

# Climatology of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: EDENTON, NC

COOP ID: 312635

Climate Division: NC 8

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## 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	52.6	33.0	42.8	80	1937	25	51.9	1974	-4	1985	21	31.6	1977	688	0	.0	.0	19.1	.7	14.0	@
Feb	55.8	34.4	45.1	83+	1989	3	53.0	1990	5	1996	5	34.4	1978	558	0	.0	.0	19.6	.3	11.9	.0
Mar	63.8	40.7	52.3	90	1945	17	56.9	1976	15+	1943	4	47.7	1978	397	2	.0	.0	28.8	.0	5.1	.0
Apr	72.5	48.5	60.5	94	1985	22	65.0	1994	27	1943	16	56.3	1975	162	26	.0	.4	29.8	.0	.4	.0
May	79.4	57.5	68.5	98+	1996	20	73.0	1991	35	1947	11	63.9	1992	28	135	.0	1.0	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Jun	86.2	65.7	76.0	102+	1933	21	80.4	1981	45+	1967	2	72.2	1992	1	329	.0	7.2	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	89.4	70.4	79.9	105	1942	18	82.4	1993	47	1966	22	77.0	2000	0	462	.0	13.7	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	87.2	68.7	78.0	104	1942	3	81.3	1978	46	1952	25	75.0	1981	0	401	.0	8.9	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	82.2	63.2	72.7	99	1944	4	76.8	1980	40	1943	28	69.6	1981	5	236	.0	1.8	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	73.0	51.6	62.3	95	1941	8	68.0	1985	24	1952	29	57.0	1988	148	64	.0	.1	30.9	.0	.1	.0
Nov	64.8	43.6	54.2	88	1938	6	62.1	1985	16	1933	17	46.7	1976	336	11	.0	.0	28.6	.0	3.4	.0
Dec	56.1	36.2	46.2	80+	2001	1	52.6	1971	6+	1989	25	36.1	1989	586	1	.0	.0	23.3	.2	10.6	.0
Ann	71.9	51.1	61.5	105	Jul 1942	18	82.4	Jul 1993	-4	Jan 1985	21	31.6	Jan 1977	2909	1667	.0	33.1	333.1	1.2	45.5	@

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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	4.16	3.88	3.50	1960	31	9.16	1987	.93	1981	10.2	7.8	2.9	1.0	1.57	1.95	2.51	2.97	3.41	3.86	4.35	4.92	5.64	6.74	7.76
Feb	3.32	2.81	2.20	1998	4	7.89	1998	1.22	1999	8.5	6.6	2.5	.8	1.13	1.44	1.90	2.29	2.66	3.05	3.47	3.96	4.58	5.56	6.45
Mar	4.31	4.16	4.55	1994	2	8.66	1983	.99	2000	9.3	7.3	2.9	1.2	1.56	1.97	2.55	3.04	3.51	3.98	4.50	5.11	5.88	7.07	8.16
Apr	3.24	3.16	5.20	1960	27	6.89	1989	.65	1985	7.8	6.4	2.3	.8	1.13	1.44	1.88	2.25	2.61	2.98	3.38	3.85	4.44	5.37	6.22
May	4.23	4.18	3.65	1977	24	9.83	1984	.91	1991	9.0	7.0	3.0	1.2	1.36	1.77	2.36	2.86	3.35	3.85	4.40	5.05	5.88	7.17	8.36
Jun	4.46	4.44	5.36	1983	21	8.68	1983	.93	1984	8.3	6.5	3.0	1.2	1.56	1.98	2.59	3.11	3.60	4.11	4.66	5.31	6.13	7.40	8.58
Jul	5.17	4.70	6.62	1965	28	9.99	1991	1.91	1988	10.3	8.0	3.8	1.5	1.87	2.36	3.06	3.65	4.21	4.78	5.41	6.13	7.06	8.48	9.79
Aug	5.30	5.07	6.25	1955	12	11.79	1986	1.06	1975	9.3	7.5	3.5	1.7	1.60	2.11	2.86	3.51	4.14	4.79	5.51	6.35	7.45	9.15	10.74
Sep	4.69	4.30	5.70	1985	27	18.87	1999	.21	1978	7.4	6.1	3.1	1.4	.59	.97	1.63	2.29	2.98	3.74	4.64	5.74	7.23	9.67	12.04
Oct	3.64	3.06	5.51	1996	8	10.91	1999	.00	2000	6.4	4.9	2.3	1.2	.35	.78	1.38	1.91	2.45	3.03	3.69	4.49	5.56	7.28	8.93
Nov	2.81	2.69	5.05	1947	3	5.76	1985	.83	1981	7.0	5.0	2.2	.8	.96	1.22	1.61	1.94	2.26	2.58	2.93	3.35	3.88	4.70	5.45
Dec	3.02	3.08	2.40	1941	13	7.14	1973	.37	1985	8.8	6.5	2.3	.7	.66	.94	1.38	1.78	2.18	2.61	3.09	3.67	4.42	5.63	6.77
Ann	48.35	46.75	6.62	Jul 1965	28	18.87	Sep 1999	.00	Oct 2000	102.3	79.6	33.8	13.5	35.84	38.30	41.43	43.79	45.88	47.89	49.96	52.24	54.99	58.97	62.39

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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	.9	.0	#	0	5.0	1973	8	6.8	1980	4	1980	31	#+	1987	.3	.3	.1	@	.0	.1	.1	.0	.0
Feb	1.0	.0	#	0	7.5	1973	10	8.1	1979	4	1978	2	#+	1978	.4	.3	.2	.1	.0	.1	.1	.0	.0
Mar	.1	.0	#	0	2.0	1983	24	2.0	1983	16	1980	3	1	1980	.2	.1	.0	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
Apr	.2	.0	0	0	4.0	1989	11	4.0	1989	0	0	0	0	0	@	@	@	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
May	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.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	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Nov	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Dec	.0	.0	0	0	.3	1973	17	.3	1973	0	0	0	0	0	@	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Ann	2.2	.0	N/A	N/A	7.5	Feb 1973	10	8.1	Feb 1979	16	Mar 1980	3	1	Mar 1980	.9	.7	.3	.1	.0	.3	.2	.0	.0

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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	4/20	4/15	4/12	4/10	4/08	4/05	4/03	3/31	3/26
32	4/09	4/03	3/30	3/27	3/24	3/21	3/17	3/13	3/08
28	3/30	3/24	3/19	3/15	3/12	3/08	3/04	2/27	2/21
24	3/14	3/05	2/27	2/22	2/17	2/12	2/07	2/01	1/23
20	3/03	2/23	2/17	2/12	2/07	2/02	1/28	1/20	0/00
16	2/08	2/01	1/27	1/22	1/16	1/05	0/00	0/00	0/00
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	10/18	10/22	10/25	10/28	10/31	11/03	11/05	11/09	11/13
32	10/30	11/05	11/09	11/13	11/16	11/19	11/23	11/27	12/03
28	11/11	11/17	11/21	11/25	11/29	12/02	12/06	12/11	12/17
24	11/30	12/06	12/10	12/13	12/17	12/20	12/24	12/28	1/03
20	12/14	12/22	12/28	1/02	1/07	1/12	1/18	1/26	0/00
16	12/30	1/08	1/16	1/24	2/03	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	225	218	213	209	206	202	198	193	187
32	260	252	246	241	236	232	227	221	213
28	288	279	272	267	262	256	251	244	235
24	331	321	314	308	302	296	290	283	273
20	>365	>365	353	341	332	325	317	309	299
16	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	364	351	341

\* 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)													
Base	Heating Degree Days (1)												
Below	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
65	688	558	397	162	28	1	0	0	5	148	336	586	2909
60	542	425	257	72	4	0	0	0	1	71	211	442	2025
57	456	347	184	37	1	0	0	0	0	41	152	359	1577
55	401	298	143	22	0	0	0	0	0	26	118	308	1316
50	277	192	66	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	53	199	798
32	30	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	53

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	365	378	628	854	1130	1318	1485	1424	1221	940	665	450	10858
55	23	20	58	186	417	628	772	711	531	253	93	33	3725
57	16	14	37	141	356	568	710	649	471	205	67	22	3256
60	9	7	17	86	266	478	617	556	381	143	37	12	2609
65	0	0	2	26	135	329	462	401	236	64	11	1	1667
70	0	0	0	4	48	189	307	247	110	20	1	0	926

Growing Degree Units (2)																								
Base	Growing Degree Units (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units (Accumulated Monthly)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
40	177	213	410	629	889	1085	1241	1185	997	711	440	242	177	390	800	1429	2318	3403	4644	5829	6826	7537	7977	8219
45	92	122	267	481	734	935	1086	1030	847	556	307	138	92	214	481	962	1696	2631	3717	4747	5594	6150	6457	6595
50	36	62	159	338	579	785	931	875	697	403	190	70	36	98	257	595	1174	1959	2890	3765	4462	4865	5055	5125
55	13	21	78	208	427	635	776	720	547	258	101	29	13	34	112	320	747	1382	2158	2878	3425	3683	3784	3813
60	0	4	34	112	279	485	621	565	397	138	44	4	0	4	38	150	429	914	1535	2100	2497	2635	2679	2683
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	90	124	242	385	585	755	880	841	689	435	252	128	90	214	456	841	1426	2181	3061	3902	4591	5026	5278	5406

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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.  
Complete documentation for the 1971-2000 Normals is available on the internet from:  
[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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