

Climatology of the United States

No. 20

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Station: MORGANTOWN HART AP, WV

1971-2000

COOP ID: 466202

Climate Division: WV 2

NWS Call Sign: MGW

Elevation: 1,240 Feet Lat: 39° 39N

Lon: 79° 55W

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	38.4	22.0	30.2	75	1950	25	40.3	1998	-20	1972	16	16.7	1977	1079	0	.0	.0	6.8	10.7	24.9	1.4
Feb	42.3	24.2	33.3	77	2000	26	40.7	1998	-10	1973	17	19.3	1978	890	0	.0	.0	8.7	7.4	21.3	.7
Mar	52.4	31.8	42.1	86	1966	23	48.1	1977	4+	1972	4	35.8	1978	710	0	.0	.0	17.5	2.1	17.2	.0
Apr	63.2	40.2	51.7	92	1976	18	56.7	1994	14	1985	10	46.0	1975	402	2	.0	.1	25.5	.2	6.6	.0
May	72.4	49.7	61.1	91+	1962	16	68.8	1991	27+	1963	2	55.1	1976	185	62	.0	.3	30.7	.0	.6	.0
Jun	79.9	57.7	68.8	97+	1967	13	73.0	1994	30	1972	11	62.5	1972	37	151	.0	1.6	30.0	.0	@	.0
Jul	83.6	62.1	72.9	101	1966	2	77.0	1999	41	1988	1	68.3	1976	6	249	@	5.1	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	82.1	61.0	71.6	99+	1953	31	77.9	1995	38	1982	29	67.3	1982	13	217	.0	3.1	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	75.5	54.3	64.9	102	1953	3	68.7	1971	30	1983	24	60.7	1975	72	69	.0	.6	30.0	.0	.1	.0
Oct	64.5	43.1	53.8	90	1951	3	60.5	1971	17	1969	24	47.5	1988	357	9	.0	.0	28.7	.0	3.4	.0
Nov	53.0	35.1	44.1	83+	1948	5	50.6	1985	3	1958	30	36.9	1976	628	0	.0	.0	17.7	1.0	12.9	.0
Dec	43.0	26.8	34.9	77+	1966	9	42.9	1984	-13	1983	25	21.9	1989	933	0	.0	.0	9.6	6.4	21.6	.5
Ann	62.5	42.3	52.5	102	Sep 1953	3	77.9	Aug 1995	-20	Jan 1972	16	16.7	Jan 1977	5312	759	@	10.8	267.2	27.8	108.6	2.6

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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	2.87	2.51	1.52	1974	10	6.14	1999	.97	1981	15.3	7.7	1.6	.4	.93	1.21	1.61	1.95	2.28	2.61	2.99	3.42	3.98	4.85	5.65	
Feb	2.69	2.38	2.71	2000	18	5.29	1989	.78	1987	12.9	6.6	1.6	.3	.80	1.06	1.44	1.77	2.09	2.43	2.79	3.23	3.78	4.66	5.47	
Mar	3.73	3.83	2.17	1967	6	7.08	1994	1.50	1987	14.2	8.6	2.7	.4	1.66	1.99	2.45	2.83	3.18	3.53	3.91	4.35	4.90	5.73	6.48	
Apr	3.54	3.69	1.82	1994	10	5.94	1984	1.14	1971	13.2	8.5	2.1	.6	1.55	1.87	2.31	2.67	3.01	3.35	3.71	4.13	4.65	5.46	6.18	
May	4.17	3.92	2.82	1956	27	7.13	1985	1.84	1993	13.6	8.7	3.0	.9	2.19	2.53	2.99	3.35	3.69	4.02	4.37	4.77	5.27	6.01	6.68	
Jun	4.12	3.51	2.75	1972	23	9.42	1972	1.08	1992	12.5	8.4	3.1	.7	1.37	1.76	2.34	2.82	3.29	3.77	4.30	4.92	5.71	6.94	8.07	
Jul	4.22	3.86	4.33	1996	18	11.87	1996	1.36	1995	11.1	7.8	3.1	.9	1.46	1.86	2.44	2.93	3.40	3.88	4.40	5.02	5.80	7.02	8.13	
Aug	4.04	3.45	5.01	1956	5	9.72	1980	1.01	1993	10.5	7.0	2.8	.9	1.24	1.63	2.20	2.69	3.17	3.66	4.20	4.84	5.67	6.95	8.14	
Sep	3.50	2.89	2.65	1967	28	7.08	1996	.77	1985	10.3	7.4	2.2	.6	1.29	1.61	2.09	2.48	2.86	3.24	3.66	4.14	4.76	5.71	6.58	
Oct	2.83	2.68	4.20	1979	9	7.31	1979	.75	1982	10.3	6.2	1.8	.5	.91	1.18	1.58	1.91	2.24	2.58	2.95	3.38	3.94	4.81	5.62	
Nov	3.35	3.36	3.49	1985	4	10.87	1985	.86	1976	12.6	7.6	2.0	.4	1.05	1.37	1.84	2.25	2.64	3.04	3.48	4.00	4.67	5.72	6.68	
Dec	3.07	2.73	2.24	1990	18	7.26	1990	1.30	1989	13.9	7.2	2.0	.3	1.29	1.57	1.96	2.28	2.58	2.89	3.22	3.59	4.07	4.80	5.46	
Ann	42.13	41.45	5.01	Aug 1956	5	11.87	Jul 1996	.75	Oct 1982	150.4	91.7	28.0	6.9	32.54	34.46	36.88	38.69	40.29	41.82	43.39	45.11	47.19	50.16	52.71	

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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	11.2	8.3	2	1	17.8	1994	4	38.8	1994	25+	1996	12	8	1978	7.2	3.8	.9	.3	.1	11.6	7.4	5.2	1.1
Feb	7.3	5.9	1	1	8.6	1983	11	20.6	1972	17+	1979	20	9	1979	5.8	2.6	.6	.2	.0	9.3	4.8	2.6	.6
Mar	5.2	3.7	#	1	20.0	1993	13	25.0	1993	21+	1993	15	2+	1999	3.5	1.4	.5	.3	@	4.4	1.6	1.0	.2
Apr	.9	#	#	0	9.3	1987	4	13.3	1987	11	1987	5	1	1987	.5	.3	.1	@	.0	.3	.1	.1	@
May	#	.0	#	0	#	1989	25	#	1989	0	0	0	#	1999	.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	.1	.0	0	0	1.2	1993	31	1.2	1993	#+	1974	3	0	0	.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Nov	1.3	.4	#	0	6.0	1984	18	6.5	1987	10	1995	15	1	1995	1.3	.3	.1	.1	.0	1.1	.3	.1	@
Dec	4.4	2.8	#	0	11.4	1973	9	22.8	1973	10	1992	12	2+	1989	3.6	1.6	.3	.1	@	5.8	1.9	.5	@
Ann	30.4	21.1	N/A	N/A	20.0	Mar 1993	13	38.8	Jan 1994	25+	Jan 1996	12	9	Feb 1979	22.0	10.0	2.5	1.0	.1	32.5	16.1	9.5	1.9

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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	5/25	5/20	5/16	5/13	5/09	5/06	5/03	4/29	4/24
32	5/18	5/12	5/07	5/04	4/30	4/27	4/23	4/18	4/12
28	4/28	4/23	4/19	4/16	4/13	4/10	4/06	4/03	3/28
24	4/15	4/11	4/07	4/04	4/02	3/30	3/27	3/23	3/19
20	4/06	4/01	3/28	3/24	3/21	3/18	3/14	3/11	3/05
16	3/31	3/23	3/18	3/13	3/09	3/04	2/28	2/22	2/15
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	9/20	9/24	9/28	10/01	10/04	10/06	10/09	10/13	10/17
32	10/01	10/07	10/11	10/14	10/18	10/21	10/25	10/29	11/03
28	10/15	10/20	10/23	10/26	10/29	11/01	11/04	11/07	11/12
24	10/25	10/31	11/05	11/08	11/12	11/15	11/19	11/23	11/29
20	11/04	11/11	11/16	11/20	11/24	11/28	12/02	12/07	12/14
16	11/18	11/25	11/29	12/03	12/07	12/11	12/15	12/19	12/26
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	166	159	154	150	146	142	138	134	127
32	197	187	181	175	170	165	159	152	143
28	222	214	208	203	199	194	189	183	175
24	246	238	233	228	223	219	214	208	201
20	276	266	259	253	247	242	236	229	219
16	300	291	284	278	273	267	262	255	246

* 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	1079	890	710	402	185	37	6	13	72	357	628	933	5312
60	924	750	557	261	99	9	0	1	21	227	480	778	4107
57	831	666	471	187	61	4	0	0	8	163	396	692	3479
55	772	611	413	143	41	2	0	0	4	127	341	634	3088
50	629	481	282	62	13	0	0	0	0	59	219	491	2236
32	212	124	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	129	506

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	157	159	342	590	900	1104	1266	1227	987	675	374	219	8000
55	3	1	13	44	228	415	553	514	301	89	13	11	2185
57	0	0	8	27	185	357	491	452	245	63	8	7	1843
60	0	0	1	11	130	273	398	359	168	34	2	0	1376
65	0	0	0	2	62	151	249	217	69	9	0	0	759
70	0	0	0	0	22	65	121	106	17	1	0	0	332

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	49	73	185	380	667	882	1036	1002	762	448	209	79	49	122	307	687	1354	2236	3272	4274	5036	5484	5693	5772
45	23	34	116	257	514	732	881	847	612	307	127	38	23	57	173	430	944	1676	2557	3404	4016	4323	4450	4488
50	6	14	63	160	367	582	726	692	464	185	64	18	6	20	83	243	610	1192	1918	2610	3074	3259	3323	3341
55	1	1	32	88	240	434	571	537	326	97	33	4	1	2	34	122	362	796	1367	1904	2230	2327	2360	2364
60	0	0	10	42	133	289	416	384	196	40	10	0	0	0	10	52	185	474	890	1274	1470	1510	1520	1520
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	29	41	118	236	410	585	709	675	489	257	116	43	29	70	188	424	834	1419	2128	2803	3292	3549	3665	3708

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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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