

Climatography of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: VERNAL AP, UT

COOP ID: 429111

Climate Division: UT 6

NWS Call Sign: VEL

Elevation: 5,260 Feet Lat: 40° 26N

Lon: 109° 31W

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	30.0	7.3	18.7	57	1956	7	29.8	1981	-38+	1937	9	2.8	1973	1438	0	.0	.0	.5	17.6	31.0	9.0
Feb	37.2	12.7	25.0	64+	1972	28	34.8	1995	-38	1989	7	11.6+	1984	1121	0	.0	.0	3.4	9.5	28.0	4.2
Mar	51.7	24.3	38.0	76	1971	26	43.8	1986	-12+	1952	23	31.7	1984	837	0	.0	.0	18.2	1.1	27.5	.0
Apr	62.5	31.6	47.1	91	1947	30	53.2	1992	6+	1945	3	42.0	1975	539	0	.0	.0	26.8	.0	16.3	.0
May	72.5	39.8	56.2	93	2000	29	60.3	2000	12	1948	9	50.8	1995	283	8	.0	.2	30.7	.0	4.5	.0
Jun	83.6	47.2	65.4	101+	1971	22	69.8	1977	25+	1943	3	60.1	1975	79	91	.1	7.8	30.0	.0	.3	.0
Jul	89.8	53.2	71.5	103+	1931	25	74.0	1978	33	1928	6	66.4	1993	9	211	.3	18.4	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	87.7	51.5	69.6	102	2000	7	73.2	1983	32+	1932	31	66.0	1987	16	159	.2	12.7	31.0	.0	@	.0
Sep	77.4	42.8	60.1	97	1954	1	64.9	1979	19	1965	18	55.2	1971	177	30	.0	1.7	29.9	.0	2.7	.0
Oct	63.0	32.1	47.6	89	1979	7	52.8	1988	6	1971	30	44.4+	1982	542	0	.0	.0	28.3	.2	16.4	.0
Nov	45.3	20.6	33.0	72+	1937	2	38.1	1995	-16	1953	21	27.0	1971	962	0	.0	.0	10.8	3.2	28.2	.3
Dec	33.0	10.2	21.6	65	1995	1	33.2	1980	-32	1932	14	7.0	1978	1344	0	.0	.0	1.0	13.4	30.9	4.8
Ann	61.1	31.1	46.2	103+	Jul 1931	25	74.0	Jul 1978	-38+	Feb 1989	7	2.8	Jan 1973	7347	499	.6	40.8	241.6	45.0	185.8	18.3

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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	.45	.41	.76	1956	16	1.57	1978	.00	1972	4.6	1.8	@	.0	.02	.05	.12	.18	.25	.33	.43	.55	.72	.99	1.27
Feb	.50	.47	1.11	1937	7	1.16	1998	.00	1972	4.0	2.0	.1	.0	.04	.10	.18	.25	.33	.41	.51	.62	.78	1.02	1.26
Mar	.68	.61	1.24	1979	29	2.07	1979	.00+	1999	4.2	2.2	.2	.1	.00	.06	.17	.27	.39	.51	.66	.84	1.09	1.51	1.91
Apr	.86	.78	.96	1950	15	2.21	1986	.05	1989	5.2	2.5	.5	.0	.11	.18	.30	.42	.54	.69	.85	1.05	1.32	1.77	2.21
May	1.05	.97	1.07	1995	2	2.81	1995	.00	1974	6.4	3.2	.5	@	.11	.23	.40	.56	.71	.88	1.07	1.30	1.60	2.09	2.56
Jun	.66	.51	1.36	1943	1	2.14	1990	.00+	1980	4.2	2.1	.3	.0	.00	.00	.15	.26	.37	.50	.65	.83	1.06	1.46	1.85
Jul	.64	.56	.99	1998	24	2.01	1987	.00+	1978	4.5	1.9	.2	.0	.00	.03	.12	.21	.32	.44	.59	.78	1.05	1.50	1.95
Aug	.74	.72	1.15	1947	22	2.41	1997	.00+	1974	4.5	2.2	.4	.0	.00	.06	.18	.30	.42	.56	.72	.91	1.19	1.64	2.08
Sep	.91	.80	1.30	1938	2	2.86	1997	.00	1979	5.1	2.8	.4	.1	.08	.18	.33	.47	.60	.75	.92	1.13	1.41	1.85	2.28
Oct	1.25	1.01	1.60	1981	11	4.36	1981	.00+	1988	5.1	3.4	.7	.1	.00	.13	.35	.55	.75	.98	1.24	1.55	1.99	2.70	3.39
Nov	.57	.51	1.40	1930	17	1.52	1983	.00+	1979	3.6	1.7	.2	.0	.00	.00	.16	.26	.36	.46	.58	.72	.90	1.20	1.49
Dec	.46	.36	1.19	1949	19	1.42	1971	.00+	1993	3.6	1.7	.1	.0	.00	.00	.08	.17	.25	.34	.45	.58	.76	1.04	1.32
Ann	8.77	9.06	1.60	Oct 1981	11	4.36	Oct 1981	.00+	Mar 1999	55.0	27.5	3.6	.3	5.07	5.73	6.60	7.29	7.91	8.52	9.16	9.88	10.78	12.10	13.27

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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	1.4	-99.9	2	#	7.0	1996	25	7.0	1996	19	1985	22	13	1985	2.6	1.9	.3	.1	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Feb	2.6	2.0	2	0	6.0	1979	21	8.0	1987	16	1985	10	13	1985	2.0	1.5	.4	.1	.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Mar	.7	.0	#	0	5.0	1979	29	5.0	1979	11	1985	4	4	1985	.2	.2	.1	.1	.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	.4	.0	#	0	4.0	1984	17	4.0	1984	2	1991	29	#	1991	.2	.1	@	.0	.0	.3	.0	.0	.0
Nov	.9	.0	#	0	6.0	1984	25	6.5	1984	6	1984	25	#+	1994	.4	.3	.1	.1	.0	.4	.1	.1	.0
Dec	2.8	1.0	1	0	10.0	1984	20	10.0	1984	15	1984	27	15	1984	1.6	1.2	.3	.1	.1	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Ann	8.8	-9.9	N/A	N/A	10.0	Dec 1984	20	10.0	Dec 1984	19	Jan 1985	22	15	Dec 1984	7.0	5.2	1.2	.5	.1	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9

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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	6/19	6/14	6/11	6/08	6/05	6/02	5/29	5/26	5/21
32	6/14	6/07	6/02	5/29	5/25	5/21	5/17	5/12	5/06
28	5/25	5/20	5/16	5/12	5/09	5/05	5/02	4/28	4/22
24	5/10	5/04	4/29	4/26	4/22	4/19	4/15	4/10	4/04
20	4/23	4/17	4/13	4/09	4/06	4/03	3/31	3/27	3/21
16	4/11	4/04	3/30	3/25	3/21	3/17	3/13	3/07	2/28
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	8/30	9/04	9/08	9/12	9/15	9/18	9/21	9/25	10/01
32	9/12	9/16	9/18	9/21	9/23	9/25	9/28	10/01	10/05
28	9/19	9/23	9/27	9/30	10/03	10/06	10/09	10/12	10/17
24	10/02	10/08	10/12	10/15	10/18	10/21	10/25	10/29	11/03
20	10/17	10/21	10/25	10/27	10/30	11/02	11/04	11/07	11/12
16	10/24	10/28	11/01	11/03	11/06	11/08	11/11	11/14	11/19
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	125	117	111	106	102	97	92	86	78
32	141	134	129	124	120	116	112	107	100
28	169	161	155	151	146	142	137	132	124
24	207	197	190	184	178	173	167	160	150
20	229	221	216	211	206	201	196	191	183
16	256	247	240	234	229	224	218	211	202

* 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)

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Base	Heating Degree Days (1)												
Below	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
65	1438	1121	837	539	283	79	9	16	177	542	962	1344	7347
60	1283	981	682	395	158	26	1	2	83	388	812	1189	6000
57	1190	897	589	313	101	10	0	0	46	300	722	1096	5264
55	1130	846	527	262	71	5	0	0	29	244	662	1034	4810
50	987	716	382	155	23	0	0	0	6	125	512	879	3785
32	502	310	51	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	381	1338

Cooling Degree Days (1)

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	87	113	237	454	748	1002	1225	1166	843	482	120	60	6537
55	2	5	1	24	106	317	512	453	181	12	0	0	1613
57	0	0	0	15	74	263	450	391	139	6	0	0	1338
60	0	0	0	6	39	188	358	300	86	2	0	0	979
65	0	0	0	0	8	91	211	159	30	0	0	0	499
70	0	0	0	0	1	32	94	57	6	0	0	0	190

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	0	2	70	240	512	772	987	928	611	263	22	0	0	2	72	312	824	1596	2583	3511	4122	4385	4407	4407
45	0	0	19	130	358	622	832	773	463	143	3	0	0	0	19	149	507	1129	1961	2734	3197	3340	3343	3343
50	0	0	0	52	221	472	677	618	320	56	0	0	0	0	0	52	273	745	1422	2040	2360	2416	2416	2416
55	0	0	0	15	110	328	522	463	191	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	125	453	975	1438	1629	1644	1644	1644
60	0	0	0	1	37	194	367	310	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	38	232	599	909	994	994	994	994
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	0	10	80	201	358	495	612	585	417	217	31	0	0	10	90	291	649	1144	1756	2341	2758	2975	3006	3006

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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
- 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">a. Temperature/ Precipitation Tables<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 1971-2000 Monthly Normals2. Cooperative Summary of the Day3. National Weather Service station records4. 1971-2000 serially complete daily datab. Degree Day Table<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Monthly and Annual Heating and Cooling Degree Days Normals to Selected Bases derived from 1971-2000 Monthly Normals2. Daily Normal Growing Degree Units to Selected Base Temperatures derived from 1971-2000 serially complete daily data | <ol style="list-style-type: none">c. Snow Tables<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Snow Climatology2. Cooperative Summary of the Dayd. Freeze Data Table
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