

MEAN TEMPERATURES IN THE UNITED STATES, 1900–1992

Historical records of atmospheric temperatures have been analyzed to obtain mean temperatures in °C for 23 climatically distinct regions of the United States. The table below gives the average over these 23 regions, which cover completely the contiguous 48 states. Data for the individual regions and for other parts of the world may be found in the references.

The data are presented as temperature anomalies, i.e., as deviations (in °C) from the average temperature at each individual recording station over a 1961–1990 reference period. The trend in the temperature anomaly thus gives an indication of the long-term variation in average temperatures.

CY Mean: Calendar year mean (January–December)
 Winter: December–February
 Spring: March–May
 Summer: June–August
 Fall: September–November

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Year	CY Mean	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
1900	0.46		0.21	0.27	0.85
1901	-0.21	0.07	-0.46	0.48	-0.28
1902	-0.14	-0.69	0.48	-0.58	0.12
1903	-0.77	-0.84	0.10	-0.83	-1.02
1904	-0.72	-1.86	-0.39	-0.92	-0.21
1905	-0.45	-1.86	0.67	-0.32	-0.25
1906	-0.04	0.23	-0.69	-0.42	-0.10
1907	-0.23	1.09	-0.61	-0.85	-0.39
1908	-0.11	0.73	0.36	-0.64	-0.59
1909	-0.36	0.82	-1.06	0.06	0.01
1910	-0.14	-2.08	0.95	-0.55	0.13
1911	0.02	0.52	0.20	-0.19	-0.62
1912	-0.88	-1.50	-0.75	-0.76	-0.51
1913	-0.23	-0.74	-0.65	-0.07	0.22
1914	-0.05	0.48	0.04	0.14	0.32
1915	-0.11	-0.37	-0.18	-1.16	0.31
1916	-0.77	-0.29	-0.36	-0.30	-1.23
1917	-1.34	-1.93	-1.75	-0.73	-1.04
1918	-0.14	-2.02	0.30	0.03	-0.09
1919	-0.16	0.69	0.00	0.12	-0.13
1920	-0.37	-0.83	-0.96	-0.67	0.02
1921	0.87	1.56	0.83	0.52	0.32
1922	0.01	-0.44	0.15	0.16	0.41
1923	-0.10	0.23	-1.02	-0.07	-0.09
1924	-1.01	0.13	-1.27	-0.64	-0.53
1925	0.20	-0.44	0.57	0.05	-0.41
1926	-0.01	0.97	-0.58	-0.27	0.02
1927	0.20	1.11	0.41	-0.83	0.83
1928	-0.08	-0.40	-0.28	-0.43	-0.08
1929	-0.68	-1.94	0.30	-0.39	-0.78
1930	-0.12	0.07	0.09	-0.07	-0.25
1931	0.81	1.16	-0.71	0.51	1.41
1932	-0.14	1.75	-0.58	0.26	-0.78
1933	0.35	-0.60	-0.08	0.45	0.54
1934	0.86	1.45	0.77	0.86	0.82
1935	0.12	0.84	0.12	0.31	-0.47
1936	-0.10	-2.23	0.48	1.00	-0.32
1937	-0.13	-0.65	-0.24	0.66	-0.03
1938	0.71	1.31	0.98	0.39	0.08
1939	0.38	0.36	0.34	0.18	0.15
1940	0.06	0.03	-0.10	0.18	0.12
1941	0.79	1.56	0.44	0.28	0.85

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1942	0.01	0.35	0.22	0.08	0.06
1943	-0.17	0.20	-0.46	0.54	-0.79
1944	0.04	0.61	-0.38	-0.20	0.43
1945	-0.02	0.30	0.25	-0.47	0.08
1946	0.53	-0.26	1.21	-0.21	0.18
1947	0.10	0.47	-0.42	0.03	0.85
1948	-0.22	-0.67	-0.01	0.02	-0.15
1949	0.05	-0.77	0.39	0.33	0.23
1950	-0.37	0.39	-1.02	-0.86	0.13
1951	-0.45	0.05	-0.69	-0.30	-0.70
1952	0.03	0.68	-0.40	0.49	-1.22
1953	0.61	1.91	0.03	0.31	0.31
1954	0.57	1.47	-0.22	0.36	0.70
1955	-0.25	-0.33	0.12	0.19	-0.60
1956	-0.05	-0.16	-0.42	0.01	-0.37
1957	0.45	1.02	0.44	0.25	-0.13
1958	0.14	0.93	0.06	0.11	0.45
1959	0.12	-0.60	0.16	0.50	-0.52
1960	-0.27	0.43	-0.98	0.01	0.56
1961	-0.01	-0.02	-0.17	0.18	-0.29
1962	-0.04	-0.52	-0.09	-0.41	0.65
1963	-0.06	-1.35	0.61	0.12	1.38
1964	-0.27	-1.30	-0.24	-0.08	-0.40
1965	-0.03	-0.07	-0.56	-0.42	0.28
1966	-0.34	-0.31	-0.25	-0.07	-0.13
1967	-0.13	0.23	-0.05	-0.37	-0.32
1968	-0.28	-0.31	-0.16	-0.12	0.01
1969	-0.06	-0.36	-0.54	0.12	-0.16
1970	-0.12	-0.17	-0.44	0.32	-0.07
1971	-0.04	-0.08	-0.99	0.01	0.56
1972	-0.13	0.20	0.26	-0.19	0.05
1973	0.48	-0.23	0.47	0.22	0.90
1974	0.16	0.52	0.74	-0.32	-0.39
1975	-0.09	0.63	-0.79	0.03	-0.20
1976	-0.62	0.88	-0.09	-0.54	-1.72
1977	0.32	-1.95	1.07	0.60	0.68
1978	-0.37	-1.31	0.23	0.09	0.21
1979	-0.53	-2.92	0.09	-0.21	-0.07
1980	0.18	0.72	-0.25	0.43	-0.04
1981	0.64	0.90	0.80	0.57	0.36
1982	-0.08	-0.86	0.03	-0.11	0.06
1983	0.40	2.33	-0.36	0.58	0.94
1984	0.21	-0.78	-0.30	0.31	0.07
1985	-0.26	-0.78	1.24	-0.23	0.05
1986	0.93	0.22	1.22	0.45	0.49
1987	0.67	1.52	0.97	0.33	-0.17
1988	-0.07	-0.26	-0.06	0.57	0.04
1989	-0.30	-0.28	0.36	0.12	-0.27
1990	0.72	0.41	0.72	0.41	0.66
1991	0.77	0.32	1.36	0.56	-0.31
1992		2.48	0.82	-0.70	