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Snow flurries fall Wednesday over Dallas-Fort Worth as wind chills drop to negatives

Much of North Texas is currently under an extreme cold warning.

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Dallas-Fort Worth had air temperatures drop into the teens with wind chills in the negatives, according to the National Weather Service. (Elias Valverde II / Staff Photographer)



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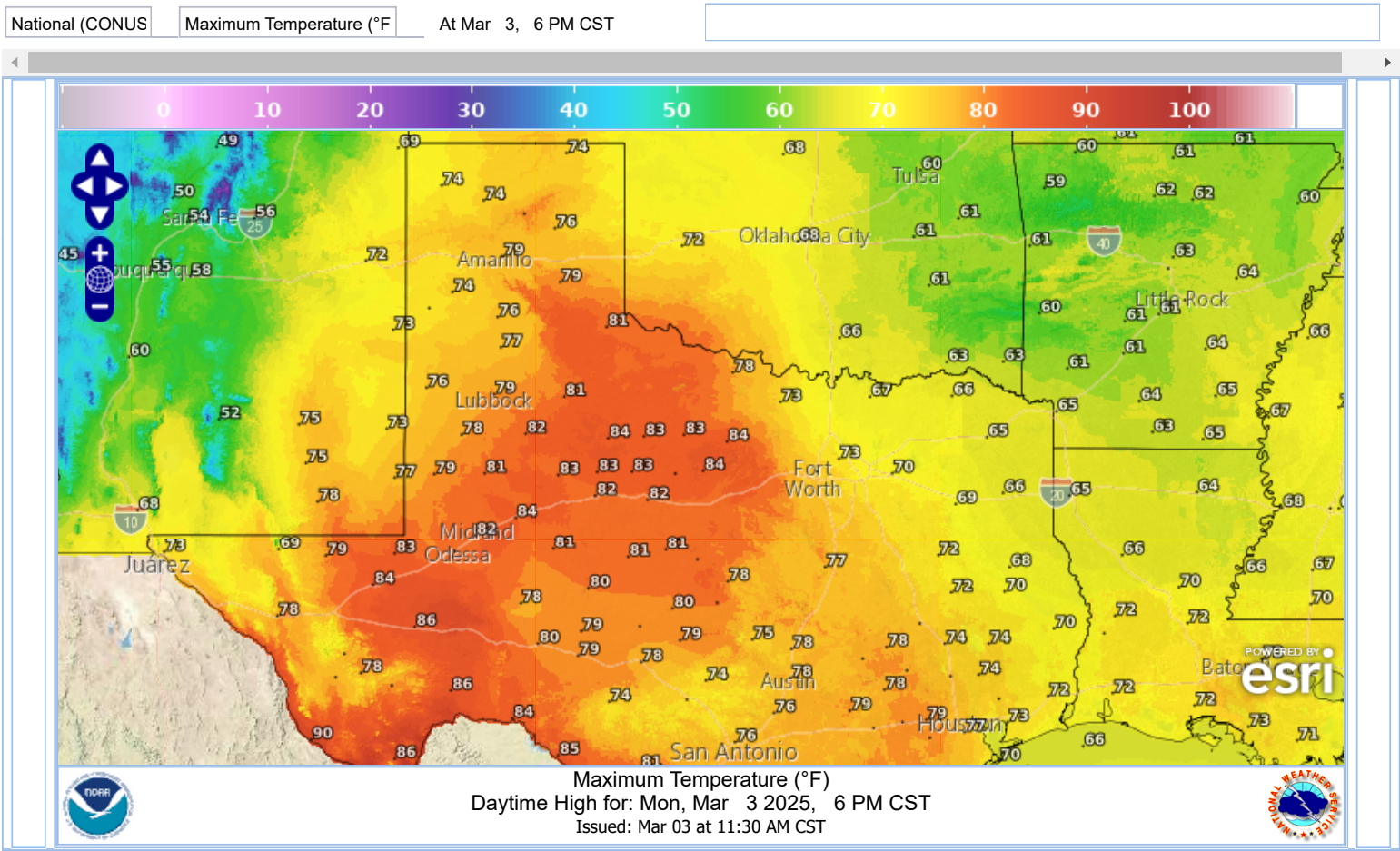
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North Texas was experiencing the coldest wind chills of the season Wednesday morning as snow flurries fell over the region.

Dallas-Fort Worth had air temperatures drop into the teens with wind chills in the negatives, according to the National Weather Service. Some areas north and west from the metroplex had these values dip to minus 12 degrees thanks to the arctic blast.

Light snow began around 2 a.m. at DFW International Airport and continued falling throughout the morning. The wind chill dropped to minus 8 degrees about 6:40 a.m. with the actual temperature reported as 12, according to the weather service.

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The coldest temperature Wednesday at Dallas Love Field Airport was 14 degrees with a wind chill of minus 7 shortly before 7 a.m., data show. There was some light freezing rain and mist in the area overnight, which transitioned into light snow by about 2 a.m.

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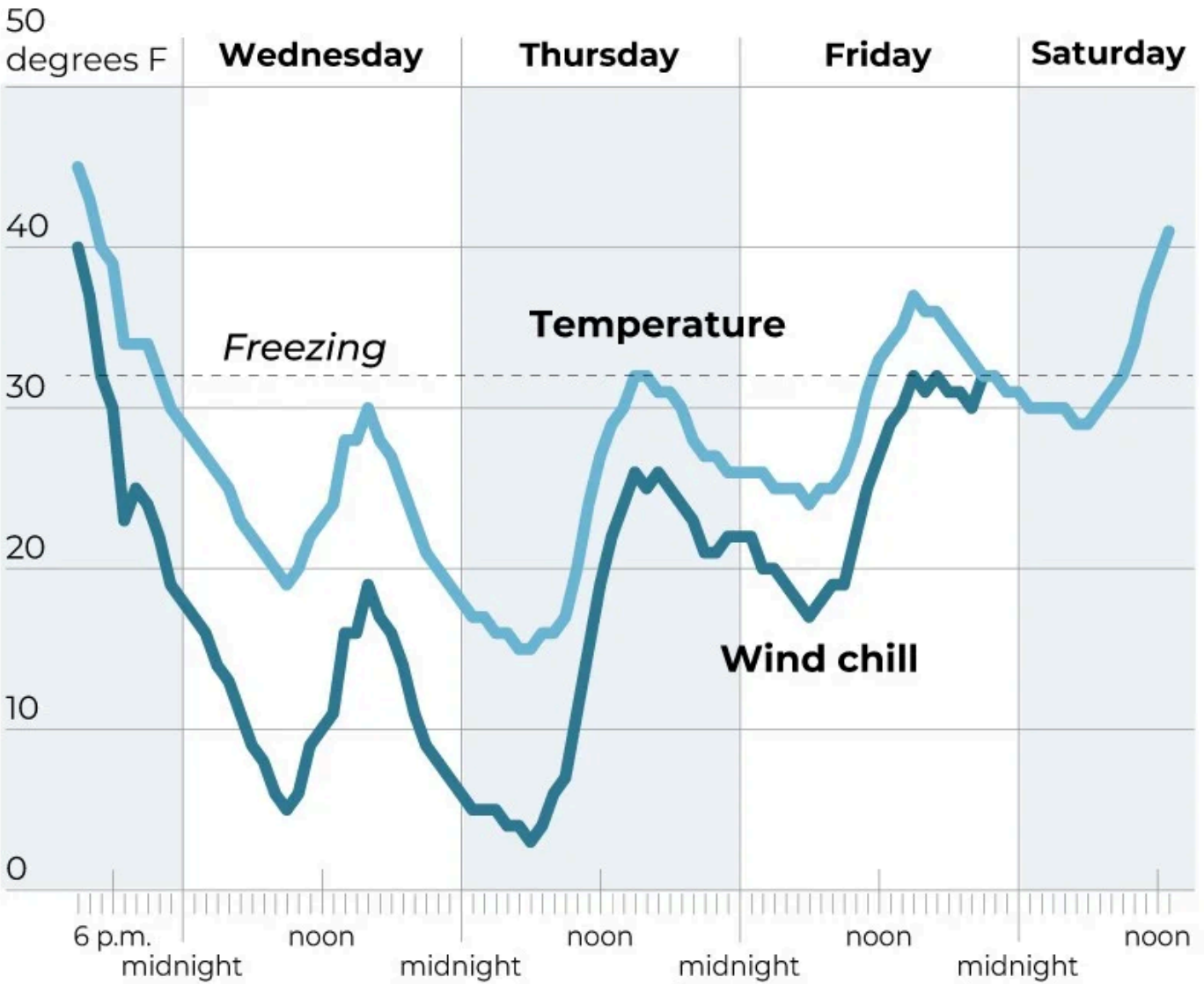
Only trace amounts of the wintry precipitation was accumulating, the weather service data showed.

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Hourly forecast through midday Saturday

Dallas temperatures will stay near or below freezing until Friday afternoon, with wind chills dropping into single digits.



SOURCE: National Weather Service

Laurie Joseph/Staff Artist

“Take it slow on North Texas roads this morning where slick spots mainly on bridges are possible,” a 6 a.m. weather service advisory warned. “Snow flurries will continue across parts of North Texas for a few more hours. Areas downwind of lakes are picking up a light dusting due to lake-effect snow enhancement!”

The dangerously cold weather will linger into Thursday morning. As a result, much of the region is under an extreme cold warning until Thursday at 9 a.m.

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But big local school districts, such as Dallas, Arlington and Fort Worth, will remain open Wednesday. Though Dallas schools also [cancelled all athletics outdoor activities and events](#) through Thursday due to the inclement weather.

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The bitter cold is expected remain through Friday morning with the high temperature forecast to rise slightly above freezing in the D-FW by that afternoon. The region will warm up over the weekend.

Before the arrival of the arctic blast, ERCOT issued [a weather watch](#) for Wednesday through Friday due to the extreme temperatures, the expected higher demand for electricity and the potential for lower reserves. Though the electric grid operator has not yet called for energy conservation as of Wednesday morning.

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Gov. Greg Abbott has also [urged Texans earlier this week](#) to prepare for what he said “may be the coldest event ever marked in history in the state of Texas” for some areas. Still, he expressed confidence that the grid is up to the task.

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