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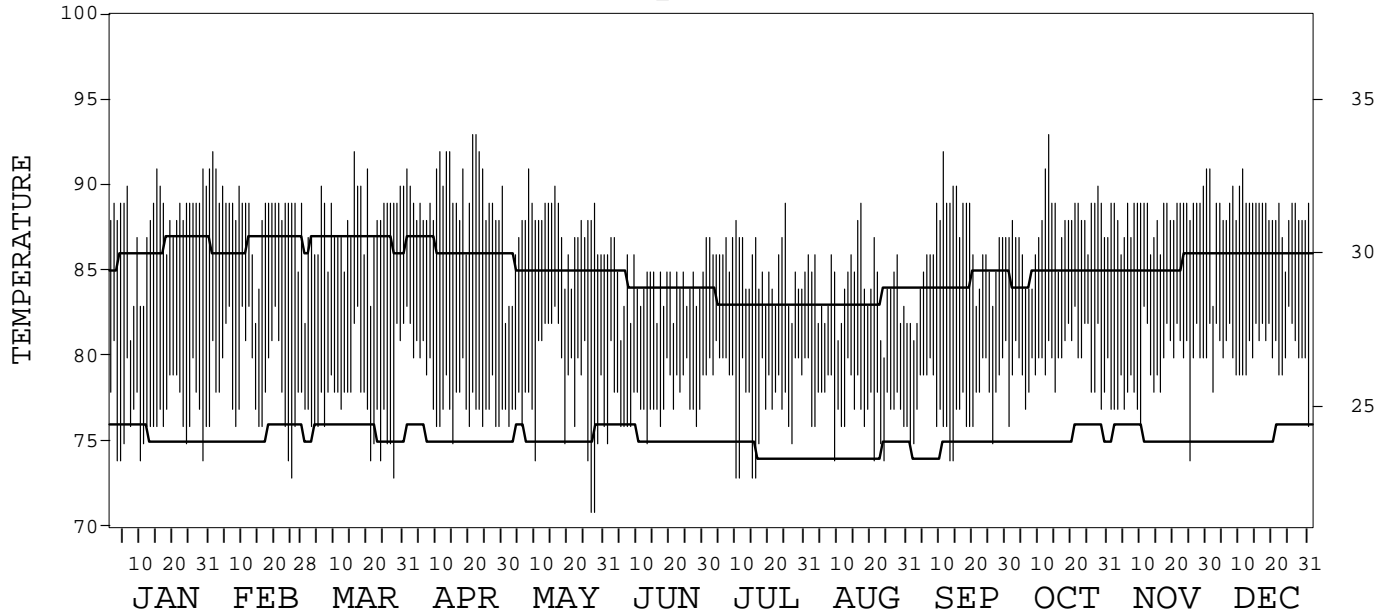
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PAGO PAGO,  
AMERICAN SAMOA (NSTU)

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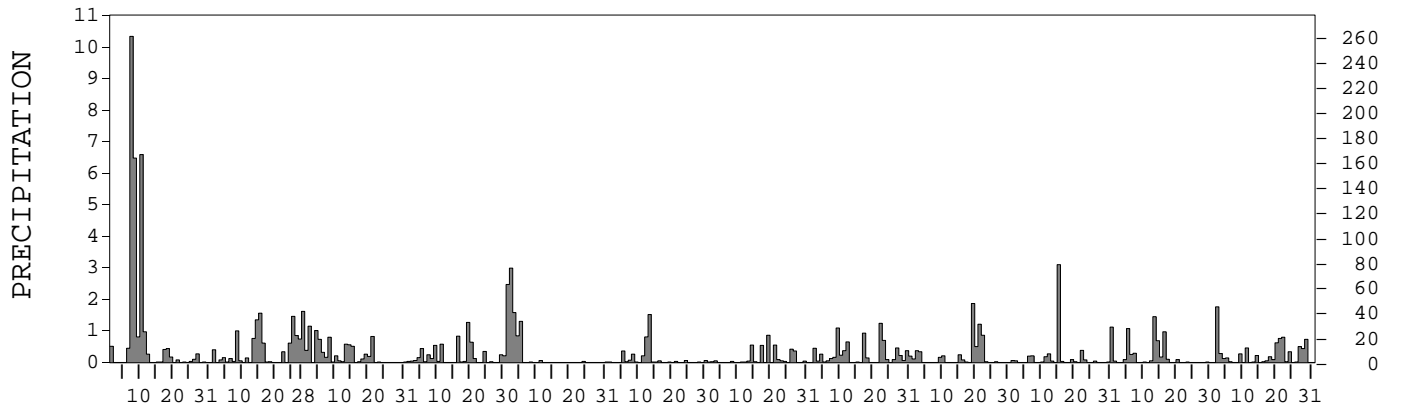
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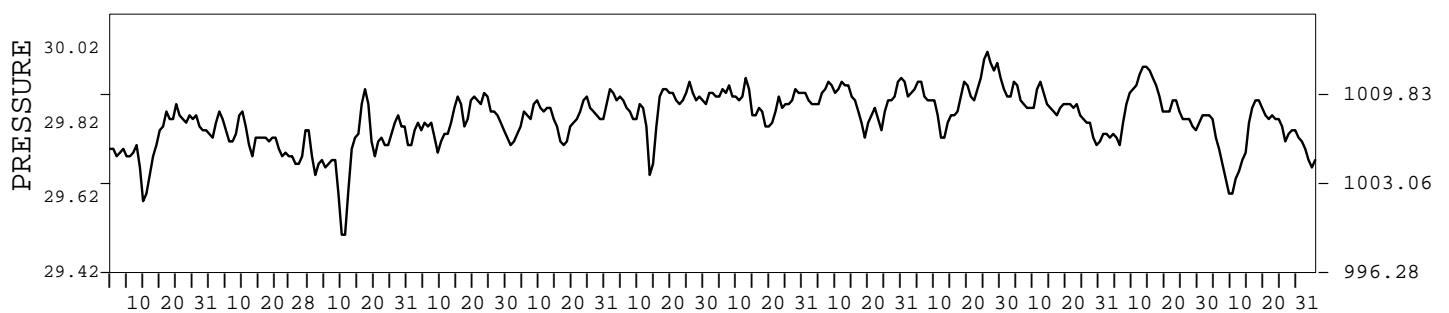
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# METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 1997

## PAGO PAGO, PC (NSTU)

LATITUDE:                      LONGITUDE:                      ELEVATION (FT):                      TIME ZONE:                      WBAN: 61705  
 -14° 20' 0" N                      170° 43' 0" W                      GRND: 12                      BARO: 15                      165E MER (UTC+11)

	ELEMENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	88.0	88.5	87.8	89.7	87.1	84.3	85.5	84.1	86.4	87.6	88.4	88.5	87.2	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	91	92	92	93	91	87	89	89	92	93	91	91	93	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	31+	01	16	22+	08	03+	25	17	11	13	30	11+	OCT 13	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	76.7	78.7	77.5	78.1	78.0	77.4	77.9	77.1	77.4	79.7	79.2	80.4	78.2	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	74	73	73	75	71	75	73	74	74	76	74	76	71	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	29+	25	28	15	28+	13+	16+	24+	14+	01	25	31	MAY 28+	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	82.4	83.6	82.7	83.9	82.6	80.9	81.7	80.6	81.9	83.7	83.8	84.5	82.7	
	MEAN WET BULB	77.5	78.8	77.9	78.9	76.4	75.6	76.9	76.4	76.4	78.0	78.3	80.1	77.6	
	MEAN DEW POINT	75.5	76.8	75.9	77.2	73.6	73.2	74.9	74.4	74.1	75.9	75.9	78.4	75.5	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	6	4	7	13	2	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	4	44
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MINIMUM ≤ 32°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	547	527	554	576	554	483	526	490	516	588	574	610	6545	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	81	80	81	82	76	79	81	82	78	79	78	83	80	
	HOUR 05 LST	89	85	87	88	81	81	85	85	81	83	84	87	85	
	HOUR 11 LST	75	74	75	73	72	76	75	79	75	73	72	78	75	
	HOUR 17 LST	74	75	76	77	72	78	79	80	76	77	74	82	77	
	HOUR 23 LST	85	85	84	88	78	80	84	84	80	82	82	86	83	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	61	66	28	60	45	26	42	29	53	46	61	52	47	
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	12	
CLOUDINESS	AVG. SKY COVER (OKTAS)														
	SUNRISE - SUNSET	6	6	7	5	5	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	6	
	MIDNIGHT - MIDNIGHT	6	6	7	5	5	7	6	7	5	7	7	7	6	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	CLEAR	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	8	
PARTLY CLOUDY	16	18	8	20	17	9	16	7	18	12	8	12	161		
CLOUDY	15	10	22	10	12	21	12	24	11	19	21	19	196		
PR	MEAN STATION PRESS. (IN.)	29.77	29.77	29.75	29.83	29.83	29.87	29.88	29.88	29.90	29.85	29.87	29.77	29.83	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	29.79	29.79	29.76	29.84	29.84	29.88	29.89	29.90	29.91	29.86	29.88	29.79	29.84	
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	4.6	0.8	1.6	0.6	2.5	3.5	5.9	5.3	4.9	7.0	2.4	6.9	3.1	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	05	30	20	30	14	11	06	10	10	07	06	06	08	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	10.9	10.5	8.0	5.5	10.1	15.3	12.5	14.2	13.3	14.0	13.1	14.3	11.8	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	06	08	09	07	09	12	09	09	11	11	09	08	09	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	37	32	30	24	26	41	29	25	28	28	25	25	41	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	33	07	32	06	06	31	13	12	09	06	09	08	31	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	08+	13	14	27	31+	13	26	09+	22	23	28+	21+	JUN 13	
	PEAK GUST:														
	SPEED (MPH)	67	44	59	28	32	59	32	31	31	35	38	36	67	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	N	E	NW	NE	E	NW	SE	E	E	NE	E	E	N		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	08	13	14	27	04+	13	26	06	22	23	13	21+	JAN 08		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	27.95	11.91	7.91	5.97	9.29	3.51	3.68	7.94	6.00	5.89	5.29	7.84	103.18	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	10.34	2.17	1.75	1.30	5.05	1.87	0.86	1.87	2.22	3.10	1.64	1.76	10.34	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	07	25-26	28-01	18-19	01-02	12-13	19-20	22-23	19-20	14-15	13-14	02	JAN 07	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	19	21	21	21	9	17	18	23	14	17	15	22	217		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	13	15	15	13	5	5	6	16	10	7	8	15	128		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	3	5	2	1	4	1	0	2	2	2	2	1	25		
SNOWFALL	SNOW, ICE PELLETS, HAIL:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE														
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DATE OF OCCURRENCE															
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

# NORMALS, MEANS, AND EXTREMES

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ELEMENT		POR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
TEMPERATURE °F	NORMAL DAILY MAXIMUM	30	86.4	86.6	86.8	86.3	85.1	84.2	83.1	83.3	84.4	84.8	85.3	86.0	85.2
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	31	86.7	87.0	87.1	86.6	85.5	84.5	83.6	83.6	84.7	85.1	85.8	86.5	85.6
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	38	93	93	94	93	92	91	91	90	92	93	92	93	94
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1996	1996	1994	1997	1995	1995	1996	1991	1997	1997	1991	1995	MAR 1994
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	31	89.5	89.9	90.0	89.5	88.6	87.7	86.7	87.1	87.7	88.3	89.2	89.7	88.7
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	75.4	75.4	75.6	75.2	75.2	75.3	74.5	74.3	74.7	75.3	75.3	75.4	75.1
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	31	75.8	75.9	76.1	75.8	75.8	75.8	75.2	75.0	75.3	75.7	76.1	76.0	75.7
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	38	67	67	67	68	66	64	62	64	63	67	67	67	62
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1965	1965	1965	1979	1974	1965	1964	1979	1970	1973	1964	1964	JUL 1964
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	31	71.9	72.9	72.5	72.0	71.0	70.7	69.5	69.3	69.5	71.3	71.9	71.8	71.2
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	80.9	81.1	81.2	80.8	80.2	79.8	78.8	78.9	79.6	80.0	80.3	80.7	80.2
	MEAN DRY BULB	31	81.3	81.6	81.6	81.2	80.6	80.2	79.4	79.2	80.0	80.4	80.9	81.3	80.6
	MEAN WET BULB	14	77.4	77.9	78.0	78.0	77.1	76.2	75.3	75.2	75.7	76.5	77.1	77.6	76.8
	MEAN DEW POINT	14	75.6	76.1	76.3	76.3	75.3	74.3	73.0	73.0	73.5	74.6	75.2	75.8	74.9
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	30	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	*	0.0	0.1	0.3	1.8	8.2	
MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	493	451	502	474	471	444	428	431	438	465	459	487	5543
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	83	83	83	84	84	82	80	80	80	82	82	82	82
	HOUR 05 LST	30	88	89	88	89	88	86	84	83	85	86	87	88	87
	HOUR 11 LST	30	88	89	89	90	88	86	84	84	84	84	85	86	86
	HOUR 17 LST	30	76	76	75	76	76	76	75	73	73	75	76	75	75
	HOUR 23 LST	30	82	82	83	85	85	83	81	81	81	82	83	82	82
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	29	44	44	45	38	35	34	40	44	52	42	43	42	42
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG(VISBY≤1/4 MI) THUNDERSTORMS	31 31	0.0 2.8	0.0 2.9	0.0 3.1	0.0 3.4	0.0 2.3	0.0 1.1	0.0 0.5	0.0 0.7	0.0 0.8	0.0 2.7	0.0 3.4	0.0 3.1	0.0 26.8
CLOUDINESS	MEAN:														
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	31	6.6	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.1	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.5	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.1
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	31	6.2	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.9	6.1	6.2	5.9
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	CLEAR	31	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.2	1.0	0.7	1.1	14.1
PARTLY CLOUDY	31	9.5	9.1	11.3	11.5	12.7	13.7	13.8	14.5	13.9	12.3	10.1	9.3	141.7	
CLOUDY	31	21.0	18.6	18.8	17.5	17.3	14.5	14.6	13.9	12.9	16.8	18.3	19.7	203.9	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE(IN)	25	29.76	29.78	29.81	29.82	29.86	29.88	29.89	29.90	29.91	29.87	29.82	29.77	29.84
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	14	29.78	29.77	29.82	29.83	29.86	29.89	29.90	29.91	29.91	29.88	29.83	29.76	29.84
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	16	10.0	9.9	9.7	9.5	11.6	13.2	14.0	13.7	13.3	12.5	11.7	10.4	11.6
	PREVAIL.DIR.(TENS OF DEGS)	16	09	09	09	10	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	09	10
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:														
	SPEED (MPH)	18	46	63	37	35	35	43	32	33	38	35	39	81	81
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		34	36	32	35	08	08	09	17	06	18	09	21	21
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1985	1990	1996	1994	1988	1995	1995	1995	1988	1986	1994	1991	DEC 1991
	PEAK GUST :														
SPEED (MPH)	14	71	107	59	59	47	59	49	45	49	43	47	109	109	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		N	NE	NW	N	N	NW	E	SE	E	S	E	SW	SW	
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1993	1990	1997	1994	1996	1997	1992	1994	1988	1986	1991	1991	DEC 1991	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	12.59	12.76	11.26	12.04	9.92	7.38	6.28	6.71	6.69	10.79	10.84	14.54	121.80
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	38	27.95	32.66	31.84	28.35	20.48	12.82	19.59	17.22	25.29	29.59	25.67	26.95	32.66
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1968	1961	1992	1966	1961	1962	1995	1972	1996	1978	1984	FEB 1968
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	38	4.65	5.91	4.01	4.13	1.61	1.97	0.72	0.29	0.63	2.10	1.36	2.25	0.29
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1968	1966	1976	1982	1983	1992	1974	1989	1987	1975	1965	1995	AUG 1989
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	38	10.34	9.01	6.48	10.79	6.68	5.94	8.65	6.18	10.28	8.62	6.51	8.97	10.79
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1968	1981	1975	1976	1961	1962	1978	1972	1996	1992	1970	APR 1975
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	30	24.6	21.6	23.0	22.0	20.6	18.8	18.4	17.1	17.0	21.7	20.4	23.0	248.2	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	30	3.7	4.0	2.8	3.8	2.6	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.7	3.4	3.6	4.6	35.2	
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE														
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	38	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE														
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE															
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

PRECIPITATION (inches) 1997 PAGO PAGO, PC (NSTU)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	4.65	32.66	11.69	12.60	7.00	2.71	3.56	4.57	8.01	18.88	4.27	6.24	116.84
1969	17.95	11.71	11.93	15.95	4.91	3.96	11.42	7.35	2.26	10.05	9.35	16.68	123.52
1970	9.43	8.87	21.62	13.58	8.78	12.16	4.68	8.10	7.69	5.69	7.98	26.38	134.96
1971	11.48	14.33	7.69	11.70	4.77	12.03	3.16	5.24	2.61	7.25	9.24	6.67	96.17
1972	17.77	11.17	9.45	6.50	6.55	3.67	7.35	5.61	25.29	10.44	6.48	20.30	130.58
1973	22.14	8.44	4.94	9.74	7.93	6.09	8.12	8.58	5.15	16.19	18.93	14.90	131.15
1974	9.26	9.46	9.67	8.80	8.07	5.40	0.72	1.19	0.99	2.44	12.73	9.16	77.89
1975	22.13	9.88	6.57	22.77	17.88	5.21	8.17	2.95	5.57	2.10	7.69	14.15	125.07
1976	5.69	13.36	4.01	10.31	18.98	7.11	8.73	4.09	5.17	3.50	12.19	21.38	114.52
1977	7.29	6.30	11.64	6.98	20.21	5.19	2.92	2.40	3.12	10.06	14.81	6.86	97.78
1978	21.36	9.52	25.64	9.24	8.71	2.62	3.48	16.46	4.71	10.04	25.67	15.62	153.07
1979	12.70	14.43	9.03	9.53	4.23	7.86	8.83	7.19	9.12	11.73	7.89	8.41	110.95
1980	9.73	7.47	14.84	6.52	19.50	11.90	4.14	13.97	15.47	21.48	7.43	13.44	145.89
1981	14.25	14.23	25.37	22.00	9.25	9.47	10.19	10.64	4.04	16.38	10.08	19.58	165.48
1982	9.09	30.25	7.68	4.13	7.90	4.22	6.96	16.20	6.30	4.38	6.35	2.84	106.30
1983	9.45	12.09	6.07	10.97	1.61	2.71	1.12	2.11	7.78	7.17	13.23	13.05	87.36
1984	9.70	8.03	19.34	6.70	4.79	7.44	1.86	4.25	5.23	15.21	8.08	26.95	117.58
1985	16.71	8.27	5.00	18.66	10.41	12.60	3.84	5.76	9.56	10.39	9.24	6.27	116.71
1986	24.88	9.47	6.88	18.83	12.33	5.69	8.79	5.05	17.67	8.87	8.82	22.60	149.88
1987	17.05	15.01	10.09	8.05	5.51	4.02	3.86	6.29	0.63	3.87	3.83	16.42	94.63
1988	8.34	9.32	12.76	10.57	9.76	6.15	9.42	3.98	6.78	9.21	16.10	24.39	126.78
1989	18.37	14.69	8.20	13.60	7.51	5.43	9.56	0.29	1.35	9.78	17.88	14.12	120.78
1990	8.87	22.54	9.90	13.01	3.52	6.31	4.82	2.45	3.68	9.68	11.25	9.30	105.33
1991	13.67	21.01	9.02	9.45	11.25	7.86	9.16	4.36	3.40	9.63	10.20	22.55	131.56
1992	15.40	12.44	13.76	28.35	10.67	1.97	5.22	6.33	6.95	6.59	22.79	8.94	139.41
1993	23.47	7.27	17.26	12.51	8.82	3.89	4.12	8.61	9.28	9.32	8.34	12.62	125.51
1994	10.37	6.78	10.96	22.65	18.96	3.80	15.68	11.83	11.56	17.26	15.52	16.69	162.06
1995	16.40	14.69	13.39	9.07	9.55	5.23	7.27	17.22	7.75	6.42	14.95	2.25	124.19
1996	11.93	11.84	11.12	7.48	10.87	6.65	3.45	1.38	10.52	29.59	6.86	10.75	122.44
1997	27.95	11.91	7.91	5.97	9.29	3.51	3.68	7.94	6.00	5.89	5.29	7.84	103.18
POR= 37 YRS	13.85	12.64	11.63	12.45	10.17	6.93	6.53	7.06	6.78	10.97	11.02	13.94	123.97

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 1997 PAGO PAGO, PC (NSTU)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	81.0	80.1	79.7	78.4	79.3	79.8	78.5	77.4	79.1	79.5	80.8	81.7	79.6
1969	81.7	81.1	81.2	80.6	79.8	80.5	78.4	78.3	78.7	80.4	80.1	80.5	80.1
1970	81.0	81.7	80.1	81.0	81.2	80.0	79.6	78.3	78.4	79.8	79.5	78.7	79.9
1971	80.0	79.4	79.5	79.3	79.2	78.5	78.1	78.6	78.4	79.3	80.0	80.1	79.2
1972	79.2	79.7	80.9	81.2	79.9	80.1	78.4	79.5	79.3	80.2	80.8	82.6	80.2
1973	81.6	82.6	82.9	82.2	81.3	80.4	79.9	79.3	80.3	78.8	79.6	80.0	80.7
1974	80.6	78.9	79.9	79.6	78.4	79.2	79.2	78.1	80.5	80.8	80.2	80.0	79.6
1975	80.5	80.6	81.1	79.9	80.0	79.2	79.3	79.3	79.6	81.1	80.3	79.4	80.0
1976	79.6	79.8	80.6	80.5	79.1	78.8	78.5	78.8	78.9	80.8	80.9	80.1	79.7
1977	81.9	82.3	81.4	80.9	79.4	80.5	79.1	79.1	78.5	80.0	80.8	82.1	80.5
1978	80.9	81.6	80.3	80.3	80.5	79.8	78.9	79.5	79.5	80.1	79.3	80.9	80.1
1979	81.0	81.4	82.3	80.1	81.2	81.1	78.4	78.8	80.5	81.0	80.4	80.5	80.6
1980	81.1	81.8	82.2	82.4	79.6	80.6	79.2	79.4	80.2	79.7	81.8	81.6	80.8
1981	81.7	80.8	80.6	80.2	80.6	79.1	79.0	79.2	80.6	79.8	80.8	80.9	80.3
1982	82.0	80.4	82.3	81.8	80.8	80.4	78.7	79.0	79.2	80.8	80.2	81.1	80.6
1983	82.1	83.5	81.9	81.1	81.1	79.7	78.7	78.3	80.2	79.6	80.4	81.4	80.7
1984	80.7	81.5	81.3	81.5	81.8	80.6	79.0	79.8	79.6	79.6	81.0	80.3	80.6
1985	80.3	81.6	82.2	80.8	80.4	80.0	79.5	79.9	79.7	80.9	80.5	81.7	80.6
1986	81.2	81.6	82.1	81.2	80.6	80.6	79.3	78.3	79.9	81.1	81.8	81.7	80.8
1987	81.7	82.5	82.3	82.1	80.4	78.5	78.3	78.2	79.7	80.4	81.8	82.2	80.7
1988	82.6	82.8	82.9	81.4	81.7	81.4	79.6	80.5	80.2	80.1	79.7	79.9	81.1
1989	79.7	80.5	81.3	80.7	80.5	80.1	78.7	79.7	81.7	81.1	80.5	80.4	80.4
1990	81.5	81.4	81.6	80.6	81.9	80.4	80.2	80.1	80.4	81.5	81.6	81.7	81.1
1991	81.5	82.0	82.6	82.6	81.0	80.6	81.1	80.8	80.5	81.1	82.1	81.5	81.5
1992	81.9	82.2	81.5	81.5	82.0	81.3	81.7	80.3	81.5	81.4	80.4	82.0	81.5
1993	81.7	81.9	81.5	81.9	81.2	79.9	78.3	80.0	79.7	80.3	82.5	83.5	81.0
1994	83.1	84.1	83.9	83.1	82.1	80.8	80.3	79.1	80.0	80.4	81.6	82.9	81.8
1995	83.0	83.1	83.5	82.7	82.7	83.6	82.4	81.7	81.7	82.0	82.8	83.2	82.7
1996	83.0	83.0	83.4	83.0	81.9	82.6	81.7	81.2	82.6	81.6	83.4	83.7	82.6
1997	82.4	83.6	82.7	83.9	82.6	80.9	81.7	80.6	81.9	83.7	83.8	84.5	82.7
POR= 38 YRS	81.2	81.4	81.4	81.1	80.5	79.9	79.3	79.2	79.9	80.3	80.9	81.1	80.5

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 PAGO PAGO, PC (NSTU)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1983-84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1984-85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1985-86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1986-87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1987-88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1988-89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1989-90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1990-91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1991-92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1992-93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1993-94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1994-95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1995-96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1996-97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1997-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 PAGO PAGO, PC (NSTU)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1969	526	459	511	476	464	472	421	416	419	487	458	487	5596
1970	500	474	474	486	508	456	458	423	408	467	441	430	5525
1971	474	410	454	438	448	410	412	429	410	448	458	475	5266
1972	446	433	503	490	468	461	421	456	436	480	480	551	5625
1973	525	500	561	522	513	464	469	450	465	436	446	473	5824
1974	488	396	469	447	421	435	448	414	472	497	462	471	5420
1975	485	445	506	452	473	431	452	450	444	507	464	454	5563
1976	462	437	492	470	444	422	427	435	426	496	483	477	5471
1977	531	491	516	487	454	474	445	445	411	472	480	537	5743
1978	501	472	483	467	486	448	439	455	445	474	437	500	5607
1979	502	465	540	458	509	487	424	436	469	502	470	487	5749
1980	507	495	543	530	457	475	446	453	463	465	513	523	5870
1981	526	450	493	465	490	432	439	447	473	467	481	502	5665
1982	533	438	543	512	497	469	433	442	434	496	463	506	5766
1983	539	524	529	493	504	449	429	419	463	456	467	516	5788
1984	495	487	514	504	528	472	442	462	445	459	487	482	5777
1985	481	470	543	480	487	458	457	468	449	500	474	526	5793
1986	510	474	538	490	489	476	452	421	454	506	511	527	5848
1987	521	497	541	520	485	412	420	419	449	485	514	541	5804
1988	550	522	563	499	525	496	457	484	459	473	450	467	5945
1989	468	438	513	478	488	461	431	463	506	506	471	484	5707
1990	519	466	522	471	531	470	478	473	467	519	505	524	5945
1991	514	482	553	533	503	473	505	498	470	506	518	520	6075
1992	529	503	519	499	533	497	525	482	504	514	468	535	6108
1993	524	477	521	513	510	454	421	468	448	483	534	584	5937
1994	569	543	592	547	539	479	483	444	456	484	504	561	6201
1995	565	516	578	539	557	564	548	521	509	534	541	571	6543
1996	567	526	577	546	529	535	522	511	532	521	556	585	6507
1997	547	527	554	576	554	483	526	490	516	588	574	610	6545

SNOWFALL (inches) 1997 PAGO PAGO, PC (NSTU)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1971-72	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1972-73	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1973-74	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1985-86	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1993-94	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1995-96	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1996-97	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1997-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
POR= 37 YRS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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REFERENCE NOTES:

<p>PAGE 1: THE TEMPERATURE GRAPH SHOWS NORMAL MAXIMUM AND NORMAL MINIMUM DAILY TEMPERATURES (SOLID CURVES) AND THE ACTUAL DAILY HIGH AND LOW TEMPERATURES (VERTICAL BARS).</p> <p>PAGE 2 AND 3: H/C INDICATES HEATING AND COOLING DEGREE DAYS. RH INDICATES RELATIVE HUMIDITY W/O INDICATES WEATHER AND OBSTRUCTIONS S INDICATES SUNSHINE. PR INDICATES PRESSURE. CLOUDINESS ON PAGE 3 IS THE SUM OF THE CEILOMETER AND SATELLITE DATA NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT EIGHTHS(OKTAS).</p> <p>GENERAL: T INDICATES TRACE PRECIPITATION, AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN ZERO BUT LESS THAN THE LOWEST REPORTABLE VALUE. + INDICATES THE VALUE ALSO OCCURS ON EARLIER DATES. BLANK ENTRIES DENOTE MISSING OR UNREPORTED DATA. NORMALS ARE 30-YEAR AVERAGES (1961 - 1990). ASOS INDICATES AUTOMATED SURFACE OBSERVING SYSTEM. PM INDICATES THE LAST DAY OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH. POR (PERIOD OF RECORD) BEGINS WITH THE JANUARY DATA MONTH AND IS THE NUMBER OF YEARS USED TO COMPUTE THE MEAN. INDIVIDUAL MONTHS WITHIN THE POR MAY BE MISSING. WHEN THE POR FOR A NORMAL IS LESS THAN 30 YEARS, THE NORMAL IS PROVISIONAL AND IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF YEARS INDICATED. 0.* OR * INDICATES THE VALUE OR MEAN-DAYS-WITH IS BETWEEN 0.00 AND 0.05. CLOUDINESS FOR ASOS STATIONS DIFFERS FROM THE NON-ASOS OBSERVATION TAKEN BY A HUMAN OBSERVER. ASOS STATION CLOUDINESS IS BASED ON TIME-AVERAGED CEILOMETER DATA FOR CLOUDS AT OR BELOW 12,000 FEET AND ON SATELLITE DATA FOR CLOUDS ABOVE 12,000 FEET. THE NUMBER OF DAYS WITH CLEAR, PARTLY CLOUDY, AND CLOUDY CONDITIONS FOR ASOS STATIONS IS THE SUM OF THE CEILOMETER AND SATELLITE DATA FOR THE SUNRISE TO SUNSET PERIOD.</p>	<p>GENERAL CONTINUED: CLEAR INDICATES 0 - 2 OKTAS, PARTLY CLOUDY INDICATES 3 - 6 OKTAS, AND CLOUDY INDICATES 7 OR 8 OKTAS. WHEN AT LEAST ONE OF THE ELEMENTS (CEILOMETER OR SATELLITE) IS MISSING, THE DAILY CLOUDINESS IS NOT COMPUTED. WIND DIRECTION IS RECORDED IN TENS OF DEGREES (2 DIGITS) CLOCKWISE FROM TRUE NORTH. "00" INDICATES CALM. "36" INDICATES TRUE NORTH. RESULTANT WIND IS THE VECTOR AVERAGE OF THE SPEED AND DIRECTION. AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IS THE SUM OF THE MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TEMPERATURE DIVIDED BY 2. SNOWFALL DATA COMPRISE ALL FORMS OF FROZEN PRECIPITATION, INCLUDING HAIL. A HEATING (COOLING) DEGREE DAY IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURE AND 65° F. DRY BULB IS THE TEMPERATURE OF THE AMBIENT AIR. DEW POINT IS THE TEMPERATURE TO WHICH THE AIR MUST BE COOLED TO ACHIEVE 100 PERCENT RELATIVE HUMIDITY. WET BULB IS THE TEMPERATURE THE AIR WOULD HAVE IF THE MOISTURE CONTENT WAS INCREASED TO 100 PERCENT RELATIVE HUMIDITY.</p> <p>ON JULY 1, 1996, THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BEGAN USING THE "METAR" OBSERVATION CODE THAT WAS ALREADY EMPLOYED BY MOST OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. THE MOST NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE IN THIS ANNUAL PUBLICATION WILL BE THE CHANGE IN UNITS FROM TENTHS TO EIGHTHS(OKTAS) FOR REPORTING THE AMOUNT OF SKY COVER.</p>
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1997  
PAGO PAGO,  
AMERICAN SAMOA (NSTU)

Pago Pago Airport is located on the southeastern coast of the island of Tutuila in the American Samoa group, approximately 2,600 miles south-southwest of Hawaii, 1,600 miles north-northeast of New Zealand, and 4,500 miles southwest of California. Tutuila is a long, narrow island lying southwest-northeast, with a land area of 76 square miles, a greatest length of just over 20 miles, and a width ranging from 1 to 2 miles in the eastern half and from 2 to 5 miles in the western. It is volcanic in origin, extremely mountainous, and nearly surrounded by a coral reef. The principal ridge extends the length of the island, reaching a maximum height of 2,141 feet, at Matafao peak, near the central portion of the long axis. Vegetation is moderately dense, with many coconut, banana, and other tropical fruit trees, grass, and low-growing brush. The orientation of Tutuila is such that winds from the east-northeast clockwise to south approach Pago Pago Airport directly from the ocean without being deflected by the terrain, while winds from other directions may be considerably disturbed by topography.

Samoa has a maritime climate with abundant rain and warm, humid days and nights. Rainfall, usually falling as showers, is about 125 inches a year at the airport, but varies greatly over small distances because of topography. Thus, Pago Pago, less than 4 miles north of the airport and at the head of a hill-encircled harbor open to the prevailing wind, receives nearly 200 inches a year. The crest of the range receives well above 250 inches. In most years, the airport records about 300 days with a trace or more of rain and about 175 with .1 inch or more.

The driest months are June through September (southern winter) and the wettest, December through March (southern summer). However, the seasonal rainfall may vary widely in individual years, and heavy showers and long rainy periods can occur in any month. Flooding rains are not unknown. Some of these have been associated with hurricanes and tropical storms, but they have occurred at other times as well.

June, July and August are the coolest months and January, February, and March, the warmest. Afternoon temperatures ordinarily reach the upper 80s in summer and the mid 80s in winter, while nighttime temperatures fall to the mid 70s in the summer and low 70s in winter. The highest temperatures recorded at the airport are in the low 90s and lowest near 60.

The prevailing winds throughout the year are the easterly trades. These tend to be more directly from the east in December through March, but predominantly from east-southeast and southeast during the rest of the year. The trade winds are also less prevalent in summer than in winter. As the foregoing suggests, the trades are interrupted more often in summer than in winter. These interruptions are sometimes associated with the proximity of small tropical storms, of bands of converging winds, or of low pressure systems higher in the atmosphere, all of which help make summer the rainy season. At other times, the absence of the trades is marked by periods of light and variable winds and by land and sea breezes. Westerly to northerly winds, in particular, are more frequent then. These are strong at times, but are often quite light, and may then reflect the nighttime drainage of cooled air from the mountains west and north of the airport.

Thunderstorms are less frequent than might be expected, considering the moistness and instability of the tropical air mass which usually overlies Samoa.

# STATION LOCATION

PAGO PAGO, AMERICAN SAMOA

LOCATION	OCCUPIED FROM	OCCUPIED TO	AIRLINE DISTANCES AND DIRECTIONS FROM PREVIOUS LOCATION	LATITUDE SOUTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE										AUTOMATED	* Type M = AMOS T = AUTOB S = ASOS W = AWOS	REMARKS	
						SEA LEVEL	GROUND												
							G	W	E	P	S	T	R	W	8				H
Airport Communications Building, Tafuna AP # (Supplementary Aviation Weather Reporting Sta.)	1/25/56	4/13/64		14°20'	170°43'	6	37	a6	5		b3		3				a - About 60 feet West of shoreline. b - Installed 11/6/57. # - Pago Pago International Airport effective 9/1/62.		
FAA Receiver Control Building, Pago Pago International Airport	4/14/64	3/31/66	2900 ft. WSW	14°20'	170°43'	30	20	5	5		3		3				FAA Station.		
Weather Bureau Building Pago Pago International Airport	4/01/66	Present	2000 ft. E	14°20'	170°43'	12	21 c28	4	4	5	3	NA	4	d5	NA		Weather Bureau Operation. c - Relocated 10/4/72. d - Added 5/13/90.		

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