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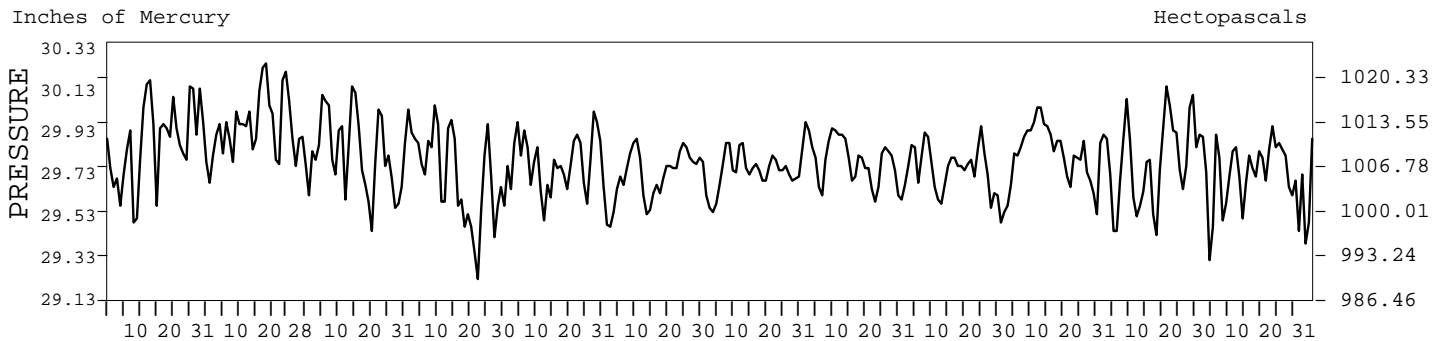
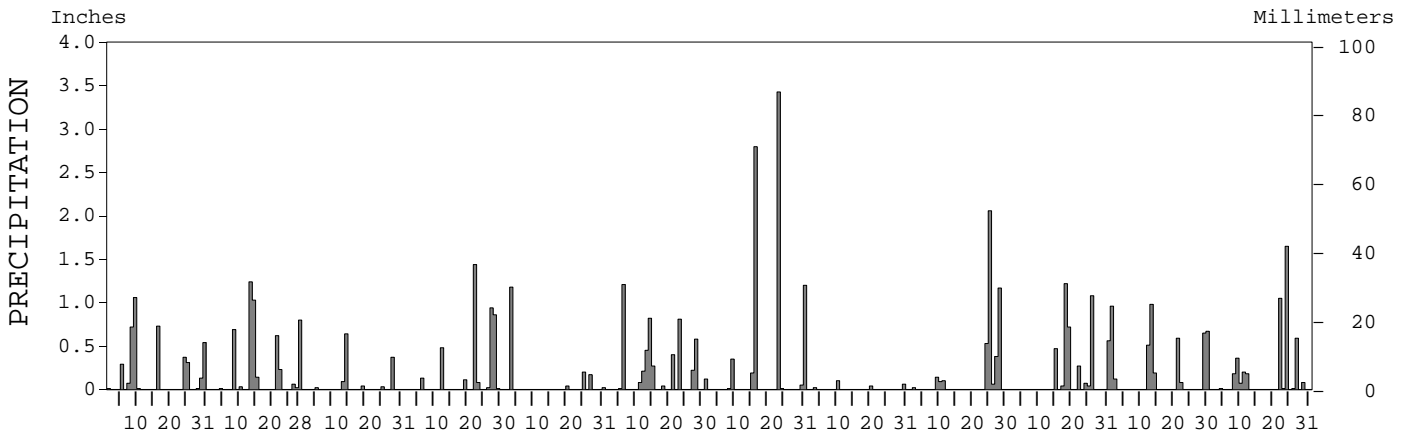
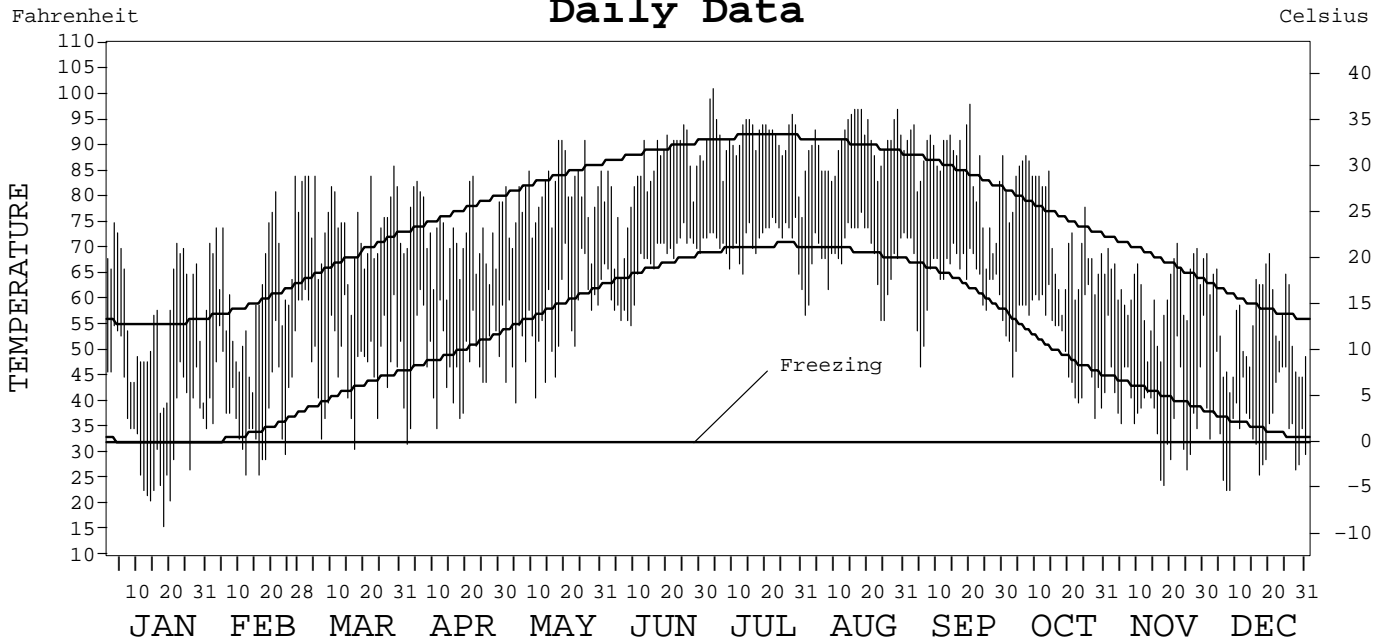
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# METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 1997

## COLUMBIA, SC (CAE)

LATITUDE: 33° 56' 31" N      LONGITUDE: 81° 07' 05" W      ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 213      BARO: 245      TIME ZONE: EASTERN (UTC+ 5)      WBAN: 13883

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	57.2	62.7	74.6	72.6	80.4	83.7	91.3	90.4	85.5	74.0	61.6	55.6	74.1	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	75	84	86	84	91	94	101	97	98	88	71	69	101	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	03	27	29	22	26+	25	04	29+	20	07	22	01	JUL 04	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	35.6	39.9	48.3	47.7	55.5	66.3	71.4	68.2	64.1	51.8	39.2	35.3	51.9	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	16	26	31	32	40	55	62	56	47	37	24	23	16	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	18	16+	17	02	05	09	31	25+	05	28	18	08+	JAN 18	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	46.4	51.3	61.5	60.2	68.0	75.0	81.4	79.3	74.8	62.9	50.4	45.5	63.1	
	MEAN WET BULB	41.0	46.5	53.9	52.3	59.2	68.1	74.2	71.4	67.0	58.3	46.0	41.8	56.6	
	MEAN DEW POINT	33.6	40.7	46.3	43.4	51.6	64.6	71.4	67.5	62.7	54.9	41.1	36.7	51.2	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	3	9	22	18	12	0	0	0	0	64
MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	12	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	37		
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	567	390	151	166	31	10	0	0	3	143	428	599	2488	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	12	50	28	130	317	512	451	306	85	0	0	1891	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	67	71	63	60	59	74	77	72	71	78	75	75	70	
	HOUR 01 LST	77	81	78	72	72	88	90	87	85	91	88	86	83	
	HOUR 07 LST	80	89	82	78	75	88	92	90	88	93	89	88	86	
	HOUR 13 LST	52	54	44	42	42	57	59	52	53	58	54	60	52	
	HOUR 19 LST	62	62	48	49	48	66	68	63	63	74	74	70	62	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	48	53	74	73					65	61	68	56		
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	2	3	5	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	20	
	THUNDERSTORMS	3	0	0	3	4	10	9	3	3	2	3	0	40	
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.)	29.88	29.96	29.83	29.73	29.78	29.73	29.75	29.78	29.74	29.84	29.78	29.73	29.79	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.13	30.20	30.06	29.97	30.01	29.96	29.98	30.02	29.98	30.08	30.02	29.97	30.03	
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	3.8	0.6	2.4	2.4	0.9	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.7	2.5	2.2	1.2	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	26	27	26	29	22	25	21	22	01	03	28	30	27	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	7.0	5.6	7.6	7.2	7.9	6.5	5.1	5.4	5.2	4.2	5.3	5.7	6.1	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	25	25	25	24	26	03	23	24	06	03	26	27		
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	36	36	31	44	30	41	33	29	28	24	25	28	44	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	28	28	29	28	26	28	24	11	28	28	20	27	28	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	11	21	31+	22	09	14	16	30+	30	26	22	30	APR 22	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	47	43	41	56	37	49	43	37	34	29	34	36	56	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	29	28	27	25	26	28	20	11	27	26	23	27	25		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	11	21	30	22	09	14	16	30	30	27+	01	30	APR 22		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	4.25	4.87	1.19	4.07	1.61	5.10	8.16	0.22	4.55	4.47	4.75	4.39	47.63	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	1.06	1.29	0.73	1.67	1.18	1.22	3.44	0.10	2.37	1.91	1.47	1.66	3.44	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	09	13-14	13-14	27-28	03	05-06	23-24	10	24-25	18-19	12-13	23-24	JUL 23-24	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	12	11	6	9	5	12	9	4	9	9	9	12	107		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	8	7	2	6	3	9	6	1	6	6	8	7	69		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	1	2	0	1	1	1	3	0	2	2	0	2	15		
SNOWFALL	SNOW, ICE PELLETS, HAIL:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	19											30+	DEC 30+	
	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

## COLUMBIA, SC (CAE)

LATITUDE: 33° 56' 31" N      LONGITUDE: 81° 07' 05" W      ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 213      BARO: 245      TIME ZONE: EASTERN (UTC+ 5)      WBAN: 13883

ELEMENT		POR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
TEMPERATURE °F	NORMAL DAILY MAXIMUM	30	55.3	59.3	68.2	76.5	83.5	88.8	91.6	90.1	85.1	76.3	67.8	58.8	75.1
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	50	56.2	60.1	67.6	76.7	83.9	89.6	92.4	90.6	85.3	76.4	67.1	58.5	75.4
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	50	84	84	91	94	101	107	107	107	101	101	90	83	107
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1975	1997	1974	1986	1953	1954	1952	1983	1954	1954	1961	1978	AUG 1983
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	50	73.9	77.3	84.3	90.1	94.1	98.9	99.8	98.3	95.1	88.3	81.5	75.9	88.1
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	32.1	34.2	42.2	49.4	58.2	66.0	70.0	69.2	63.2	50.1	41.5	34.9	50.9
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	50	33.4	35.6	42.2	50.0	58.9	66.6	70.6	69.5	63.5	50.7	41.0	34.9	51.4
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	50	-1	5	4	26	34	44	54	53	40	23	12	4	-1
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1985	1973	1980	1983	1963	1984	1951	1969	1967	1952	1970	1958	JAN 1985
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	50	16.6	19.1	24.9	32.8	42.9	54.3	62.3	60.7	49.4	33.5	24.3	17.6	36.5
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	43.8	46.8	55.2	63.0	70.9	77.4	80.8	79.7	74.2	63.3	54.6	46.9	63.1
	MEAN DRY BULB	50	44.8	47.9	54.8	63.3	71.4	78.0	81.5	80.1	74.4	63.6	54.0	46.7	63.4
	MEAN WET BULB	14	39.9	43.3	48.9	54.7	63.0	70.0	73.5	72.7	67.5	57.7	49.3	42.0	56.9
	MEAN DEW POINT	14	33.0	36.0	41.2	47.1	57.3	65.8	69.9	69.7	63.8	53.4	44.3	36.0	51.5
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	30	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.9	6.6	14.9	21.5	18.2	9.0	0.6	*	0.0	72.8	
MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	30	0.6	0.1	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.9	
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	30	17.3	13.1	5.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	7.5	14.7	60.5	
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	
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	665	514	317	108	18	0	0	0	5	138	323	561	2649
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	8	0	13	48	201	372	490	456	281	86	11	0	1966
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	69	66	65	62	68	71	73	76	76	73	72	71	70
	HOUR 01 LST	30	78	76	76	76	84	86	87	90	89	87	84	80	83
	HOUR 07 LST	30	82	82	84	83	86	86	88	92	92	90	88	84	86
	HOUR 13 LST	30	54	50	47	43	48	51	54	56	55	49	50	53	51
	HOUR 19 LST	30	64	58	54	49	57	61	66	70	72	72	70	69	64
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	43	55	59	64	70	68	67	66	66	64	67	63	59	64
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	49	2.7	2.3	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.3	2.7	2.6	2.9	3.1	26.1
	THUNDERSTORMS	50	0.8	1.5	2.5	3.8	6.3	9.3	12.6	9.5	3.8	1.4	0.9	0.4	52.8
CLOUDINESS	MEAN:														
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	1					2.4	4.0							
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)														
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
CLEAR	1	2.0	4.0	5.0		12.0	8.0								
PARTLY CLOUDY	1		2.0	3.0		5.0	8.0								
CLOUDY	1	5.0	3.0	8.0		4.0	4.0								
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE (IN)	25	29.90	29.90	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.80	29.90	29.90	29.89	29.84
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	14	30.13	30.11	30.06	29.99	30.01	29.99	30.03	30.03	30.05	30.10	30.13	30.15	30.07
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	42	7.1	7.6	8.2	8.2	6.9	6.5	6.3	5.6	6.0	5.9	6.2	6.6	6.8
	PREVAIL. DIR (TENS OF DEGS)	26	24	24	23	23	24	23	23	24	05	05	24	24	24
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:														
	SPEED (MPH)	2	36	36	37	44	30	41	37	29	28	26	29	34	44
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		28	28	25	28	26	28	26	11	28	28	19	17	28
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1997	1996	1997	1997	1997	1996	1997	1996	1996	1996	1996	APR 1997
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	2	47	43	51	56	37	49	44	37	34	30	40	41	56
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		29	28	27	25	26	28	28	11	27	27	18	16	25	
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1997	1996	1997	1997	1997	1996	1997	1997	1996	1996	1996	APR 1997	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	4.42	4.12	4.82	3.28	3.68	4.80	5.50	6.09	3.67	3.04	2.90	3.59	49.91
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	50	9.26	8.68	10.89	6.85	8.85	14.81	17.46	16.72	8.78	12.09	7.20	8.54	17.46
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1978	1961	1973	1979	1967	1973	1991	1949	1953	1959	1957	1981	JUL 1991
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	50	0.84	0.87	0.56	0.29	0.29	0.74	0.57	0.22	0.07	T	0.41	0.32	T
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1981	1976	1985	1994	1951	1993	1977	1997	1985	1963	1973	1955	OCT 1963
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	50	3.15	3.69	3.59	3.66	5.57	5.44	5.81	7.66	6.23	5.46	2.60	3.18	7.66
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1993	1962	1960	1956	1967	1973	1959	1949	1953	1964	1986	1970	AUG 1949
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	30	10.5	9.4	10.2	7.8	9.0	9.9	11.3	10.3	7.2	6.0	6.9	9.2	107.7	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	30	1.3	1.2	1.4	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.9	2.2	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.0	15.6	
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	0.6	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.*	2.0
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	50	4.3	16.0	4.1	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	T	9.1	16.0
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1988	1973	1980	1992					1993		1976	1958	FEB 1973
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	50	4.3	15.7	4.1	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	T	8.8	15.7
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1988	1973	1980	1992					1993		1976	1958	FEB 1973
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	49	3	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	14
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1988	1973	1980								1958	1958	FEB 1973
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	30	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	

PRECIPITATION (inches) 1997 COLUMBIA, SC (CAE)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	5.94	1.14	1.92	4.52	4.17	5.41	9.28	1.11	2.40	4.31	5.21	3.26	48.67
1969	2.64	3.03	5.16	4.57	3.28	4.70	4.31	2.93	3.17	1.17	1.20	4.51	40.67
1970	3.28	2.58	8.42	0.91	4.50	2.05	4.74	7.13	3.72	8.18	1.43	4.55	51.49
1971	4.55	5.23	9.53	4.31	2.71	7.46	11.13	10.68	5.03	3.44	2.35	2.90	69.32
1972	7.62	3.58	3.79	1.16	6.41	6.10	9.31	2.87	2.51	1.15	5.62	5.39	55.51
1973	5.25	5.75	10.89	4.47	4.04	14.81	3.19	6.92	4.47	0.71	0.41	6.66	67.57
1974	6.16	4.49	2.36	2.97	3.40	4.50	4.40	6.20	4.44	0.02	4.47	4.61	48.02
1975	4.26	6.43	5.41	4.59	7.88	2.85	9.91	3.16	3.32	0.88	2.23	5.03	55.95
1976	3.58	0.87	5.24	0.81	4.63	11.67	6.55	1.02	5.74	5.21	5.13	7.54	57.99
1977	4.20	1.22	6.34	0.91	0.89	2.20	0.57	10.73	1.51	4.81	2.10	3.69	39.17
1978	9.26	1.28	3.49	4.28	3.09	4.73	2.10	4.45	4.09	0.79	2.98	1.82	42.36
1979	5.19	8.10	3.53	6.85	6.47	5.48	7.28	4.05	7.86	1.76	3.89	1.51	61.97
1980	4.72	1.88	10.72	2.02	4.51	2.27	1.24	3.29	7.25	1.58	1.72	1.33	42.53
1981	0.84	4.08	2.25	1.87	3.38	5.28	5.42	4.65	0.39	1.90	1.47	8.54	40.07
1982	3.74	4.39	1.65	6.44	2.92	4.23	9.98	5.88	3.32	1.47	2.62	3.72	50.36
1983	3.66	5.38	7.35	5.68	0.70	2.85	0.73	3.36	3.25	2.22	3.63	6.58	45.39
1984	3.99	4.88	5.54	3.75	4.29	6.47	8.69	3.23	0.67	1.03	0.78	1.75	45.07
1985	3.27	7.15	0.56	1.29	3.13	3.96	7.47	5.65	0.07	8.44	5.98	0.88	47.85
1986	1.05	1.46	3.21	0.35	1.13	0.88	1.25	9.55	0.56	6.04	6.26	2.52	34.26
1987	8.36	5.39	5.38	0.40	1.12	6.49	3.95	10.81	5.27	0.99	4.55	1.50	54.21
1988	4.10	2.02	1.98	3.01	2.08	1.66	3.24	11.75	7.53	3.68	1.59	0.75	43.39
1989	1.90	3.30	4.89	4.27	4.44	5.99	9.41	3.19	5.16	2.25	1.85	5.28	51.93
1990	2.44	2.56	2.28	1.26	4.03	1.27	5.14	6.51	2.64	11.66	2.04	1.64	43.47
1991	5.48	1.87	7.57	4.69	6.96	3.56	17.46	7.77	2.45	0.54	1.46	2.62	62.43
1992	3.14	4.16	3.38	3.16	1.93	6.37	2.15	9.61	4.60	4.22	4.02	3.26	50.00
1993	7.49	3.29	6.01	1.63	2.98	0.74	2.02	2.34	3.90	4.29	1.94	2.39	39.02
1994	4.16	4.06	4.49	0.29	1.99	11.10	3.70	5.31	3.27	4.74	3.08	5.83	52.02
1995	4.49	6.70	1.70	0.98	1.69	10.74	7.86	6.69	5.51	3.61	2.89	2.19	55.05
1996	2.90	1.16	6.52	2.38	2.68	1.57	3.54	3.76	2.50	2.37	1.44	2.34	33.16
1997	4.25	4.87	1.19	4.07	1.61	5.10	8.16	0.22	4.55	4.47	4.75	4.39	47.63
POR= 110 YRS	3.49	3.85	3.96	3.14	3.24	4.25	5.50	5.53	3.80	2.62	2.81	3.20	45.39

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 1997 COLUMBIA, SC (CAE)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1968	41.1	40.1	54.8	63.8	69.6	77.9	80.5	82.9	72.4	64.0	53.6	42.7	62.0
1969	42.7	43.5	51.1	65.2	70.6	78.3	83.1	77.5	72.8	65.3	50.8	44.1	62.1
1970	38.3	47.5	57.1	67.6	73.0	78.8	83.4	81.3	78.6	64.7	50.7	50.1	64.3
1971	45.4	46.3	50.0	61.3	69.8	80.3	80.0	80.1	77.1	69.8	53.8	56.4	64.2
1972	50.9	45.7	53.9	63.1	68.4	73.9	79.2	79.1	75.2	62.7	53.5	51.3	63.1
1973	44.9	44.0	58.6	60.0	67.8	77.2	80.7	80.6	78.6	66.7	59.0	49.5	64.0
1974	59.2	50.9	61.7	65.3	74.7	77.7	81.3	78.7	72.5	61.1	54.3	48.0	65.5
1975	51.6	52.0	54.0	63.3	74.8	77.8	79.0	80.5	75.3	67.2	56.1	46.3	64.8
1976	43.5	55.5	61.0	64.4	69.1	74.6	79.6	79.0	72.4	58.6	47.7	44.0	62.5
1977	35.8	46.1	59.6	66.2	72.5	78.3	82.5	78.6	75.4	59.5	56.4	44.4	62.9
1978	37.3	38.4	51.4	63.0	69.2	77.0	79.9	80.3	77.3	63.9	59.9	49.5	62.3
1979	43.4	42.9	55.8	62.4	69.0	73.0	78.5	79.7	73.7	62.0	55.0	44.9	61.7
1980	44.2	41.4	49.8	61.5	69.0	75.7	81.9	80.5	76.8	60.2	51.7	44.7	61.5
1981	38.7	46.7	51.2	66.9	68.0	81.4	80.9	76.1	71.4	61.8	53.2	43.3	61.6
1982	40.7	49.8	56.5	60.2	72.0	77.4	80.3	77.9	71.8	61.9	55.0	51.3	62.9
1983	40.9	45.3	53.6	57.8	69.9	75.3	83.3	82.7	73.2	63.7	52.3	43.3	61.8
1984	41.7	48.0	53.6	59.6	70.1	79.1	78.7	79.2	71.7	70.4	50.6	53.4	63.0
1985	39.5	47.0	57.5	65.3	71.5	78.7	79.9	77.7	72.4	68.4	62.5	42.9	63.6
1986	41.2	51.4	55.0	63.8	72.2	82.0	86.1	79.8	76.4	65.0	59.3	46.7	64.9
1987	43.5	45.7	53.4	60.4	74.3	79.4	83.1	83.2	75.2	56.5	54.9	49.0	63.2
1988	39.6	44.8	54.5	62.5	69.4	77.0	82.0	82.6	75.5	58.7	56.0	46.0	62.4
1989	49.6	49.8	56.5	62.3	69.0	79.8	80.9	80.4	74.8	64.7	55.8	41.0	63.7
1990	52.1	56.2	59.4	63.4	71.9	79.9	83.6	81.7	76.0	66.4	55.7	51.7	66.5
1991	46.3	51.7	58.3	67.1	75.4	79.0	83.0	80.2	75.0	64.7	52.2	50.0	65.2
1992	46.3	51.0	54.4	62.3	67.6	75.9	83.8	78.8	74.9	61.6	55.1	45.8	63.1
1993	48.5	45.4	51.2	58.9	71.5	79.9	86.2	81.9	76.6	63.6	54.5	45.0	63.6
1994	42.6	50.1	58.5	67.5	69.3	80.2	81.2	78.3	72.5	63.2	56.9	50.2	64.2
1995	45.5	46.3	57.7	65.6	74.2	76.9	83.1	82.4	74.2	66.9	50.8	42.9	63.9
1996	43.6	48.8	51.0	62.3	74.1	78.5	82.0	78.8	74.2	62.6	49.9	48.1	62.8
1997	46.4	51.3	61.5	60.2	68.0	75.0	81.4	79.3	74.8	62.9	50.4	45.5	63.1
POR= 110 YRS	45.8	48.0	55.2	63.3	71.7	78.4	80.9	79.9	74.9	64.2	54.4	47.1	63.7

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HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 COLUMBIA, SC (CAE)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1968-69	0	0	0	121	339	684	683	594	430	71	13	0	2935
1969-70	0	0	2	86	419	640	823	484	252	73	12	0	2791
1970-71	0	0	6	85	420	462	602	519	462	155	27	0	2738
1971-72	0	0	0	13	354	292	429	555	341	136	12	1	2133
1972-73	0	0	0	98	350	423	618	583	219	179	47	0	2517
1973-74	0	0	0	57	205	477	199	394	161	99	7	0	1599
1974-75	0	0	18	163	342	521	417	365	344	136	0	0	2306
1975-76	0	0	0	56	296	577	662	280	176	97	26	4	2174
1976-77	0	0	0	219	512	645	901	525	211	69	20	0	3102
1977-78	0	0	1	192	277	629	850	741	418	109	37	0	3254
1978-79	0	0	0	89	162	492	664	613	294	107	27	2	2450
1979-80	0	0	6	138	314	616	641	680	466	147	27	0	3035
1980-81	0	0	14	178	394	622	809	506	424	59	43	0	3049
1981-82	0	0	13	131	349	665	748	425	283	179	5	0	2798
1982-83	0	0	18	162	306	440	739	546	352	230	24	1	2818
1983-84	0	0	21	89	373	666	717	485	355	190	31	2	2929
1984-85	0	0	12	22	444	355	792	503	262	79	9	0	2478
1985-86	0	0	16	45	110	676	731	374	319	115	21	0	2407
1986-87	0	2	0	110	207	565	657	532	362	187	5	0	2627
1987-88	0	0	0	259	298	495	780	579	322	114	20	1	2868
1988-89	0	0	2	218	274	583	469	435	289	165	50	0	2485
1989-90	0	0	9	110	283	738	393	265	220	115	6	0	2139
1990-91	0	0	8	95	277	414	571	376	233	51	4	0	2029
1991-92	0	0	6	79	392	477	574	402	323	150	47	2	2452
1992-93	0	0	17	133	305	587	509	543	422	200	9	0	2725
1993-94	0	0	14	110	334	614	687	420	227	48	31	0	2485
1994-95	0	0	0	94	250	452	596	518	240	77	6	0	2233
1995-96	0	0	11	77	429	679	655	465	424	130	25	0	2895
1996-97	0	0	2	117	452	523	567	390	151	166	31	10	2409
1997-	0	0	3	143	428	599							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 1997 COLUMBIA, SC (CAE)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1969	0	0	5	81	191	406	570	392	242	104	1	0	1992
1970	2	0	12	158	266	420	576	513	421	82	0	6	2456
1971	0	2	6	51	185	465	470	473	369	168	25	32	2246
1972	1	0	5	86	126	274	450	445	313	35	14	4	1753
1973	0	0	28	33	143	375	494	490	413	116	32	6	2130
1974	29	8	65	116	316	388	511	432	249	51	29	1	2195
1975	8	6	11	94	308	390	442	488	317	129	37	0	2230
1976	2	10	58	87	160	295	460	442	231	30	0	0	1775
1977	0	3	53	110	257	407	549	429	318	29	25	0	2180
1978	0	0	1	56	172	369	466	478	376	62	15	17	2012
1979	0	0	13	36	157	253	425	461	276	50	22	0	1693
1980	0	0	0	47	159	328	530	487	376	35	2	0	1964
1981	0	0	6	119	143	497	499	349	213	41	0	2	1869
1982	0	4	26	39	229	377	484	406	226	74	11	20	1896
1983	0	0	6	21	184	319	573	558	270	58	0	0	1989
1984	0	0	10	33	194	430	436	448	219	199	18	3	1990
1985	9	2	38	94	215	417	468	402	244	155	45	0	2089
1986	0	0	17	85	249	516	660	471	347	118	44	5	2512
1987	0	0	10	58	300	440	571	571	315	2	4	6	2277
1988	0	0	5	47	162	367	536	555	323	29	11	0	2035
1989	0	19	37	91	180	451	500	482	309	107	14	0	2190
1990	0	25	54	74	228	454	583	524	343	146	6	9	2446
1991	0	12	32	119	331	427	565	476	313	77	15	18	2385
1992	0	3	3	75	134	337	591	435	320	33	14	0	1945
1993	2	0	0	22	221	452	663	532	369	72	27	0	2360
1994	0	9	34	129	170	463	511	418	232	44	12	2	2024
1995	1	3	19	100	299	362	571	543	290	144	12	0	2344
1996	0	3	0	58	313	412	533	437	284	47	5	4	2096
1997	0	12	50	28	130	317	512	451	306	85	0	0	1891

SNOWFALL (inches) 1997 COLUMBIA, SC (CAE)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1968-69	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	T	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
1969-70	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.8	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
1970-71	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	T	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
1971-72	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
1972-73	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.2
1973-74	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
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	T	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	3.5	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	T	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
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	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	T
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.8
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
1993-94	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1995-96	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
1996-97	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1997-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T							
POR= 49 YRS	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	T	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.2	T	0.0	0.0	1.7

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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  
COLUMBIA,  
SOUTH CAROLINA (CAE)

Columbia is centrally located within the state of South Carolina and lies on the Congaree River near the confluence of the Broad and Saluda Rivers. The surrounding terrain is rolling, sloping from about 350 feet above sea level in northern Columbia to about 200 feet in the southeastern part of the city.

The climate in the Columbia area is relatively temperate. The Appalachian Mountain chain, some 150 miles to the northwest, frequently retards the approach of unseasonable cold weather in the winter. The terrain offers little moderating effect on the summer heat.

Long summers are prevalent with warm weather usually lasting from sometime in May into September. In summer the Bermuda high is the greatest single weather factor influencing the area. This permanent high more or less blocks the entry of cold fronts so that many stall before reaching central South Carolina. Also, the southwestern flow around the offshore Bermuda high pressure supplies moisture for the many summer thunderstorms. There are relatively few breaks in the heat during midsummer. The typical summer has about six days with 100 degrees or more. Thunderstorm activity usually shows a decided increase during June, decreasing about the first of September. About once or twice a year, passing tropical storms produce strong winds and heavy rains. The incidence of these storms is greatest in September, although they represent a possible threat from midsummer to late fall. Damage from tropical storms is usually minor in the Columbia area.

Fall is the most pleasant time of the year. Rainfall during the late fall is at an annual minimum, while the sunshine is at a relative maximum. Winters are mild with the cold weather usually lasting from late November to mid-March. The winter weather at Columbia is largely made up of polar air outbreaks that reach this area in a much modified form. On rare occasions in winter, Arctic air masses push southward as far as central South Carolina and cause some of the coldest temperatures. Disruption of activities from snowfall is unusual, in fact, more than three days of sustained snow cover is rare.

Spring is the most changeable season of the year. The temperature varies from an occasional cold snap in March to generally warm and pleasant in May. While tornadoes are infrequent, they occur most often in the spring. Hailstorms are not frequent, with the annual incidence at a maximum in spring and early summer. The average occurrence of the last spring freeze is very late March, and the first fall freeze is early November, for a growing period of about 218 days.

# STATION LOCATION

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

LOCATION	OCCUPIED FROM	OCCUPIED TO	AIRLINE DISTANCES AND DIRECTIONS FROM PREVIOUS LOCATION	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	ELEVATION ABOVE											* Type	REMARKS
						SEA LEVEL	GROUND											
							WIND	EMER	EMER	EMER	EMER	EMER	EMER	EMER	EMER	EMER		
CITY Old Agricultural Hall near NW corner Gervais and Main Streets	6/5/87	6/7/95	NA	34° 00'	81° 03'	310		73										Third order station U. S. Signal Service to 10/1/91; WB third order station after that.
Federal Building SW corner Main & Laurel Streets	6/8/95	2/15/01	2800 ft. NNW	34° 00'	81° 03'	322		5										
City Hall NW corner Main and Gervais Streets	2/15/01	10/1/03	2800 ft. SSE	34° 00'	81° 03'	310	122	114	114		107							First order station.
Loan and Exchange Bank Building, SE corner Main & Washington Sts.	10/1/03	3/1/05	800 ft. N	34° 00'	81° 03'	320	175	167	167		159							Exposures good except for rain gage which was too near a 6-foot parapet on roof.
Weather Bureau Building SE corner Laurel and Assembly Streets	3/1/05	6/3/35	2000 ft. NW	34° 00'	81° 03'	340	57	41	41		32							
Sylvan Building NE corner Main & Hampton Streets	6/3/35	8/26/36	1350 ft. SE	34° 00'	81° 03'	312	73	67	67		58							
U. S. Court House SE corner Laurel and Assembly Streets	8/26/36	6/1/54	1350 ft. NW	34° 00'	81° 03'	332	91	70	70		68							Triple register withdrawn 12/20/53.
AIRPORT Municipal Airport Owens Field, 4 mi. SE of Columbia Post Office in Richland County	3/11/34	3/24/38	NA	33° 59'	81° 00'	200	37	5	5									Observations by airline personnel to 7/31/36 and by WB airway observers thereafter.
Administration Building Municipal Airport Owens Field	3/24/38	2/14/47	265 ft. NE	33° 59'	81° 00'	202	42	27	27									Observations by WB airway observers to 11/1/39; CAA to 3/28/42; CAA with WB airway observer in daytime to 4/17/44; WBAS commissioned on personnel thereafter.
Building 317 Columbia Airport + Columbia Metropolitan Airport (Effective 1/65)	2/14/47	1/12/67	5.8 mi. WSW	33° 57'	81° 07'	217	36	6	5	a16	NA	a4	4	NA	NA	NA	NA	a - Installed 12/20/53.
Wea. Bur./FAA Bldg. ++ Columbia Metropolitan Airport	1/12/67	Present	2000 ft. W	33° 57'	81° 07'	213	20	NA	4	13	NA c4	4	3	b4 d4	NA	NA	NA	b - Commissioned 2500' S of previous temperature sensor. c - Installed 09/07/79 d - Type change 06/18/85.
++Wea. Svc. Building (Effective 1970)																	S	ASOS Commissioned 12/01/95

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