



CLIMATOGRAPHY OF THE UNITED STATES NO. 84, 1971-2000

Daily Normals of Temperature, Precipitation, and Heating and Cooling Degree Days

Station Name: NEEDLES AP EED CALIFORNIA Station Number: 046118

Latitude: 34° 45' 58" (Longitude: -114° 37' 24" Elevation (feet): 887

Climate Division: CA 07 Southeast Desert Basins

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DECEMBER							JANUARY							FEBRUARY						
Date	MAX	MIN	AVG	HDD	CDD	PRCP	Date	MAX	MIN	AVG	HDD	CDD	PRCP	Date	MAX	MIN	AVG	HDD	CDD	PRCP
1	68	45	57	9	*	0.01	1	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	1	68	44	56	9	0	0.03
2	68	45	56	9	*	0.01	2	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	2	68	45	56	9	0	0.03
3	67	45	56	9	*	0.01	3	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	3	69	45	57	8	0	0.03
4	67	45	56	9	*	0.01	4	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	4	69	45	57	8	0	0.03
5	67	44	56	10	*	0.01	5	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	5	69	45	57	8	0	0.03
6	66	44	55	10	0	0.01	6	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	6	69	45	57	8	0	0.03
7	66	44	55	10	0	0.01	7	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	7	70	45	57	8	0	0.02
8	66	44	55	10	0	0.01	8	64	42	53	12	*	0.02	8	70	45	58	8	0	0.02
9	66	44	55	10	0	0.01	9	64	42	53	12	*	0.02	9	70	45	58	7	0	0.02
10	66	43	54	11	0	0.01	10	64	42	53	12	*	0.02	10	70	46	58	7	0	0.02
11	65	43	54	11	0	0.01	11	64	42	53	12	*	0.02	11	70	46	58	7	0	0.02
12	65	43	54	11	0	0.01	12	64	42	53	12	*	0.02	12	71	46	58	7	0	0.02
13	65	43	54	11	0	0.01	13	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	13	71	46	58	7	0	0.02
14	65	43	54	11	0	0.01	14	65	43	54	12	0	0.02	14	71	46	59	7	0	0.02
15	65	43	54	11	0	0.01	15	65	43	54	12	0	0.02	15	71	46	59	7	1	0.02
16	64	43	54	12	0	0.01	16	65	43	54	11	0	0.03	16	72	46	59	6	1	0.02
17	64	43	53	12	0	0.01	17	65	43	54	11	0	0.03	17	72	47	59	6	1	0.02
18	64	42	53	12	0	0.01	18	65	43	54	11	0	0.03	18	72	47	59	6	1	0.02
19	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	19	65	43	54	11	0	0.03	19	72	47	60	6	1	0.02
20	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	20	65	43	54	11	0	0.03	20	72	47	60	6	1	0.02
21	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	21	66	43	54	11	0	0.03	21	73	47	60	6	1	0.02
22	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	22	66	43	55	11	0	0.03	22	73	47	60	6	1	0.02
23	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	23	66	43	55	11	0	0.03	23	73	47	60	6	1	0.02
24	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	24	66	43	55	10	0	0.03	24	73	47	60	6	1	0.02
25	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	25	66	44	55	10	0	0.03	25	74	48	61	6	1	0.02
26	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	26	67	44	55	10	0	0.03	26	74	48	61	6	1	0.02
27	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	27	67	44	55	10	0	0.03	27	74	48	61	6	2	0.02
28	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	28	67	44	55	10	0	0.02	28	74	48	61	5	2	0.03
29	63	42	53	12	0	0.02	29	67	44	56	10	0	0.02							
30	64	42	53	13	0	0.02	30	68	44	56	9	0	0.02							
31	64	42	53	12	0	0.02	31	68	44	56	9	0	0.02							
MTH: 65.0	43.0	54.0		345	5	0.44	MTH: 65.2	42.8	54.0	346	5	0.74	MTH: 71.2	46.2	58.7	192	16	0.63		
WINTER SEASON:								67.1	44.0	55.6	883	26	1.81							
MARCH							APRIL							MAY						
Date	MAX	MIN	AVG	HDD	CDD	PRCP	Date	MAX	MIN	AVG	HDD	CDD	PRCP	Date	MAX	MIN	AVG	HDD	CDD	PRCP
1	74	48	61	6	2	0.02	1	82	53	68	3	5	0.01	1	90	61	76	*	11	0.01
2	75	48	61	6	2	0.02	2	82	54	68	3	6	0.01	2	90	62	76	*	11	0.01
3	75	48	62	5	2	0.02	3	83	54	68	2	6	0.01	3	91	62	76	*	12	0.01
4	75	48	62	5	2	0.02	4	83	54	68	2	6	0.01	4	91	62	77	*	12	0.01
5	75	49	62	5	2	0.03	5	83	54	69	2	6	0.01	5	91	63	77	*	12	0.01
6	75	49	62	5	2	0.03	6	83	54	69	2	6	0.01	6	91	63	77	0	13	0.01
7	76	49	62	5	2	0.03	7	84	55	69	2	6	0.01	7	92	63	77	0	13	0.01
8	76	49	62	5	3	0.02	8	84	55	69	2	6	0.01	8	92	64	78	0	13	0.01
9	76	49	63	5	3	0.02	9	84	55	70	2	6	0.01	9	92	64	78	0	13	0.01
10	76	49	63	5	3	0.02	10	85	55	70	2	7	0.01	10	93	64	78	0	14	0.01
11	77	50	63	5	3	0.02	11	85	56	70	2	7	0.01	11	93	65	79	0	14	0.01
12	77	50	63	5	3	0.02	12	85	56	71	2	7	0.01	12	93	65	79	0	14	0.00
13	77	50	63	5	3	0.02	13	85	56	71	1	7	0.01	13	93	65	79	0	15	0.00
14	77	50	64	5	3	0.02	14	86	56	71	1	7	0.01	14	94	66	80	0	15	0.00
15	77	50	64	5	3	0.02	15	86	57	71	1	8	0.01	15	94	66	80	0	15	0.00
16	78	50	64	5	4	0.02	16	86	57	72	1	8	0.01	16	94	66	80	0	15	0.00
17	78	50	64	5	4	0.02	17	86	57	72	1	8	0.01	17	95	67	81	0	16	0.00
18	78	51	64	4	4	0.02	18	87	57	72	1	8	0.01	18	95	67	81	0	16	0.00
19	78	51	65	4	4	0.02	19	87	58	72	1	8	0.01	19	95	67	81	0	16	0.00
20	79	51	65	4	4	0.02	20	87	58	73	1	9	0.01	20	96	67	82	0	17	0.00
21	79	51	65	4	4	0.02	21	87	58	73	1	9	0.01	21	96	68	82	0	17	0.00
22	79	51	65	4	4	0.02	22	88	59	73	1	9	0.01	22	96	68	82	0	17	0.00
23	79	52	66	4	4	0.02	23	88	59	74	1	9	0.00	23	97	68	83	0	18	0.00
24	80	52	66	4	5	0.02	24	88	59	74	1	9	0.00	24	97	69	83	0	18	0.00
25	80	52	66	4	5	0.02	25	89	59	74	1	10	0.00	25	98	69	83	0	18	0.00
26	80	52	66	4	5	0.02	26	89	60	74	1	10	0.00	26	98	69	84	0	19	0.00
27	81	52	66	3	5	0.02	27	89	60	75	1	10	0.00	27	98	70	84	0	19	0.00
28	81	52	67	3	5	0.02	28	89	60	75	0	10	0.00	28	99	70	84	0	19	0.00
29	81	53	67	3	5	0.02	29	90	61	75	0	11	0.00	29	99	70	85	0	20	0.00
30	81	53	67	3	5	0.02	30	90	61	75	0	11	0.00	30	100	71	85	0	20	0.00
31	82	53	67	3	5	0.02								31	100	71	85	0	20	0.00
MTH: 77.8	50.4	64.1		138	110	0.65	MTH: 86.0	56.9	71.5	41	235	0.22	MTH: 94.6	66.2	80.4	5	482	0.11		
SPRING SEASON:								86.1	57.8	72.0	184	827	0.98							



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Date	MAX	MIN	AVG	HDD	CDD	PRCP	Date	MAX	MIN	AVG	HDD	CDD	PRCP	Date	MAX	MIN	AVG	HDD	CDD	PRCP
1	100	71	86	0	21	0.00	1	108	80	94	0	29	0.00	1	109	84	96	0	31	0.02
2	101	72	86	0	21	0.00	2	108	81	95	0	30	0.00	2	109	84	96	0	31	0.02
3	101	72	86	0	21	0.00	3	109	81	95	0	30	0.00	3	109	83	96	0	31	0.02
4	101	72	87	0	22	0.00	4	109	81	95	0	30	0.00	4	109	83	96	0	31	0.02
5	102	73	87	0	22	0.00	5	109	81	95	0	30	0.01	5	109	83	96	0	31	0.02
6	102	73	88	0	23	0.00	6	109	82	95	0	30	0.01	6	108	83	96	0	31	0.02
7	103	73	88	0	23	0.00	7	109	82	95	0	30	0.01	7	108	83	96	0	31	0.02
8	103	74	88	0	23	0.00	8	109	82	96	0	31	0.01	8	108	83	96	0	31	0.02
9	103	74	89	0	24	0.00	9	109	82	96	0	31	0.01	9	108	83	96	0	30	0.02
10	104	74	89	0	24	0.00	10	109	83	96	0	31	0.01	10	108	83	95	0	30	0.02
11	104	74	89	0	24	0.00	11	109	83	96	0	31	0.01	11	108	83	95	0	30	0.02
12	104	75	89	0	24	0.00	12	109	83	96	0	31	0.01	12	108	82	95	0	30	0.02
13	104	75	90	0	25	0.00	13	109	83	96	0	31	0.01	13	108	82	95	0	30	0.02
14	105	75	90	0	25	0.00	14	109	83	96	0	31	0.01	14	107	82	95	0	30	0.02
15	105	76	90	0	25	0.00	15	109	83	96	0	31	0.01	15	107	82	95	0	30	0.02
16	105	76	91	0	26	0.00	16	109	83	96	0	31	0.01	16	107	82	95	0	30	0.02
17	106	76	91	0	26	0.00	17	109	84	96	0	31	0.01	17	107	82	94	0	29	0.02
18	106	77	91	0	26	0.00	18	110	84	97	0	32	0.01	18	107	81	94	0	29	0.02
19	106	77	91	0	26	0.00	19	110	84	97	0	32	0.01	19	107	81	94	0	29	0.02
20	106	77	92	0	27	0.00	20	110	84	97	0	32	0.01	20	107	81	94	0	29	0.02
21	106	77	92	0	27	0.00	21	110	84	97	0	32	0.01	21	106	81	94	0	29	0.02
22	107	78	92	0	27	0.00	22	110	84	97	0	32	0.01	22	106	81	94	0	29	0.03
23	107	78	93	0	28	0.00	23	109	84	97	0	32	0.01	23	106	81	93	0	28	0.03
24	107	78	93	0	28	0.00	24	109	84	97	0	32	0.01	24	106	80	93	0	28	0.03
25	107	79	93	0	28	0.00	25	109	84	97	0	32	0.01	25	106	80	93	0	28	0.03
26	107	79	93	0	28	0.00	26	109	84	97	0	32	0.01	26	106	80	93	0	28	0.03
27	108	79	93	0	28	0.01	27	109	84	97	0	32	0.02	27	106	80	93	0	28	0.03
28	108	80	94	0	29	0.01	28	109	84	97	0	31	0.02	28	105	80	92	0	27	0.03
29	108	80	94	0	29	0.01	29	109	84	96	0	31	0.02	29	105	79	92	0	27	0.03
30	108	80	94	0	29	0.01	30	109	84	96	0	31	0.02	30	105	79	92	0	27	0.02
MTH:104.8 75.8 90.3 0 759 0.04							MTH:109.1 83.0 96.1 0 963 0.32							MTH:107.1 81.6 94.4 0 910 0.70						
SUMMER SEASON:							107.0 80.1 93.6 0 2632 1.06													
SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER						
Date	MAX	MIN	AVG	HDD	CDD	PRCP	Date	MAX	MIN	AVG	HDD	CDD	PRCP	Date	MAX	MIN	AVG	HDD	CDD	PRCP
1	105	79	92	0	27	0.02	1	96	68	82	0	17	0.01	1	81	55	68	2	5	0.01
2	104	78	91	0	26	0.02	2	95	68	82	0	16	0.01	2	80	55	67	2	5	0.01
3	104	78	91	0	26	0.02	3	95	67	81	0	16	0.01	3	80	54	67	2	4	0.01
4	104	78	91	0	26	0.02	4	94	67	81	0	15	0.01	4	79	54	67	3	4	0.01
5	104	78	91	0	26	0.02	5	94	66	80	0	15	0.01	5	79	53	66	3	4	0.01
6	104	77	90	0	25	0.02	6	93	66	80	0	15	0.01	6	78	53	66	3	4	0.01
7	103	77	90	0	25	0.02	7	93	66	79	0	14	0.01	7	78	53	65	3	3	0.01
8	103	77	90	0	25	0.02	8	93	65	79	0	14	0.01	8	77	52	65	3	3	0.01
9	103	76	90	0	25	0.02	9	92	65	78	0	13	0.01	9	77	52	64	3	3	0.01
10	103	76	89	0	24	0.02	10	92	64	78	0	13	0.01	10	76	52	64	4	3	0.01
11	102	76	89	0	24	0.02	11	91	64	78	0	12	0.01	11	76	51	64	4	2	0.01
12	102	75	89	0	24	0.02	12	91	63	77	0	12	0.01	12	75	51	63	4	2	0.01
13	102	75	89	0	24	0.02	13	90	63	77	0	12	0.01	13	75	50	63	4	2	0.01
14	101	75	88	0	23	0.02	14	90	63	76	0	11	0.01	14	75	50	62	4	2	0.01
15	101	75	88	0	23	0.02	15	89	62	76	0	11	0.01	15	74	50	62	5	2	0.01
16	101	74	88	0	23	0.02	16	89	62	75	0	10	0.01	16	74	49	62	5	1	0.01
17	101	74	87	0	22	0.02	17	88	61	75	0	10	0.01	17	73	49	61	5	1	0.01
18	100	73	87	0	22	0.02	18	88	61	74	0	10	0.01	18	73	49	61	5	1	0.01
19	100	73	87	0	22	0.02	19	88	60	74	0	9	0.01	19	72	49	60	6	1	0.01
20	100	73	86	0	21	0.02	20	87	60	74	0	9	0.01	20	72	48	60	6	1	0.01
21	99	72	86	0	21	0.02	21	87	60	73	1	9	0.01	21	72	48	60	6	1	0.02
22	99	72	86	0	20	0.02	22	86	59	73	1	8	0.01	22	71	48	59	6	1	0.02
23	99	72	85	0	20	0.02	23	86	59	72	1	8	0.01	23	71	47	59	6	1	0.02
24	98	71	85	0	20	0.02	24	85	58	72	1	8	0.01	24	70	47	59	7	0	0.02
25	98	71	84	0	19	0.02	25	85	58	71	1	7	0.01	25	70	47	58	7	0	0.02
26	98	70	84	0	19	0.02	26	84	57	71	1	7	0.01	26	70	47	58	7	0	0.01
27	97	70	84	0	18	0.02	27	84	57	70	1	7	0.01	27	69	46	58	7	0	0.01
28	97	70	83	0	18	0.02	28	83	57	70	1	6	0.01	28	69	46	58	8	0	0.01
29	96	69	83	0	18	0.02	29	82	56	69	2	6	0.01	29	69	46	57	8	0	0.01
30	96	69	82	0	17	0.02	30	82	56	69	2	6	0.01	30	68	46	57	8	0	0.01
MTH:100.8 74.1 87.5 0 673 0.60							MTH: 88.8 61.7 75.3 14 331 0.31							MTH: 74.1 49.9 62.0 146 56 0.35						
AUTUMN SEASON:							87.9 61.9 74.9 160 1060 1.26													
ANNUAL:							87.0 61.0 74.0 1227 4545 5.11													



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PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES													
Probability	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
0.005	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.03
0.010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.23
0.050	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.93
0.100	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.41
0.200	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.09
0.300	0.06	0.11	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.00	3.66
0.400	0.17	0.23	0.18	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.20	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.04	4.20
0.500	0.32	0.36	0.33	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.09	0.34	0.25	0.19	0.21	0.13	4.75
0.600	0.53	0.54	0.52	0.10	0.05	0.00	0.18	0.54	0.41	0.27	0.31	0.27	5.35
0.700	0.82	0.76	0.78	0.20	0.11	0.01	0.32	0.81	0.65	0.38	0.43	0.46	6.04
0.800	1.26	1.09	1.14	0.36	0.20	0.05	0.53	1.20	1.01	0.54	0.61	0.76	6.92
0.900	2.06	1.64	1.77	0.67	0.36	0.14	0.94	1.91	1.68	0.80	0.91	1.31	8.28
0.950	2.89	2.21	2.40	1.01	0.52	0.25	1.38	2.64	2.39	1.06	1.21	1.88	9.52
0.990	4.87	3.52	3.87	1.83	0.92	0.53	2.47	4.37	4.10	1.66	1.88	3.26	12.14
0.995	5.74	4.10	4.51	2.20	1.09	0.66	2.95	5.13	4.86	1.92	2.17	3.87	13.21

PRECIPITATION QUINTILES												
Level	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
0 <	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	0.17	0.23	0.18	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.20	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.04
3	0.18	0.24	0.19	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.05	0.21	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.05
	0.53	0.54	0.52	0.10	0.05	0.00	0.18	0.54	0.41	0.27	0.31	0.27
4	0.54	0.55	0.53	0.11	0.06	0.01	0.19	0.55	0.42	0.28	0.32	0.28
	1.26	1.09	1.14	0.36	0.20	0.05	0.53	1.20	1.01	0.54	0.61	0.76
5	1.27	1.10	1.15	0.37	0.21	0.06	0.54	1.21	1.02	0.55	0.62	0.77
	3.64	3.60	3.19	2.34	0.75	0.48	2.21	3.37	4.72	1.14	1.53	2.60
6 >	3.64	3.60	3.19	2.34	0.75	0.48	2.21	3.37	4.72	1.14	1.53	2.60

Abbreviations:

MAX = Maximum Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit)
MIN = Minimum Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit)
AVG = Average Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit)

NOTES

HDD = Heating Degree Days (base 65)
CDD = Cooling Degree Days (base 65)
PRCP = Precipitation Amount (inches)

MTH = Monthly Means / Totals
SEASON = Seasonal Means / Totals
ANNUAL = Annual Means / Totals

This publication presents daily temperature, precipitation, and heating and cooling degree day normals for stations based on the 1971-2000 record *adjusted* to the present station location. Stations contained in the monthly normals (Climatology of the United States No. 81) are included. Precipitation-only stations have no data in the temperature and degree day fields on Pages 1 and 2. Latitude and longitude values are presented in DD MM SS, where DD=Degrees, MM=Minutes, and SS=Seconds. Small differences between monthly values in this publication and the monthly normals presented in Climatology of the United States No.81 are attributable to smoothing techniques applied to this data set, as described below.

Daily Normals Tables:

The daily values presented in these tables are not simple means of the observed daily values. They are interpolated from the much less variable monthly normals by use of the natural spline function. The procedure involved constructing a cumulative series of monthly sums from the monthly normals. The cumulative series was for a 24-month period (July, August, ..., December, January, ..., December, January, ..., June), so that the interpolating function could adequately fit the end points in the annual series. This process was applied independently to all six elements. No normal values for February 29 are included; in common practice, the normal values for the 28th are used for the 29th in each leap year. Thus, for leap years, the February monthly total degree days or precipitation are calculated by adding the daily value for the 28th to the monthly total. February temperature averages are likewise not adjusted for leap years. For most stations, the monthly heating and cooling degree day normals (base 65 degrees Fahrenheit) are derived from monthly normal temperature using an estimation technique developed by H.C.S. Thom. An asterisk (*) for a daily degree day value indicates a daily normal of less than one degree day, but not equal to zero. Seasonal means / totals correspond to the three months listed immediately above.

Precipitation Probabilities and Quintiles Tables:

The precipitation probabilities are the monthly precipitation totals that correspond to the indicated probability levels. The probability levels are based on the 1971-2000 historical sequential monthly precipitation. The historical precipitation data are the adjusted values from the monthly normals (Climatology of the United States No. 81).

When historical climate data are accumulated and examined, they generally follow a certain pattern called a statistical distribution. While temperature usually follows a Gaussian or bell-shaped distribution, precipitation does not because it is zero-bounded. Precipitation generally follows a Gamma distribution, where most values are near zero with rapidly diminishing higher values. Thus, the Gamma distribution was used to estimate the precipitation values in the probability and quintile tables published above. The probability table shows the amount of precipitation expected at fifteen probability levels (0.005, 0.01, 0.05, 0.10, 0.20, 0.30, 0.40, 0.50, 0.60, 0.70, 0.80, 0.90, 0.95, 0.99, and 0.995) for each month of the year and for the annual total. For example, if 1.77 inches corresponds to the 0.20 probability level, that means that on average, 2 out of 10 years will have 1.77 inches or less of precipitation in that month. It also means that, on average, 8 out of 10 years will have *more than* 1.77 inches of precipitation in that month.

The precipitation quintiles show the expected precipitation values at the five quintile levels for each of the twelve months: 1. First Quintile (0-20%); 2. Second Quintile (20-40%); 3. Third Quintile (40-60%); 4. Fourth Quintile (60-80%); 5. Fifth Quintile (80-100%). For example, if 2.91 and 4.07 inches are the bounds for the second quintile (level 2), then a monthly total precipitation amount for that month falling in the range 2.91 to 4.07 would be classified as a second quintile precipitation amount and that month would be considered relatively dry. The first line (level 0 <) in the table shows the minimum precipitation value derived from the historical record. Quintile level 0 would be used if a future precipitation observation is less than the 1971-2000 value. Level 6 > would be used if the observed value is more than the 1971-2000 maximum.

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