

Climatography of the United States

No. 20

1971-2000

Station: EAST GLACIER, MT

COOP ID: 242629

Climate Division: MT 3

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 4,806 Feet Lat: 48° 27N

Lon: 113° 13W

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	29.8	9.0	19.4	56	1994	24	32.5	1986	-35	1996	30	3.7	1979	1414	0	.0	.0	.7	15.2	30.0	7.8
Feb	34.3	12.5	23.4	63	1995	21	36.0	1991	-44	1989	2	9.5	1989	1165	0	.0	.0	1.4	8.7	26.8	5.1
Mar	41.4	18.0	29.7	63+	1992	16	38.3	1986	-29+	1989	4	22.8	1996	1094	0	.0	.0	5.9	4.0	29.7	2.2
Apr	48.9	26.3	37.6	80	1987	29	43.9	1987	-7	1997	11	28.1	1975	822	0	.0	.0	14.2	.9	25.3	.2
May	59.4	33.9	46.7	86	1986	31	50.9	1987	19+	1983	12	42.2	1974	569	0	.0	.0	25.6	.0	13.4	.0
Jun	67.3	40.4	53.9	87+	1988	26	60.1	1988	25	1982	8	49.7	1998	338	3	.0	.0	29.4	.0	2.2	.0
Jul	73.6	44.1	58.9	92	1984	27	62.7	1998	30	1987	11	52.6	1993	204	12	.0	1.1	31.0	.0	.4	.0
Aug	73.5	43.3	58.4	93+	1996	29	62.9	1971	18	1992	24	52.8	1987	232	28	.0	.6	30.8	.0	.5	.0
Sep	63.1	36.0	49.6	92	1998	8	56.0	1998	8	2000	23	41.8	1985	468	5	.0	.1	26.8	.1	10.2	.0
Oct	52.5	30.2	41.4	86	1992	1	45.1	1986	-12	1991	29	36.9	1984	733	0	.0	.0	18.1	1.0	20.8	.2
Nov	37.5	20.5	29.0	67	1997	7	37.4	1987	-26	1993	23	11.6	1985	1081	0	.0	.0	2.6	7.2	27.4	2.1
Dec	31.2	12.8	22.0	53	1993	11	30.0	1999	-42+	1983	25	5.0	1983	1333	0	.0	.0	.7	14.0	30.0	5.6
Ann	51.0	27.3	39.2	93+	Aug 1996	29	62.9	Aug 1971	-44	Feb 1989	2	3.7	Jan 1979	9453	48	.0	1.8	187.2	51.1	216.7	23.2

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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	3.07	2.68	3.26	1954	19	11.34	1972	.26	1985	13.7	7.5	1.4	.2	.40	.64	1.08	1.51	1.96	2.46	3.04	3.75	4.72	6.31	7.84
Feb	2.14	1.63	1.83	1994	22	5.96	1972	.28	1998	10.9	5.8	.7	.2	.43	.62	.94	1.22	1.51	1.83	2.18	2.60	3.16	4.06	4.91
Mar	2.10	1.93	1.45	1955	22	4.16	1974	.40	1978	11.8	6.5	.5	.1	.61	.81	1.11	1.37	1.62	1.89	2.18	2.52	2.97	3.67	4.32
Apr	1.79	1.89	1.35	2001	3	3.23	1989	.28	1977	9.3	4.8	.5	.1	.54	.71	.96	1.18	1.40	1.62	1.86	2.15	2.53	3.11	3.65
May	2.69	2.59	2.50	1964	2	6.37	1980	.86	1983	10.3	5.8	1.2	.4	.95	1.20	1.57	1.88	2.17	2.48	2.81	3.19	3.68	4.44	5.14
Jun	2.91	2.13	6.80	1964	8	10.86	1975	.85	1977	11.1	5.7	1.2	.4	.59	.85	1.28	1.67	2.06	2.49	2.96	3.54	4.30	5.52	6.67
Jul	1.69	1.25	1.75	1987	23	7.03	1987	.00	1991	8.8	4.2	.9	.2	.04	.16	.38	.62	.89	1.20	1.58	2.06	2.72	3.85	4.96
Aug	1.92	1.75	2.00	1972	2	5.85	1977	.18	1986	8.4	4.6	.9	.3	.27	.42	.70	.97	1.25	1.56	1.91	2.35	2.94	3.90	4.83
Sep	1.78	1.50	1.97	1985	18	5.93	1985	.16	1994	8.4	4.4	.8	.2	.24	.38	.64	.89	1.15	1.44	1.77	2.18	2.73	3.64	4.51
Oct	2.01	1.52	2.75	1990	5	6.76	1990	.06	1987	8.1	4.4	.7	.3	.16	.30	.56	.84	1.15	1.50	1.92	2.45	3.18	4.40	5.61
Nov	3.08	2.70	2.50	1990	25	8.47	1990	.14	1972	12.3	6.9	1.5	.4	.46	.72	1.17	1.60	2.04	2.52	3.08	3.76	4.68	6.17	7.60
Dec	3.08	2.84	2.60	1971	18	6.73	1996	.40	1985	13.2	7.8	1.6	.3	.70	.98	1.43	1.84	2.24	2.67	3.16	3.74	4.50	5.70	6.84
Ann	28.26	27.01	6.80	Jun 1964	8	11.34	Jan 1972	.00	Jul 1991	126.3	68.4	11.9	3.1	17.11	19.14	21.81	23.88	25.75	27.59	29.52	31.68	34.33	38.24	41.68

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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	33.8	25.2	20	17	21.0	1972	20	106.0	1972	79	1972	25	52	1972	11.3	10.1	3.8	2.2	.4	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Feb	22.6	19.0	25	23	18.0	1986	17	57.0	1972	81	1972	29	65	1972	7.5	6.8	3.0	1.3	.2	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Mar	21.9	24.0	26	24	15.0	1974	6	46.0	1971	83	1972	1	63	1972	8.5	7.3	3.0	1.4	.1	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
Apr	15.6	16.0	17	13	12.0	1973	6	40.0	1979	59	1971	2	48	1972	4.9	4.2	2.0	.8	.2	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9
May	1.5	.0	3	#	8.0	1989	28	12.0	1982	37	1972	1	19	1972	1.2	.9	.2	.1	.0	1.5	.9	.6	.3
Jun	#	.0	#	0	#	1982	8	#	1982	#	1999	10	#	1999	.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	.3	.0	#	0	5.0	1992	22	9.5	1992	7	1992	23	#	1992	.1	.1	.1	@	.0	.1	.1	.1	.0
Sep	2.0	.0	#	0	8.0	1985	18	16.0	1984	10	1984	27	1	1985	1.0	.9	.4	.1	.0	.5	.3	.1	.0
Oct	8.1	6.5	1	#	17.0	1985	7	29.0	1985	24	1984	31	3	1991	2.6	2.5	1.1	.5	.2	2.7	1.7	.9	.2
Nov	23.7	18.5	5	4	29.0	1978	17	59.1	1978	42+	1996	21	19	1996	7.3	6.7	2.6	1.4	.4	13.9	11.9	9.5	3.1
Dec	28.1	21.0	12	12	17.0	1984	30	63.0	1977	53	1996	30	31	1996	9.2	8.4	3.8	2.0	.5	27.0	24.3	20.7	11.9
Ann	157.6	130.2	N/A	N/A	29.0	Nov 1978	17	106.0	Jan 1972	83	Mar 1972	1	65	Feb 1972	53.6	47.9	20.0	9.8	2.0	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9	-9.9

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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	7/27	7/21	7/17	7/14	7/10	7/07	7/04	6/30	6/24
32	7/12	7/04	6/29	6/24	6/20	6/15	6/10	6/05	5/28
28	6/05	5/31	5/28	5/25	5/22	5/20	5/17	5/13	5/09
24	5/17	5/12	5/08	5/05	5/02	4/29	4/26	4/23	4/18
20	5/07	5/01	4/26	4/22	4/19	4/15	4/11	4/07	4/01
16	4/24	4/17	4/13	4/09	4/06	4/02	3/29	3/25	3/18
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	8/02	8/08	8/11	8/15	8/18	8/21	8/24	8/28	9/02
32	8/22	8/26	8/29	9/01	9/03	9/06	9/08	9/12	9/16
28	8/31	9/04	9/08	9/11	9/14	9/16	9/19	9/23	9/27
24	9/10	9/18	9/23	9/27	10/01	10/05	10/10	10/15	10/22
20	9/22	9/30	10/06	10/11	10/15	10/20	10/25	10/31	11/08
16	10/08	10/15	10/21	10/25	10/29	11/03	11/07	11/12	11/20
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	63	54	48	42	38	33	27	21	12
32	102	93	86	80	75	70	64	57	48
28	133	126	122	117	113	109	105	100	94
24	181	171	164	157	151	145	139	132	121
20	212	201	193	185	179	172	165	157	145
16	239	228	220	213	206	200	193	184	173

* 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	1414	1165	1094	822	569	338	204	232	468	733	1081	1333	9453
60	1259	1025	939	672	415	204	94	131	330	578	931	1178	7756
57	1166	941	846	582	326	138	48	84	255	485	841	1085	6797
55	1104	885	784	522	270	102	27	59	210	423	781	1023	6190
50	962	756	629	380	148	37	5	21	116	273	641	879	4847
32	476	334	159	43	1	0	0	0	0	10	221	399	1643

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	85	93	88	211	455	655	832	819	526	301	130	89	4284
55	0	0	0	1	10	68	146	165	46	0	0	0	436
57	0	0	0	0	4	44	105	128	31	0	0	0	312
60	0	0	0	0	1	19	57	81	16	0	0	0	174
65	0	0	0	0	0	3	12	28	5	0	0	0	48
70	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	9

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	1	9	60	213	420	621	582	302	111	15	0	0	1	10	70	283	703	1324	1906	2208	2319	2334	2334
45	0	0	0	19	103	273	467	427	177	41	2	0	0	0	0	19	122	395	862	1289	1466	1507	1509	1509
50	0	0	0	2	39	149	317	278	85	10	0	0	0	0	0	2	41	190	507	785	870	880	880	880
55	0	0	0	0	9	65	178	151	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	74	252	403	430	430	430	430
60	0	0	0	0	1	18	77	59	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	96	155	159	159	159	159
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	0	1	13	55	155	269	404	380	214	85	7	0	0	1	14	69	224	493	897	1277	1491	1576	1583	1583

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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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