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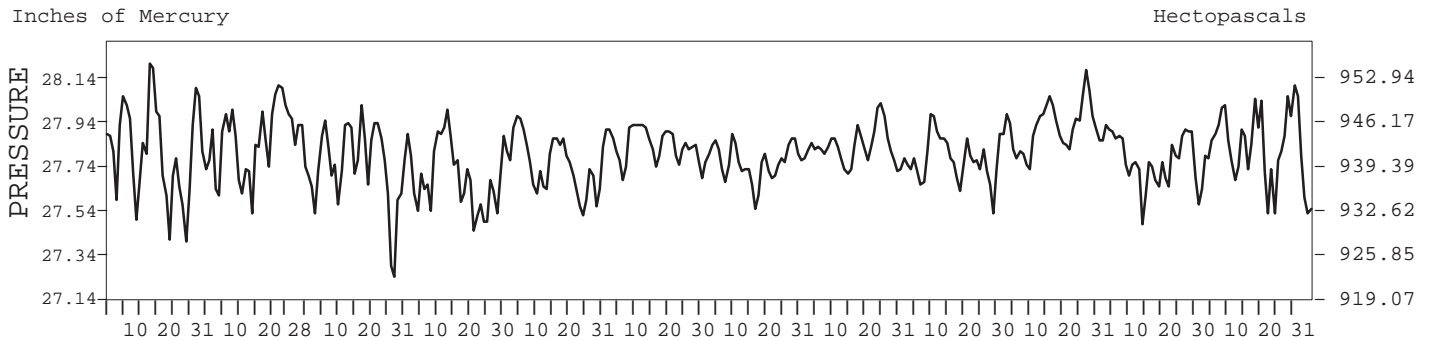
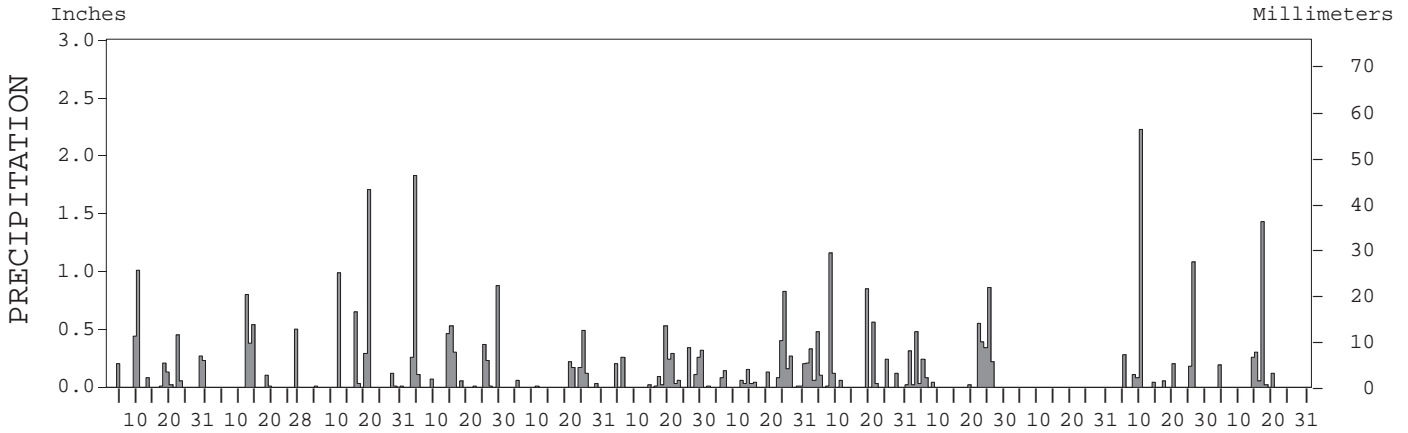
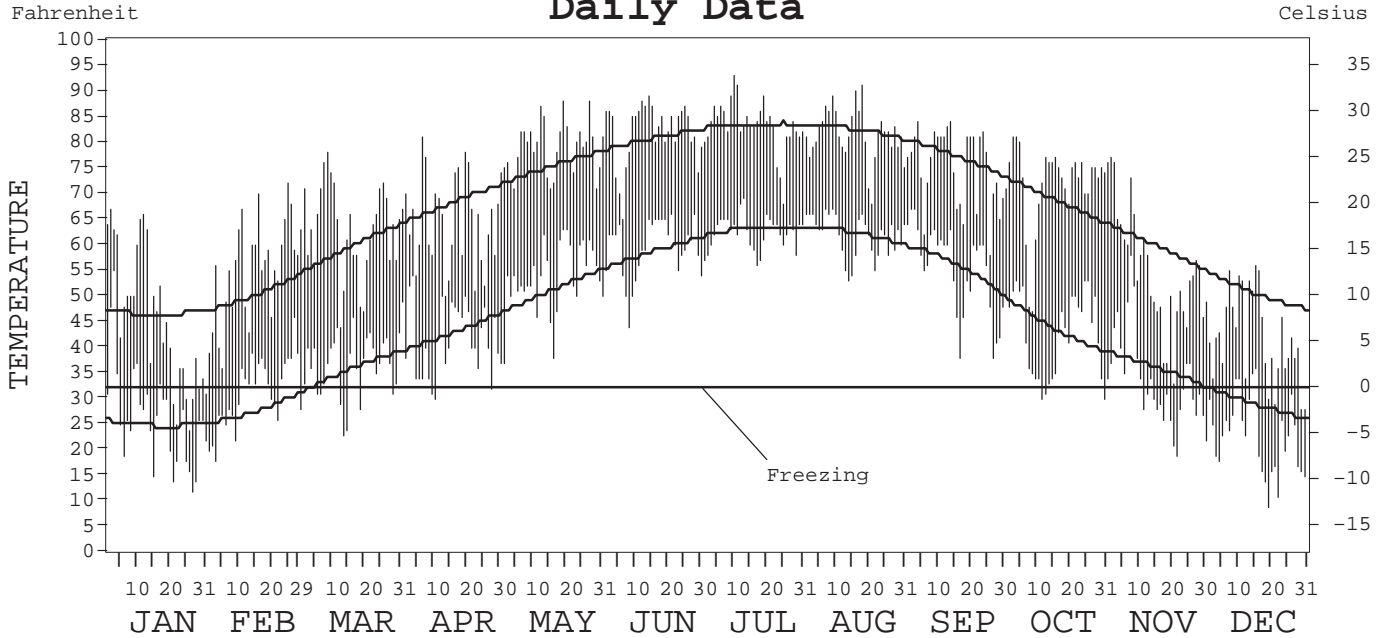
# LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA ANNUAL SUMMARY WITH COMPARATIVE DATA



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## ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA (AVL)

### Daily Data



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# METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2000

## ASHEVILLE, NC (AVL)

LATITUDE: 35° 26' 09" N      LONGITUDE: 82° 32' 21" W      ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 2200      BARO: 2200      TIME ZONE: EASTERN (UTC + 5)      WBAN: 03812

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	45.4	55.3	63.0	64.7	78.7	81.9	83.2	81.5	75.1	71.7	55.1	42.2	66.5	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	67	72	78	81	88	89	93	91	84	81	77	56	93	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	02	25	08	06	27+	14	10	18	14+	04+	02	16	JUL 10	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	26.5	31.3	36.8	41.3	53.6	59.3	62.4	61.8	55.3	42.7	34.0	22.8	44.0	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	12	18	23	30	37	44	56	53	38	30	19	9	9	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	27	03	13	10	01	08	17	14	27+	31+	22	20	DEC 20	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	36.0	43.3	49.9	53.0	66.2	70.6	72.8	71.7	65.2	57.2	44.6	32.5	55.3	
	MEAN WET BULB	32.1	37.8	44.1	47.7	59.8	65.0	66.6	66.4	50.4	50.4		28.6		
	MEAN DEW POINT	24.9	31.4	37.5	42.3	55.4	61.7	63.5	63.9		44.7		22.8		
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	11	
	MINIMUM ≤ 32°	25	14	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	16	27	95	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	893	621	460	353	41	11	1	1	88	238	607	998	4312	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	0	83	187	251	215	103	4	1	0	844	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	67	69	66	71	72	77	77	81	82	71	74	72	73	
	HOUR 01 LST	74	78	76	81	86	93	92	94	92	89	84	80	85	
	HOUR 07 LST	81	84	83	88	88	92	91	95	94	93	85	82	88	
	HOUR 13 LST	54	53	51	56	51	57	57	64	63	44	57	57	55	
	HOUR 19 LST	60	62	57	63	63	68	69	75	81	63	69	69	67	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	2	3	0	4	3	7	7	14	10	6	3	5	64	
	THUNDERSTORMS	1	3	1	2	4	7	8	6	3	0	1	1	36	
CLOUDINESS	SUNRISE-SUNSET: (OKTAS)														
	CEILOMETER (≤ 12,000 FT.)														
	SATELLITE (> 12,000 FT.)														
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT: (OKTAS)														
	CEILOMETER (≤ 12,000 FT.)														
	SATELLITE (> 12,000 FT.)														
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
CLEAR															
PARTLY CLOUDY															
CLOUDY															
PR	MEAN STATION PRESS. (IN.)	27.81	27.86	27.74	27.70	27.75	27.84	27.76	27.83	27.79	27.92	27.76	27.83	27.80	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.15	30.19	30.04	29.98	30.01		30.00	30.07		30.21		30.18		
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	4.4	2.1	1.6	2.5	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.9	1.2	3.8	3.1	3.3	2.2	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	34	36	34	34	32	32	34	35	35	35	35	36	35	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	10.1	8.0	6.9	7.9	5.8	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.6	5.4	6.8	7.8	6.5	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	36	36	36	01	01	36	32	35	36	36	36	36	36	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	45	32	34	34	33	30	26	41	31	31	29	26	45	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	34	33	33	30	32	34	36	30	34	35	18	35	34	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	20	05	12	08	25	06	14	18	24	09	09	17	JAN 20	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	53	38	44	45	45	46	36	53	37	37	37	33	53	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	31	32	26	36	27	10	36	30	31	01	17	35	30		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	20	05	28	08	25	18	14	18	24	09	09	17	AUG 18		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	3.10	2.33	3.82	5.11	1.27	2.78	2.84	4.45	3.27	0.00	4.25	2.37	35.59	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	1.42	0.92	2.00	1.85	0.65	0.77	0.88	1.28	1.08	0.00	2.29	1.45	2.29	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	09-10	13-14	19-20	03-04	23-24	18-19	24-25	07-08	24-25		08-09	15-16	NOV 08-09	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	12	6	9	13	8	15	18	15	12	0	9	7	124	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	8	5	5	9	5	9	9	10	7	0	6	5	78		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	7		
SNOWFALL	SNOW, ICE PELLETS, HAIL:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	6.2	T	T	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	6.1	14.4	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	4.5	T	T	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	3.1	4.5	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	22	05+	12	04							19	19-20	JAN 22	
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	23										20	21+	JAN 23	
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5		



PRECIPITATION (inches) 2000 ASHEVILLE, NC (AVL)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1971	2.53	4.93	3.48	2.06	3.54	5.00	5.47	3.03	3.80	7.05	2.84	4.32	48.05
1972	3.57	2.02	3.19	1.49	6.63	6.54	4.66	1.88	5.29	4.44	4.42	3.89	48.02
1973	4.26	4.23	8.91	5.71	8.83	3.87	6.95	4.57	3.12	2.41	3.57	8.48	64.91
1974	3.44	4.24	3.18	4.99	5.58	3.73	3.93	7.34	4.13	1.28	4.22	2.38	48.44
1975	3.86	4.56	9.86	0.61	8.17	2.12	3.31	3.63	7.53	3.94	4.89	4.44	56.92
1976	3.51	2.20	4.96	0.25	8.67	5.51	3.18	4.23	3.50	5.59	1.58	4.05	47.23
1977	2.09	1.02	7.29	4.05	3.96	5.11	1.03	3.68	9.12	3.79	6.88	2.43	50.45
1978	7.47	0.44	5.22	2.97	4.65	2.29	0.63	6.91	2.57	0.30	2.49	4.32	40.26
1979	6.81	5.14	5.72	7.26	5.35	2.20	5.52	3.63	5.60	1.40	7.76	1.05	57.44
1980	2.85	0.53	8.26	4.77	4.54	4.68	2.21	2.38	4.36	2.62	3.04	0.59	40.83
1981	0.45	4.80	3.24	2.07	7.50	4.41	2.06	0.52	1.36	2.19	1.19	4.79	34.58
1982	5.41	7.02	1.92	3.62	3.78	3.98	9.92	1.73	1.33	3.48	4.59	4.04	50.82
1983	3.39	5.63	6.27	5.27	3.48	3.71	1.06	0.95	5.66	4.43	4.77	8.30	52.92
1984	2.36	6.43	4.82	4.05	6.62	3.69	5.88	5.02	0.16	2.73	2.61	1.34	45.71
1985	2.95	4.74	0.77	2.74	1.59	1.47	4.37	7.04	1.25	3.41	4.91	0.70	35.94
1986	1.11	1.85	2.75	0.57	3.55	1.28	0.46	6.10	3.15	4.19	5.28	4.28	34.57
1987	3.49	6.17	2.85	3.67	1.87	8.94	1.86	1.79	6.79	0.36	3.09	2.33	43.21
1988	3.71	0.88	1.31	3.46	1.06	0.94	2.65	1.78	2.79	3.12	3.47	1.41	26.58
1989	1.65	4.61	2.91	3.17	5.54	10.73	8.33	4.98	8.17	2.98	4.27	3.29	60.63
1990	3.27	8.07	5.95	1.96	5.09	0.90	6.55	7.78	1.43	8.82	1.55	4.50	55.87
1991	3.25	1.66	6.13	5.38	2.41	5.27	6.07	3.83	1.27	0.19	3.34	4.86	43.66
1992	3.08	3.66	3.52	3.99	6.18	6.62	1.10	7.64	3.15	4.15	7.24	3.71	54.04
1993	3.82	2.03	6.16	3.21	4.59	1.12	2.07	5.29	1.56	1.21	3.32	3.59	37.97
1994	5.35	5.11	7.52	3.30	1.74	5.89	6.76	6.01	5.33	4.27	3.15	3.03	57.46
1995	7.03	2.93	2.42	0.98	6.04	8.89	3.61	9.22	1.95	7.23	3.66	1.43	55.39
1996	7.22	2.71	3.36	2.00	2.55	3.54	4.83	6.68	5.22	0.68	4.45	3.92	47.16
1997	4.44	5.29	5.48	5.26	2.91	8.29	2.97	1.37	4.89	3.90	1.60	2.98	49.38
1998	9.96	6.38	3.71	8.70	2.22	3.64	1.97	2.23	1.62	1.79	2.76	3.04	48.02
1999	6.38	3.29	2.82	2.44	2.53	4.39	3.85	3.37	2.20	3.29	3.31	1.98	39.85
2000	3.10	2.33	3.82	5.11	1.27	2.78	2.84	4.45	3.27	0.00	4.25	2.37	35.59
POR= 35 YRS	3.73	3.81	4.54	3.45	4.36	4.28	4.17	4.59	3.62	3.27	3.57	3.37	46.76

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2000 ASHEVILLE, NC (AVL)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1971	36.5	39.5	43.1	55.2	61.1	72.4	72.5	72.2	69.5	61.8	45.8	47.7	56.4
1972	42.1	37.6	46.5	55.8	61.2	66.5	72.3	72.5	69.0	55.0	45.5	45.2	55.8
1973	37.5	38.5	52.7	52.8	60.3	71.0	74.1	74.2	70.0	58.8	49.1	39.8	56.6
1974	48.2	40.5	51.1	54.9	64.2	66.7	72.9	72.3	65.7	54.6	47.4	40.3	56.6
1975	41.7	42.5	44.8	54.1	66.0	68.8	72.4	72.9	65.2	57.3	48.2	38.6	56.0
1976	33.6	45.3	50.6	54.9	59.5	68.1	71.2	70.2	63.1	51.5	41.2	36.2	53.8
1977	24.8	37.4	50.7	58.2	64.6	69.7	75.7	73.8	69.1	54.3	49.3	36.8	55.4
1978	29.3	33.4	45.9	56.8	62.0	71.1	73.4	74.1	70.0	55.7	51.8	41.0	55.4
1979	34.2	35.8	50.0	55.9	64.3	68.8	72.2	73.2	66.5	55.3	49.2	42.0	55.6
1980	40.5	35.1	46.2	56.5	64.8	71.7	77.5	74.8	70.2	54.7	47.1	39.6	56.6
1981	33.3	39.9	44.9	60.1	60.7	74.3	75.0	71.7	66.1	54.5	48.2	35.8	55.4
1982	32.3	41.2	50.0	53.6	67.3	71.5	74.6	71.7	64.5	56.3	47.1	44.9	56.3
1983	36.7	38.8	46.7	51.1	61.6	69.0	75.7	76.5	66.6	57.5	47.3	36.4	55.3
1984	34.0	40.5	44.8	51.7	59.9	70.0	70.6	71.6	62.8	62.7	43.1	46.3	54.8
1985	30.5	38.3	48.1	56.6	62.6	69.8	72.2	70.9	64.2	60.5	56.0	34.7	55.4
1986	35.0	42.2	46.0	56.0	63.3	71.7	76.1	70.9	68.0	57.4	50.7	39.8	56.4
1987	35.3	38.9	46.5	52.6	66.7	71.2	74.7	74.7	66.5	50.1	47.0	42.2	55.5
1988	32.1	37.1	47.1	54.6	61.1	69.3	73.8	74.6	66.3	50.2	46.7	38.7	54.3
1989	42.1	39.8	50.3	54.5	59.4	70.0	73.3	71.9	65.8	56.1	46.2	31.6	55.1
1990	42.8	45.6	50.4	54.2	63.3	70.9	73.8	73.9	67.6	57.8	49.9	45.5	58.0
1991	39.2	42.5	49.6	58.4	67.3	70.3	75.2	72.1	67.3	57.0	45.5	43.4	57.3
1992	40.7	44.2	46.3	55.9	59.9	68.1	74.9	70.4	67.8	54.4	46.2	39.2	55.7
1993	42.0	38.0	43.0	52.6	63.2	71.4	78.0	73.9	67.8	55.0	46.0	36.8	55.6
1994	32.4	40.6	47.3	58.5	60.2	72.6	73.1	71.4	64.6	55.9	50.1	43.6	55.9
1995	38.9	38.4	49.4	56.4	64.1	68.5	75.0	75.3	65.4	56.8	43.3	37.1	55.7
1996	35.3	39.5	41.4	53.6	66.1	69.6	72.0	71.5	64.4	55.8	42.3	40.5	54.3
1997	36.5	43.2	51.5	51.5	58.4	66.5	73.4	70.6	66.1	55.4	42.3	36.9	54.4
1998	41.3	42.2	43.9	54.1	66.5	71.7	74.9	73.4	70.3	58.3	49.2	43.9	57.5
1999	41.7	42.4	42.9	58.5	61.9	69.3	74.3	74.1	65.6	56.0	51.3	41.9	56.7
2000	36.0	43.3	49.9	53.0	66.2	70.6	72.8	71.7	65.2	57.2	44.6	32.5	55.3
POR= 36 YRS	36.6	39.5	47.0	55.2	62.9	69.9	73.6	72.5	66.5	56.0	46.9	39.8	55.5

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2000 ASHEVILLE, NC (AVL)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1971-72	0	0	6	129	576	530	704	790	569	294	116	35	3749
1972-73	3	0	8	304	578	605	846	737	374	362	158	0	3975
1973-74	0	0	7	205	473	772	516	680	423	299	83	24	3482
1974-75	0	0	65	316	519	760	715	624	619	331	46	7	4002
1975-76	0	0	77	232	498	812	966	566	439	296	168	33	4087
1976-77	2	3	83	411	706	884	1239	768	437	198	66	25	4822
1977-78	0	0	14	331	466	868	1101	878	586	241	139	0	4624
1978-79	0	0	12	283	390	741	951	810	457	268	71	18	4001
1979-80	5	0	44	299	468	707	753	861	573	258	65	2	4035
1980-81	0	0	37	315	533	778	978	696	615	152	152	0	4256
1981-82	0	1	57	326	499	897	1006	659	458	333	38	0	4274
1982-83	0	0	74	274	531	616	872	725	562	410	127	13	4204
1983-84	0	0	84	229	527	882	955	706	618	391	176	9	4577
1984-85	1	0	107	91	648	576	1064	737	520	249	109	19	4121
1985-86	0	6	111	156	266	932	923	633	581	273	91	2	3974
1986-87	0	32	16	268	419	774	913	725	567	369	40	1	4124
1987-88	0	0	47	452	532	702	1013	802	545	308	132	31	4564
1988-89	5	0	33	453	544	808	702	698	454	331	200	4	4232
1989-90	1	8	74	279	558	1028	679	535	446	321	91	3	4023
1990-91	0	0	55	229	445	601	793	627	472	204	53	16	3495
1991-92	0	1	64	242	578	663	748	596	573	274	169	25	3933
1992-93	0	0	34	324	558	794	708	751	677	365	82	9	4302
1993-94	0	0	44	310	563	866	1005	676	544	206	165	0	4379
1994-95	0	1	52	276	441	656	803	736	474	264	87	17	3807
1995-96	0	0	50	255	645	856	912	735	725	341	78	20	4617
1996-97	0	0	76	284	673	753	876	601	412	400	212	64	4351
1997-98	0	5	35	292	675	863	727	631	647	322	71	23	4291
1998-99	0	0	11	214	465	649	718	627	680	210	100	7	3681
1999-00	6	0	56	274	405	705	893	621	460	353	41	11	3825
2000-	1	1	88	238	607	998							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2000 ASHEVILLE, NC (AVL)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1971	0	0	0	3	25	232	238	231	149	37	8	0	923
1972	0	0	0	24	6	84	236	237	134	0	1	0	722
1973	0	0	0	1	16	190	288	292	163	19	0	0	969
1974	0	0	0	3	65	82	254	234	92	1	0	0	731
1975	0	0	0	11	82	124	237	252	89	0	0	0	795
1976	0	0	0	0	5	135	198	170	35	2	0	0	545
1977	0	0	0	2	59	173	340	279	146	7	1	0	1007
1978	0	0	0	2	53	188	266	292	168	4	0	0	973
1979	0	0	0	1	55	141	234	261	96	4	0	0	792
1980	0	0	0	8	64	210	396	311	198	4	0	0	1191
1981	0	0	0	10	25	286	316	213	98	7	0	0	955
1982	0	0	0	0	117	206	305	215	64	16	0	0	923
1983	0	0	0	0	25	139	335	362	141	5	0	0	1007
1984	0	0	0	0	25	165	180	211	49	27	0	0	657
1985	0	0	5	2	43	170	229	194	90	25	4	0	762
1986	0	0	0	8	43	209	353	222	112	38	0	0	985
1987	0	0	0	7	97	192	310	309	97	0	0	0	1012
1988	0	0	0	0	18	168	282	304	79	3	0	0	854
1989	0	0	5	23	34	159	264	229	107	11	0	0	832
1990	0	0	0	3	48	187	279	283	141	11	0	0	952
1991	0	0	3	13	132	181	324	227	139	3	0	0	1022
1992	0	0	0	7	20	125	313	174	125	0	0	0	764
1993	0	0	0	0	37	210	411	285	133	5	0	0	1081
1994	0	0	0	15	21	233	259	205	43	2	0	0	778
1995	0	0	1	12	65	127	315	325	68	8	0	0	921
1996	0	0	0	6	120	164	224	209	64	5	0	0	792
1997	0	0	0	0	13	116	265	184	76	1	0	0	655
1998	0	0	0	1	124	230	315	269	178	14	0	0	1131
1999	0	0	0	23	9	143	304	291	78	3	0	0	851
2000	0	0	0	0	83	187	251	215	103	4	1	0	844

SNOWFALL (inches) 2000 ASHEVILLE, NC (AVL)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1971-72	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	16.3	T	7.4	7.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.7
1972-73	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	T	7.1	0.5	1.0	T	0.0	0.0	9.2
1973-74	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	T	0.3	1.1	T	0.0	0.0	4.4
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	3.0	0.4	4.3	3.7	T	0.0	0.0	14.5
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.4	1.6	3.5	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	11.9	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	1.5	9.7	5.3	5.3	T	0.0	0.0	21.8
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	5.2	17.8	T	0.0	T	0.0	23.0
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	2.1	6.3	5.4	T	0.0	0.0	13.8
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	4.7	T	9.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.6
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.0	8.6	8.1	0.1	3.0	0.0	0.0	21.8
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	10.5	9.3	4.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	26.7
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.2	2.9	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	4.5	3.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	8.1
1985-86	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.8	3.7	0.1	T	0.0	0.0	5.0
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	15.0	2.7	0.3	11.5	0.0	0.0	29.5
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	14.2	T	T	1.2	0.0	0.0	16.2
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.2	6.0	T	1.0	0.0	0.0	8.2
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	3.0	T	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
1990-91	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.4	3.1	0.0	0.0	T	3.5
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	T	T	0.5	0.0	T	0.0	1.5
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	T	3.0	18.2	T	T	0.0	21.2
1993-94	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	8.0	2.6	0.3	0.1	T	0.0	0.0	11.0
1994-95	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.2	3.2	T	0.0	0.0	T	3.4
1995-96	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.1	15.7	4.4	1.5	T	0.0	T	21.7
1996-97	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.5	3.8	1.9	T	T	0.0	0.0	8.3
1997-98	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	4.5	12.7	T	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.6
1998-99	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.6	T	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2
1999-00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	T	6.2	T	T	0.1	0.0	0.0	6.4
2000-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	6.1							
POR= 35 YRS	T	T	0.0	T	0.7	2.0	4.8	3.9	2.4	0.6	T	T	14.4

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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 EIGHTS(OKTAS) FOR REPORTING THE AMOUNT OF SKY COVER.</p>
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ASHEVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA (AVL)

The city of Asheville is located on both banks of the French Broad River, near the center of the French Broad Basin. Upstream from Asheville, the valley runs south for 18 miles and then curves toward the south-southwest. Downstream from the city, the valley is oriented toward the north-northwest. Two miles upstream from the principal section of Asheville, the Swannanoa River joins the French Broad from the east. The entire valley is known as the Asheville Plateau, having an average elevation near 2,200 feet above sea level, and is flanked by mountain ridges to the east and west, whose peaks range from 2,000 to 4,400 feet above the valley floor. At the Carolina-Tennessee border, about 25 miles north-northwest of Asheville, a relatively high ridge of mountains blocks the northern end of the valley. Thirty miles south, the Blue Ridge Mountains form an escarpment, having a general elevation of about 2,700 feet above sea level. The tallest peaks near Asheville are Mt. Mitchell, 6,684 feet above sea level, 20 miles northeast of the city, and Big Pisgah Mountain, 5,721 feet above sea level, 16 miles to the southwest.

Asheville has a temperate, but invigorating, climate. Considerable variation in temperature often occurs from day to day in summer, as well as during the other seasons.

While the office was located in the city, the combination of roof exposure conditions and a smoke blanket, caused by inversions in temperature in the valley on quiet nights, resulted in higher early morning temperatures at City Office sites than were experienced nearer ground level in nearby rural areas. The growing season in this area is of sufficient length for commercial crops, the average length of freeze-free period being about 195 days. The average last occurrence in spring of a temperature 32 degrees or lower is mid-April and the average first occurrence in fall of 32 degrees is late October.

The orientation of the French Broad Valley appears to have a pronounced influence on the wind direction. Prevailing winds are from the northwest during all months of the year. Also, the shielding effect of the nearby mountain barriers apparently has a direct bearing on the annual amount of precipitation received in this vicinity. In an area northwest of Asheville, the average annual precipitation is the lowest in North Carolina. Precipitation increases sharply in all other directions, especially to the south and southwest.

Destructive events caused directly by meteorological conditions are infrequent. The most frequent, occurring at approximately 12-year intervals, are floods on the French Broad River. These floods are usually associated with heavy rains caused by storms moving out of the Gulf of Mexico. Snowstorms which have seriously disrupted normal life in this community are infrequent. Hailstorms that cause property damage are extremely rare.

# STATION LOCATION

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

LOCATION	Occupied From	Occupied To	Airline Distances and Directions from previous Location	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE										AUTOMATIC OBSERVING EQUIPMENT *	REMARKS
						GROUND											
						SEA LEVEL	GROUND	WIND INSTRUMENT	EXTREME THERMOMETER	PSYCHROMETER	SUNSHINE SWITCH	TIPPING GAUGE	WEIGHING RAIN GAGE	8 INCH RAIN GAGE	HYGROMETER		
*NOTE:																	
<b>AIRPORT</b>																	
Administration Building Asheville Airport+ + Asheville Regional AP (Effective 7/1/80)	9/1/64	06/01/96	12 mi. S of Post Office	35°26'	82°32' c82°33'	2140	20 h20	NA d4 g4 i4	3 g3 i3	57 e21	NA	4 g4 i3	3 g3 i3	4 f4 h4	NA	c - Resurvey effective 6/20/75. d - Installed 12/15/77. e - Lowered 10/5/84. f - Type change 10/18/84. g - Moved 30-35' N 3/4/87. h - Moved 600' N 11/1/89. i - Moved 50' N 11/8/89.	
Asheville Regional AP	06/01/96	Present	NA	35°26'	82°32'	2200									S	ASOS Commissioned 06/01/96	

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