

# Climatology of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: MOUNDSVILLE, WV

COOP ID: 466248

Climate Division: WV 1

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 620 Feet

Lat: 39° 54N

Lon: 80° 45W

## 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	38.0	20.1	29.1	74	1999	23	38.5	1990	-20	1994	19	15.0	1977	1115	0	.0	.0	5.3	9.7	26.5	2.1
Feb	41.8	21.8	31.8	78	2000	27	39.8	1998	-13	1977	8	18.9	1978	929	0	.0	.0	7.5	6.2	22.8	1.5
Mar	52.3	29.9	41.1	84	1998	31	48.6	1973	-3	1980	1	34.5	1984	741	0	.0	.0	18.2	1.3	19.8	@
Apr	63.7	39.0	51.4	92	1986	29	55.8	1985	11	1964	1	45.4	1975	411	2	.0	.1	26.4	@	9.0	.0
May	73.4	49.2	61.3	93	1991	30	69.8	1991	25	1966	10	56.2	1997	175	60	.0	.5	30.9	.0	1.0	.0
Jun	81.8	58.4	70.1	98+	1971	28	73.8	1991	36+	1977	8	65.6	1974	21	174	.0	3.8	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	85.3	62.8	74.1	99+	1966	2	77.9	1999	44+	1965	21	70.7	1976	0	282	@	7.3	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	84.0	61.5	72.8	99+	1983	21	77.5	1995	40+	1982	29	69.2	1976	8	249	.0	5.3	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	77.6	54.4	66.0	96+	1964	10	71.1	1987	31	1983	27	61.6	1974	68	97	.0	1.4	30.0	.0	@	.0
Oct	65.8	41.7	53.8	87+	1969	13	61.4	1971	18	1969	24	47.3	1976	359	12	.0	.0	29.6	.0	4.2	.0
Nov	53.6	33.7	43.7	81	1982	3	49.4	1985	6	1976	30	35.7	1976	642	0	.0	.0	17.9	.4	15.7	.0
Dec	42.5	25.6	34.1	78	1982	4	41.0	1984	-11	1983	25	20.6	1989	959	0	.0	.0	8.4	5.2	23.3	.6
Ann	63.3	41.5	52.4	99+	Aug 1983	21	77.9	Jul 1999	-20	Jan 1994	19	15.0	Jan 1977	5428	876	@	18.4	266.2	22.8	122.3	4.2

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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	2.85	2.63	1.68	1994	28	6.59	1999	.77	1983	13.9	7.5	1.5	.3	.87	1.14	1.55	1.89	2.23	2.58	2.96	3.42	4.00	4.91	5.75
Feb	2.32	2.49	2.25	1966	13	4.57	1975	.51	1978	11.5	6.5	1.3	.3	.69	.91	1.24	1.53	1.81	2.10	2.41	2.79	3.27	4.03	4.73
Mar	3.27	3.07	1.66	1997	2	5.67+	1996	1.22	1981	13.3	7.9	2.2	.5	1.31	1.62	2.04	2.39	2.72	3.06	3.42	3.84	4.38	5.19	5.93
Apr	3.48	3.55	1.71	1981	13	7.15	1981	.76	1971	13.3	8.4	2.2	.5	1.37	1.69	2.15	2.53	2.88	3.25	3.64	4.10	4.68	5.56	6.37
May	4.22	4.41	2.50	1971	6	7.55	1996	1.40	1986	13.3	8.9	3.0	.6	1.75	2.13	2.67	3.12	3.54	3.96	4.42	4.94	5.61	6.62	7.55
Jun	4.46	4.83	2.57	1968	11	10.40	1998	.82	1999	11.8	8.3	3.2	1.0	1.18	1.60	2.24	2.81	3.37	3.96	4.61	5.39	6.40	7.99	9.47
Jul	4.24	3.65	3.40	1999	2	8.10	1980	1.46	1987	10.5	7.5	3.0	.9	1.75	2.14	2.69	3.14	3.56	3.99	4.45	4.98	5.65	6.68	7.61
Aug	4.09	3.93	5.01	1975	31	11.68	1975	1.07	1996	10.3	7.1	2.7	.9	1.26	1.65	2.23	2.73	3.21	3.70	4.25	4.90	5.73	7.02	8.22
Sep	3.41	3.47	2.24	1965	12	6.43	1975	.51	1985	10.5	6.7	2.3	1.0	1.24	1.56	2.02	2.41	2.78	3.16	3.57	4.04	4.65	5.58	6.44
Oct	2.66	2.57	1.54	1975	18	6.05	1995	.56	1991	10.3	6.3	1.8	.3	.66	.91	1.30	1.64	1.98	2.34	2.74	3.21	3.83	4.82	5.74
Nov	3.47	3.09	3.77	1985	5	15.97	1985	.63	1976	12.8	8.1	2.0	.4	.98	1.31	1.81	2.25	2.67	3.11	3.60	4.18	4.92	6.10	7.19
Dec	3.08	2.56	2.74	1991	3	7.31	1990	1.43	1971	12.9	7.4	1.7	.4	1.28	1.56	1.95	2.28	2.58	2.89	3.22	3.61	4.09	4.83	5.50
Ann	41.55	40.65	5.01	Aug 1975	31	15.97	Nov 1985	.51+	Sep 1985	144.4	90.6	26.9	7.1	32.42	34.25	36.56	38.29	39.81	41.27	42.76	44.40	46.37	49.19	51.60

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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	7.7	6.5	2	1	12.0	1994	4	28.0	1994	28	1994	25	20	1994	3.0	2.2	.8	.2	.1	8.3	5.4	2.9	2.4
Feb	3.8	4.0	1	#	7.0	1979	13	9.0	1981	15	1977	3	7	1979	2.4	1.5	.8	.2	.0	5.2	3.8	3.0	.6
Mar	3.7	1.5	#	#	20.0	1993	14	21.4	1993	21	1993	14	1+	1999	1.0	.9	.5	.2	.1	.7	.4	.3	.0
Apr	.0	.0	#	0	.5	1992	2	.5	1992	1	1992	2	#+	1997	@	.0	.0	.0	.0	.1	.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	.0	.0	#	0	1.0	1993	31	1.0	1993	1	1993	31	#	1993	@	@	.0	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
Nov	.3	.0	#	0	4.0	1971	24	4.0	1971	4	1971	24	#+	2000	.2	.1	@	.0	.0	.3	.1	.0	.0
Dec	1.3	.7	#	#	3.0	1974	1	4.5	1974	3	1984	6	3	1973	1.4	.5	.1	.0	.0	1.5	.1	.0	.0
Ann	16.8	12.7	N/A	N/A	20.0	Mar 1993	14	28.0	Jan 1994	28	Jan 1994	25	20	Jan 1994	8.0	5.2	2.2	.6	.2	16.2	9.8	6.2	3.0

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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	5/22	5/17	5/13	5/10	5/07	5/04	5/01	4/27	4/22
32	5/13	5/09	5/05	5/02	4/30	4/27	4/24	4/21	4/16
28	4/29	4/24	4/21	4/18	4/15	4/12	4/09	4/06	4/01
24	4/18	4/13	4/09	4/06	4/03	3/31	3/28	3/24	3/19
20	4/09	4/03	3/30	3/26	3/22	3/19	3/15	3/11	3/04
16	3/27	3/20	3/16	3/12	3/08	3/04	3/01	2/24	2/17
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	9/28	10/01	10/04	10/06	10/08	10/09	10/11	10/14	10/17
32	10/05	10/10	10/13	10/16	10/19	10/21	10/24	10/27	11/01
28	10/16	10/21	10/25	10/28	10/31	11/03	11/06	11/09	11/14
24	10/22	10/28	11/02	11/06	11/09	11/13	11/17	11/21	11/28
20	11/03	11/11	11/16	11/21	11/25	11/30	12/04	12/10	12/17
16	11/21	11/28	12/03	12/07	12/10	12/14	12/18	12/23	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	171	165	160	156	153	149	145	140	134
32	190	184	179	175	171	167	163	159	152
28	218	211	206	202	198	194	190	185	178
24	247	238	231	225	220	214	209	202	193
20	279	268	260	253	247	241	234	226	215
16	301	293	287	281	276	272	266	260	252

\* 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)**

<b>Base</b>	<b>Heating Degree Days (1)</b>												
<b>Below</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Ann</b>
<b>65</b>	1115	929	741	411	175	21	0	8	68	359	642	959	5428
<b>60</b>	960	789	586	270	90	4	0	0	22	232	493	804	4250
<b>57</b>	867	705	497	195	54	1	0	0	9	168	407	711	3614
<b>55</b>	805	649	440	151	36	0	0	0	5	132	352	655	3225
<b>50</b>	661	518	303	67	10	0	0	0	1	64	226	511	2361
<b>32</b>	227	144	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	131	545

<b>Base</b>	<b>Cooling Degree Days (1)</b>												
<b>Above</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Ann</b>
<b>32</b>	135	138	314	581	909	1142	1305	1264	1019	675	360	194	8036
<b>55</b>	0	0	9	42	232	453	592	551	334	94	11	6	2324
<b>57</b>	0	0	4	26	187	394	530	489	278	69	5	0	1982
<b>60</b>	0	0	0	11	130	306	437	396	201	39	1	0	1521
<b>65</b>	0	0	0	2	60	174	282	249	97	12	0	0	876
<b>70</b>	0	0	0	0	21	74	142	125	34	2	0	0	398

**Growing Degree Units (2)**

<b>Base</b>	<b>Growing Degree Units (Monthly)</b>												<b>Growing Degree Units (Accumulated Monthly)</b>											
	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
<b>40</b>	30	44	159	357	659	898	1057	1013	780	439	174	58	30	74	233	590	1249	2147	3204	4217	4997	5436	5610	5668
<b>45</b>	13	17	88	234	505	748	902	858	630	296	97	28	13	30	118	352	857	1605	2507	3365	3995	4291	4388	4416
<b>50</b>	2	2	45	137	357	598	747	703	482	178	45	6	2	4	49	186	543	1141	1888	2591	3073	3251	3296	3302
<b>55</b>	0	0	22	72	228	449	592	548	338	90	18	0	0	0	22	94	322	771	1363	1911	2249	2339	2357	2357
<b>60</b>	0	0	3	31	125	305	437	396	209	39	4	0	0	0	3	34	159	464	901	1297	1506	1545	1549	1549
<b>Base</b>	<b>Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)</b>												<b>Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)</b>											
<b>50/86</b>	24	38	115	234	415	594	716	691	502	274	109	34	24	62	177	411	826	1420	2136	2827	3329	3603	3712	3746

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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.  
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[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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