

# Climatography of the United States No. 20

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Station: LOMA 1 WNW, MT

1971-2000

COOP ID: 245153

Climate Division: MT 3

NWS Call Sign:

Elevation: 2,580 Feet Lat: 47° 57N

Lon: 110° 32W

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	31.6	5.7	18.7	72	1992	31	33.6	1992	-54	1972	14	.5	1979	1438	0	.0	.0	5.7	13.0	29.4	11.8
Feb	38.8	11.5	25.2	76	1992	27	38.2	1991	-50	1996	2	9.2	1989	1116	0	.0	.0	9.2	8.5	26.6	7.2
Mar	48.4	21.4	34.9	81	1999	25	44.1	1986	-38	1951	8	25.6	1989	933	0	.0	.0	17.7	3.8	27.4	1.7
Apr	59.8	30.9	45.4	95	1980	20	52.2	1980	-12	1975	6	32.9	1975	591	1	.0	.1	24.9	.7	16.6	.1
May	69.5	40.6	55.1	100	1966	27	60.9	1988	13	1954	3	50.1	1982	317	8	.0	1.0	30.0	.0	3.7	.0
Jun	78.3	48.8	63.6	107	1988	4	73.2	1988	30	1965	8	59.7	1975	114	71	.3	4.6	30.0	.0	.1	.0
Jul	85.7	52.8	69.3	108+	1985	10	74.1	1985	36	1955	3	61.3	1993	44	176	2.2	12.7	31.0	.0	.0	.0
Aug	84.9	51.2	68.1	111+	1983	6	76.0	1971	30+	1992	25	60.3	1977	88	183	1.9	11.9	31.0	.0	.1	.0
Sep	73.3	40.8	57.1	103	1967	5	64.4	1998	15	1995	21	49.1	1985	276	38	.1	3.1	28.9	.0	4.5	.0
Oct	61.6	30.4	46.0	94	1980	7	49.4	1979	-17	1991	30	40.6	1984	590	0	.0	.1	26.6	.6	17.5	.2
Nov	44.4	18.2	31.3	80	1975	5	40.5	1999	-33	1985	28	11.7	1985	1011	0	.0	.0	12.7	5.4	26.6	3.0
Dec	34.8	9.1	22.0	67+	1987	3	35.5	1999	-54	1983	24	-2.1	1983	1334	0	.0	.0	6.4	10.4	29.8	7.9
Ann	59.3	30.1	44.7	111+	Aug 1983	6	76.0	Aug 1971	-54+	Dec 1983	24	-2.1	Dec 1983	7852	477	4.5	33.5	254.1	42.4	182.3	31.9

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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	.60	.53	.75	1975	18	1.69	1971	.00+	1995	5.0	2.2	.1	.0	.00	.07	.18	.28	.37	.48	.60	.75	.94	1.27	1.58
Feb	.38	.32	.54	1982	22	1.05	1978	.02	1995	3.8	1.4	@	.0	.04	.07	.12	.17	.23	.29	.37	.46	.58	.79	.99
Mar	.76	.65	1.46	1981	30	3.07	1981	.00	1994	5.4	2.3	.2	.1	.05	.13	.25	.36	.48	.61	.75	.94	1.18	1.58	1.97
Apr	1.12	.85	2.41	1973	20	3.27	1973	.00+	1981	5.3	3.0	.4	.2	.00	.13	.34	.52	.70	.90	1.13	1.40	1.77	2.38	2.96
May	2.14	1.82	2.57	1962	21	5.46	1981	.51	1988	8.2	5.3	1.1	.3	.57	.77	1.08	1.36	1.62	1.90	2.21	2.58	3.06	3.81	4.52
Jun	2.31	1.86	2.48	1995	6	5.80	1975	.38	1985	8.5	5.5	1.5	.3	.59	.80	1.14	1.44	1.73	2.04	2.38	2.79	3.33	4.17	4.96
Jul	1.36	1.10	2.06	1983	10	4.03	1993	.05	1984	5.2	3.5	.8	.1	.13	.23	.42	.61	.81	1.05	1.32	1.66	2.13	2.92	3.68
Aug	1.51	1.18	2.45	1968	15	4.30	1974	.00	1988	5.4	3.6	.9	.2	.11	.27	.51	.73	.96	1.22	1.51	1.87	2.35	3.14	3.90
Sep	1.17	.81	2.26	1985	12	3.47	1985	.02	1990	5.5	3.0	.6	.1	.11	.19	.35	.51	.69	.89	1.12	1.42	1.83	2.51	3.17
Oct	.74	.60	1.13	1954	23	2.09	1975	.10	1987	4.3	2.3	.4	.0	.14	.21	.32	.42	.52	.63	.75	.90	1.10	1.41	1.71
Nov	.52	.40	.62	1991	21	1.27	1991	.00	1972	4.0	2.1	.1	.0	.04	.09	.18	.25	.33	.42	.52	.64	.81	1.08	1.34
Dec	.48	.36	.66	1966	21	2.13	1977	.00	1991	5.2	1.6	.0	.0	.02	.06	.13	.20	.28	.36	.46	.59	.76	1.05	1.33
Ann	13.09	12.11	2.57	May 1962	21	5.80	Jun 1975	.00+	Jan 1995	65.8	35.8	6.1	1.3	7.76	8.72	9.98	10.97	11.87	12.75	13.67	14.71	15.99	17.87	19.54

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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	11.7	10.0	3	3	10.0	1988	11	33.0	1971	20	1978	31	12	1978	4.8	4.7	1.7	.5	@	16.3	11.6	8.8	3.2
Feb	7.2	6.0	3	2	10.0	1978	11	23.0	1978	30	1978	16	21	1978	3.3	3.2	.8	.2	@	12.1	9.1	6.3	1.9
Mar	6.8	7.0	1	1	10.0	1977	29	17.0	1975	22	1978	5	12	1978	2.8	2.8	.7	.2	@	7.8	5.1	3.1	1.0
Apr	3.6	2.0	#	#	16.0	1973	20	20.0+	1975	20	1975	8	5	1975	1.0	1.0	.5	.1	@	2.1	1.2	.6	.3
May	.8	.0	#	0	10.0	1983	10	10.0	1983	6	1983	10	#+	1989	.2	.2	.1	.1	@	.1	@	@	.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	#	1992	23	#	1992	0	0	0	0	0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Sep	.2	.0	#	0	3.0	1984	26	3.0	1984	#	2000	21	#	2000	.1	.1	@	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Oct	1.7	.0	#	0	8.0	1972	29	11.0	1984	8	1972	29	1	1991	.7	.6	.2	@	.0	.7	.2	.1	.0
Nov	6.5	5.0	1	1	7.0	1983	25	18.0	1978	12	1978	23	7	1978	2.8	2.8	.8	.3	.0	6.5	4.2	2.5	.5
Dec	8.6	6.0	3	2	8.0	1983	8	27.0	1977	18	1983	20	13	1983	4.5	4.5	1.3	.1	.0	14.6	10.3	6.0	1.6
Ann	47.1	36.0	N/A	N/A	16.0	Apr 1973	20	33.0	Jan 1971	30	Feb 1978	16	21	Feb 1978	20.2	19.9	6.1	1.5	@	60.2	41.7	27.4	8.5

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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	6/07	6/04	6/02	5/30	5/28	5/25	5/22	5/18
32	5/31	5/27	5/23	5/21	5/18	5/15	5/13	5/10	5/05
28	5/18	5/14	5/10	5/07	5/05	5/02	4/29	4/26	4/21
24	5/06	5/01	4/27	4/24	4/20	4/17	4/14	4/10	4/05
20	4/23	4/18	4/15	4/12	4/09	4/06	4/03	3/31	3/26
16	4/17	4/12	4/08	4/05	4/02	3/30	3/26	3/22	3/17
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	8/25	8/30	9/03	9/06	9/08	9/11	9/14	9/18	9/22
32	9/03	9/07	9/10	9/13	9/15	9/18	9/20	9/23	9/27
28	9/16	9/20	9/23	9/25	9/27	9/30	10/02	10/05	10/09
24	9/19	9/24	9/28	10/01	10/04	10/07	10/10	10/14	10/19
20	9/28	10/04	10/09	10/13	10/17	10/20	10/24	10/29	11/05
16	10/09	10/15	10/19	10/22	10/26	10/29	11/01	11/06	11/11
Freeze Free Period									
Temp (F)	Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days)								
	.10	.20	.30	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
36	120	113	108	104	100	96	92	87	81
32	141	133	128	124	120	115	111	106	98
28	163	157	152	148	145	141	137	133	127
24	190	182	176	171	166	161	156	150	141
20	216	207	201	195	190	185	179	173	164
16	231	222	216	211	206	201	196	190	181

\* 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	1438	1116	933	591	317	114	44	88	276	590	1011	1334	7852
60	1288	989	778	449	187	46	13	39	170	436	861	1179	6435
57	1205	910	686	368	126	22	6	22	118	344	778	1094	5679
55	1146	858	626	317	93	12	1	15	89	285	721	1037	5200
50	1001	731	481	207	36	2	0	4	36	156	582	891	4127
32	542	356	106	13	0	0	0	0	0	4	201	438	1660

Base	Cooling Degree Days (1)												
Above	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
32	127	164	196	414	714	947	1155	1118	752	437	180	127	6331
55	18	22	3	27	94	269	443	420	151	5	10	14	1476
57	15	18	1	18	66	219	386	365	120	2	7	9	1226
60	5	13	0	9	33	153	300	289	82	0	0	0	884
65	0	0	0	1	8	71	176	183	38	0	0	0	477
70	0	0	0	0	0	23	89	103	15	0	0	0	230

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	12	27	68	231	498	736	937	901	547	258	52	15	12	39	107	338	836	1572	2509	3410	3957	4215	4267	4282
45	2	5	23	128	350	586	782	746	404	146	19	3	2	7	30	158	508	1094	1876	2622	3026	3172	3191	3194
50	0	0	3	60	212	436	627	591	271	69	6	1	0	0	3	63	275	711	1338	1929	2200	2269	2275	2276
55	0	0	0	18	108	291	472	439	157	22	0	0	0	0	0	18	126	417	889	1328	1485	1507	1507	1507
60	0	0	0	5	45	160	321	289	71	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	50	210	531	820	891	896	896	896
Base	Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly)												Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly)											
50/86	14	38	85	189	331	456	582	559	370	225	59	18	14	52	137	326	657	1113	1695	2254	2624	2849	2908	2926

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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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