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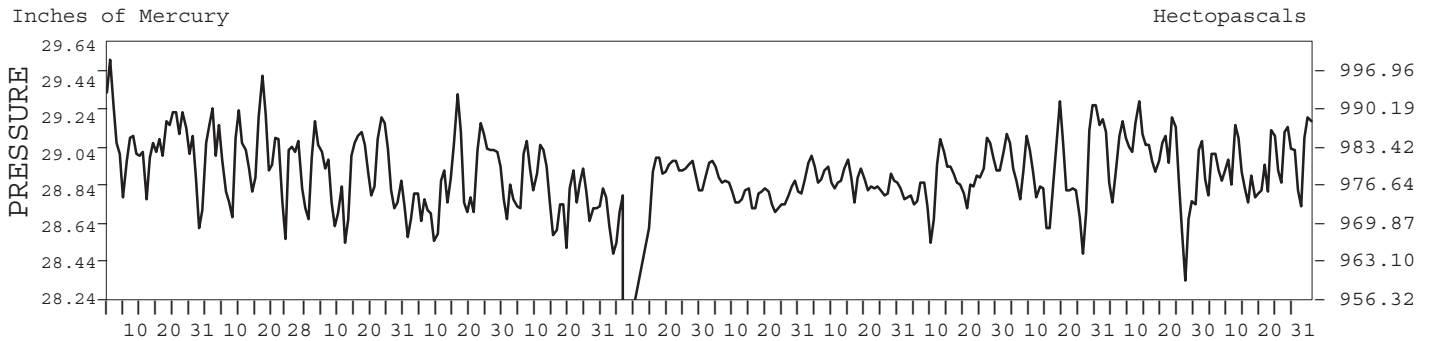
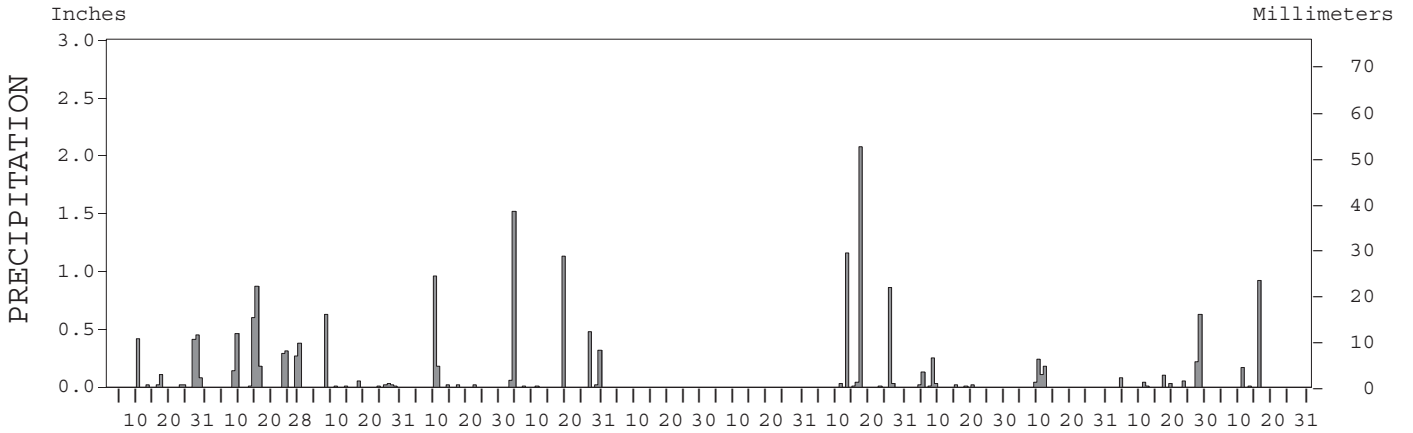
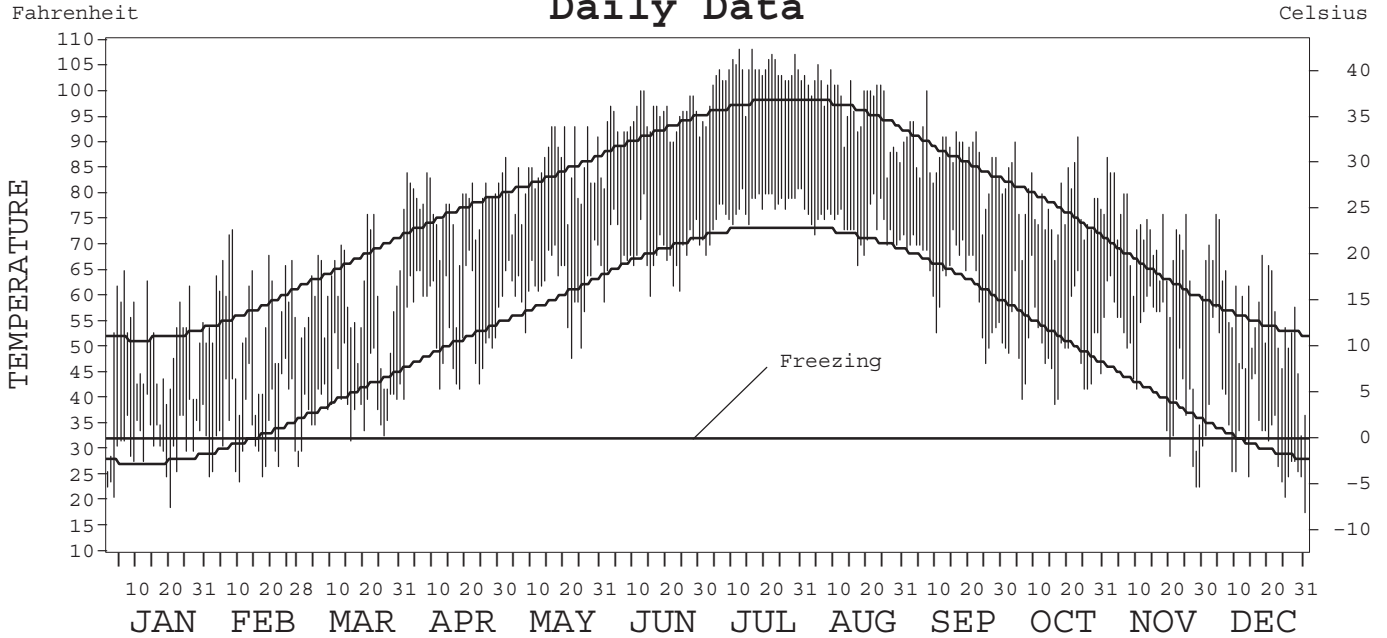
LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA
ANNUAL SUMMARY WITH COMPARATIVE DATA



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WICHITA FALLS,
TEXAS (SPS)

Daily Data



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METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2001

WICHITA FALLS, TX (SPS)

LATITUDE: 33° 58' 43" N LONGITUDE: 98° 29' 34" W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 1010 BARO: 1013 TIME ZONE: CENTRAL (UTC + 6) WBAN: 13966

	ELEMENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	49.4	55.2	59.4	77.1	84.2	94.3	102.9	97.0	87.2	78.1	67.9	56.9	75.8	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	65	73	76	84	93	100	108	105	100	91	87	76	108	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	06	08	23+	08+	27+	13+	16+	05	07	23	01	04	JUL 16+	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	31.5	34.3	40.1	54.5	62.3	68.7	77.0	73.7	63.0	50.8	47.2	34.4	53.1	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	19	24	30	40	48	59	68	66	47	39	23	18	18	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	20	10	01	01	22	01	02	17	25	16	29+	31	DEC 31	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	40.5	44.8	49.8	65.8	73.3	81.5	90.0	85.4	75.1	64.5	57.6	45.7	64.5	
	MEAN WET BULB	36.4	41.4	45.1	59.1	65.0			72.0	65.3	55.2	51.0			
	MEAN DEW POINT	31.8	37.0	40.3	53.5	59.9			65.6	59.9	47.2	45.0			
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	6	28	31	25	12	2	0	0	104	
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	
	MINIMUM ≤ 32°	18	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	14	53	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	754	560	467	70	2	0	0	0	6	86	253	595	2793	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	99	266	501	782	637	317	75	38	2	2717	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	75	76	73	67	67	58	46	57	65	58	68	63	64	
	HOUR 00 LST	79	81	81	75	77	65	53	64	75	66	75	68	72	
	HOUR 06 LST	86	88	86	82	86	79	70	76	86	76	82	77	81	
	HOUR 12 LST	66	68	64	56	55	46	36	45	51	45	56	50	53	
	HOUR 18 LST	66	66	59	53	51	43	31	42	47	45	61	56	52	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	13	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	7	1	4	12	4	1	9	9	3	2	0	52	
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.)	29.09	29.04	28.93	28.88	28.83		28.84	28.89	28.91	28.95	28.99	28.99		
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.18	30.12	30.03	29.96	29.89		29.88	29.94	29.97	30.03	30.08	30.09		
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	0.9	1.4		6.3	3.0		2.8	3.7	4.1	6.1	3.7	2.0		
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	36	09		17	11		08	15	12	17	17	22		
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	10.1	11.9	9.7	13.1	11.8	13.0	12.1	9.5	9.4	12.1	12.0	10.3	11.2	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	01	02	01	17	17	16	16	17	12	17	16	17	17	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	29	41	49	40	59	38	30	41	40	36	35	33	59	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	22	31	31	18	02	17	17	02	16	01	02	02	02	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	13	09+	15	22	27	05	29	17	20	15	19	29	MAY 27	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	35	47	58	48	69	46	35	53	47	43	41	40	69	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	26	31	31	20	02	17	17	02	16	02	27	02	02		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	29	09+	15	22	27	05	29	17	20	15	23	29	MAY 27		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	1.55	3.51	0.79	1.20	3.55	T	T	4.22	0.49	0.57	1.16	1.10	18.14	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.53	0.87	0.63	1.14	1.52	T	T	2.08	0.28	0.35	0.67	0.92	2.08	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	28-29	15	08	10-11	04	30+	14+	17	08-09	10-11	27-28	16	AUG 17	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	9	10	9	5	8	0	0	8	8	4	8	3	72	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	4	9	1	2	4	0	0	3	2	3	3	2	33		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4		
SNOWFALL	SNOW, ICE PELLETS, HAIL:														
	TOTAL (IN.)														
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)														
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE														
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)														
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE														
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0															

PRECIPITATION (inches) 2001 WICHITA FALLS, TX (SPS)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1972	0.17	0.44	0.40	2.39	2.90	1.75	1.09	1.78	2.20	7.86	1.86	0.52	23.36
1973	2.74	1.08	3.89	3.51	0.74	5.17	4.51	0.05	5.31	1.93	1.68	0.08	30.69
1974	0.29	1.50	1.71	6.15	1.81	1.40	0.86	3.28	5.92	3.47	0.53	0.88	27.80
1975	0.91	1.71	1.57	2.94	9.66	1.69	3.41	3.46	3.65	0.82	1.31	1.86	32.99
1976	-.01	0.10	1.90	5.39	2.28	2.18	3.98	2.42	8.06	6.02	0.30	1.00	33.62
1977	1.09	1.28	2.08	2.51	3.78	2.53	1.49	4.10	0.39	0.69	0.93	0.06	20.93
1978	0.41	1.96	3.53	0.61	3.51	3.10	0.27	4.16	2.16	1.07	2.14	0.65	23.57
1979	2.04	0.71	3.43	2.71	4.69	6.07	1.74	3.57	0.06	1.16	2.20	2.00	30.38
1980	1.57	0.63	0.76	0.35	6.67	0.26	0.03	0.26	10.23	1.65	1.57	1.94	25.92
1981	0.14	3.30	1.86	3.95	3.54	4.59	1.33	2.29	1.49	7.83	0.86	0.30	31.48
1982	1.66	1.03	2.04	3.38	13.22	7.41	0.92	0.71	2.06	1.99	2.73	2.22	39.37
1983	1.87	0.90	2.06	2.19	3.21	5.05	0.19	0.19	-.01	7.79	0.91	0.89	25.24
1984	0.17	0.79	1.48	0.62	1.44	1.78	0.92	3.07	0.80	6.24	3.32	5.03	25.66
1985	1.08	2.61	3.77	6.15	1.69	7.07	0.21	1.75	1.46	3.69	1.11	0.11	30.70
1986	0.00	1.10	0.84	3.24	3.87	7.61	0.77	2.10	6.77	4.37	3.03	0.91	34.61
1987	1.78	4.16	1.89	0.32	10.17	3.74	1.47	2.43	2.20	0.11	1.66	4.84	34.77
1988	1.17	0.60	5.24	2.16	0.93	2.45	0.95	0.58	7.04	0.76	0.51	1.11	23.50
1989	1.04	3.50	1.54	0.32	4.54	8.60	3.19	6.17	5.01	2.25	0.03	0.28	36.47
1990	2.30	4.55	5.38	6.95	5.01	2.73	2.21	2.08	1.78	1.33	2.49	0.97	37.78
1991	2.66	-.01	0.68	0.99	4.24	2.76	1.91	2.75	8.28	3.92	0.81	6.93	35.92
1992	1.78	1.15	1.27	1.08	3.56	7.94	1.78	1.86	1.73	0.17	4.57	2.21	29.10
1993	1.19	3.37	2.80	3.21	5.25	3.21	0.72	1.21	2.83	2.09	0.58	2.64	29.10
1994	0.22	2.66	1.07	2.01	1.79	1.46	3.10	0.14	1.51	3.74	2.33	0.86	20.89
1995	0.86	0.16	1.64	2.10	7.45	5.14	3.93	T	0.47	2.15	0.05	0.76	24.71
1996	0.06	T	2.33	0.08	0.18	1.89	1.77	5.49	5.00	1.10	3.77	T	21.67
1997	0.35	2.86	0.23	4.20	3.96	2.08	0.11	2.04	0.70	2.19	0.94	4.12	23.78
1998	2.42	2.34	3.84	1.63	0.19	2.25	1.95	1.27	0.21	2.73	2.26	1.94	23.03
1999	2.37	0.19	6.29	3.78	4.86	4.62	T	1.37	1.76	3.50	T	0.72	29.46
2000	0.73	1.20	2.51	2.81	1.33	3.63	0.70	0.00	0.07	6.38	5.16	1.27	25.79
2001	1.55	3.51	0.79	1.20	3.55	T	T	4.22	0.49	0.57	1.16	1.10	18.14
POR= 78 YRS	1.15	1.41	1.91	2.65	4.10	3.35	1.90	2.09	2.92	2.81	1.52	1.49	27.30

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2001 WICHITA FALLS, TX (SPS)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1972	39.4	45.2	56.8	67.0	70.0	82.0	83.3	82.3	77.1	63.4	45.8	39.9	62.7
1973	37.7	44.1	58.0	57.7	68.3	76.5	82.8	83.2	74.4	67.7	57.7	44.8	62.7
1974	40.5	49.9	60.6	64.5	76.2	79.9	86.6	81.3	68.0	65.4	51.7	43.1	64.0
1975	43.9	42.4	51.2	62.3	71.6	79.3	81.8	82.7	71.0	65.7	54.0	45.3	62.6
1976	42.5	55.3	55.9	64.2	67.5	78.0	81.0	84.2	73.9	57.6	46.4	41.1	62.3
1977	31.7	48.4	55.8	63.3	72.9	82.7	85.8	83.2	81.5	65.5	53.3	44.0	64.0
1978	30.1	33.3	52.8	66.5	72.1	80.8	89.9	82.5	79.8	65.5	53.3	40.3	62.2
1979	30.7	38.1	54.4	62.1	70.0	79.5	85.1	82.4	75.6	68.6	49.8	46.7	61.9
1980	42.8	42.4	49.9	61.1	70.9	84.8	91.9	88.8	77.9	62.8	51.2	46.5	64.3
1981	44.0	48.6	54.0	68.3	69.6	80.8	86.9	82.7	77.4	63.1	53.2	44.5	64.4
1982	40.8	40.3	54.9	59.3	71.5	76.9	82.3	85.7	76.5	65.2	52.4	45.1	62.6
1983	41.2	44.7	52.3	57.8	67.9	75.7	84.6	86.4	78.1	66.3	54.1	30.5	61.6
1984	37.2	47.1	51.4	60.1	72.7	82.9	84.8	84.4	73.9	63.3	51.9	46.2	63.0
1985	34.8	40.8	55.9	64.2	72.2	78.1	83.0	85.4	75.9	64.7	50.7	38.6	62.0
1986	45.7	47.6	58.4	65.6	71.1	79.6	86.9	82.5	78.1	63.7	49.0	43.3	64.3
1987	39.2	48.7	51.2	62.1	73.1	78.3	82.2	85.1	74.4	63.8	53.2	42.8	62.8
1988	38.2	43.1	53.5	61.4	72.1	79.5	84.7	86.2	75.5	63.5	54.7	45.8	63.2
1989	46.4	37.2	53.8	65.4	72.5	76.1	82.9	81.0	72.0	66.2	54.6	35.0	61.9
1990	47.9	49.4	55.4	61.6	71.7	84.5	83.0	84.1	79.1	64.1	56.5	39.2	64.7
1991	39.3	51.5	57.0	65.4	73.9	79.8	85.1	81.1	72.0	65.2	48.3	46.8	63.8
1992	43.2	51.3	56.6	63.4	69.4	78.3	83.0	78.9	75.4	66.8	49.9	45.2	63.5
1993	40.9	43.4	52.5	60.5	68.1	78.7	86.1	84.0	73.7	66.8	47.2	45.2	63.5
1994	40.3	41.4	54.9	62.5	69.0	82.5	82.6	83.6	74.8	65.9	53.7	46.3	63.1
1995	43.9	48.4	53.0	61.9	68.4	76.4	84.4	83.7	73.8	64.8	53.1	43.7	63.0
1996	39.5	48.5	50.1	61.6	79.0	82.2	86.5	81.5	72.5	63.6	50.9	46.2	63.5
1997	42.0	46.9	56.1	57.7	68.4	77.8	84.4	82.1	78.9	64.4	49.1	41.2	62.4
1998	44.6	47.3	50.5	59.4	76.7	84.2	89.3	85.6	83.4	68.5	55.3	43.3	65.7
1999	44.2	52.8	52.3	63.5	71.1	79.1	86.2	88.5	75.9	65.6	59.0	46.8	65.4
2000	44.8	53.0	56.2	62.7	76.9	78.7	87.0	90.3	79.3	67.7	46.7	36.5	65.0
2001	40.5	44.8	49.8	65.8	73.3	81.5	90.0	85.4	75.1	64.5	57.6	45.7	64.5
POR= 78 YRS	41.4	46.2	54.0	63.7	72.1	80.7	85.4	84.9	76.6	66.0	52.7	43.9	64.0

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2001 WICHITA FALLS, TX (SPS)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1972-73	0	0	8	193	571	771	839	577	213	234	47	0	3453
1973-74	0	0	10	42	248	621	752	418	212	88	1	0	2392
1974-75	0	0	36	54	398	673	644	628	430	157	0	0	3020
1975-76	0	0	52	87	338	606	690	295	318	73	40	0	2499
1976-77	0	0	7	265	552	731	1023	459	281	80	1	0	3399
1977-78	0	0	0	64	345	645	1078	881	394	73	50	0	3530
1978-79	0	0	1	76	364	758	1056	750	343	130	47	0	3525
1979-80	0	0	0	57	464	563	682	649	460	162	18	0	3055
1980-81	0	0	32	139	416	567	644	455	339	50	33	0	2675
1981-82	0	0	11	144	355	629	745	689	331	220	25	0	3149
1982-83	0	0	4	116	387	612	732	564	387	259	43	4	3108
1983-84	0	0	13	60	342	1059	855	509	420	181	17	0	3456
1984-85	0	0	65	129	400	582	930	673	301	67	1	0	3148
1985-86	0	0	31	83	431	812	592	482	226	76	12	0	2745
1986-87	0	0	0	98	473	665	791	452	419	162	1	0	3061
1987-88	0	0	0	92	370	682	824	630	376	138	7	0	3119
1988-89	0	0	3	89	318	587	568	772	391	123	16	0	2867
1989-90	0	0	41	100	318	923	525	428	316	154	44	0	2849
1990-91	0	0	3	120	267	793	791	376	265	63	15	0	2693
1991-92	0	0	25	116	496	558	671	391	262	107	35	0	2661
1992-93	0	0	1	47	457	614	737	597	394	169	30	0	3046
1993-94	0	0	15	53	530	607	756	651	334	145	42	0	3108
1994-95	0	0	18	98	349	572	646	460	388	148	32	0	2711
1995-96	0	0	41	65	350	656	783	491	476	148	2	0	3012
1996-97	0	0	16	103	419	579	714	500	283	233	30	0	2877
1997-98	0	0	0	155	472	733	625	494	469	189	2	0	3139
1998-99	0	0	0	47	290	664	636	343	388	105	9	0	2482
1999-00	0	0	14	85	195	558	618	342	281	122	16	0	2231
2000-01	0	0	22	86	546	877	754	560	467	70	2	0	3384
2001-	0	0	6	86	253	595							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2001 WICHITA FALLS, TX (SPS)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1972	0	4	26	145	174	517	572	543	377	147	2	0	2507
1973	0	0	3	21	155	351	559	570	298	132	35	0	2124
1974	0	0	85	80	356	454	676	512	135	73	6	0	2377
1975	0	0	10	81	210	436	529	558	237	116	13	0	2190
1976	0	21	39	54	124	395	500	601	282	44	0	0	2060
1977	0	2	2	34	254	537	652	570	502	88	3	0	2644
1978	0	0	27	128	281	481	777	550	449	98	17	0	2808
1979	0	2	18	49	208	444	628	551	324	176	14	1	2415
1980	0	0	0	52	204	603	843	745	427	80	7	2	2963
1981	0	5	6	159	179	480	687	558	389	90	5	0	2558
1982	0	3	24	59	234	364	542	648	354	130	18	3	2379
1983	0	0	1	49	140	331	614	672	411	107	18	0	2343
1984	0	0	2	42	262	545	620	609	338	87	13	3	2521
1985	0	0	27	53	230	401	562	638	365	81	11	0	2368
1986	0	2	30	102	204	448	686	552	399	66	0	0	2489
1987	0	0	0	80	258	404	542	629	288	63	21	0	2285
1988	0	0	26	37	234	443	620	664	322	51	15	0	2412
1989	0	0	50	138	253	336	561	506	258	143	12	0	2257
1990	0	0	27	59	259	593	567	596	435	98	17	0	2651
1991	0	1	24	78	296	454	627	506	242	128	3	1	2360
1992	0	0	7	68	178	405	565	436	321	112	11	6	2109
1993	0	0	13	42	137	415	663	595	285	5	3	0	2109
1994	0	0	28	76	175	532	550	585	320	131	17	0	2414
1995	0	2	24	64	143	351	609	551	314	70	2	3	2133
1996	0	17	20	53	443	522	672	518	247	67	2	1	2562
1997	7	0	11	19	142	391	605	537	424	141	0	0	2277
1998	1	2	27	30	369	584	760	647	557	164	10	0	3151
1999	0	6	0	69	204	428	664	735	348	110	23	1	2588
2000	0	0	12	59	393	419	689	793	457	173	0	0	2995
2001	0	0	0	99	266	501	782	637	317	75	38	2	2717

SNOWFALL (inches) 2001 WICHITA FALLS, TX (SPS)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1972-73	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	T	3.1	4.6	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	10.6
1973-74	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	T	1.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.3	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	T	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.6
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	1.9	11.8	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.7
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	6.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.6
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	3.6	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	3.2	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.1	7.3	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.4
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	8.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.3
1985-86	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.4	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	4.9	3.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	2.3	T	10.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.2
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	T	T	0.0	T	T	T	0.0	T
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	T	8.4	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	8.4
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	T	T	T	T	T			
1993-94	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0					0.0		0.0	
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0		
1995-96		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			T					
1996-97						T	7.2	T					
1997-98													
1998-99													
1999-00													
2000-01													
2001-													
POR= 52 YRS	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.3	T	2.1	T	0.8	T	T	T	3.2

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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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2001
WICHITA FALLS,
TEXAS (SPS)

Wichita Falls is located in the West Cross Timbers subdivision of the North Central Plains of Texas, about 10 miles south of the Red River and 400 miles northwest of the nearest portion of the Gulf of Mexico. The topography is gently rolling mesquite plain, and the elevation of the area is about 1,000 feet.

This region lies between the humid subtropical climate of east Texas and a continental climate to the north and west. The climate of Wichita Falls is classified as continental. It is characterized by rapid changes in temperature, large daily and annual temperature extremes, and by rather erratic rainfall.

The area lies in the path of polar air masses which move down from the north during the winter season. With the passage of cold fronts or northers in the fall and winter, abrupt drops in temperature of as much as 20 to 30 degrees within an hour sometimes occur. While the area is subject to a wide range of temperature, winters are on the whole relatively mild. January, the coldest month, has an average temperature around 40 degrees. Sub-zero temperatures occur about once every five years.

The summers in Wichita Falls are generally of the continental climate type, characterized by low humidity and windy conditions. Temperatures over 100 degrees are frequent during the common periods of hot weather. July and August, the hottest months, have average temperatures in the middle 80s.

The normal rainfall is nearly 27 inches per year, but the distribution is erratic to such an extent that prolonged dry periods are common. Several lakes in the area provide water for domestic, industrial, and irrigation purposes. The greater part of the rainfall comes in the form of showers rather than general rains. Over 75 percent of the annual moisture occurs during the period from late March to mid November, but dry periods of three to four weeks are to be expected during this time almost every year. While the dry conditions materially affect agriculture in this region, complete crop failure seldom results. Moderate flooding along Holliday Creek and the Wichita River, which run through the city, occur about once in each ten-year period. Snowfall, measuring an inch or more, occurs on average only two days a year.

Wind speeds average over 11 mph, and southerly winds prevail. Rather strong winds are observed in all months. Even though strong, gusty winds occur frequently, severe duststorms are rare. Most severe dust observed in the area is blown in from the north and west.

The area around Wichita Falls enjoys excellent aviation weather. Flying activities are possible on all but a very few days of the year. Approximately 95 percent of the time the ceiling is 1,000 feet or more with visibility of 3 miles or more.

STATION LOCATION

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

LOCATION	Occupied From	Occupied To	Airline Distances and Directions from previous Location	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE										AUTOMATIC OBSERVING EQUIPMENT *	* TYPE M = AMOS T = AUTOB S = ASOS W = AWOS REMARKS
						SEA LEVEL		GROUND									
						GROUND	TEMPERATURE	WIND INSTRUMENT	EXTREME THERMOMETERS	PSYCHROMETER	SUNSHINE SWITCH	TIPPING BUCKET	RAIN GAUGE	WINDHOLE GAUGE	8 INCH RAIN GAUGE		
*NOTE:																	
<u>AIRPORT</u>																	
Executive Building (Kell Field) Municipal Airport	2/01/55	6/23/60	225' N	33°59'	98°31'	1020	b31	6					5	5	a	a. Telepsychrometer (6') 4/19/55-12/1/60. Hygro. comm. 12/1/60 app. 6000' N of tele. site. b. Wind inst. moved 9/12/56 from roof to tower 600' W of prev. site. c. 1002 feet to 12/1/60. d. 70 feet to 4/24/61. e. Added 12/16/76. f. Minor move & type change 8/4/83. g. Type change 5/6/86.	
Transit Aircraft Bldg. Wichita Falls Air Terminal Municipal Airport	6/23/60	05/01/93	2 mi. SE	33°58'	98°29'	c994	d21	5	5		e4	4	4	a4 f5 g5			
Sheppard Air Force Base	05/01/93	Present	NA	33°59'	98°30'	h1010									S	ASOS commissioned 05/01/93 h. Ground elevation.	

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