

# Climatography of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: RUMFORD 1 SSE, ME

COOP ID: 177325

Climate Division: ME 2

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 630 Feet

Lat: 44° 32N

Lon: 70° 32W

## Temperature (°F)

Mean (1)				Extremes										Degree Days (1) Base Temp 65		Mean Number of Days (3)					
Month	Daily Max	Daily Min	Mean	Highest Daily(2)	Year	Day	Highest Month(1) Mean	Year	Lowest Daily(2)	Year	Day	Lowest Month(1) Mean	Year	Heating	Cooling	Max >= 100	Max >= 90	Max >= 50	Max <= 32	Min <= 32	Min <= 0
Jan	27.1	7.0	17.1	61+	1950	5	25.0	1990	-36	1994	20	8.0	1994	1488	0	.0	.0	.6	20.2	30.4	10.3
Feb	31.0	9.6	20.3	61	1989	1	30.4	1981	-34	1962	2	13.3	1979	1252	0	.0	.0	1.1	15.1	27.2	7.5
Mar	40.1	20.3	30.2	81	1998	31	36.2	1977	-23	1972	10	24.0	1984	1079	0	.0	.0	5.8	6.3	27.1	1.8
Apr	52.2	32.3	42.3	90	1990	27	47.0	1986	-1	1964	1	36.5	1972	682	0	.0	@	17.0	.4	15.9	.0
May	66.2	43.0	54.6	96	1977	22	60.6	1998	23+	1956	25	48.1	1974	330	7	.0	.6	29.0	.0	2.4	.0
Jun	74.5	52.1	63.3	98+	1995	19	67.3	1999	31	1958	7	59.4	1982	96	44	.0	1.2	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	79.3	57.1	68.2	98	1977	20	72.0	1994	38+	1962	3	62.8	1992	26	125	.0	1.9	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	77.4	55.8	66.6	100	1975	2	70.1	1995	34	1965	31	63.8	1982	40	88	@	1.2	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	68.9	47.1	58.0	92	1999	3	64.0	1999	25	1980	29	54.7	1978	218	8	.0	.2	29.7	.0	.7	.0
Oct	57.3	36.8	47.1	86	1963	7	52.1	1971	15	1959	22	42.2	1974	558	0	.0	.0	24.2	.0	10.3	.0
Nov	43.7	28.3	36.0	75	1950	2	40.6	1979	-2	1989	24	31.4	1986	870	0	.0	.0	7.6	2.9	21.4	@
Dec	31.8	14.6	23.2	67	1998	7	30.0	1998	-29	1951	17	7.4	1989	1296	0	.0	.0	1.2	15.5	29.6	4.5
Ann	54.1	33.7	43.9	100	Aug 1975	2	72.0	Jul 1994	-36	Jan 1994	20	7.4	Dec 1989	7935	272	@	5.1	208.2	60.4	165.0	24.1

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Precipitation (inches)																								
	Precipitation Totals									Mean Number of Days (3)				Precipitation Probabilities (1) Probability that the monthly/annual precipitation will be equal to or less than the indicated amount										
	Means/ Medians(1)		Extremes							Daily Precipitation				Monthly/Annual Precipitation vs Probability Levels These values were determined from the incomplete gamma distribution										
Month	Mean	Med-ian	Highest Daily(2)	Year	Day	Highest Monthly(1)	Year	Lowest Monthly(1)	Year	>= 0.01	>= 0.10	>= 0.50	>= 1.00	.05	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90	.95
Jan	3.39	3.18	3.27	1978	9	8.43	1978	.31	1981	9.1	6.2	2.5	.8	.74	1.05	1.55	2.00	2.45	2.93	3.47	4.11	4.96	6.32	7.60
Feb	2.31	2.17	2.51	1951	7	5.44	1981	.14	1987	6.9	4.7	1.7	.5	.57	.79	1.12	1.42	1.72	2.03	2.38	2.79	3.34	4.20	5.00
Mar	3.71	3.49	4.42	1987	31	7.23	1999	.95	1988	9.2	6.3	2.3	1.0	1.27	1.62	2.14	2.57	2.98	3.40	3.87	4.41	5.10	6.18	7.16
Apr	3.82	3.61	2.59	1980	10	7.82	1983	.56	1999	10.8	7.3	2.4	1.0	1.40	1.75	2.27	2.70	3.12	3.54	4.00	4.53	5.21	6.26	7.22
May	3.94	3.61	2.67	1989	11	9.93	1989	.37	1992	12.0	7.9	2.5	.9	.85	1.21	1.79	2.31	2.84	3.40	4.03	4.79	5.79	7.38	8.89
Jun	4.38	3.91	3.89	1998	14	15.34	1998	1.64	1979	12.0	8.5	2.8	1.0	1.60	2.01	2.60	3.10	3.57	4.05	4.58	5.19	5.97	7.17	8.27
Jul	3.88	3.82	2.64	1995	17	8.55	1996	1.15	1989	11.3	7.8	2.5	1.0	1.41	1.77	2.30	2.74	3.16	3.59	4.05	4.60	5.29	6.36	7.34
Aug	4.25	4.27	3.47	1989	5	10.75	1991	.89	1996	10.5	7.0	2.9	1.2	1.44	1.84	2.43	2.93	3.40	3.90	4.43	5.06	5.86	7.10	8.25
Sep	3.64	3.17	4.27	1960	12	10.91	1999	.43	1978	9.8	6.0	2.3	1.0	.94	1.29	1.81	2.28	2.74	3.22	3.76	4.39	5.22	6.53	7.75
Oct	3.98	3.77	3.40	1959	24	8.47	1990	.80	1994	10.4	6.4	2.4	1.0	1.24	1.62	2.18	2.66	3.13	3.61	4.14	4.77	5.57	6.83	7.99
Nov	4.24	3.86	3.69	1950	26	10.22	1983	1.58	1976	9.9	6.7	2.9	1.1	1.92	2.30	2.82	3.24	3.63	4.02	4.44	4.93	5.53	6.45	7.28
Dec	3.37	2.72	3.85	1969	27	12.66	1973	.74	1998	9.3	6.4	1.9	.6	.78	1.09	1.58	2.02	2.47	2.93	3.46	4.08	4.91	6.22	7.45
Ann	44.91	43.85	4.42	Mar 1987	31	15.34	Jun 1998	.14	Feb 1987	121.2	81.2	29.1	11.1	34.19	36.31	39.01	41.04	42.82	44.54	46.30	48.23	50.57	53.92	56.80

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\*\* Statistics not computed because less than six years out of thirty had measurable precipitation

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Snow (inches)																							
Snow Totals															Mean Number of Days (1)								
Means/Medians (1)					Extremes (2)										Snow Fall >= Thresholds					Snow Depth >= Thresholds			
Month	Snow Fall Mean	Snow Fall Median	Snow Depth Mean	Snow Depth Median	Highest Daily Snow Fall	Year	Day	Highest Monthly Snow Fall	Year	Highest Daily Snow Depth	Year	Day	Highest Monthly Mean Snow Depth	Year	0.1	1.0	3.0	5.0	10.0	1	3	5	10
Jan	23.3	22.0	14	13	14.0	1977	10	53.0	1979	44	1987	31	36	1971	6.8	6.1	3.1	1.9	.5	27.2	24.4	19.8	12.4
Feb	15.9	13.8	18	18	22.0	1978	7	38.0	1972	46	1978	8	40	1987	4.7	4.2	2.2	1.3	.1	26.1	24.0	22.7	18.2
Mar	14.3	14.5	13	11	16.7	1984	14	30.0	1971	49	1971	12	37	1971	4.3	4.1	1.8	1.1	.2	27.3	22.3	19.1	13.9
Apr	6.7	4.0	2	1	19.0	1975	3	22.0	1972	28	1975	5	11	1975	1.9	1.7	.9	.6	.1	7.5	4.5	3.4	1.8
May	#	.0	#	0	#	1978	1	#+	1978	#	1978	1	#	1978	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Jun	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	.2	.0	#	0	4.0	1979	9	5.0	1979	1+	2000	29	#+	2000	.2	.1	@	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
Nov	6.2	5.5	1	#	13.0	1980	18	19.2	1971	13	1980	18	2	1995	2.2	1.9	.6	.5	.1	5.3	2.8	1.6	.2
Dec	17.8	15.2	6	4	14.0	1991	18	50.0	1972	35	1972	31	21	1972	5.9	5.2	2.4	1.3	.4	21.0	15.2	12.1	4.4
Ann	84.4	75.0	N/A	N/A	22.0	Feb 1978	7	53.0	Jan 1979	49	Mar 1971	12	40	Feb 1987	26.0	23.3	11.0	6.7	1.4	114.5	93.2	78.7	50.9

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-9/-9.9 represents missing values

Annual statistics for Mean/Median snow depths are not appropriate

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Freeze Data									
Spring Freeze Dates (Month/Day)									
Temp (F)	Probability of later date in spring (thru Jul 31) than indicated(*)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	6/05	6/01	5/28	5/25	5/22	5/20	5/17	5/13	5/08
32	5/21	5/17	5/14	5/12	5/10	5/07	5/05	5/02	4/28
28	5/03	4/29	4/26	4/24	4/21	4/19	4/17	4/14	4/10
24	4/22	4/18	4/15	4/12	4/09	4/07	4/04	4/01	3/28
20	4/15	4/10	4/07	4/04	4/02	3/30	3/27	3/24	3/19
16	4/11	4/06	4/02	3/30	3/27	3/24	3/20	3/17	3/11
Fall Freeze Dates (Month/Day)									
Temp (F)	Probability of earlier date in fall (beginning Aug 1) than indicated(*)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	9/13	9/16	9/19	9/21	9/23	9/25	9/28	9/30	10/04
32	9/23	9/27	9/29	10/02	10/04	10/06	10/08	10/11	10/14
28	10/02	10/06	10/10	10/12	10/15	10/17	10/20	10/23	10/28
24	10/11	10/17	10/22	10/26	10/29	11/02	11/06	11/10	11/17
20	10/29	11/04	11/08	11/11	11/15	11/18	11/21	11/25	12/01
16	11/10	11/15	11/19	11/22	11/25	11/28	12/01	12/04	12/09
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	139	134	130	126	123	120	117	113	107
32	164	158	154	150	146	143	139	135	129
28	195	188	183	179	176	172	168	163	157
24	223	216	211	206	202	198	194	189	182
20	248	241	235	231	226	222	217	212	205
16	268	259	253	247	242	237	232	226	217

\* Probability of observing a temperature as cold, or colder, later in the spring or earlier in the fall than the indicated date.

**0/00** Indicates that the probability of occurrence of threshold temperature is less than the indicated probability.

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**Degree Days to Selected Base Temperatures (°F)**

<b>Base</b>	<b>Heating Degree Days (1)</b>												
<b>Below</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Ann</b>
<b>65</b>	1488	1252	1079	682	330	96	26	40	218	558	870	1296	7935
<b>60</b>	1333	1112	924	532	200	30	3	6	105	405	720	1141	6511
<b>57</b>	1240	1028	831	443	137	11	0	1	59	317	630	1048	5745
<b>55</b>	1178	972	769	385	102	5	0	0	37	262	570	986	5266
<b>50</b>	1023	832	614	248	40	0	0	0	8	143	420	831	4159
<b>32</b>	478	344	149	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	336	1360

<b>Base</b>	<b>Cooling Degree Days (1)</b>												
<b>Above</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Ann</b>
<b>32</b>	13	16	93	316	700	938	1122	1071	780	466	165	63	5743
<b>55</b>	0	0	0	3	89	253	409	358	127	14	0	0	1253
<b>57</b>	0	0	0	1	62	199	347	297	89	7	0	0	1002
<b>60</b>	0	0	0	0	32	128	257	209	45	2	0	0	673
<b>65</b>	0	0	0	0	7	44	125	88	8	0	0	0	272
<b>70</b>	0	0	0	0	0	8	41	21	0	0	0	0	70

**Growing Degree Units (2)**

<b>Base</b>	<b>Growing Degree Units (Monthly)</b>												<b>Growing Degree Units (Accumulated Monthly)</b>											
	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
<b>40</b>	0	0	20	134	465	708	890	840	549	238	51	2	0	0	20	154	619	1327	2217	3057	3606	3844	3895	3897
<b>45</b>	0	0	5	62	318	558	735	685	399	128	18	0	0	0	5	67	385	943	1678	2363	2762	2890	2908	2908
<b>50</b>	0	0	1	23	185	410	580	530	257	55	5	0	0	0	1	24	209	619	1199	1729	1986	2041	2046	2046
<b>55</b>	0	0	0	9	92	270	425	379	142	18	0	0	0	0	0	9	101	371	796	1175	1317	1335	1335	1335
<b>60</b>	0	0	0	0	34	149	274	231	64	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	183	457	688	752	754	754	754
<b>Base</b>	<b>Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)</b>												<b>Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)</b>											
<b>50/86</b>	0	0	16	88	277	435	577	536	324	136	30	1	0	0	16	104	381	816	1393	1929	2253	2389	2419	2420

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**Note:** For corn, temperatures below 50 are set to 50, and temperatures above 86 are set to 86

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## Notes

- a. The monthly means are simple arithmetic averages computed by summing the monthly values for the period 1971-2000 and dividing by thirty. Prior to averaging, the data are adjusted if necessary to compensate for data quality issues, station moves or changes in station reporting practices. Missing months are replaced by estimates based on neighboring stations.
- b. The median is defined as the middle value in an ordered set of values. The median is being provided for the snow and precipitation elements because the mean can be a misleading value for precipitation normals.
- c. Only observed validated values were used to select the extreme daily values.
- d. Extreme monthly temperature/precipitation means were selected from the monthly normals data.  
Monthly snow extremes were calculated from daily values quality controlled to be consistent with the Snow Climatology.
- e. Degree Days were derived using the same techniques as the 1971-2000 normals.  
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[www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/normal/usnormals.html](http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/normal/usnormals.html)
- f. Mean "number of days statistics" for temperature and precipitation were calculated from a serially complete daily data set.  
Documentation of the serially complete data set is available from the link below:
- g. Snowfall and snow depth statistics were derived from the Snow Climatology.  
Documentation for the Snow Climatology project is available from the link under references.

## Data Sources for Tables

Several different data sources were used to create the Clim20 climate summaries. In some cases the daily extremes appear inconsistent with the monthly extremes and or the mean number of days statistics. For example, a high daily extreme value may not be reflected in the highest monthly value or the mean number of days threshold that is less than and equal to the extreme value. Some of these difference are caused by different periods of record. Daily extremes are derived from the station's entire period of record while the serial data and normals data were for the 1971-2000 period. Therefore extremes observed before 1971 would not be included in the 1971-2000 normals or the 1971-2000 serial daily data set. Inconsistencies can also occur when monthly values are adjusted to reflect the current observing conditions or were replaced during the 1971-2000 Monthly Normals processing and are not reconciled with the Summary of the Day data.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Temperature/ Precipitation Tables<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 1971-2000 Monthly Normals</li><li>2. Cooperative Summary of the Day</li><li>3. National Weather Service station records</li><li>4. 1971-2000 serially complete daily data</li></ol></li><li>b. Degree Day Table<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Monthly and Annual Heating and Cooling Degree Days Normals to Selected Bases derived from 1971-2000 Monthly Normals</li><li>2. Daily Normal Growing Degree Units to Selected Base Temperatures derived from 1971-2000 serially complete daily data</li></ol></li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>c. Snow Tables<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Snow Climatology</li><li>2. Cooperative Summary of the Day</li></ol></li><li>d. Freeze Data Table<br/>1971-2000 serially complete daily data</li></ol> |
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