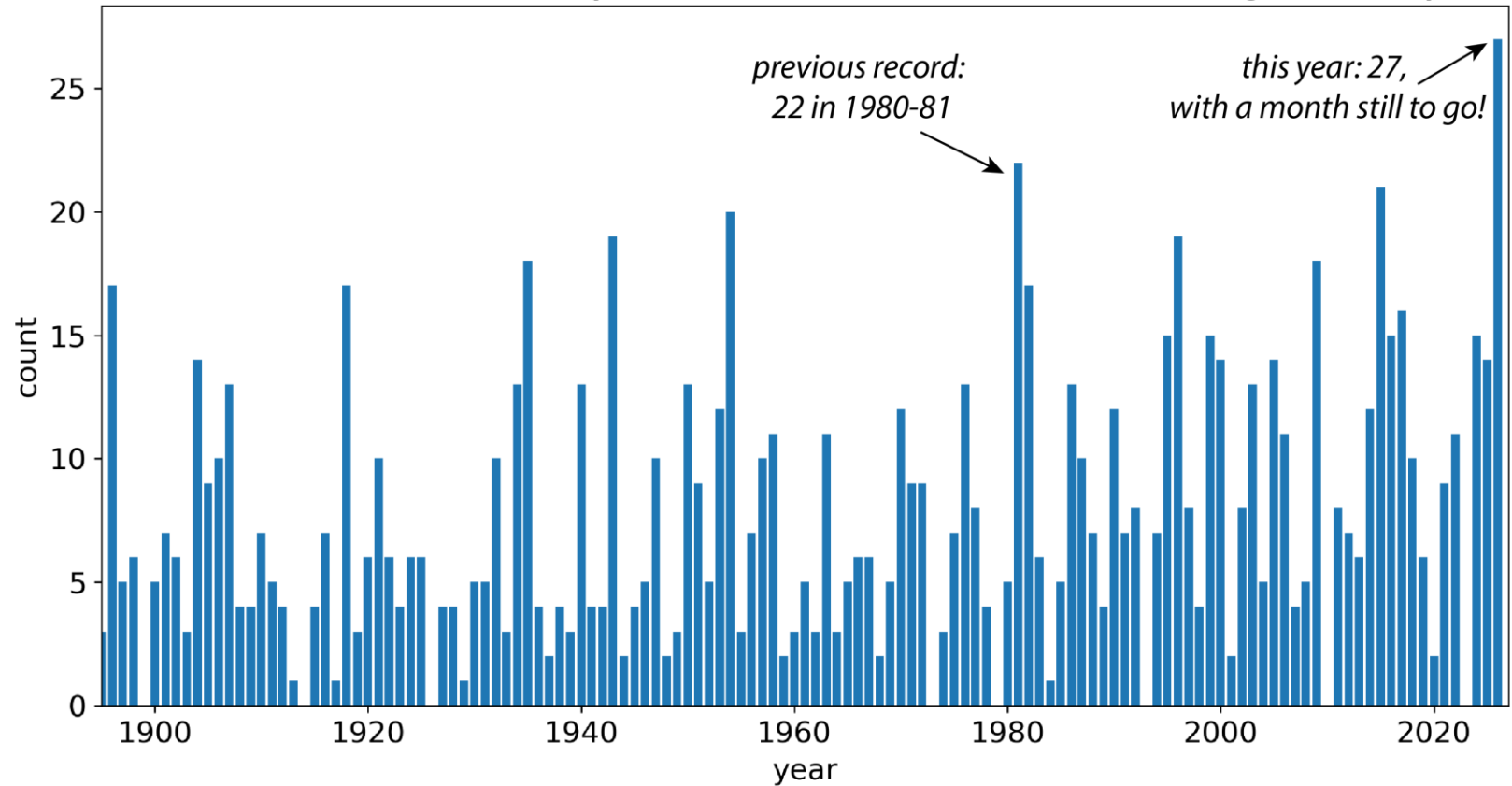
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