

# Climatology of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: DUNCAN, AZ

COOP ID: 022754

Climate Division: AZ 7

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 3,660 Feet Lat: 32°45N

Lon: 109°07W

## 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	60.0	23.7	41.9	80	1950	21	46.9	1993	-2	1962	11	37.4	1976	718	0	.0	.0	28.1	.0	26.0	.1
Feb	65.0	26.5	45.8	85+	1986	26	52.3	1996	-1	1956	3	40.3	1974	539	0	.0	.0	27.1	.3	21.8	.0
Mar	71.0	31.0	51.0	95	1989	10	56.4	1972	9	1951	4	45.7	1977	434	1	.0	.1	30.8	.0	18.5	.0
Apr	79.3	35.6	57.5	100	2000	27	63.3	2000	13	1973	6	51.3	1983	244	19	@	1.9	29.9	.0	10.9	.0
May	87.7	44.6	66.2	108	2000	29	73.1	2000	22+	1979	11	62.3	1975	74	109	.8	12.4	31.0	.0	1.4	.0
Jun	96.9	53.6	75.3	111+	1994	26	81.2	1994	32	1902	2	71.7	1983	8	316	10.6	27.0	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	97.1	63.3	80.2	110	1989	3	83.8	2000	42+	1987	6	77.0	1976	0	471	10.5	28.6	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	94.4	62.2	78.3	107	2000	3	81.7	1994	39	1903	1	75.4	1990	0	412	3.7	26.6	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	90.1	54.2	72.2	103+	2000	13	76.9	1997	34	1905	30	68.8	1985	11	226	1.0	17.9	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	80.3	41.0	60.7	99+	2000	1	65.0	1988	17	1949	21	56.7	1971	166	32	.0	4.6	31.0	.0	5.3	.0
Nov	68.2	28.5	48.4	87	2001	3	53.5	1995	6	1956	21	44.1	1979	499	0	.0	.0	29.5	.0	21.3	.0
Dec	59.6	22.9	41.3	78	1975	10	45.3	1994	-2	1953	24	37.9	1976	736	0	.0	.0	28.1	.1	26.4	@
Ann	79.1	40.6	59.9	111+	Jun 1994	26	83.8	Jul 2000	-2+	Jan 1962	11	37.4	Jan 1976	3429	1586	26.6	119.1	357.5	.4	131.6	.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	.96	.85	1.50	1905	10	4.09	1993	.00+	1999	5.0	2.8	.5	.1	.00	.04	.17	.31	.47	.66	.88	1.17	1.57	2.25	2.93
Feb	.94	1.03	1.36	1980	14	3.12	1980	.00+	1999	4.5	2.6	.6	.1	.00	.02	.12	.25	.40	.59	.82	1.13	1.56	2.33	3.10
Mar	.62	.34	.94	1994	20	1.73	1983	.00+	1996	4.1	1.8	.2	.0	.00	.02	.10	.18	.28	.41	.56	.75	1.02	1.50	1.97
Apr	.24	.09	.90	1905	1	1.33	1988	.00+	2000	1.5	.7	.1	.0	.00	.00	.00	.00	.02	.08	.16	.26	.42	.70	.98
May	.38	.13	1.30	1992	5	3.62	1992	.00+	2000	1.9	1.1	.2	@	.00	.00	.00	.01	.07	.15	.26	.42	.65	1.08	1.51
Jun	.38	.18	2.43	1987	8	2.59	1987	.00+	1995	2.2	1.1	.1	.1	.00	.00	.00	.03	.09	.17	.28	.44	.66	1.07	1.48
Jul	2.26	1.86	2.04	1987	21	6.10	1977	.20	2000	8.5	5.0	1.3	.5	.50	.70	1.03	1.33	1.63	1.95	2.31	2.74	3.31	4.21	5.06
Aug	2.18	1.80	2.10	1942	9	6.03	1993	.32	1975	8.5	5.2	1.5	.4	.42	.61	.93	1.23	1.53	1.85	2.21	2.65	3.24	4.18	5.07
Sep	1.06	.98	1.90	1901	10	2.73	1975	.00+	2000	4.6	2.5	.6	.1	.00	.14	.34	.51	.68	.86	1.07	1.32	1.66	2.20	2.73
Oct	1.30	.93	1.84	1989	5	4.40	1972	.00+	1999	4.4	2.8	.8	.3	.00	.00	.21	.42	.64	.90	1.22	1.61	2.16	3.08	4.00
Nov	.77	.46	1.40	1994	12	2.71	1994	.00+	1999	2.9	2.0	.5	.1	.00	.03	.13	.24	.37	.52	.70	.94	1.27	1.84	2.41
Dec	1.19	.66	1.83	1994	5	4.76	1991	.00+	1999	4.7	2.7	.7	.1	.00	.00	.07	.26	.49	.75	1.06	1.47	2.03	2.98	3.96
Ann	12.28	12.56	2.43	Jun 1987	8	6.10	Jul 1977	.00+	Sep 2000	52.8	30.3	7.1	1.8	7.56	8.42	9.55	10.43	11.22	12.00	12.81	13.71	14.83	16.47	17.91

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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	.1	.0	#	0	2.0	1979	29	2.0	1979	#	1977	9	#	1977	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Feb	.1	.0	0	0	1.5	1973	22	1.5	1973	0	0	0	0	0	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Mar	#	.0	0	0	#	1985	3	#+	1985	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Apr	.0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	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	#	1973	27	#	1973	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Dec	.3	.0	0	0	4.5	1986	10	4.5	1986	0	0	0	0	0	.1	.1	@	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Ann	.5	.0	N/A	N/A	4.5	Dec 1986	10	4.5	Dec 1986	#	Jan 1977	9	#	Jan 1977	.3	.3	@	.0	.0	.0	.0	.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	6/05	5/29	5/24	5/20	5/16	5/13	5/09	5/04	4/27
32	5/19	5/13	5/09	5/06	5/03	4/30	4/26	4/23	4/17
28	5/11	5/04	4/30	4/25	4/22	4/18	4/14	4/09	4/02
24	4/26	4/18	4/12	4/06	4/02	3/28	3/23	3/16	3/08
20	4/09	3/30	3/23	3/18	3/12	3/07	3/01	2/22	2/13
16	3/24	3/11	3/02	2/22	2/14	2/07	1/30	1/20	1/07
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	10/01	10/06	10/09	10/12	10/15	10/17	10/20	10/23	10/28
32	10/08	10/13	10/16	10/19	10/22	10/24	10/27	10/30	11/04
28	10/12	10/18	10/22	10/25	10/28	10/31	11/04	11/07	11/13
24	10/26	10/30	11/03	11/06	11/09	11/11	11/14	11/18	11/22
20	10/31	11/05	11/09	11/13	11/16	11/19	11/23	11/27	12/02
16	11/13	11/19	11/23	11/27	11/30	12/04	12/07	12/12	12/18
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	172	165	159	155	150	146	142	136	129
32	191	184	179	175	171	167	163	158	151
28	213	205	199	194	189	184	179	173	165
24	250	240	232	226	220	214	208	201	191
20	279	268	261	254	248	242	236	228	217
16	333	315	304	295	286	278	269	258	244

\* 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	718	539	434	244	74	8	0	0	11	166	499	736	3429
60	563	399	286	136	24	1	0	0	1	72	351	581	2414
57	470	317	206	87	10	0	0	0	0	37	266	488	1881
55	408	264	159	61	5	0	0	0	0	22	214	426	1559
50	257	145	70	19	0	0	0	0	0	4	105	273	873
32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	305	385	590	764	1058	1297	1494	1435	1205	889	491	289	10202
55	0	5	36	135	349	607	781	722	515	198	15	0	3363
57	0	2	21	101	292	547	719	660	455	151	7	0	2955
60	0	0	8	60	214	458	626	567	366	93	2	0	2394
65	0	0	1	19	109	316	471	412	226	32	0	0	1586
70	0	0	0	4	42	190	317	259	111	6	0	0	929

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	104	189	354	531	816	1067	1254	1195	973	652	271	96	104	293	647	1178	1994	3061	4315	5510	6483	7135	7406	7502
45	33	84	207	383	661	917	1099	1040	823	499	149	26	33	117	324	707	1368	2285	3384	4424	5247	5746	5895	5921
50	2	21	96	245	506	767	944	885	673	349	57	1	2	23	119	364	870	1637	2581	3466	4139	4488	4545	4546
55	0	0	28	124	352	617	789	730	523	213	11	0	0	0	28	152	504	1121	1910	2640	3163	3376	3387	3387
60	0	0	2	40	209	467	634	575	373	101	0	0	0	0	2	42	251	718	1352	1927	2300	2401	2401	2401
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	167	231	336	441	548	624	772	755	616	471	284	165	167	398	734	1175	1723	2347	3119	3874	4490	4961	5245	5410

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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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