

Climatography of the United States No. 20

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Station: MILWAUKEE MITCHELL AP, WI

1971-2000

COOP ID: 475479

Climate Division: WI 9

NWS Call Sign: MKE

Elevation: 672 Feet

Lat: 42° 57N

Lon: 87° 54W

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	28.0	13.4	20.7	60+	1997	4	31.1	1990	-26	1982	17	8.9	1977	1384	0	.0	.0	.5	19.6	29.2	5.9
Feb	32.5	18.3	25.4	68	1999	11	34.6	1998	-26	1996	3	15.8	1979	1124	0	.0	.0	1.4	14.1	25.3	2.7
Mar	42.6	27.3	34.9	82+	1986	31	41.9	2000	-10	1962	1	28.5	1972	948	0	.0	.0	6.7	5.5	22.2	.2
Apr	53.9	36.4	45.2	91	1980	22	50.8	1985	12	1982	7	38.6	1975	611	5	.0	@	17.1	.6	8.2	.0
May	66.0	46.2	56.1	93	1991	28	63.2	1991	21	1966	10	49.6	1997	318	27	.0	.2	28.8	.0	.5	.0
Jun	76.3	56.3	66.3	101+	1988	21	72.2	1987	36+	1969	4	59.8	1982	86	114	.1	2.0	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	81.1	62.9	72.0	103	1995	13	76.5	1999	40	1965	1	67.7	1992	13	222	.1	4.0	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	79.1	62.1	70.6	103	1988	1	75.7	1995	44+	1982	29	66.5	1997	18	180	.1	2.3	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	71.9	54.1	63.0	98	1953	1	67.5	1994	28	1974	23	59.0	1974	134	63	.0	.6	30.0	.0	.1	.0
Oct	60.2	42.6	51.4	89	1963	6	56.5	1971	18	1981	24	45.8	1988	443	5	.0	.0	26.5	.0	3.1	.0
Nov	45.7	31.0	38.4	77	1950	1	45.3	1975	-5	1950	24	30.4	1976	808	0	.0	.0	9.7	2.8	17.1	.1
Dec	33.1	19.4	26.2	68	2001	5	34.5	1994	-20	1983	24	14.4	1983	1200	0	.0	.0	1.6	13.8	27.3	2.8
Ann	55.9	39.2	47.5	103+	Jul 1995	13	76.5	Jul 1999	-26+	Feb 1996	3	8.9	Jan 1977	7087	616	.3	9.1	214.3	56.4	133.0	11.7

+ Also occurred on an earlier date(s)

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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	1.85	1.62	1.54	1988	19	4.38	1999	.31	1981	12.3	5.1	.8	.2	.51	.68	.95	1.18	1.41	1.65	1.91	2.23	2.63	3.27	3.87	
Feb	1.65	1.53	1.67	1960	10	3.94	1986	.25	1995	10.1	4.1	1.0	.2	.32	.47	.71	.93	1.16	1.40	1.68	2.01	2.45	3.15	3.83	
Mar	2.59	2.68	2.31	1976	4	6.93	1976	.51	1981	11.9	5.7	1.7	.3	.62	.86	1.24	1.58	1.92	2.27	2.67	3.14	3.76	4.74	5.66	
Apr	3.78	3.94	3.01	1976	24	7.31	1973	1.31	1971	12.8	7.0	2.6	.9	1.54	1.89	2.38	2.78	3.16	3.55	3.96	4.45	5.05	5.99	6.83	
May	3.06	2.81	2.15	1991	22	8.42	2000	.50	1988	10.9	6.3	2.0	.7	.66	.94	1.39	1.80	2.20	2.64	3.13	3.71	4.48	5.72	6.88	
Jun	3.56	3.11	4.23	1997	21	9.98	1997	.70	1988	10.7	6.2	2.6	.8	1.05	1.39	1.90	2.34	2.77	3.21	3.70	4.28	5.02	6.19	7.27	
Jul	3.58	3.45	4.42	2000	2	7.12	2000	1.06	1979	10.2	6.2	2.4	.9	1.12	1.46	1.97	2.40	2.82	3.25	3.72	4.28	5.00	6.12	7.16	
Aug	4.03	3.92	6.81	1986	6	9.05	1987	.95	1973	9.9	7.0	2.5	.8	1.40	1.78	2.34	2.80	3.25	3.71	4.21	4.79	5.54	6.69	7.76	
Sep	3.30	3.08	2.96	2000	11	7.57	1972	.02	1979	9.1	5.6	2.2	1.0	.39	.64	1.10	1.56	2.05	2.60	3.24	4.03	5.10	6.87	8.59	
Oct	2.49	2.36	2.33	1991	24	7.03	1991	.44	1993	9.6	5.1	1.6	.4	.60	.84	1.20	1.52	1.85	2.19	2.57	3.02	3.61	4.56	5.44	
Nov	2.70	2.51	2.22	1998	10	7.11	1985	.63	1996	11.4	5.8	1.5	.5	.70	.95	1.34	1.69	2.03	2.39	2.78	3.26	3.87	4.85	5.76	
Dec	2.22	2.19	2.24	1982	2	5.42	1987	.29	1976	11.7	5.5	1.2	.4	.47	.67	1.00	1.29	1.59	1.91	2.27	2.70	3.27	4.19	5.05	
Ann	34.81	34.76	6.81	Aug 1986	6	9.98	Jun 1997	.02	Sep 1979	130.6	69.6	22.1	7.1	26.90	28.48	30.48	31.97	33.29	34.56	35.86	37.28	38.99	41.45	43.56	

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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	15.0	14.5	5	3	13.8	1990	25	39.0	1999	33+	1979	27	24	1979	10.4	4.5	1.7	.4	.1	22.3	17.5	12.2	3.7
Feb	11.3	10.2	4	3	11.8	1974	5	42.0	1974	29+	1979	2	23	1979	7.7	2.9	1.1	.6	@	18.4	13.6	9.6	4.3
Mar	7.4	6.3	1	1	8.4	1985	3	18.1	1971	14	1994	1	5	1979	6.1	2.1	.7	.3	.0	8.4	4.8	2.7	.3
Apr	2.6	.8	#	0	11.6	1973	9	15.8	1973	13	1973	10	1+	1982	2.0	.5	.2	.1	.1	1.1	.7	.3	@
May	.1	.0	#	0	3.2	1990	10	3.2	1990	2	1990	10	#	2000	.1	.0	@	.0	.0	@	.0	.0	.0
Jun	.0	.0	#	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	#	1998	.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	3.7	1989	19	6.3	1989	3	1976	27	#	1992	.3	.1	@	.0	.0	.1	@	.0	.0
Nov	3.7	2.3	#	0	9.8	1977	25	16.1	1977	11	1977	28	2	1977	3.4	.9	.2	.1	.0	1.9	.9	.4	.1
Dec	11.9	10.5	2	1	13.6	2000	11	48.6	2000	32+	2000	22	16	2000	8.5	3.3	1.0	.5	.1	13.2	6.6	3.3	.8
Ann	52.4	44.6	N/A	N/A	13.8	Jan 1990	25	48.6	Dec 2000	33+	Jan 1979	27	24	Jan 1979	38.5	14.3	4.9	2.0	.3	65.4	44.1	28.5	9.2

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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	5/19	5/15	5/11	5/08	5/06	5/03	4/30	4/27	4/22
32	5/10	5/05	5/01	4/28	4/25	4/22	4/19	4/15	4/10
28	4/24	4/21	4/18	4/16	4/13	4/11	4/09	4/06	4/02
24	4/16	4/11	4/08	4/05	4/02	3/31	3/28	3/24	3/20
20	4/07	4/02	3/29	3/26	3/23	3/20	3/17	3/14	3/09
16	3/29	3/23	3/19	3/16	3/12	3/09	3/06	3/02	2/24
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	9/24	9/28	10/02	10/04	10/07	10/09	10/12	10/15	10/20
32	10/01	10/07	10/12	10/15	10/19	10/22	10/26	10/30	11/05
28	10/16	10/21	10/24	10/28	10/31	11/02	11/06	11/09	11/14
24	10/27	11/01	11/04	11/07	11/10	11/13	11/16	11/19	11/24
20	11/02	11/08	11/12	11/16	11/19	11/23	11/27	12/01	12/07
16	11/13	11/18	11/22	11/26	11/29	12/02	12/05	12/09	12/15
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	166	161	157	153	150	146	141	135
32	198	191	185	181	176	172	167	162	154
28	218	212	207	203	199	196	192	187	180
24	239	233	228	224	221	217	213	208	202
20	266	258	251	246	240	235	230	223	214
16	286	277	271	266	261	256	250	244	235

* 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	1384	1124	948	611	318	86	13	18	134	443	808	1200	7087
60	1218	969	777	448	188	32	1	4	41	284	649	1047	5658
57	1125	885	684	363	133	16	0	0	18	211	560	954	4949
55	1063	829	622	310	102	9	0	0	9	168	502	892	4506
50	908	689	475	191	45	2	0	0	1	84	364	743	3502
32	404	255	89	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	52	283	1089

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	21	43	161	391	735	1018	1229	1185	919	590	223	52	6567
55	0	0	6	25	122	336	516	472	247	54	4	0	1782
57	0	0	4	18	95	283	454	411	199	37	2	0	1503
60	0	0	2	11	63	211	362	319	138	20	1	0	1127
65	0	0	0	5	27	114	222	180	63	5	0	0	616
70	0	0	0	2	9	49	107	78	22	1	0	0	268

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	8	62	194	496	788	989	948	691	360	89	8	0	8	70	264	760	1548	2537	3485	4176	4536	4625	4633
45	0	1	28	107	349	638	834	793	541	227	41	2	0	1	29	136	485	1123	1957	2750	3291	3518	3559	3561
50	0	0	13	53	220	488	679	638	392	123	16	0	0	0	13	66	286	774	1453	2091	2483	2606	2622	2622
55	0	0	6	25	127	344	524	483	256	61	4	0	0	0	6	31	158	502	1026	1509	1765	1826	1830	1830
60	0	0	1	10	64	219	370	329	144	21	0	0	0	0	1	11	75	294	664	993	1137	1158	1158	1158
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	0	1	35	108	273	490	665	624	409	178	43	3	0	1	36	144	417	907	1572	2196	2605	2783	2826	2829

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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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