

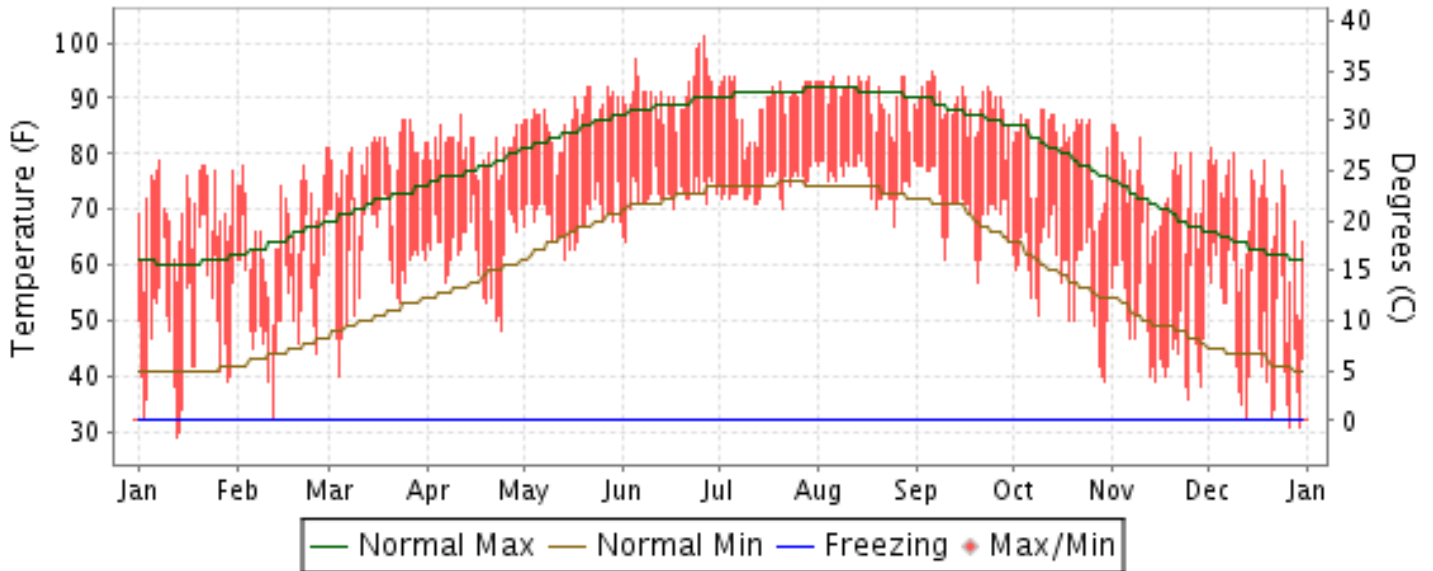


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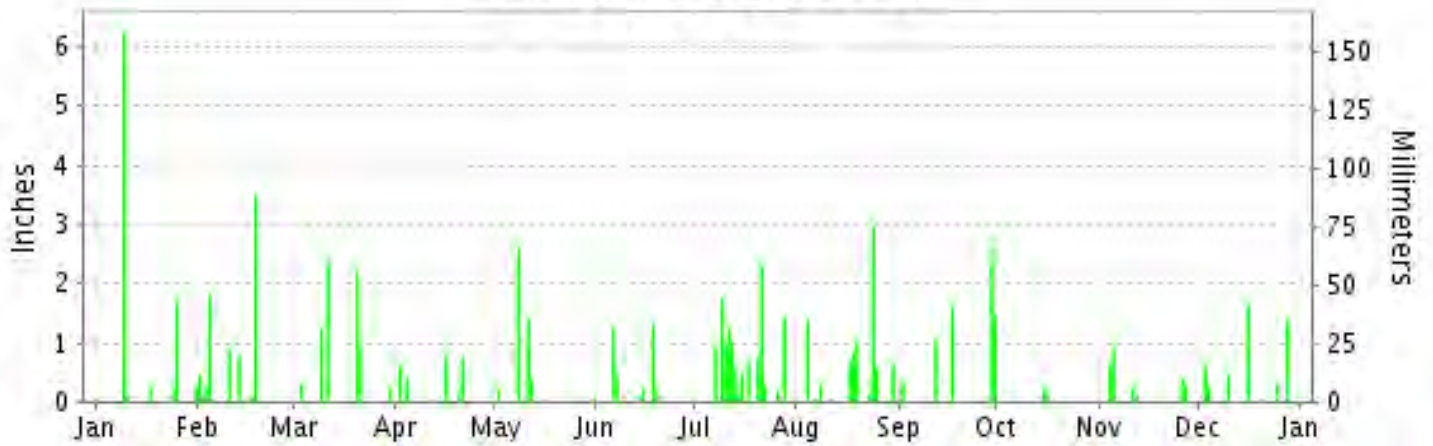
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METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2012

LAKE CHARLES (KLCH)

LATITUDE: 30° 7'N LONGITUDE: 93° 13'W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 9 BARO: 17 TIME ZONE: CENTRAL (UTC -6) WBAN: 03937

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	69.9	67.6	79.2	80.7	86.7	91.4	89.5	90.5	88.8	81.5	73.6	69.2	80.7	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	79	81	86	87	92	101	94	94	95	88	85	81	101	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	08	29	26+	11	27+	26	06+	28+	06	11+	02+	02	JUN 26	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	48.8	53.1	61.3	62.0	68.1	72.5	74.1	75.4	70.3	58.0	48.1	47.0	61.6	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	29	32	40	48	61	64	70	67	57	39	36	31	29	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	13	12	04	24	14	02	21	25	20	30	25	30+	JAN 13	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	59.4	60.4	70.3	71.4	77.4	82.0	81.8	83.0	79.6	69.8	60.9	58.1	71.2	
	MEAN WET BULB	54.2	55.6	64.5	65.9	70.8	74.6	76.5	77.0	72.8	63.2	54.7	53.7	65.3	
	MEAN DEW POINT	49.0	51.3	61.0	62.4	67.7	71.4	74.5	75.0	69.8	59.3	50.2	49.4	61.8	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM >= 90°	0	0	0	0	8	21	21	21	15	0	0	0	0	86
	MAXIMUM <= 32°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MINIMUM <= 32°	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	
MINIMUM <= 0°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	207	171	30	9	0	0	0	0	0	42	164	249	872	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	41	44	202	207	395	517	528	563	444	197	46	44	3228	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	72	75	76	76	76	75	82	81	77	75	74	76	76	
	HOUR 00 LST	80	80	85	88	90	90	92	92	90	89	86	84	87	
	HOUR 06 LST	83	81	89	92	93	90	95	93	92	90	88	86	89	
	HOUR 12 LST	56	67	61	60	58	58	68	67	60	52	53	60	60	
	HOUR 18 LST	67	72	68	65	64	65	72	74	69	70	71	73	69	
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG(VISBY <= 1/4 MI)	6	6	6	2	6	3	2	2	3	6	7	6	55	
	THUNDERSTORMS	2	3	5	4	2	7	15	8	5	1	4	4	60	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESS. (IN.)	30.11	30.10	30.03	29.98	29.93	29.90	29.99	29.91	29.98	30.01	30.17	30.05	30.01	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.15	30.13	30.07	30.01	29.97	29.93	30.03	29.95	30.01	30.04	30.20	30.08	30.05	
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	1.6	2.8	4.6	2.7	1.3	2.3	2.2	0.5	0.9	1.5	2.2	1.1	1.3	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	17	06	16	15	16	11	20	23	09	06	07	13	14	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	7.8	8.7	8.3	7.5	5.2	5.8	4.0	5.8	4.8	5.7	5.6	7.4	6.4	
	PREVAIL.DIR.(TENS OF DEGS.)	20	01	16	16	18	11	21	22	05	01	03	14	16	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND														
	SPEED (MPH)	33	29	38	29	32	39	40	32	25	24	32	37	40	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	15	36	14	14	06	03	01	35	15	02	36	32	01	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	25	24	20	14	11	07	21	29	13	27	05	20	JUL 21	
	MAXIMUM 3-SECOND WIND:														
SPEED (MPH)	41	40	47	48	38	51	51	49	30	33	69	49	69		
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	15	36	14	22	06	03	10	34	33	02	01	33	01		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	25	24	20	02	11	07	28	29	30	27	05	20	NOV 05		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	8.78	8.03	7.46	2.82	4.78	3.60	12.86	8.72	7.11	0.42	2.61	4.82	72.01	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	6.35	3.58	3.14	0.92	2.62	1.39	3.12	3.14	3.09	0.22	0.90	1.64	6.35	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	09-10	17-18	20-21	20-21	08	18-19	20-21	23-24	29-30	15	05	16	JAN 09-10	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION 0.01	7	13	10	7	7	9	15	14	7	4	6	8	107	
PRECIPITATION 0.10	6	7	6	5	5	6	14	9	5	2	6	6	77		
PRECIPITATION 1.00	2	2	3	0	2	2	5	3	4	0	0	2	25		
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															

NORMALS, MEANS, AND EXTREMES LAKE CHARLES (KLCH)

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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	61.4	64.6	71.4	77.9	84.6	89.3	91.1	91.9	88.2	80.8	71.6	63.5	78.0	
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	51	60.8	64.1	71.2	78.1	84.4	89.3	91.0	91.4	87.8	80.7	71.2	63.6	77.8	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	48	82	83	90	95	99	103	102	107	105	94	87	82	107	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2000	1972	2008	1987	2005	2011	1980	2000	2000	2006	1989	2007	AUG 2000	
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	51	76.2	77.3	81.4	86.3	91.3	94.8	96.0	96.8	94.3	89.5	83.4	77.9	87.1	
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	42.3	45.5	51.3	58.2	66.6	72.7	74.6	74.1	69.1	59.4	50.7	44.1	59.1	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	51	42.1	44.7	51.3	58.8	66.2	72.1	74.2	73.7	69.1	58.6	50.1	44.0	58.7	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	48	15	17	23	34	46	56	61	59	47	30	23	11	11	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1985	1996	2002	1971	2011	1984	1967	2004	1967	1993	1976	1989	DEC 1989	
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	51	25.4	29.2	34.5	43.1	54.1	64.1	69.6	67.9	56.2	42.5	34.0	27.9	45.7	
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	51.8	55.0	61.4	68.1	75.6	81.0	82.9	83.0	78.6	70.1	61.1	53.8	68.5	
	MEAN DRY BULB	51	51.4	54.4	61.2	68.5	75.3	80.8	82.7	82.6	78.4	69.7	60.7	53.8	68.3	
	MEAN WET BULB	29	47.0	50.1	55.8	61.8	69.0	74.2	76.1	75.8	71.1	62.8	55.3	49.1	62.3	
	MEAN DEW POINT	29	45.2	48.3	54.0	60.0	67.8	73.2	75.0	74.7	69.7	61.2	53.5	47.3	60.8	
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH: MAXIMUM >= 90	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.6	13.2	21.1	23.1	11.5	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	72.6
	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	0.1	0.1	0.1
MINIMUM <= 32	30	4.6	1.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	3.3	10.8	
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	0.0	
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	417	291	162	45	1	0	0	0	1	35	171	367	1490	
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	10	13	49	136	330	480	553	558	411	193	56	20	2809	
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	79	78	77	76	79	80	81	81	79	77	79	79	79	
	HOURLY 00 LST	30	86	85	87	88	91	92	92	93	91	89	88	87	89	
	HOURLY 06 LST	30	88	88	90	91	93	93	95	95	93	91	90	89	91	
	HOURLY 12 LST	30	68	64	63	60	63	64	65	63	62	57	62	66	63	
	HOURLY 18 LST	30	76	71	69	66	69	70	72	72	73	71	76	76	72	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	19	62	66	74	76	76	83	83	81	78	75	67	58	73	
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH: HEAVY FOG(VISBY <= 1/4 MI)	49	7.0	5.5	6.3	3.4	2.1	0.9	0.7	0.8	2.0	5.7	5.9	6.5	46.8	
	THUNDERSTORMS	51	3.0	2.8	4.0	4.2	6.7	9.9	13.8	12.5	7.2	3.0	3.0	2.8	72.9	
CLOUDINESS	MEAN: SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)															
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)															
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH: CLEAR	1	1.0	1.0	7.0		11.0	7.0								
	PARTLY CLOUDY			1.0	5.0		6.0	8.0								
CLOUDY	1	1.0	1.0	3.0		1.0	3.0									
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE(IN)	29	30.13	30.09	30.02	29.97	29.94	29.94	29.99	29.96	29.95	30.02	30.08	30.11	30.02	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	29	30.16	30.12	30.05	30.00	29.98	29.97	30.02	30.00	29.99	30.05	30.12	30.15	30.05	
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	29	8.8	9.2	9.0	8.9	7.8	6.7	5.5	5.4	6.6	7.3	8.0	8.6	7.7	
	PREVAIL.DIR(TENS OF DEGS)	38	36	36	17	19	19	19	21	19	05	05	36	36	19	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE: SPEED (MPH)	17	40	36	39	43	53	51	40	38	58	36	36	39	58	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		07	16	14	03	02	34	01	06	04	34	02	13	04	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2010	1998	2008	1997	2007	2007	2012	2008	2005	2002	2007	2006	SEP 2005	
	MAXIMUM 3-SECOND SPEED (MPH)	17	51	48	52	54	66	71	53	51	77	47	69	49	77	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		07	20	15	02	02	34	04	03	13	35	01	33	13	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2010	1997	2008	1997	2007	2007	2009	2000	2008	2002	2012	2012	SEP 2008	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	5.23	3.46	3.66	3.33	5.20	6.85	5.63	4.86	5.26	4.90	4.43	4.68	57.49	
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	51	14.29	8.03	9.24	10.95	20.71	25.33	13.19	17.36	19.96	21.44	11.85	13.27	25.33	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1991	2012	2001	1973	1980	1989	1979	1962	1973	2002	2000	1967	JUN 1989	
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	51	0.41	0.43	0.19	0.11	0.04	0.84	0.48	0.77	0.43	T	0.11	2.02	0.04	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2009	2001	2006	2010	1998	1969	1962	1999	1989	1963	1967	2000	MAY 1998	
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	51	6.35	3.58	4.91	5.50	16.88	7.09	6.59	14.10	11.20	7.50	4.02	6.88	16.88	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2012	2012	1973	1973	1980	1981	1987	1962	1979	1996	1993	1971	MAY 1980	
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH: PRECIPITATION >= 0.01	30	9.6	8.7	7.7	6.6	7.7	10.7	11.6	11.0	9.1	7.8	8.3	9.7	108.5	
	PRECIPITATION >= 1.00	30	1.7	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.7	2.3	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.4	18.3	
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	34	4.0	1.6	T	T	T	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	T	0.2	4.0	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1973	1988	1968	1993	1992		1994				1976	1989	JAN 1973	
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	34	4.0	1.6	T	T	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.2	4.0	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1973	1988	1968	1993	1992		1994				1976	1989	JAN 1973	
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	34	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1973												JAN 1973	
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH: SNOWFALL >= 1.0	30	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1		

PRECIPITATION (inches) 2012 LAKE CHARLES (KLCH)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1983	5.85	4.36	2.63	1.73	10.19	4.13	1.87	8.74	8.64	0.23	3.56	3.03	54.96
1984	4.54	5.42	1.89	1.86	8.24	3.84	5.36	4.86	6.81	12.22	2.80	4.09	61.93
1985	3.41	6.78	3.56	1.25	3.74	1.48	4.22	6.81	2.09	12.75	3.00	3.75	52.84
1986	2.72	0.93	1.91	2.80	6.02	5.84	4.14	4.96	6.22	5.01	8.26	9.84	58.65
1987	6.76	5.75	4.49	0.47	3.44	10.95	9.15	3.10	3.80	3.13	6.58	4.92	62.54
1988	2.75	5.52	6.30	3.32	2.95	5.66	6.02	7.66	7.76	2.37	4.02	4.80	59.13
1989	4.58	0.62	4.98	2.24	7.56	25.33	5.26	2.72	0.43	0.75	3.94	2.15	60.56
1990	8.91	5.13	5.31	3.55	3.79	3.83	3.51	0.94	9.55	1.48	3.64	4.04	53.68
1991	14.29	2.61	2.35	6.66	14.76	7.65	2.30	7.36	3.65	3.37	3.16	2.16	70.32
1992	11.08	3.87	4.10	7.16	2.68	8.19	6.07	2.46	3.56	2.26	7.42	3.84	62.69
1993	6.83	4.26	4.69	8.19	6.62	9.85	1.69	2.71	1.27	3.83	6.90	2.49	59.33
1994	3.81	1.50	1.95	3.00	2.96	4.01	6.78	4.95	3.46	3.16	1.60	6.97	44.15
1995	5.29	2.45	6.36	4.04	6.40	3.83	9.81	5.96	4.75	3.01	7.01	6.45	65.36
1996	2.48	1.65	0.80	1.93	1.92	7.22	5.49	9.44	7.38	9.57	3.36	2.55	53.79
1997	5.93	7.46	3.43	8.04	8.19	1.90	5.15	5.35	7.22	2.79	4.52	5.72	65.70
1998	10.01	5.13	3.75	2.44	0.04	5.05	1.93	3.70	12.58	5.41	2.92	3.62	56.58
1999	5.43	1.32	3.73	0.40	4.06	9.81	3.90	T	1.97	1.28	0.99	4.49	37.38
2000	1.57	0.74	2.26	5.49	8.45	5.20	4.66	1.29	3.13	1.70	11.85	2.02	48.36
2001	6.03	0.43	9.24	2.65	1.36	7.74	5.04	7.74	9.70	4.82	2.94	5.18	62.87
2002	3.28	2.31	5.34	3.05	2.11	13.50	6.68	7.99	4.42	21.44	5.57	9.49	85.18
2003	1.86	4.60	3.71	1.02	0.51	6.94	3.00	4.27	8.48	2.58	3.56	3.41	43.94
2004	8.83	7.99	3.41	5.13	10.55	11.29	2.93	3.05	2.00	2.77	6.91	3.68	68.54
2005	5.86	5.50	2.96	1.01	3.73	1.59	5.57	3.16	8.74	1.35	2.40	3.92	45.79
2006	1.92	2.73	0.19	2.45	2.79	8.03	13.08	4.57	2.81	10.92	1.49	6.05	57.03
2007	8.79	0.67	4.39	2.96	11.33	5.31	11.43	5.08	5.72	3.45	6.18	3.14	68.45
2008	6.19	2.26	3.46	3.62	3.12	2.75	5.36	5.44	4.38	1.45	3.41	2.99	44.43
2009	0.41	2.01	6.50	7.94	4.49	1.35	11.01	8.01	5.26	14.96	2.60	9.01	73.55
2010	3.35	4.33	1.60	0.11	2.41	3.72	6.86	2.71	0.92	2.24	4.32	3.28	35.85
2011	5.11	1.55	5.58	1.84	0.43	2.71	6.42	1.88	5.45	0.58	2.39	4.70	38.64
2012	8.78	8.03	7.46	2.82	4.78	3.60	12.86	8.72	7.11	0.42	2.61	4.82	72.01
POR= 51 YRS	5.15	3.40	3.60	3.48	5.29	5.66	5.60	5.13	5.51	4.31	4.27	4.84	56.24

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2012 LAKE CHARLES (KLCH)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1983	49.3	52.6	57.8	63.5	73.4	78.5	83.5	83.5	76.9	70.3	62.5	48.2	66.7
1984	48.1	56.0	62.5	69.7	75.6	79.5	80.9	80.9	75.9	73.7	58.1	62.5	68.6
1985	45.1	49.9	64.7	69.9	75.4	81.1	81.9	83.2	77.5	71.9	66.2	49.4	68.0
1986	51.9	57.5	60.0	68.6	75.5	81.5	84.1	82.0	81.7	69.3	63.8	51.4	68.9
1987	49.3	55.3	58.7	66.1	76.6	80.3	82.6	84.4	78.0	66.2	60.4	57.1	67.9
1988	47.5	53.1	60.3	68.1	73.7	79.2	82.2	83.2	78.9	68.2	64.1	55.0	67.8
1989	57.7	53.1	61.1	67.2	77.3	80.0	82.3	82.4	77.1	69.4	62.1	45.0	67.9
1990	56.0	59.3	61.5	66.8	75.2	82.3	81.3	82.7	78.7	67.1	61.7	55.0	69.0
1991	50.3	56.7	62.0	70.5	76.3	80.5	82.5	81.0	77.3	71.4	55.6	57.0	68.4
1992	51.3	58.6	63.2	68.0	73.9	81.6	83.0	79.7	78.4	69.8	56.2	56.8	68.4
1993	53.5	54.7	59.5	64.8	73.4	80.5	83.3	84.2	79.6	68.9	57.2	53.7	67.8
1994	50.6	55.3	61.6	69.3	74.8	82.4	83.0	82.4	78.2	71.5	65.3	56.9	69.3
1995	53.6	57.9	63.2	69.3	77.8	81.2	84.8	85.7	81.0	70.5	61.1	55.0	70.1
1996	51.4	54.5	56.6	65.8	77.1	80.0	83.1	81.1	77.4	69.4	61.0	56.5	67.8
1997	51.2	55.3	65.3	63.7	74.1	80.5	83.6	82.5	79.5	69.2	57.3	50.9	67.8
1998	56.3	54.8	59.6	66.2	77.8	83.3	84.9	84.5	82.1	72.1	64.1	56.0	70.1
1999	56.5	59.5	60.7	72.1	74.9	80.4	82.3	85.9	77.7	69.2	60.8	53.0	69.4
2000	54.9	60.8	65.9	66.7	77.9	81.2	83.6	84.3	79.0	69.3	57.7	46.6	69.0
2001	48.3	58.5	57.2	71.8	75.1	79.4	83.3	81.9	76.6	66.9	63.6	55.9	68.2
2002	53.8	50.9	61.3	71.4	74.8	80.0	82.5	83.1	79.5	71.9	59.0	53.7	68.5
2003	48.2	53.0	60.7	68.1	77.8	81.5	82.4	83.1	77.2	70.1	63.3	53.2	68.2
2004	53.2	52.1	65.3	67.9	74.9	80.9	83.5	81.6	80.5	76.0	63.7	52.7	69.4
2005	56.4	57.8	60.2	67.2	75.5	82.4	83.3	84.3	82.7	70.4	62.8	51.9	69.6
2006	57.0	54.2	64.6	72.5	75.5	81.4	82.3	83.5	78.0	70.5	60.2	54.3	69.5
2007	50.9	51.8	63.1	63.8	75.5	80.9	81.6	84.5	80.3	72.0	62.2	58.0	68.7
2008	51.1	58.6	62.2	68.5	76.4	82.5	83.0	82.2	77.1	68.2	59.6	55.5	68.7
2009	53.4	57.7	62.1	67.9	76.2	82.7	83.9	83.5	78.9	71.0	61.0	50.9	69.1
2010	48.9	48.3	57.8	70.1	79.9	85.2	84.7	85.7	81.6	70.6	60.7	52.6	68.8
2011	50.3	53.7	64.8	72.8	75.8	84.3	84.6	87.0	77.8	67.9	62.2	54.8	69.7
2012	59.4	60.4	70.3	71.4	77.4	82.0	81.8	83.0	79.6	69.8	60.9	58.1	71.2
POR= 51 YRS	51.4	54.4	61.2	68.5	75.3	80.8	82.7	82.6	78.4	69.7	60.7	53.8	68.3

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2012 LAKE CHARLES (KLCH)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1983-84	0	0	6	27	140	533	516	265	130	24	1	0	1642
1984-85	0	0	7	14	234	155	610	432	67	23	0	0	1542
1985-86	0	0	0	20	79	478	400	225	168	18	0	0	1388
1986-87	0	0	0	21	128	417	480	266	200	83	0	0	1595
1987-88	0	0	0	43	176	264	538	347	179	22	0	0	1569
1988-89	0	0	0	12	123	309	249	363	198	62	0	0	1316
1989-90	0	0	0	47	165	618	284	173	150	57	0	0	1494
1990-91	0	0	1	80	141	333	449	229	143	14	1	0	1391
1991-92	0	0	0	14	317	275	419	195	104	34	5	0	1363
1992-93	0	0	0	2	281	254	350	282	191	74	0	0	1434
1993-94	0	0	0	62	260	365	446	292	159	48	0	0	1632
1994-95	0	0	0	21	82	266	361	211	135	17	0	0	1093
1995-96	0	0	0	17	168	350	415	328	283	86	2	0	1649
1996-97	0	0	0	32	156	281	444	279	72	74	0	0	1338
1997-98	0	0	0	57	236	435	273	278	217	46	0	0	1542
1998-99	0	0	0	12	87	330	286	194	141	25	0	0	1075
1999-00	0	0	0	48	141	374	324	174	76	59	0	0	1196
2000-01	0	0	4	48	269	562	510	213	242	20	0	0	1868
2001-02	0	0	0	66	89	302	367	390	200	20	4	0	1438
2002-03	0	0	0	6	203	353	517	333	141	44	0	0	1597
2003-04	0	0	0	20	127	360	372	367	58	38	3	0	1345
2004-05	0	0	0	4	102	388	295	220	177	17	1	0	1204
2005-06	0	0	0	49	155	406	249	304	87	1	0	0	1251
2006-07	0	0	0	22	181	339	446	365	114	95	0	0	1562
2007-08	0	0	0	35	149	263	430	200	165	44	2	0	1288
2008-09	0	0	0	49	183	319	364	216	148	45	0	0	1324
2009-10	0	0	0	36	140	434	492	466	224	11	0	0	1803
2010-11	0	0	0	13	185	391	448	353	75	18	7	0	1490
2011-12	0	0	0	55	161	321	207	171	30	9	0	0	954
2012-	0	0	0	42	164	249							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2012 LAKE CHARLES (KLCH)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1983	0	0	15	53	268	410	580	582	368	199	69	15	2559
1984	0	12	59	173	337	440	502	501	343	293	36	84	2780
1985	0	12	60	177	328	495	528	571	381	242	122	3	2919
1986	0	22	20	135	332	503	600	535	509	161	99	4	2920
1987	1	2	11	121	368	469	553	606	397	85	46	24	2683
1988	3	8	43	122	278	432	541	573	423	117	104	7	2651
1989	30	36	84	137	388	455	543	547	370	191	82	4	2867
1990	14	23	49	118	321	526	512	557	421	151	52	31	2775
1991	0	4	58	184	357	470	550	506	375	220	43	34	2801
1992	0	16	56	131	290	502	563	463	411	159	24	8	2623
1993	0	2	26	73	267	469	574	605	445	189	36	18	2704
1994	6	28	60	181	311	529	562	547	400	230	97	21	2972
1995	12	18	86	151	400	489	621	648	485	191	57	46	3204
1996	3	34	29	118	384	458	566	504	380	175	46	23	2720
1997	25	14	88	42	292	473	582	547	441	196	12	2	2714
1998	10	0	55	88	405	556	625	611	520	239	61	56	3226
1999	29	45	18	242	314	471	544	654	386	186	23	10	2922
2000	17	55	111	115	410	492	584	604	429	189	55	0	3061
2001	0	38	4	233	317	436	570	530	357	132	52	28	2697
2002	26	3	91	219	312	453	548	570	442	229	29	8	2930
2003	1	6	14	143	405	503	543	570	370	186	86	0	2827
2004	15	1	71	133	317	484	583	523	473	350	71	15	3036
2005	36	26	36	88	335	529	577	606	537	225	96	4	3095
2006	6	8	84	234	334	497	545	583	397	200	44	12	2944
2007	17	1	63	66	335	485	524	610	464	259	70	54	2948
2008	8	22	85	155	361	530	565	541	371	156	28	31	2853
2009	13	17	68	140	353	540	591	581	420	229	27	3	2982
2010	3	2	8	170	468	612	618	650	506	195	63	14	3309
2011	0	41	78	257	351	585	617	687	390	151	84	13	3254
2012	41	44	202	207	395	517	528	563	444	197	46	44	3228

SNOWFALL (inches) 2012 LAKE CHARLES (KLCH)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
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	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1985-86	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
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	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.0	T
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	T
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	T
1993-94	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1994-95	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1995-96	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T						
1996-97						T						0.0	
1997-98						0.0							
1998-99	0.0												
1999-00													
2000-01													
2001-02													
2002-03													
2003-04													
2004-05													
2005-													
POR= 35 YRS	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.1	0.1	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.2

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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. 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 CLEAR INDICATES 0 - 2 OKTAS, PARTLY CLOUDY INDICATES 3 - 6 OKTAS, AND CLOUDY INDICATES 7 OR 8 OKTAS.</p> <p>GENERAL CONTINUED: 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</p>	<p>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. 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. STATION HISTORY STOPPED WITH THE 2009 ANNUAL. IF YOU NEED STATION HISTORY INFORMATION GO TO "Historical Observing Metadata Repository", URL IS: http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/homr/ SNOWFALL STOPPED MONTH & YEAR INDICATED ABOVE. NO FURTHER YEARS INCLUDED UNLESS RESTARTED.</p> <p>NOTE:</p> <p>The "Period of Record:(POR)" for all "averages" is based on "Summary of the Day First Order Station" and "Cooperative Summary of the Day" archives.</p> <p>The 2012 Annual Publications were reproduced on 6/05/13 to correct two problems that occurred when the Publications were first produced on 02/28/13.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A small number of stations did not correctly show number of days with thunderstorms and heavy fog. 2) Climate Normals in the Annual Publications were based on a first edition of the 1981-2010 Normals release. With the release of Service Pack 1 (SP1) new normals for 83 stations are available and now included. Additional information on SP1 is available at: http://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/normals/1981-2010/status.txt.
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LAKE CHARLES

LOUISIANA (KLCH)

Lake Charles is located on the east side of the lake of the same name. The Calcasieu River enters and exits Lake Charles and several other lakes in the area on its way to the Gulf of Mexico. The terrain is flat, level coastal plain. Extensive marshes begin some 10 to 15 miles south and extend to the coast. Area elevations range from near sea level to about 25 feet above sea level. The National Weather Service Office is at the Lake Charles Municipal Airport, about 7 miles south of the downtown area. Calcasieu Lake is only 6 miles southwest of the airport.

The general classification of the Lake Charles climate is humid subtropical with a strong maritime character. The climate is influenced to a large degree by the amount of water surface in the immediate area and the proximity of the Gulf of Mexico.

Prevailing wind flow is southerly during much of the year. The flow of air from the Gulf of Mexico helps to temper extremes of summer heat, shorten the duration of winter cold spells and provide a source of abundant rain. Winds are usually rather light.

Rainfall is heavy, with the normal annual total more than 50 inches. Amounts are substantial in all seasons. Almost all rainfall occurs from brief convective showers, except occasionally during winter when nearly continuous frontal rains may persist for a few days. In spite of the large normal rainfall amounts, dry spells of two or three weeks duration are not uncommon.

The winter months are normally mild with cold spells usually of short duration. Temperatures of 20 degrees and below are extremely rare, occurring only about one year in five.

Snow is a negligible. Many years pass without measurable snowfall. However, on rare occasions, as much as 22 inches of snow have fallen at Lake Charles. Freezing rain and sleet are only a little less uncommon than snow.

The summer weather is consistently quite warm and humid but the temperature rarely reaches the 100 degree mark. The humidity is often above 90 percent at night and seldom falls below 50 percent during the afternoons.

The spring and fall seasons are very mild and pleasant with only brief rains interrupting long periods of dry sunny weather.

Severe local storms may occur during any season but are most frequent in the spring. The area weather is occasionally influenced by tropical storms or hurricanes. Some of these storms may be accompanied by tornadoes.

Station History

LAKE CHARLES, LA

NAME	Begin Date	End Date	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation Feet	Relocation	Platform
LAKE CHARLES MUNICIPAL AP	1973-01-01	1981-12-31	30° 7'	-93° 13'	9		COOP,UPPERAIR,WXSVC
LAKE CHARLES MUNICIPAL AP	1981-12-31	1996-01-01	30° 7'	-93° 13'	9		COOP,UPPERAIR
LAKE CHARLES REGIONAL AP	1961-01-01	1961-11-01	30° 7'	-93° 13'	9		AIRWAYS,UPPERAIR
LAKE CHARLES REGIONAL AP	2011-04-15	Present	30° 7'	-93° 13'	9		ASOS,COOP,UPPERAIR
LAKE CHARLES REGIONAL AP	1941-07-01	1961-01-01	30° 7'	-93° 13'	9		UPPERAIR
LAKE CHARLES MUNICIPAL AP	1961-11-13	1973-01-01	30° 7'	-93° 13'	9		AIRWAYS,COOP,UPPERAIR
LAKE CHARLES WSO AP	1961-11-01	1961-11-13	30° 7'	-93° 13'	9		AIRWAYS,COOP,UPPERAIR
LAKE CHARLES REGIONAL AP	1996-01-01	2011-04-15	30° 7'	-93° 13'	9	1 MI W	ASOS,COOP,UPPERAIR

Element History

Element	Begin Date	End Date	Frequency	Time Of Observation	Equipment *	Equipment * Modifications	Equipment Exposure
PRECIP	1996-01-01	Present	HOURLY	2400	AHTB	RCRD;HTD	
TEMP	1996-01-01	Present	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
PRECIP	1961-11-01	1988-07-01	DAILY	2400			
PRECIP	1961-11-01	1988-07-01	HOURLY	2400			
PRECIP	1996-01-01	Present	DAILY	2400	AHTB	RCRD;HTD	
TEMP	1941-07-01	1961-11-01	DAILY	2400			
PRECIP	1988-07-01	1995-07-01	HOURLY	2400			
TEMP	1961-11-01	1988-07-01	DAILY	2400			
PRECIP	1988-07-01	1995-07-01	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
PRECIP	1995-07-01	1996-01-01	HOURLY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
TEMP	1995-07-01	1996-01-01	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
PRECIP	1941-07-01	1961-11-01	DAILY	2400			
TEMP	1988-07-01	1995-07-01	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
PRECIP	1995-07-01	1996-01-01	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	

* For explanation of codes and abbreviations see Station Metadata link below.

Other Station Information can be found at:

ASOS Implementation by NWS: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ops2/Surface/asosimplementation.htm>

Station Metadata website: <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/homr>

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