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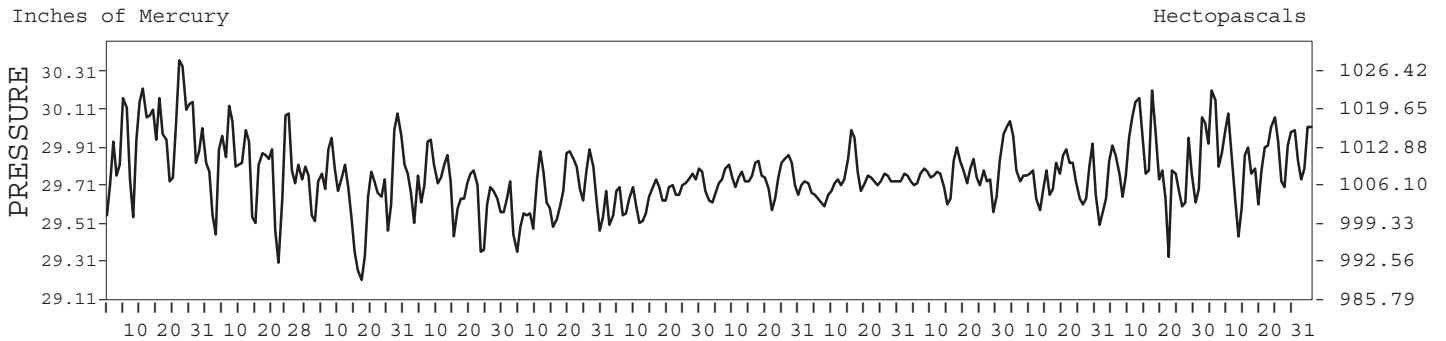
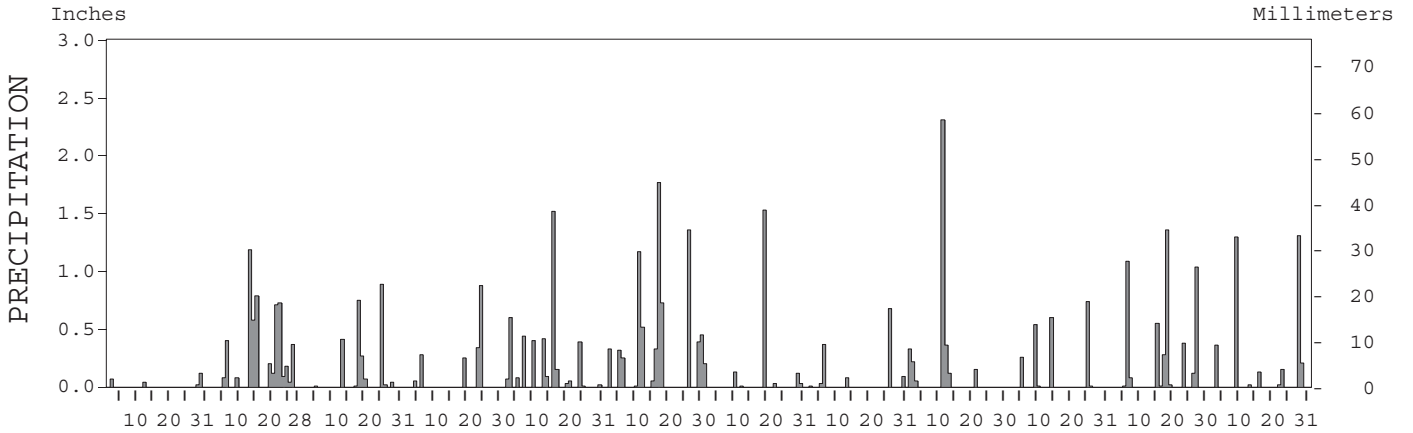
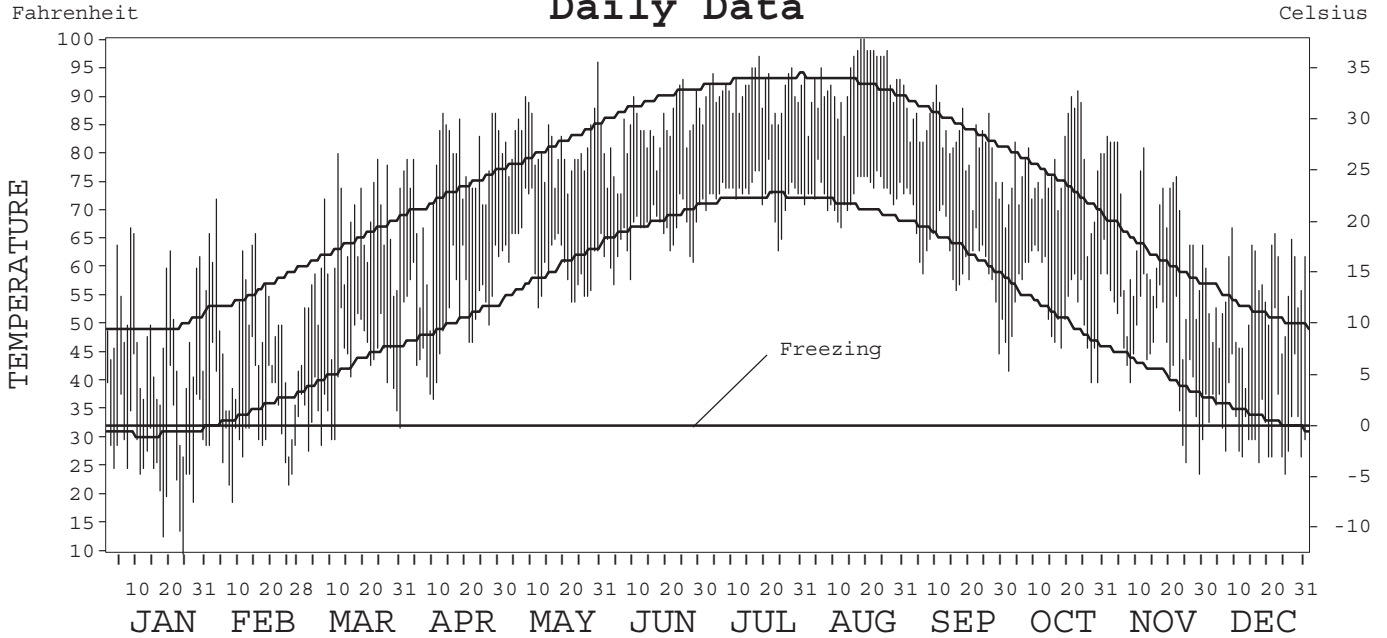
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Daily Data



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METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2003

LITTLE ROCK, AR (LIT)

LATITUDE: 34° 44' 48" N LONGITUDE: 92° 13' 59" W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 289 BARO: 292 TIME ZONE: CENTRAL (UTC + 6) WBAN: 13963

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	48.0	48.6	63.5	75.6	81.7	83.5	90.7	93.1	82.5	76.9	65.8	54.9	72.1	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	67	72	80	87	96	93	97	100	92	91	83	67	100	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	08	03	12	29+	30	25	18	19+	10	23	01	09	AUG 19+	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	28.0	32.4	41.0	51.7	62.0	65.9	72.7	73.1	62.4	53.8	45.4	33.3	51.8	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	10	19	28	37	53	57	63	67	45	40	24	24	10	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	24	08	03	10	12	04	24	12	29	29+	29	25	JAN 24	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	38.0	40.5	52.3	63.7	71.9	74.7	81.7	83.1	72.5	65.4	55.6	44.1	62.0	
	MEAN WET BULB	33.6	37.9	48.2	56.4	67.1	69.7	75.7	76.0	65.6	59.9	50.8	39.5	56.7	
	MEAN DEW POINT	25.6	33.4	43.9	50.2	64.1	67.2	73.0	73.5	61.6	56.1	45.1	33.1	52.2	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	2	5	21	24	1	2	0	0	55	
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
	MINIMUM ≤ 32°	23	18	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	15	65	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	827	679	386	102	0	0	0	0	8	73	298	640	3013	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	69	221	300	527	566	241	90	22	0	2036	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	64	77	76	65	79	79	77	77	73	76	70	68	73	
	HOUR 00 LST	69	81	83	76	91	89	88	89	84	89	74	75	82	
	HOUR 06 LST	75	85	90	83	92	91	94	94	89	93	81	80	87	
	HOUR 12 LST	54	70	65	53	65	68	64	61	57	60	61	56	61	
	HOUR 18 LST	56	71	66	51	71	70	64	65	62	67	65	61	64	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	0	4	4	1	2	2	1	0	0	2	5	0	21	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	1	3	5	9	10	6	12	2	2	1	3	54	
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.)	29.97	29.80	29.69	29.69	29.65	29.66	29.74	29.74	29.77	29.75	29.84	29.87	29.76	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.26	30.09	29.97	29.97	29.93	29.93	30.01	30.01	30.05	30.03	30.12	30.16	30.04	
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	2.2	1.8	0.3	3.1	0.1	1.1	0.3	0.9	1.4	1.5	0.9	1.9	0.5	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	31	35	23	24	16	08	22	09	05	23	22	26	27	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	8.6	8.2	7.7	9.7	7.4	5.9	6.3	5.3	6.2	6.1	8.2	8.3	7.3	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	23	04	31	20	18	05	23	05	05	25	17	31	05	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	29	31	25	29	38	38	46	30	26	30	30	26	46	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	28	28	21	18	31	12	02	23	23	31	30	24	02	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	16	03	20	16+	13	29	19	26	01	14	28+	09	JUL 19	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	37	39	31	38	47	45	55	48	33	38	40	36	55	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	28	28	27	21	27	12	02	23	24	31	34	24	02		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	16	03	20	16	16+	29	19	26	01	14	18	09	JUL 19		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	0.25	5.56	2.47	1.80	4.27	7.68	2.05	1.26	3.54	2.16	4.94	3.50	39.48	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.12	1.73	1.02	1.22	1.65	2.10	1.53	0.68	2.39	0.75	1.51	1.52	2.39	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	29	13-14	18-19	23-24	16-17	16-17	19	26	11-12	25-26	17-18	28-29	SEP 11-12	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	4	14	9	5	14	13	7	6	7	6	11	8	104		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	1	10	4	4	7	11	4	2	6	4	7	6	66		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	3	2	12		
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

LITTLE ROCK, AR (LIT)

LATITUDE: 34° 44' 48" N LONGITUDE: 92° 13' 59" W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 289 BARO: 292 TIME ZONE: CENTRAL (UTC + 6) WBAN: 13963

		POR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
TEMPERATURE °F	NORMAL DAILY MAXIMUM	30	49.5	55.6	64.2	72.9	81.0	89.0	92.8	92.1	85.1	75.1	62.0	52.5	72.6
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	56	49.9	54.9	63.0	73.3	81.4	89.1	92.4	91.9	85.0	75.1	62.3	52.8	72.6
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	62	83	85	91	95	98	105	112	109	106	97	86	80	112
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1950	1986	1974	1987	1998	1988	1986	2000	1947	1963	1955	1956	JUL 1986
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	56	71.9	75.7	81.5	86.3	91.5	96.7	100.3	100.0	95.7	88.7	79.6	72.6	86.7
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	30.8	34.8	42.6	50.0	59.2	67.8	72.0	70.5	63.6	51.5	41.5	33.9	51.5
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	56	30.9	34.9	42.2	51.4	59.9	68.1	71.8	70.4	63.5	51.4	41.3	33.7	51.6
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	62	-4	-5	11	28	40	46	54	52	37	29	17	-1	-5
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1962	1951	1951	1971	1971	1969	1972	1986	1942	1989	1976	1989	FEB 1951
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	56	13.6	18.7	25.9	35.7	46.5	56.5	63.8	61.7	48.8	36.6	25.0	17.9	37.6
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	40.1	45.2	53.4	61.4	70.1	78.4	82.4	81.3	74.4	63.3	51.7	43.2	62.1
	MEAN DRY BULB	56	40.5	44.9	52.5	62.4	70.6	78.7	82.1	81.1	74.1	63.2	51.8	43.3	62.1
	MEAN WET BULB	18	36.8	41.1	47.3	56.2	64.6	71.1	70.3	69.3	62.8	53.7	45.3	37.8	54.7
	MEAN DEW POINT	18	30.8	34.6	40.8	50.5	60.5	67.6	67.1	65.9	59.0	49.1	40.4	33.0	49.9
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	30	0.0	0.0	*	0.3	3.0	15.8	22.9	21.1	9.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	73.5	
MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	30	2.9	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	1.7	5.9	
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	30	18.4	11.2	4.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	5.1	14.4	53.7	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	30	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	775	563	369	150	24	0	0	0	13	124	400	666	3084
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	1	1	14	52	188	408	542	502	296	72	8	2	2086
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	71	68	67	68	73	72	72	71	72	71	72	72	71
	HOUR 00 LST	30	76	74	72	76	84	84	83	83	84	82	79	77	80
	HOUR 06 LST	30	81	80	80	84	88	88	88	88	88	87	84	81	85
	HOUR 12 LST	30	63	58	57	56	59	57	56	55	57	54	60	63	58
	HOUR 18 LST	30	65	59	56	55	61	59	59	59	62	62	66	66	61
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	32	46	54	57	62	68	73	71	73	68	69	56	48	62
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI) THUNDERSTORMS	61 61	2.7 1.9	1.9 2.3	1.2 5.0	0.7 6.5	0.7 7.5	0.3 7.8	0.5 8.7	0.7 6.4	1.0 3.6	1.7 2.6	2.0 2.9	2.7 1.8	16.1 57.0
CLOUDINESS	MEAN:														
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	35	5.2	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.0	3.5	4.3	4.8	4.5
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	12	4.5	4.0	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.2	4.0	4.4	3.9
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
CLEAR	35	8.6	9.1	8.6	8.7	8.0	9.5	8.8	11.6	11.2	14.4	11.0	9.2	118.7	
PARTLY CLOUDY	35	6.1	5.7	7.0	7.5	10.8	11.6	12.9	10.9	8.6	7.1	5.9	5.9	100.0	
CLOUDY	35	16.3	13.5	15.4	13.8	12.3	8.9	9.3	8.5	10.1	9.5	13.1	16.0	146.7	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE (IN)	29	29.89	29.84	29.74	29.71	29.68	29.70	29.73	29.74	29.77	29.81	29.83	29.87	29.78
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	20	30.16	30.13	30.05	29.98	29.96	29.96	30.01	30.02	30.04	30.10	30.13	30.17	30.06
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	43	8.4	8.7	9.4	8.8	7.5	7.1	6.7	6.3	6.7	6.8	7.9	8.0	7.7
	PREVAIL. DIR (TENS OF DEGS)	29	24	05	18	18	18	18	23	24	05	24	24	24	18
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:														
	SPEED (MPH)	5	31	41	33	32	38	46	46	33	35	30	33	36	46
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		30	25	29	19	31	30	02	29	32	31	26	29	02
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1999	2001	2002	2001	2003	2001	2003	2002	2000	2003	2001	2000	JUL 2003
MAXIMUM 5-SECOND:															
SPEED (MPH)	5	39	51	44	43	47	87	55	48	47	38	44	43	87	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		21	25	27	18	27	32	02	23	30	31	26	27	32	
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1999	2001	2002	2001	2003	1999	2003	2003	2000	2003	2001	2000	JUN 1999	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	3.61	3.33	4.88	5.47	5.05	3.95	3.31	2.93	3.71	4.25	5.73	4.71	50.93
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	62	12.53	11.02	10.40	14.20	12.74	7.82	7.95	14.46	10.17	15.35	13.14	16.48	16.48
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1950	1956	1990	1973	1968	1974	1988	1966	1978	1984	1988	1987	DEC 1987
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	62	0.25	0.51	0.73	0.50	0.69	T	0.14	T	0.28	0.01	0.26	1.26	T
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2003	1947	1966	1987	1970	1952	1986	1995	1956	1944	1999	1958	AUG 1995
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	56	5.18	5.15	4.56	7.96	7.71	4.61	3.58	7.32	4.05	5.67	7.81	7.01	7.96
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1969	1950	1990	1974	1955	1960	1988	1966	1967	1990	1988	1987	APR 1974
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	30	9.6	8.3	10.0	9.7	10.6	9.2	8.3	6.5	7.9	7.5	9.0	9.7	106.3	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	30	0.9	1.0	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.4	15.6	
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	2.0	1.3	0.6	0.*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.*	0.3	0.1	4.3	
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	57	13.6	9.8	7.0	T	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	4.8	9.8	13.6
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1988	1979	1971	1994	1997	1998				1993	1971	1963	JAN 1988
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	51	12.1	9.6	6.7	T	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	4.8	9.8	12.1
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1988	1966	1971	1994	1988	1998				1993	1971	1963	JAN 1988
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	50	13	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	13
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1988	1985	1984								1971	1963	JAN 1988	
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	30	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.4	

PRECIPITATION (inches) 2003 LITTLE ROCK, AR (LIT)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1974	5.77	2.60	2.07	9.76	6.26	7.82	4.09	3.20	4.31	3.36	5.73	2.99	57.96
1975	4.64	4.38	7.67	4.14	5.87	1.56	3.98	2.73	1.86	1.62	3.68	2.92	45.05
1976	3.00	5.12	5.43	1.06	4.88	5.69	1.97	0.70	1.82	6.04	1.79	2.30	39.80
1977	2.70	1.96	6.75	4.47	2.89	4.70	5.07	1.37	6.38	0.63	9.34	1.40	47.66
1978	5.44	1.52	3.56	4.22	6.27	5.39	2.70	6.38	10.17	1.01	6.64	11.56	64.86
1979	4.05	5.67	3.10	9.64	11.54	4.45	4.27	6.51	4.35	3.36	4.02	3.53	64.49
1980	2.73	0.89	6.60	5.85	4.57	0.53	0.99	0.19	5.09	2.64	6.28	1.86	38.22
1981	1.11	3.89	4.00	2.75	9.73	7.80	3.15	2.91	1.37	6.11	1.64	1.34	45.80
1982	8.74	3.37	2.87	9.32	5.63	4.10	1.01	4.52	1.47	2.26	9.72	8.28	61.29
1983	2.25	1.49	4.19	6.72	7.58	3.34	1.07	0.79	0.41	3.73	4.47	9.07	45.11
1984	1.31	3.52	5.58	3.77	8.22	1.06	4.15	5.69	3.28	15.35	8.49	3.54	63.96
1985	3.11	2.78	5.27	8.63	2.99	2.40	3.30	3.52	4.36	3.91	5.78	2.97	49.02
1986	0.50	3.45	3.68	7.33	4.07	6.42	0.14	4.56	1.94	6.05	5.67	3.86	47.67
1987	2.07	7.07	3.52	0.50	4.56	4.63	1.60	2.12	7.56	1.37	10.96	16.48	62.44
1988	3.71	3.41	3.50	3.82	2.05	1.04	7.95	2.19	2.54	1.95	13.14	2.91	48.21
1989	3.01	9.55	7.64	2.57	4.04	3.95	7.87	1.21	3.57	1.70	1.95	2.19	49.25
1990	6.50	4.82	10.40	7.73	7.71	0.80	4.63	1.57	4.08	8.75	3.29	6.79	67.07
1991	6.88	3.03	3.56	12.44	2.87	2.28	2.03	6.78	3.01	7.00	5.18	4.59	59.65
1992	1.75	2.05	6.48	1.86	3.67	5.07	6.76	2.14	2.90	0.67	4.71	3.85	41.91
1993	5.06	2.44	3.05	5.40	5.49	2.04	1.24	2.77	1.44	4.10	6.33	4.41	43.77
1994	4.87	3.21	5.60	5.20	3.97	5.57	4.28	4.00	2.11	3.88	6.13	4.58	53.40
1995	3.94	2.40	3.74	4.95	4.56	1.85	2.99	T	1.88	5.54	2.33	2.83	37.01
1996	2.60	2.14	3.57	4.24	3.98	2.82	3.56	1.23	6.39	6.35	7.41	2.81	47.10
1997	1.88	4.65	6.48	7.73	3.92	5.41	1.88	2.18	3.75	4.35	3.87	3.66	49.76
1998	4.70	4.11	4.80	3.31	2.86	2.16	2.96	3.23	3.45	3.39	2.30	4.41	41.68
1999	6.11	1.10	4.85	5.33	3.40	6.10	2.41	0.91	1.56	4.97	0.26	5.25	42.25
2000	1.03	3.93	3.86	2.94	5.80	5.66	0.94	0.04	2.39	0.79	10.99	3.42	41.79
2001	2.98	8.46	3.94	1.40	4.04	2.05	1.56	1.76	2.54	5.24	5.30	8.31	47.58
2002	3.41	1.93	9.51	1.76	5.44	2.64	3.47	2.89	1.49	4.51	1.84	7.70	46.59
2003	0.25	5.56	2.47	1.80	4.27	7.68	2.05	1.26	3.54	2.16	4.94	3.50	39.48
POR= 124 YRS	4.42	3.91	4.74	5.09	4.97	3.71	3.35	3.11	3.32	3.19	4.44	4.27	48.52

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2003 LITTLE ROCK, AR (LIT)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1974	42.4	45.7	58.1	60.7	71.3	74.3	83.2	79.0	69.0	62.3	51.9	44.4	61.9
1975	44.6	44.6	48.7	60.7	72.5	78.6	80.2	79.5	69.2	63.0	51.4	42.9	61.3
1976	39.7	52.5	56.5	61.1	64.6	74.4	80.2	78.7	72.1	57.8	45.9	41.9	60.5
1977	31.3	46.9	56.4	64.7	73.7	80.0	82.1	80.4	77.3	62.6	52.9	42.0	62.5
1978	31.7	34.0	51.0	65.9	71.4	78.9	84.1	83.0	76.7	62.0	54.6	43.3	61.4
1979	29.9	38.7	55.5	62.7	70.2	77.9	81.0	79.0	72.7	65.3	50.3	45.8	60.8
1980	44.0	40.9	50.3	61.5	70.6	79.4	88.1	87.0	78.6	60.4	50.4	43.1	62.9
1981	39.7	44.6	52.5	67.5	67.4	80.1	83.5	79.9	75.3	61.4	55.5	43.2	62.6
1982	37.5	41.3	57.1	58.0	72.7	76.6	83.1	82.1	74.2	64.7	53.2	48.3	62.4
1983	39.2	43.8	51.1	54.4	67.7	77.4	82.5	86.1	76.0	64.0	50.8	30.9	60.3
1984	36.7	46.6	50.1	59.7	68.0	79.8	79.7	78.1	71.0	65.0	49.0	52.1	61.3
1985	33.7	39.3	57.6	63.0	70.0	78.2	81.2	80.8	72.5	66.2	56.1	38.1	61.4
1986	42.5	48.2	55.4	63.6	71.4	79.7	86.3	78.1	77.6	63.1	49.7	42.4	63.2
1987	40.2	47.1	53.4	62.4	76.3	79.9	82.2	84.4	74.9	59.1	53.0	45.2	63.2
1988	35.6	42.9	52.2	61.5	70.4	78.8	81.7	82.4	75.8	60.4	53.3	44.4	61.6
1989	46.3	38.4	52.5	62.6	69.6	76.2	79.3	80.2	71.2	63.3	55.3	35.7	60.9
1990	48.1	51.3	55.4	62.0	68.1	80.6	83.2	82.2	77.5	61.5	56.3	43.1	64.1
1991	39.0	49.2	56.2	64.4	74.1	79.5	82.8	80.0	73.7	64.3	49.2	46.8	63.3
1992	42.7	50.6	54.4	62.6	69.0	76.5	81.0	76.5	72.7	64.4	50.1	43.9	62.0
1993	40.4	43.2	51.3	58.3	68.8	78.7	86.0	83.7	73.5	61.4	48.3	44.9	61.5
1994	38.3	45.2	53.9	64.4	68.3	81.8	80.0	78.9	72.7	64.3	56.1	46.3	62.5
1995	43.0	46.5	55.5	62.4	70.7	77.6	83.1	86.7	72.5	64.1	50.1	42.1	62.9
1996	40.0	46.2	48.2	60.4	74.3	79.4	81.9	80.8	73.5	63.6	48.4	46.4	61.9
1997	41.0	47.2	56.7	58.2	68.3	77.1	84.0	80.4	76.4	63.9	49.9	42.6	62.1
1998	46.7	48.9	51.7	62.0	75.9	83.1	87.2	83.9	80.6	65.8	54.8	44.9	65.5
1999	43.8	51.0	50.0	65.1	70.1	78.3	83.6	83.3	74.0	64.0	56.8	46.1	63.8
2000	43.0	50.7	55.9	61.1	72.3	76.5	82.7	86.5	75.4	65.7	48.0	32.0	62.5
2001	38.6	46.4	49.5	67.3	71.3	76.9	83.2	82.0	72.7	60.6	55.7	45.9	62.5
2002	44.4	42.9	49.3	64.6	67.9	77.9	81.6	81.2	76.8	61.2	49.7	43.3	61.7
2003	38.0	40.5	52.3	63.7	71.9	74.7	81.7	83.1	72.5	65.4	55.6	44.1	62.0
POR= 124 YRS	41.3	44.9	53.0	62.4	70.3	78.2	81.6	80.7	74.3	63.6	51.9	43.6	62.1

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2003 LITTLE ROCK, AR (LIT)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1974-75	0	0	23	111	401	634	630	566	499	196	5	0	3065
1975-76	0	0	48	130	414	681	777	359	284	146	70	0	2909
1976-77	0	0	1	257	567	710	1041	502	265	70	10	0	3423
1977-78	0	0	0	105	370	709	1025	862	436	68	48	0	3623
1978-79	0	0	0	118	321	667	1083	732	314	110	13	0	3358
1979-80	0	0	0	80	436	588	645	693	450	142	15	0	3049
1980-81	0	0	16	184	437	673	774	565	388	37	45	0	3119
1981-82	0	0	4	186	278	668	847	656	298	223	6	0	3166
1982-83	0	0	12	119	369	536	795	587	425	332	33	0	3208
1983-84	0	0	19	89	422	1050	872	530	460	190	24	0	3656
1984-85	0	0	44	81	476	408	962	713	251	101	8	0	3044
1985-86	0	0	31	82	283	825	691	467	298	91	7	0	2775
1986-87	0	1	0	112	454	694	762	496	353	145	0	0	3017
1987-88	0	0	0	182	358	609	904	637	388	123	4	0	3205
1988-89	0	0	1	163	358	633	573	738	395	156	39	0	3056
1989-90	0	0	23	112	313	898	516	380	316	152	31	0	2741
1990-91	0	0	8	173	260	675	798	438	294	69	10	0	2725
1991-92	0	0	23	97	483	560	682	413	324	134	40	0	2756
1992-93	0	0	14	69	441	647	755	606	423	215	15	1	3186
1993-94	0	0	13	174	506	613	824	548	339	105	49	0	3171
1994-95	0	0	22	111	276	573	678	512	318	119	27	0	2636
1995-96	0	0	24	93	445	703	767	540	520	180	7	0	3279
1996-97	0	0	11	103	492	576	741	488	261	217	28	0	2917
1997-98	0	0	1	149	451	685	562	445	446	123	0	0	2867
1998-99	0	0	0	67	301	627	650	387	458	73	1	0	2564
1999-00	0	0	4	100	250	581	672	418	288	131	8	0	2452
2000-01	0	0	16	97	513	1014	811	515	477	64	7	0	3514
2001-02	0	0	17	165	274	585	640	613	486	111	51	0	2942
2002-03	0	0	0	170	463	664	827	679	386	102	0	0	3291
2003-	0	0	8	73	298	640							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2003 LITTLE ROCK, AR (LIT)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1974	0	0	45	37	206	288	572	441	148	36	14	0	1787
1975	6	0	4	73	245	416	475	455	178	73	14	2	1941
1976	0	5	27	37	65	292	480	434	220	42	0	0	1602
1977	0	0	7	67	287	455	537	482	377	40	14	0	2266
1978	0	0	9	104	253	424	599	565	357	31	16	0	2358
1979	0	0	24	48	178	396	502	442	240	95	1	0	1926
1980	0	1	1	42	196	439	725	688	432	50	5	0	2579
1981	0	0	9	117	131	458	580	470	318	78	2	0	2163
1982	0	0	57	21	253	355	570	540	294	114	20	24	2248
1983	0	0	0	21	121	381	550	660	355	63	6	0	2157
1984	0	1	4	38	126	451	462	416	234	88	3	17	1840
1985	0	0	31	48	167	404	508	501	265	125	21	0	2070
1986	0	5	7	56	211	446	668	415	385	63	0	0	2256
1987	0	0	3	74	359	456	540	610	304	8	3	0	2357
1988	0	0	2	24	177	423	523	546	332	25	15	0	2067
1989	0	0	13	91	189	345	450	479	213	70	29	0	1879
1990	0	4	26	67	135	475	571	540	392	73	8	0	2291
1991	0	1	30	56	299	445	558	472	290	82	14	2	2249
1992	0	0	4	70	170	352	505	364	249	60	0	0	1774
1993	0	0	4	22	138	419	656	591	276	69	14	0	2189
1994	0	3	3	96	161	510	472	435	256	100	15	0	2051
1995	5	0	31	47	207	383	568	683	254	73	4	0	2255
1996	0	5	6	49	303	437	529	499	273	62	1	6	2170
1997	5	0	13	21	138	369	597	485	351	122	4	0	2105
1998	0	0	40	40	344	548	697	592	473	98	3	11	2846
1999	0	2	0	85	168	406	582	571	280	74	11	1	2180
2000	0	7	10	21	237	353	556	676	334	128	9	0	2331
2001	0	0	0	138	209	366	574	533	254	35	6	0	2115
2002	10	0	7	108	147	396	518	508	361	61	8	0	2124
2003	0	0	0	69	221	300	527	566	241	90	22	0	2036

SNOWFALL (inches) 2003 LITTLE ROCK, AR (LIT)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	1.4	0.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	3.4	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.4
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.4	9.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.2
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.5	T	T	0.0	0.0	1.4
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	6.3	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.3
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	T	T	T	0.0	0.0	T
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.5	0.2	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	6.3	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.3
1985-86	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
1986-87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	1.0	T	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	13.6	2.5	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.1
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.0	T	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1990-91	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	T	T	T	0.0	0.0	T
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1992-93	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	T
1993-94	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.8
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	7.0	T	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0
1995-96	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	T	0.7	0.6	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
1996-97	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	4.7	0.0	T	T	0.0	4.7
1997-98	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	T	T	0.0	T	T
1998-99	0.0	0.0	0.0										
1999-00													
2000-01													
2001-02													
2002-03													
2003-													
POR= 55 YRS	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.2	0.6	2.3	1.4	0.5	T	0.0	0.0	5.0

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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 (1971 - 2000). 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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LITTLE ROCK,
ARKANSAS (LIT)

Little Rock is located on the Arkansas River near the geographical center of the state. It is situated on the dividing line between the Ouachita Mountains to the west and the flat lowlands comprising the Mississippi River Valley to the east. Elevations range from 222 feet at the river level to 257 feet over much of the flat land, including the airport in the southeast, to near 600 feet in the hilly residential area of the western portions of the city. Two minor temperature variations are observed due to the terrain; somewhat lower minimum temperatures are observed in the airport vicinity and a slight downslope adiabatic heating effect accompanies airflow from the ridges and hills in the west and northwest.

The modified continental climate of Little Rock includes exposure to all of the North American air mass types. However, with its proximity to the Gulf of Mexico, the summer season is marked by prolonged periods of warm and humid weather. The growing season averages 233 days in which 62 percent of the normal precipitation occurs. Winters are mild, but polar and Arctic outbreaks are not uncommon.

Precipitation is fairly well distributed throughout the year. Summer rainfall is almost completely of the convective type. The driest period usually occurs in the late summer and early fall. Snow is almost negligible. Glaze and ice storms, although infrequent, are at times severe. Warm front weather in the winter and early spring, characterized by shallow surface cold air flow from the north under warm moist Gulf air, results in excellent conditions for the production of freezing precipitation.

STATION LOCATION

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

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	WIND	EXTREME	PSYCHROMETER	SUNSHINE	TIPPING GAUGE	WEIGHING	8 INCH	HYGROMETER			
*NOTE: <u>AIRPORT</u> Administration Building West Edge, Adams Field	4/16/42	10/28/98	150 ft. SSE	34°44'	92°14'	257	58 67 20	26 f19	26 19		18 c g18 h15 j15	18 i	18 a15 h15 j15	e5	a. Effective 10/30/44. b. Effective 6/16/51. c. Removed 10/18/51. d. Effective 11/7/59. e. Commissioned 5/3/60. f. Effective 11/15/63. g. Added 1/22/65. h. Lowered 9/1976. i. Removed 9/1976. j. Moved about 50' NE 11/1977.			
Adams Field	10/28/98	Present	NA	34°45'	92°14'	k289								S	ASOS Commissioned 10/28/98 k. Ground elevation.			

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