



THE POWDER BOUND 125

2026-27 U.S. SKI RESORT SNOWFALL FORECAST

125 Resorts Analyzed | Updated August 2026

Powder Index measures each resort's opportunity to outperform its own historical snowfall.

Resort	State	Powder Index	Confidence	Projected Snowfall vs. Normal	Best Window
49° North	WA	3.6	Med-High	80-98%	Dec-Feb
Alta	UT	5.2	Med-High	95-110%	Jan-Feb
Alyeska	AK	5.3	Medium	95-110%	Jan-Mar
Angel Fire	NM	6.3	Medium	102-120%	Jan-Mar
Arapahoe Basin	CO	5.2	Medium	95-110%	Jan-Mar
Arizona Snowbowl	AZ	8	High	112-135%	Jan-Mar
Aspen Snowmass	CO	5.1	Medium	95-110%	Jan-Mar
Bear Mountain / Snow Summit	CA	6.5	Med-Low	103-122%	Feb-Mar
Bear Valley	CA	5.8	Medium	98-115%	Feb-Mar
Beech Mountain	NC	6.3	Medium	102-120%	Jan-Feb
Beaver Creek	CO	5.2	Medium	95-110%	Jan-Mar
Beaver Mountain	UT	4.6	Medium	90-105%	Feb-Mar
Belleayre	NY	4.9	Medium	90-105%	Jan-Feb
Big Sky	MT	4.5	Medium	90-105%	Dec-Feb
Blue Knob	PA	5.7	Medium	98-115%	Jan-Feb

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Bogus Basin	ID	4.3	Medium	85–102%	Dec–Feb
Bolton Valley	VT	4.4	Medium	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Boyne Mountain	MI	3.8	Med-High	80–98%	Jan–Feb
Bretton Woods	NH	4.3	Medium	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Brian Head	UT	7.5	Med-High	112–135%	Jan–Mar
Breckenridge	CO	5.4	Medium	95–110%	Jan–Mar
Bridger Bowl	MT	3.8	Medium	80–98%	Dec–Feb
Brighton	UT	5.1	Medium	95–110%	Jan–Feb
Brundage	ID	4.1	Medium	85–102%	Dec–Feb
Camelback	PA	4.9	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Feb
Cannon Mountain	NH	4.4	Medium	85–102%	Jan–Feb
China Peak	CA	6.4	Medium	102–120%	Feb–Mar
Copper Mountain	CO	4.9	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Mar
Crested Butte	CO	5	Medium	95–110%	Jan–Mar
Crystal Mountain	WA	4.4	Medium	85–105%	Jan–Mar
Deer Valley	UT	4.9	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Feb
Diamond Peak	NV	5.5	Medium	98–115%	Feb–Mar
Discovery	MT	4.1	Med-Low	85–102%	Dec–Feb
Dodge Ridge	CA	5.7	Medium	98–115%	Feb–Mar
Eaglecrest	AK	4	Medium	85–102%	Jan–Mar
Eldora	CO	4.7	Med-Low	90–105%	Jan–Mar

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Gore Mountain	NY	4.4	Medium	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Grand Targhee	WY	4.6	Med-High	90–105%	Jan–Feb
Heavenly	CA/NV	5.7	Medium	98–115%	Feb–Mar
Holiday Valley	NY	4	Med-High	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Homewood	CA	5.4	Medium	95–110%	Feb–Mar
Hoodoo	OR	3.9	Medium	80–100%	Dec–Feb
Hunter Mountain	NY	4.8	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Feb
Jackson Hole	WY	3.7	Med-High	80–98%	Jan–Feb
Jay Peak	VT	4.6	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Feb
June Mountain	CA	6.5	Medium	103–122%	Feb–Mar
Keystone	CO	5.5	Medium	98–115%	Feb–Mar
Killington	VT	4	High	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Kirkwood	CA	6.2	Medium	102–120%	Feb–Mar
Lookout Pass	ID/MT	3.3	High	75–95%	Dec–Feb
Loon Mountain	NH	4.1	Medium	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Loveland	CO	5.8	Medium	98–115%	Feb–Mar
Lutsen Mountains	MN	4.2	Medium	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Mad River Glen	VT	4.2	Med-High	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Mammoth Mountain	CA	7.2	Med-High	108–130%	Feb–Mar
Mission Ridge	WA	4.3	Medium	85–102%	Dec–Feb
Monarch Mountain	CO	5.1	Medium	95–110%	Jan–Mar

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Mount Baker	WA	3.3	High	75–95%	Jan–Feb
Mount Bachelor	OR	4.5	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Mar
Mount Bohemia	MI	4.4	Medium	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Mount Hood Meadows	OR	4.3	Medium	85–105%	Jan–Mar
Mount Rose	NV	5.8	Medium	98–115%	Feb–Mar
Mount Snow	VT	3.8	Medium	80–98%	Jan–Feb
Mount Spokane	WA	3.2	High	75–95%	Dec–Feb
Mt. Baldy	CA	7.4	Medium	110–132%	Feb–Mar
Nordic Valley	UT	4.5	Med-Low	90–105%	Jan–Feb
Northstar	CA	5.5	Medium	98–115%	Feb–Mar
Okemo	VT	3.9	Medium	80–98%	Jan–Feb
Pajarito	NM	6.1	Med-Low	102–120%	Jan–Mar
Palisades Tahoe	CA	6	Medium	102–120%	Feb–Mar
Park City	UT	4.9	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Feb
Plattekill	NY	5	Med-Low	95–110%	Jan–Feb
Powder Mountain	UT	4.6	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Feb
Powderhorn	CO	4.8	Med-Low	90–105%	Jan–Mar
Purgatory	CO	6	Medium	102–120%	Feb–Mar
Red Lodge	MT	3.9	Medium	80–98%	Dec–Feb
Red River	NM	6.4	Medium	102–120%	Jan–Mar
Saddleback	ME	4.6	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Feb

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Schweitzer	ID	3 	High	75–95%	Dec–Feb
Seven Springs	PA	5.3 	Medium	95–110%	Jan–Feb
Sierra-at-Tahoe	CA	6 	Medium	102–120%	Feb–Mar
Silver Mountain	ID	3.3 	High	75–95%	Dec–Feb
Sipapu	NM	6.1 	Med-Low	102–120%	Jan–Mar
Ski Apache	NM	8.3 	High	115–140%	Jan–Mar
Ski Cooper	CO	4.8 	Low	90–105%	Jan–Mar
Ski Santa Fe	NM	6.5 	Medium	103–122%	Jan–Mar
Smugglers' Notch	VT	4.4 	Medium	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Snow King	WY	3.5 	Medium	80–98%	Jan–Feb
Snow Ridge	NY	4.5 	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Feb
Snow Valley	CA	7.3 	Medium	108–130%	Feb–Mar
Snowbasin	UT	4.7 	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Feb
Snowbird	UT	5.2 	Med-High	95–110%	Jan–Feb
Snowriver	MI	4.4 	Medium	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Snowshoe	WV	6.3 	Med-High	102–120%	Jan–Feb
Solitude	UT	5.1 	Medium	95–110%	Jan–Feb
Steamboat	CO	4.8 	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Mar
Stevens Pass	WA	3.5 	Med-High	80–98%	Jan–Feb
Stowe	VT	4.3 	Med-High	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Stratton	VT	3.8 	Medium	80–98%	Jan–Feb

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Sugar Bowl	CA	6.1 	Medium	102–120%	Feb–Mar
Sugar Mountain	NC	6.1 	Medium	102–120%	Jan–Feb
Sugarbush	VT	4.1 	Med-High	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Sugarloaf	ME	4.5 	Med-High	90–105%	Jan–Feb
Summit at Snoqualmie	WA	3.8 	Medium	80–100%	Jan–Feb
Sun Valley	ID	5.3 	Medium	95–110%	Dec–Feb
Sundance	UT	5 	Medium	95–110%	Jan–Feb
Sunday River	ME	4.2 	Med-High	85–102%	Jan–Feb
Sunlight	CO	4.8 	Med-Low	90–105%	Jan–Mar
Sunrise Park	AZ	7.1 	Medium	108–130%	Jan–Mar
Tamarack	ID	4 	Medium	85–102%	Dec–Feb
Taos Ski Valley	NM	6.6 	Medium	105–125%	Jan–Mar
Telluride	CO	6 	Medium	102–120%	Feb–Mar
Terry Peak	SD	4.3 	Med-Low	85–102%	Jan–Feb
The Highlands	MI	4.2 	Med-High	80–100%	Jan–Feb
Timberline Lodge	OR	4.4 	Medium	85–105%	Jan–Mar
Timberline Mountain	WV	6.7 	Medium	105–125%	Jan–Feb
Vail	CO	5.3 	Medium	95–110%	Jan–Mar
Waterville Valley	NH	4.1 	Medium	85–102%	Jan–Feb
White Pass	WA	4.3 	Medium	85–105%	Jan–Mar
Whiteface	NY	4.1 	Med-High	85–102%	Jan–Feb

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Whitefish	MT	3.3	High	75–95%	Dec–Feb
Wildcat	NH	4.6	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Feb
Windham	NY	4.8	Medium	90–105%	Jan–Feb
Winter Park	CO	5.6	Medium	98–115%	Feb–Mar
Wolf Creek	CO	6.1	Medium	102–120%	Feb–Mar

METHODOLOGY & FORECAST NOTES

Powder Index: A proprietary 1–10 scoring system measuring each resort’s opportunity to outperform its own historical snowfall during the 2026–27 season. Scores reflect projected snowfall relative to normal, confidence in the seasonal signal, historical El Niño performance, regional storm-track tendencies, elevation and snow-level vulnerability, and model agreement.

Confidence: Indicates the strength and consistency of the forecast signal supporting each Powder Index score. High confidence reflects stronger agreement among seasonal models, historical analogs, and regional climate signals; lower confidence indicates greater uncertainty or conflicting signals.

Projected Snowfall vs. Normal: Represents the forecast range for total seasonal snowfall as a percentage of each resort’s historical normal. For example, 110–130% indicates a season projected to finish approximately 10–30% above that resort’s typical snowfall.

Best Window: Identifies the portion of the 2026–27 season when the forecast pattern is most likely to favor each resort. It is not a guarantee of snowfall during specific dates, but rather the period with the strongest seasonal opportunity based on our analysis.

Forecast Disclaimer: This report is a seasonal outlook, not a guarantee of snowfall or ski conditions. Weather patterns can change significantly throughout the season, and individual storms, temperature fluctuations, terrain, operations, and other factors may produce outcomes that differ from these projections. Powder Bound Tours assumes no responsibility for travel decisions or conditions experienced at any resort.

Research Basis: Powder Bound Tours analysis incorporating NOAA Climate Prediction Center guidance, National Weather Service climate data, North American and international seasonal model guidance, historical El Niño analog winters, resort snowfall histories, elevation and snow-level sensitivity, and regional storm-track tendencies. Farmers’ Almanac outlooks were reviewed as supplemental context only and were not weighted equivalently to atmospheric modeling.