

# Climatography of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: WELLSBURG WTR TRMT PL, WV

COOP ID: 469368

Climate Division: WV 1

NWS Call Sign:

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Lon: 80° 37W

## 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	37.2	19.9	28.6	76	1950	25	38.8	1990	-22	1963	29	13.6	1977	1130	0	.0	.0	4.9	10.5	26.0	1.6
Feb	41.4	21.4	31.4	77+	2000	26	40.1	1998	-12+	1955	4	19.0	1979	940	0	.0	.0	7.3	6.8	22.2	1.0
Mar	51.2	28.9	40.1	87	1950	27	46.5	1973	-2+	1960	7	33.5	1984	773	0	.0	.0	16.5	1.4	18.8	@
Apr	62.8	37.8	50.3	90+	1954	21	54.9	1986	9	1982	6	45.2	1971	442	1	.0	@	26.8	.0	8.6	.0
May	73.2	48.6	60.9	93+	1949	5	68.7	1991	24	1970	7	55.8	1997	187	58	.0	.1	30.9	.0	.8	.0
Jun	80.8	57.5	69.2	99+	1952	26	72.4	1991	31+	1949	8	64.3	1972	23	148	.0	2.2	30.0	.0	@	.0
Jul	84.3	62.0	73.2	102	1954	14	77.0	1999	38	1963	9	69.2	2000	5	257	.1	5.4	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	82.7	60.1	71.4	101	1953	30	76.3	1995	37	1965	29	67.8	1992	13	212	.0	2.6	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	76.3	53.4	64.9	103	1953	2	68.5	1973	24	1956	21	61.5	1974	73	69	.0	.7	30.0	.0	@	.0
Oct	65.1	42.0	53.6	90	1951	3	58.4	1985	16	1952	21	46.9	1976	363	9	.0	.0	29.4	.0	4.1	.0
Nov	52.9	32.9	42.9	86	1961	3	48.9	1985	-6	1958	30	34.3	1976	664	0	.0	.0	17.3	.6	14.3	.0
Dec	42.0	25.4	33.7	77	1982	4	40.8	1982	-15	1951	17	21.5	1989	969	0	.0	.0	7.7	6.1	23.3	.5
Ann	62.5	40.8	51.7	103	Sep 1953	2	77.0	Jul 1999	-22	Jan 1963	29	13.6	Jan 1977	5582	754	.1	11.0	262.8	25.4	118.1	3.1

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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	2.72	2.30	1.80	1986	20	9.40	1999	.54	1981	12.2	6.6	1.3	.2	.63	.88	1.28	1.64	1.99	2.37	2.79	3.29	3.95	5.00	5.99
Feb	2.33	2.27	2.16	1975	24	5.09	1975	.00	1987	10.2	5.7	1.2	.3	.51	.83	1.22	1.53	1.83	2.13	2.45	2.84	3.33	4.10	4.81
Mar	3.19	3.07	1.67	1954	1	5.99	1997	1.24	1979	12.7	7.6	1.7	.2	1.46	1.74	2.13	2.44	2.74	3.03	3.35	3.71	4.16	4.84	5.46
Apr	3.23	3.31	1.80	1981	12	6.71	1981	.21	1971	12.7	7.5	2.0	.3	.99	1.29	1.75	2.14	2.52	2.92	3.36	3.87	4.53	5.56	6.52
May	4.50	4.47	2.95	1971	6	12.37	1989	1.57	1972	13.7	9.0	2.7	.7	1.55	1.97	2.59	3.12	3.62	4.13	4.70	5.35	6.19	7.50	8.70
Jun	4.13	4.08	2.75	1950	25	8.25	1980	1.41	1991	11.5	7.2	2.2	.6	1.65	2.03	2.57	3.02	3.44	3.86	4.33	4.86	5.54	6.57	7.52
Jul	4.47	4.12	3.70	1980	22	9.22	1980	1.69	1973	11.3	7.1	2.3	1.0	1.97	2.37	2.92	3.38	3.80	4.23	4.68	5.21	5.87	6.88	7.79
Aug	3.47	2.95	3.19	1969	19	11.22	1975	1.22	1986	10.6	6.8	2.5	.8	1.09	1.42	1.91	2.33	2.74	3.16	3.62	4.16	4.86	5.94	6.95
Sep	2.92	2.87	3.49	1962	2	7.09	1974	.35	1985	9.9	6.2	2.0	.5	.80	1.07	1.49	1.86	2.22	2.60	3.02	3.51	4.16	5.17	6.12
Oct	2.59	2.57	2.67	1954	15	5.38	1983	.83+	1999	10.7	6.3	1.8	.3	.86	1.11	1.47	1.78	2.07	2.37	2.70	3.09	3.59	4.36	5.07
Nov	3.13	2.91	2.80	1985	5	14.56	1985	.56	2000	12.5	7.7	1.8	.5	.79	1.09	1.54	1.94	2.34	2.76	3.22	3.78	4.50	5.64	6.71
Dec	2.81	2.42	1.61	1978	9	6.31	1978	.81	1988	12.6	6.8	1.6	.4	1.13	1.39	1.76	2.06	2.34	2.63	2.95	3.31	3.77	4.47	5.11
Ann	39.49	37.94	3.70	Jul 1980	22	14.56	Nov 1985	.00	Feb 1987	140.6	84.5	23.1	5.8	29.71	31.65	34.10	35.94	37.57	39.14	40.75	42.52	44.65	47.73	50.38

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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	8.1	8.6	2	1	6.0	1978	18	23.5	1978	18	1978	21	6	1978	3.3	2.3	.6	.1	.0	10.5	6.5	3.2	.6
Feb	4.6	3.5	2	1	4.5	1971	8	12.0	1979	10	1979	19	10	1979	1.8	1.3	.3	.0	.0	6.5	3.1	1.8	.0
Mar	3.0	1.0	#	#	7.0	1972	3	10.5	1971	10	1971	4	1+	1999	1.2	.8	.4	.2	.0	2.2	1.1	.5	.1
Apr	.5	.0	#	0	4.2	1985	9	4.2	1985	6	1987	4	#+	1987	.2	.2	.1	.0	.0	.2	.1	.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	#	1974	2	#+	1974	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Nov	1.2	.0	#	#	7.0	1980	18	7.0	1980	7	1980	18	1	1980	.7	.4	.2	.1	.0	1.2	.4	.2	.0
Dec	2.6	2.6	#	#	4.0	1977	9	6.5	1976	5	1973	21	1	1984	1.5	.9	.2	.0	.0	2.7	.4	.0	.0
Ann	20.0	15.7	N/A	N/A	7.0+	Nov 1980	18	23.5	Jan 1978	18	Jan 1978	21	10	Feb 1979	8.7	5.9	1.8	.4	.0	23.3	11.6	5.7	.7

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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	5/27	5/21	5/17	5/14	5/11	5/08	5/05	5/01	4/25
32	5/18	5/12	5/08	5/04	5/01	4/28	4/24	4/20	4/14
28	4/30	4/26	4/23	4/20	4/17	4/15	4/12	4/09	4/04
24	4/19	4/14	4/10	4/07	4/05	4/02	3/30	3/26	3/21
20	4/08	4/02	3/30	3/26	3/23	3/20	3/16	3/12	3/07
16	3/31	3/24	3/19	3/15	3/11	3/07	3/02	2/25	2/18
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	9/22	9/27	9/30	10/03	10/05	10/08	10/11	10/14	10/19
32	10/02	10/07	10/11	10/14	10/17	10/21	10/24	10/28	11/02
28	10/14	10/20	10/23	10/27	10/30	11/02	11/05	11/09	11/14
24	10/23	10/29	11/03	11/07	11/11	11/15	11/19	11/24	11/30
20	11/04	11/11	11/16	11/20	11/24	11/28	12/02	12/08	12/15
16	11/21	11/28	12/03	12/07	12/11	12/15	12/19	12/24	12/30
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	170	162	156	151	147	142	137	132	124
32	193	185	179	174	169	164	159	153	145
28	214	207	203	199	195	191	187	182	175
24	245	237	230	225	220	215	209	203	194
20	272	263	256	251	245	240	234	228	219
16	298	290	284	279	274	269	264	258	250

\* 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	1130	940	773	442	187	23	5	13	73	363	664	969	5582
60	975	800	618	299	100	4	0	0	22	233	516	814	4381
57	882	716	526	222	62	1	0	0	8	168	431	721	3737
55	820	660	470	175	43	0	0	0	4	131	377	662	3342
50	678	530	329	82	14	0	0	0	0	63	251	519	2466
32	243	155	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	132	587

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	136	138	288	549	895	1114	1276	1222	986	669	345	186	7804
55	0	0	7	34	224	425	563	509	300	87	13	2	2164
57	0	0	1	21	182	366	501	447	244	62	7	0	1831
60	0	0	0	8	127	279	408	355	168	33	2	0	1380
65	0	0	0	1	58	148	257	212	69	9	0	0	754
70	0	0	0	0	20	54	126	101	18	1	0	0	320

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	35	51	154	354	661	877	1024	981	711	430	173	55	35	86	240	594	1255	2132	3156	4137	4848	5278	5451	5506
45	12	19	86	232	507	727	869	826	561	289	97	25	12	31	117	349	856	1583	2452	3278	3839	4128	4225	4250
50	1	7	44	134	360	577	714	671	413	167	47	7	1	8	52	186	546	1123	1837	2508	2921	3088	3135	3142
55	0	0	19	67	228	427	559	516	278	84	16	0	0	0	19	86	314	741	1300	1816	2094	2178	2194	2194
60	0	0	3	27	124	281	404	361	159	33	3	0	0	0	3	30	154	435	839	1200	1359	1392	1395	1395
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	22	33	103	231	419	577	691	663	437	261	106	33	22	55	158	389	808	1385	2076	2739	3176	3437	3543	3576

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

## 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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