

# Climatology of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: RICE LAKE, WI

COOP ID: 477132

Climate Division: WI 1

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Lon: 91° 47W

## 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	19.0	-1.2	8.9	52	1981	25	21.4	1990	-43+	1982	17	-2.1	1982	1740	0	.0	.0	@	25.6	30.8	16.0
Feb	26.0	5.9	16.0	55	1981	18	30.3	1998	-37+	1996	2	5.8	1989	1375	0	.0	.0	.5	17.5	27.5	9.9
Mar	37.5	19.8	28.7	80	1986	31	38.7	1973	-38	1962	1	19.1	1996	1126	0	.0	.0	5.1	8.1	27.0	3.6
Apr	53.9	33.0	43.5	90	1980	22	51.1	1977	2	1995	4	37.8	1995	647	1	.0	@	20.6	.6	16.1	.0
May	67.2	45.3	56.3	90+	2001	16	65.2	1977	15	1967	3	49.9	1983	307	36	.0	.0	30.4	.0	3.5	.0
Jun	76.1	54.1	65.1	98	1963	30	70.3	1988	28	1972	10	60.5	1985	86	89	.0	1.1	30.0	.0	.1	.0
Jul	80.1	58.8	69.5	100	1988	15	74.0	1988	36	1969	1	62.9	1992	29	167	@	2.9	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	77.9	56.4	67.2	100+	1988	17	71.8	1988	34	1974	30	62.5	1992	52	120	.1	1.3	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	68.1	47.1	57.6	95	1976	7	63.5	1998	22	1981	28	51.7	1993	242	19	.0	.2	29.5	.0	2.1	.0
Oct	56.3	36.2	46.3	87	1976	1	52.8	1971	9+	1981	26	41.2	1987	582	0	.0	.0	23.6	.2	12.1	.0
Nov	37.7	22.6	30.2	71+	1978	3	38.0	1999	-22	1976	30	21.9	1995	1045	0	.0	.0	5.2	9.3	25.8	1.3
Dec	23.2	6.6	14.9	60	2001	6	24.9	1997	-40	1983	19	2.2	1983	1554	0	.0	.0	.3	23.2	30.8	10.1
Ann	51.9	32.1	42.0	100+	Aug 1988	17	74.0	Jul 1988	-43+	Jan 1982	17	-2.1	Jan 1982	8785	432	.1	5.5	207.2	84.5	175.8	40.9

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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	1.08	.88	1.46	1996	18	2.96	1982	.03	1981	9.0	3.6	.2	@	.18	.27	.43	.57	.73	.89	1.08	1.32	1.63	2.13	2.61
Feb	.77	.64	1.20	1967	15	2.32	1981	.10	1997	6.5	2.6	.3	@	.11	.18	.29	.40	.51	.63	.77	.94	1.16	1.54	1.89
Mar	1.83	1.60	1.89	1991	23	3.80	1976	.39	1978	8.3	4.3	1.0	.3	.47	.65	.91	1.15	1.38	1.62	1.89	2.21	2.63	3.29	3.91
Apr	2.61	2.61	3.00	1954	26	5.32	1975	.16	1987	10.0	5.8	1.7	.5	.57	.81	1.20	1.54	1.89	2.26	2.67	3.17	3.82	4.86	5.85
May	3.12	2.93	2.05	1971	24	5.96	1973	.83	1976	11.5	6.9	2.2	.5	1.15	1.44	1.86	2.21	2.55	2.89	3.26	3.69	4.24	5.09	5.86
Jun	4.31	3.91	3.86	1951	24	8.24	1972	1.57	1987	11.9	7.5	2.9	1.0	1.61	2.01	2.59	3.07	3.53	4.00	4.51	5.10	5.85	7.00	8.06
Jul	3.88	3.42	3.04	1965	23	8.34	1999	1.10	1975	10.9	6.8	2.7	1.1	1.30	1.67	2.20	2.66	3.10	3.55	4.04	4.62	5.36	6.51	7.57
Aug	4.64	4.75	5.51	1960	27	10.17	1989	.71	1976	10.5	7.2	3.1	1.3	1.57	2.01	2.65	3.20	3.72	4.25	4.84	5.52	6.40	7.76	9.01
Sep	4.17	3.79	2.55	1994	15	8.30	1985	1.47	1976	10.9	6.9	2.9	1.2	1.49	1.88	2.45	2.93	3.38	3.85	4.36	4.95	5.71	6.88	7.95
Oct	2.50	2.31	2.45	1968	9	5.08	1982	.62	1976	9.3	5.5	1.6	.5	.67	.91	1.27	1.59	1.90	2.23	2.59	3.01	3.57	4.45	5.27
Nov	2.05	1.51	2.48	1991	1	6.27	1991	.22	1976	8.9	4.5	1.3	.6	.26	.43	.72	1.01	1.31	1.64	2.03	2.51	3.16	4.22	5.25
Dec	1.07	.98	1.62	1982	28	3.46	1982	.24	1976	8.4	3.1	.4	.1	.21	.31	.47	.61	.76	.91	1.09	1.30	1.58	2.03	2.46
Ann	32.03	32.67	5.51	Aug 1960	27	10.17	Aug 1989	.03	Jan 1981	116.1	64.7	20.3	7.1	22.93	24.69	26.95	28.66	30.18	31.65	33.17	34.84	36.87	39.81	42.35

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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	12.2	11.4	11	10	8.5	1988	20	32.6	1982	44	1982	26	26	1982	8.2	4.7	1.2	.4	.0	29.0	25.4	23.2	13.5
Feb	7.4	6.1	12	9	10.0	1971	5	22.0	1971	45	1971	15	38	1971	4.9	2.9	.6	.1	@	25.0	22.8	20.3	13.2
Mar	8.8	6.3	5	3	13.0	1996	25	35.6	1985	33	1972	10	20	1971	3.9	2.5	1.1	.7	.1	14.2	10.4	7.1	4.0
Apr	2.7	1.4	#	#	14.0	1982	20	15.8	1982	10	1975	2	2	1996	1.4	1.0	.2	.1	@	1.6	.7	.4	.0
May	.0	.0	#	0	.5	1989	6	.5+	1991	#+	1989	6	#+	1989	.1	.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	#	1985	24	#+	1985	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	.6	.0	#	0	4.0	1987	22	4.0	1987	3	1991	31	#+	1997	.3	.2	.1	.0	.0	.2	.1	.0	.0
Nov	5.6	4.3	1	1	12.0	1991	1	19.7	1985	15	1985	30	5	1991	3.5	2.4	.7	.2	.1	6.8	3.3	2.0	.3
Dec	10.5	9.1	5	4	12.0	1985	1	22.2	1985	28	1985	5	22	1985	6.9	3.7	.9	.3	.1	23.7	18.5	12.1	4.7
Ann	47.8	38.6	N/A	N/A	14.0	Apr 1982	20	35.6	Mar 1985	45	Feb 1971	15	38	Feb 1971	29.2	17.4	4.8	1.8	.3	100.5	81.2	65.1	35.7

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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	6/12	6/06	6/02	5/30	5/27	5/23	5/20	5/16	5/10
32	6/02	5/27	5/22	5/18	5/14	5/11	5/07	5/02	4/25
28	5/20	5/13	5/08	5/04	4/30	4/26	4/21	4/16	4/09
24	5/05	4/30	4/26	4/22	4/19	4/16	4/12	4/08	4/03
20	4/24	4/19	4/16	4/14	4/11	4/08	4/06	4/03	3/29
16	4/17	4/12	4/09	4/05	4/03	3/31	3/28	3/24	3/19
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	9/05	9/09	9/12	9/14	9/16	9/19	9/21	9/24	9/28
32	9/14	9/18	9/21	9/23	9/26	9/28	10/01	10/04	10/08
28	9/20	9/25	9/28	10/01	10/04	10/07	10/09	10/13	10/17
24	9/30	10/06	10/10	10/14	10/17	10/21	10/24	10/28	11/03
20	10/13	10/19	10/23	10/27	10/30	11/02	11/06	11/10	11/16
16	10/21	10/26	10/30	11/03	11/06	11/09	11/13	11/17	11/22
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	134	126	121	116	112	108	103	98	91
32	155	148	143	138	134	129	125	119	112
28	182	174	167	162	157	152	146	140	131
24	209	200	192	186	181	175	169	162	152
20	225	217	211	206	201	196	191	185	177
16	242	234	227	222	217	212	206	200	191

\* 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	1740	1375	1126	647	307	86	29	52	242	582	1045	1554	8785
60	1585	1235	971	501	199	31	6	14	133	431	895	1399	7400
57	1492	1151	878	418	146	14	0	4	85	345	805	1306	6644
55	1430	1095	816	365	116	8	0	2	60	291	745	1244	6172
50	1275	955	664	245	58	1	0	0	19	176	598	1089	5080
32	730	481	217	19	0	0	0	0	0	6	173	566	2192

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	12	31	114	363	752	993	1162	1091	768	447	118	35	5886
55	0	0	0	19	155	311	449	379	137	19	0	0	1469
57	0	0	0	12	124	257	387	320	103	11	0	0	1214
60	0	0	0	6	83	184	300	236	61	4	0	0	874
65	0	0	0	1	36	89	167	120	19	0	0	0	432
70	0	0	0	0	13	29	76	45	4	0	0	0	167

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	0	29	191	530	759	921	853	548	240	30	1	0	0	29	220	750	1509	2430	3283	3831	4071	4101	4102
45	0	0	10	104	382	609	766	698	401	136	8	0	0	0	10	114	496	1105	1871	2569	2970	3106	3114	3114
50	0	0	2	50	251	459	611	543	268	64	2	0	0	0	2	52	303	762	1373	1916	2184	2248	2250	2250
55	0	0	0	21	144	314	456	388	164	28	0	0	0	0	0	21	165	479	935	1323	1487	1515	1515	1515
60	0	0	0	7	69	188	306	240	81	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	76	264	570	810	891	896	896	896
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	0	0	19	133	332	484	607	551	334	145	15	0	0	0	19	152	484	968	1575	2126	2460	2605	2620	2620

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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](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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