

# Climatography of the United States

## No. 20

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1971-2000

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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	48.1	36.7	42.4	67	1986	7	47.9	1981	11+	1980	29	35.0	1979	695	0	.0	.0	15.0	.3	8.7	.0
Feb	50.8	37.6	44.2	72+	1996	15	49.9	1983	9	1989	5	36.8	1989	583	0	.0	.0	17.7	.2	6.2	.0
Mar	53.3	38.6	46.0	73+	1994	27	50.6	1983	22	1971	1	41.7	1971	573	0	.0	.0	25.7	.0	4.5	.0
Apr	56.1	40.8	48.5	83+	1999	16	51.2	2000	29+	1968	13	44.6	1975	492	0	.0	.0	29.1	.0	1.3	.0
May	60.0	45.4	52.7	87	1985	16	56.8	1997	30	1954	1	49.8	1977	375	1	.0	.0	31.0	.0	.1	.0
Jun	63.6	49.8	56.7	93	1955	8	59.4	1983	37	1980	4	54.2	1971	244	2	.0	.1	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Jul	67.2	52.9	60.1	100	1961	11	62.2	2000	39	1971	7	58.2+	1986	151	4	.0	@	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	68.3	53.2	60.8	96	1981	9	63.9	1997	39	1973	19	57.2	1973	130	7	.0	.1	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	67.5	49.5	58.5	95	1972	2	61.9	1997	33+	1983	28	55.4	1986	197	7	.0	.1	30.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	61.0	44.1	52.6	85+	1987	6	56.1	2000	26	1971	28	50.0	1984	386	1	.0	.0	30.7	.0	.5	.0
Nov	53.1	40.1	46.6	71+	1999	11	50.6	1995	15	1955	14	38.9	1985	542	0	.0	.0	24.2	.1	4.5	.0
Dec	48.4	37.1	42.8	64	1980	26	47.4	1999	6+	1990	21	36.7	1990	688	0	.0	.0	15.4	.9	7.9	.0
Ann	58.1	43.8	51.0	100	Jul 1961	11	63.9	Aug 1997	6+	Dec 1990	21	35.0	Jan 1979	5056	22	.0	.3	310.8	1.5	33.7	.0

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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	9.62	9.86	4.53	1990	9	16.69	1971	.69	1985	20.8	16.2	7.5	2.4	2.75	3.66	5.04	6.24	7.41	8.63	9.97	11.56	13.62	16.86	19.86
Feb	7.87	8.19	3.71	1996	8	18.26	1999	1.35	1993	18.8	14.0	5.8	1.7	2.70	3.44	4.53	5.44	6.32	7.23	8.21	9.36	10.84	13.13	15.23
Mar	7.37	6.97	2.53	1997	19	15.31	1997	1.19	1992	20.7	15.2	5.3	1.5	3.20	3.86	4.79	5.54	6.25	6.96	7.72	8.60	9.71	11.39	12.91
Apr	4.93	4.35	2.73	1991	4	10.07	1996	1.65	1977	18.2	12.0	3.2	.5	1.92	2.38	3.03	3.57	4.08	4.60	5.16	5.81	6.64	7.91	9.07
May	3.28	3.45	1.74	1968	31	6.00	1977	.37	1982	16.1	8.8	1.8	.2	.98	1.29	1.76	2.16	2.55	2.96	3.40	3.93	4.61	5.67	6.66
Jun	2.57	2.46	2.07	1968	1	5.47	1981	.55	1992	13.1	6.4	1.5	.3	.72	.96	1.33	1.65	1.97	2.30	2.66	3.09	3.65	4.53	5.35
Jul	1.16	.86	1.72	1976	7	4.39	1983	.05	1984	8.3	2.9	.6	.2	.09	.17	.32	.48	.66	.86	1.11	1.41	1.84	2.55	3.24
Aug	1.21	.86	1.92	2001	22	3.85	1977	.14	1986	7.2	2.9	.7	.2	.16	.25	.43	.59	.77	.97	1.20	1.48	1.86	2.49	3.10
Sep	2.61	2.59	2.67	1997	16	7.27	1997	.04	1975	9.4	5.6	1.7	.5	.13	.27	.58	.93	1.33	1.81	2.39	3.14	4.20	6.01	7.83
Oct	5.61	5.38	3.52	1982	28	12.56	1975	.52	1987	14.8	10.1	3.8	1.4	1.06	1.56	2.39	3.15	3.92	4.75	5.69	6.84	8.35	10.78	13.10
Nov	10.50	10.60	5.56	1998	25	19.60	1998	1.45	1976	20.9	16.8	7.4	2.6	3.86	4.84	6.26	7.45	8.58	9.73	10.99	12.44	14.30	17.17	19.79
Dec	10.40	10.45	3.59	1974	26	20.38	1996	2.67	1985	21.2	16.2	7.2	3.2	3.97	4.94	6.33	7.48	8.57	9.68	10.89	12.28	14.06	16.79	19.29
Ann	67.13	67.72	5.56	Nov 1998	25	20.38	Dec 1996	.04	Sep 1975	189.5	127.1	46.5	14.7	45.60	49.69	54.98	59.01	62.62	66.12	69.75	73.78	78.68	85.83	92.05

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# Denotes amounts of a trace

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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	1.2	.0	#	0	10.8	1971	12	16.1	1971	12+	1982	6	1+	1993	.8	.3	.1	@	@	.7	.3	.2	.1
Feb	.4	.0	#	0	2.2	1993	20	3.4	1993	2	1989	3	#	1989	.6	.1	.0	.0	.0	.2	.0	.0	.0
Mar	.2	#	0	0	1.6	1974	7	1.7	1974	#+	1974	7	0	0	.2	.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Apr	.1	#	0	0	1.0	1975	3	1.1	1975	#	1975	4	0	0	.2	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
May	#	.0	#	0	#	1995	12	#+	1995	0	0	0	#	1993	.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	#	1994	29	#+	1994	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Nov	.3	.0	0	0	4.3	1985	30	4.6	1985	#+	1985	30	0	0	.3	.0	@	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Dec	1.0	.0	#	0	10.3	1985	2	10.7	1985	5	1985	2	1	1972	.6	.2	.1	@	@	.7	.2	@	.0
Ann	3.2	#	N/A	N/A	10.8	Jan 1971	12	16.1	Jan 1971	12+	Jan 1982	6	1+	Jan 1993	2.7	.7	.2	@	@	1.6	.5	.2	.1

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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	5/18	5/12	5/08	5/05	5/01	4/28	4/25	4/20	4/15
32	4/30	4/23	4/17	4/12	4/08	4/04	3/30	3/24	3/17
28	3/19	3/07	2/27	2/20	2/13	2/06	1/29	1/19	1/01
24	2/23	2/13	2/04	1/28	1/21	1/13	1/02	0/00	0/00
20	1/31	1/20	1/11	1/01	12/15	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00
16	1/14	1/01	12/15	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00
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	9/27	10/03	10/06	10/10	10/13	10/16	10/19	10/23	10/28
32	10/14	10/24	10/30	11/05	11/10	11/16	11/22	11/28	12/08
28	11/11	11/21	11/29	12/05	12/11	12/18	12/24	1/02	1/19
24	11/27	12/10	12/20	12/29	1/08	1/18	2/03	0/00	0/00
20	12/18	12/30	1/10	1/21	2/09	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00
16	12/24	1/07	1/26	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00	0/00
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	189	180	174	169	164	159	153	147	138
32	252	239	230	223	216	209	201	192	180
28	>365	346	325	312	301	290	279	266	250
24	>365	>365	>365	>365	357	340	327	314	299
20	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	340
16	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365	>365

\* 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	695	583	573	492	375	244	151	130	197	386	542	688	5056
60	545	442	437	346	229	108	38	34	83	234	402	536	3434
57	452	358	344	256	146	48	7	8	38	151	317	443	2568
55	395	306	284	198	100	23	1	2	19	105	262	386	2081
50	253	180	147	76	24	1	0	0	1	29	144	245	1100
32	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	19

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	335	350	437	501	650	750	878	900	801	641	448	348	7039
55	0	1	1	6	26	74	165	187	123	30	4	0	617
57	0	0	0	3	13	38	106	128	78	15	2	0	383
60	0	0	0	1	5	12	38	53	33	5	0	0	147
65	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	7	7	1	0	0	22
70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2

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	132	156	201	271	408	518	637	663	569	402	225	135	132	288	489	760	1168	1686	2323	2986	3555	3957	4182	4317
45	42	63	75	125	253	368	482	508	419	251	108	49	42	105	180	305	558	926	1408	1916	2335	2586	2694	2743
50	1	7	13	36	113	218	327	353	269	116	34	3	1	8	21	57	170	388	715	1068	1337	1453	1487	1490
55	0	0	0	3	34	81	172	198	130	34	1	0	0	0	0	3	37	118	290	488	618	652	653	653
60	0	0	0	0	1	13	43	60	37	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	57	117	154	158	158	158
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	31	48	70	111	178	244	340	358	306	190	76	33	31	79	149	260	438	682	1022	1380	1686	1876	1952	1985

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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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