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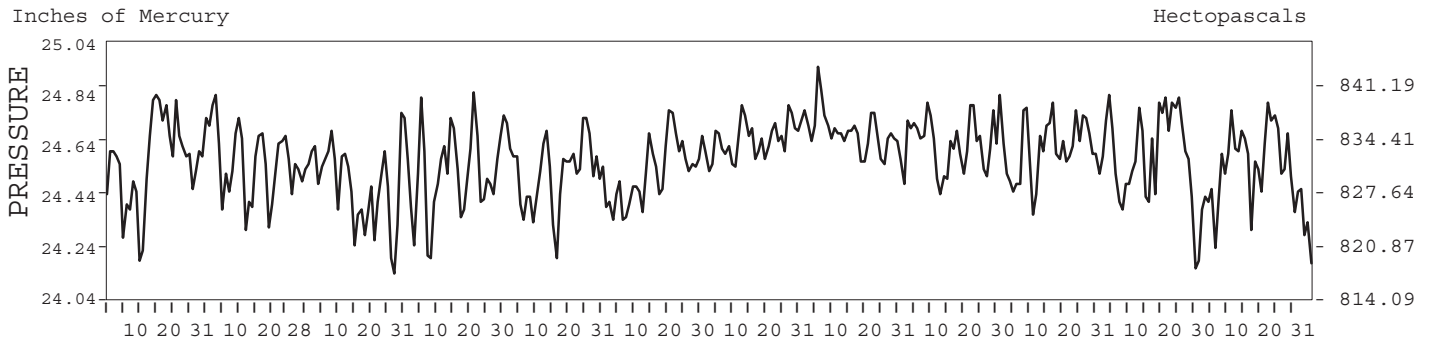
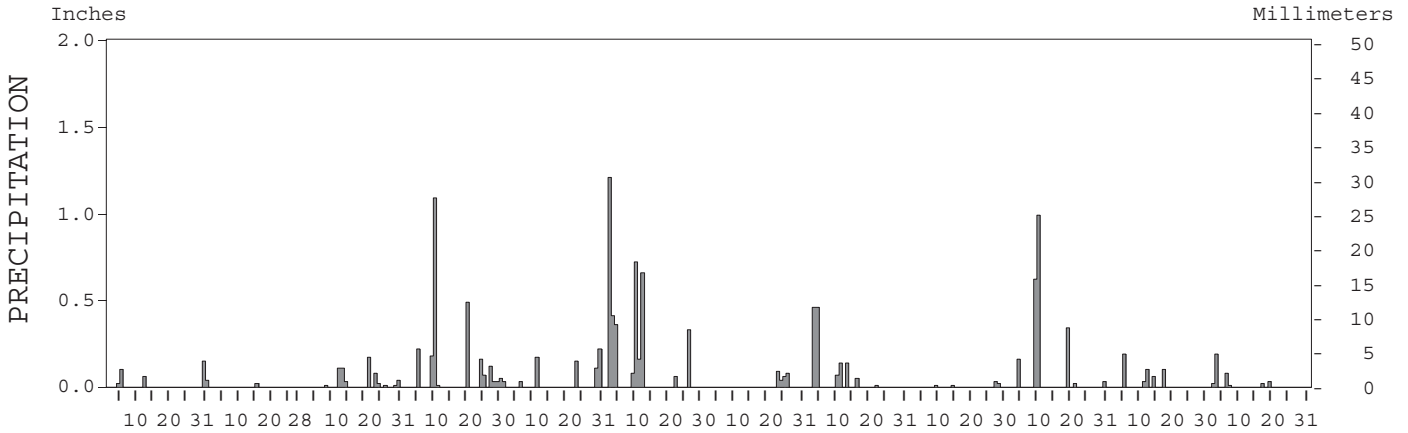
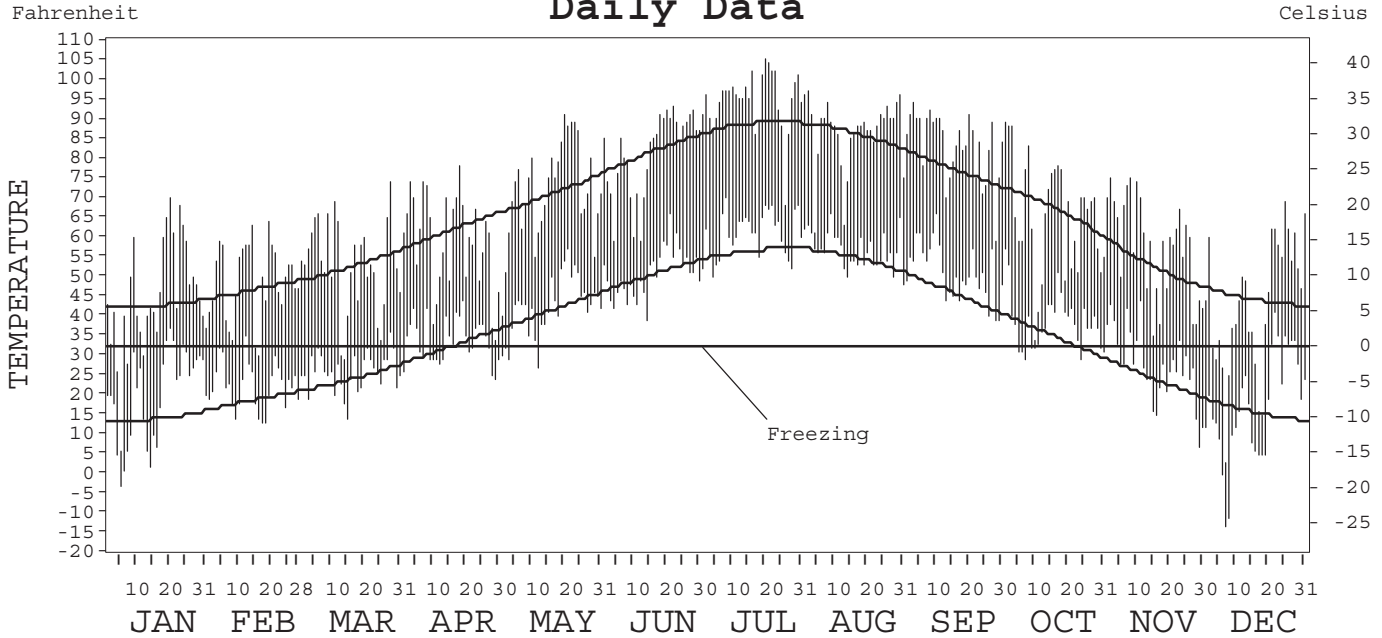
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METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2005

DENVER, CO (DEN)

LATITUDE: 39° 49' 58" N LONGITUDE: 104° 39' 27" W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 5379 BARO: 5382 TIME ZONE: MOUNTAIN (UTC + 7) WBAN: 03017

	ELEMENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	44.9	49.1	52.9	59.0	71.5	81.1	94.5	86.4	83.2	65.4	57.5	43.1	65.7	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	70	64	74	78	91	93	105	97	94	89	75	69	105	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	20	19	28	18	20	22	20	02	03	01	08+	25	JUL 20	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	20.0	22.4	25.9	33.8	42.4	50.8	60.8	56.7	51.1	38.5	27.5	17.2	37.3	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	-3	13	14	24	27	39	50	48	39	29	7	-13	-13	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	05	18+	15	29	12	14	04	31	29+	24+	29	07	DEC 07	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	32.5	35.8	39.4	46.4	57.0	66.0	77.7	71.6	67.2	52.0	42.5	30.2	51.5	
	MEAN WET BULB	27.4	28.2	31.7	38.5	47.0	54.0	57.8	56.3	51.3	42.4	32.9	23.8	40.9	
	MEAN DEW POINT	20.7	17.0	19.7	29.1	37.4	44.7	43.1	45.4	37.4	33.2	18.8	13.1	30.0	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0	0	0	1	7	25	13	9	0	0	0	55	
	MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	16	
	MINIMUM ≤ 32°	27	27	30	14	4	0	0	0	0	8	21	24	155	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	999	810	786	552	274	84	3	19	54	412	670	1075	5738	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	0	34	119	405	230	125	14	0	0	927	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	69	54	53	59	53	52	36	49	41	58	44	54	52	
	HOUR 05 LST	77	69	67	69	71	74	55	68	58	70	54	60	66	
	HOUR 11 LST	62	42	40	47	39	36	24	33	27	45	30	43	39	
	HOUR 17 LST	63	39	38	47	37	35	22	35	24	49	36	51	40	
	HOUR 23 LST	77	61	65	69	66	64	44	59	52	65	55	60	61	
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	10	0	6	2	1	0	2	2	3	2	0	1	29	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	0	1	4	5	17	6	8	4	2	0	0	47	
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.)	24.59	24.58	24.48	24.54	24.55	24.53	24.67	24.69	24.65	24.64	24.57	24.55	24.59	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.06	30.02	29.88	29.89	29.84	29.76	29.86	29.92	29.90	29.98	29.96	30.03	29.93	
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	1.7	2.2	2.3	1.6	2.0	2.6	1.6	1.9	2.6	2.5	3.1	4.0	1.8	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	20	23	29	33	15	18	20	21	19	19	24	23	22	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	8.0	8.8	10.6	12.2	10.2	10.7	10.4	9.5	9.2	9.5	11.4	10.0	10.0	
	PREVAIL. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	23	23	21	35	22	23	21	23	22	21	21	23	23	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	35	33	48	47	41	44	41	37	40	30	52	54	54	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	25	31	01	19	03	21	08	22	27	34	32	28	28	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	09	20	08	08	23	28	09+	27	21	04	14	29	DEC 29	
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	41	41	55	54	48	59	54	43	48	37	61	64	64	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	25	30	01	20	04	24	07	23	27	33	32	28	28		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	09	20	08	08	23	20	09	27	21	04	14	29	DEC 29		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	0.37	0.02	0.59	2.45	0.71	3.99	0.27	1.33	0.07	2.16	0.48	0.35	12.79	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.19	0.02	0.22	1.24	0.30	1.21	0.14	0.87	0.05	1.42	0.19	0.21	1.42	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	30-31	15	12-13	09-10	29-30	02	25-26	03-04	27-28	09-10	05	02-03	OCT 09-10	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	5	1	10	11	6	9	4	7	4	6	5	6	74	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10	2	0	3	6	4	7	0	4	0	4	3	1	34		
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
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

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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	43.2	47.2	53.7	60.9	70.5	82.1	88.0	86.0	77.4	66.0	51.5	44.1	64.2
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	10	44.4	46.0	53.8	60.0	70.6	80.4	89.5	86.5	77.8	64.7	52.0	44.2	64.2
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	10	72	72	79	84	94	98	105	100	97	89	78	72	105
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	2002	2004	2002	2003	2004	2005	2002	1995	2005	1999	1998	JUL 2005
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	10	65.8	66.4	74.4	79.0	88.6	93.8	99.7	96.5	92.0	83.5	71.8	63.6	81.3
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	15.2	19.1	25.4	34.2	43.8	53.0	58.7	57.4	47.3	35.9	23.5	16.4	35.8
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	10	18.5	20.2	25.7	33.3	43.0	51.3	59.7	57.7	48.9	36.3	25.7	18.9	36.6
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	10	-14	-16	-4	6	22	34	44	42	25	3	-3	-19	-19
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1997	1996	2002	1997	2002	1998	1997	2004	1996	1997	2003	1998	DEC 1998
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	10	-1.9	0.5	8.1	18.5	28.9	40.2	50.8	48.5	33.5	20.8	3.4	-8	20.9
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	29.2	33.2	39.6	47.6	57.2	67.6	73.4	71.7	62.4	51.0	37.5	30.3	50.1
	MEAN DRY BULB	10	31.5	33.1	39.8	46.6	56.9	65.9	74.6	72.1	63.4	50.5	38.8	31.6	50.4
	MEAN WET BULB	10	25.6	26.7	29.4	34.7	42.7	48.8	59.1	58.3	50.7	40.4	31.4	25.6	39.5
	MEAN DEW POINT	10	15.7	15.7	20.6	27.5	38.1	44.3	48.6	49.1	40.2	28.9	20.9	15.3	30.4
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM ≥ 90°	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.5	7.3	15.0	9.4	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.1
MAXIMUM ≤ 32°	0	6.2	4.3	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.4	2.7	5.3	21.4	
MINIMUM ≤ 32°	0	29.6	25.8	23.1	11.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	8.2	23.9	28.8	152.6	
MINIMUM ≤ 0°	0	3.2	1.5	0.2	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.5	7.6	
H/C	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	1111	892	788	524	267	60	1	9	136	436	826	1078	6128
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	0	0	0	2	23	136	261	217	57	0	0	0	696
RH	NORMAL (PERCENT)														
	HOUR 05 LST														
	HOUR 11 LST														
	HOUR 17 LST														
	HOUR 23 LST														
S	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE														
W/O	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG (VISBY ≤ 1/4 MI)	10	3.3	2.2	3.7	3.0	2.3	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.2	2.0	2.2	1.0	24.7
	THUNDERSTORMS	10	0.0	0.3	0.7	2.8	6.3	12.1	12.0	10.8	5.3	0.9	0.0	0.0	51.2
CLOUDINESS	MEAN:														
	SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	1		5.0	5.3	7.2	5.6	2.5		2.5				2.5	
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	1			5.3	7.2	6.4	3.0		2.0					
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH:														
	CLEAR	1	3.0	10.0	9.0	6.0	10.0	12.0	2.0	7.0	6.0	9.0		13.0	
PARTLY CLOUDY	1	4.0	2.0	6.0	4.0	5.5	9.0	2.0	9.0	6.0			1.0		
CLOUDY	1	3.0	6.0	10.0	13.0	5.5	5.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	2.0		2.0		
PR	MEAN STATION PRESSURE (IN)	10	24.55	24.56	24.54	24.53	24.56	24.60	24.69	24.70	24.65	24.60	24.59	24.56	24.59
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	10	30.01	30.00	29.93	29.87	29.83	29.83	29.88	29.92	29.92	29.95	30.01	30.03	29.93
WINDS	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	10	9.4	9.9	10.5	11.6	10.5	10.3	9.8	9.5	9.5	9.7	9.5	9.8	10.0
	PREVAIL. DIR (TENS OF DEGS)	9	21	21	21	21	21	16	21	22	22	21	21	21	21
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE:														
	SPEED (MPH)	10	41	47	53	53	49	49	54	49	41	46	52	54	54
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		31	34	28	33	22	30	13	28	36	29	32	28	28
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2002	2002	1995	2001	2002	1999	1999	2001	2003	2001	2005	2005	DEC 2005
	MAXIMUM 5-SECOND:														
SPEED (MPH)	10	49	58	56	60	58	63	64	61	51	54	61	64	64	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		31	33	32	33	18	29	13	29	23	29	32	28	28	
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2002	2002	1997	2001	2002	1999	1999	2001	2002	2001	2005	2005	DEC 2005	
PRECIPITATION	NORMAL (IN)	30	0.51	0.49	1.28	1.93	2.32	1.56	2.16	1.82	1.14	0.99	0.98	0.63	15.81
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	10	0.78	0.64	3.05	5.86	4.67	3.99	5.92	3.52	2.34	2.16	0.72	0.50	5.92
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2001	2001	2003	1999	1995	2005	1998	1997	1996	2005	2001	1997	JUL 1998
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	10	0.03	0.02	0.14	0.23	0.71	0.73	0.27	0.56	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.04	0.02
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2003	2005	2004	2002	2005	1998	2005	1996	2005	2001	2003	2004	FEB 2005
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	10	0.51	0.30	1.64	2.06	2.00	2.43	3.06	1.71	1.22	1.42	0.47	0.21	3.06
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2001	2001	2003	1999	2000	2003	1997	2004	1996	2005	1999	2005	JUL 1997
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01	30	5.8	5.6	8.1	8.8	11.4	8.6	9.3	9.3	7.0	5.1	6.3	5.7	91.0	
PRECIPITATION ≥ 1.00	30	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.4	
SNOWFALL	NORMAL (IN)	30	7.7	6.3	11.6	8.8	1.3	0.*	0.0	0.0	1.9	3.9	10.6	8.9	61.0
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)														
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE														
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)														
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE														
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)														
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE															
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0	30	2.3	2.2	3.3	2.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.2	3.1	2.8	18.4	

PRECIPITATION (inches) 2005 DENVER, CO (DEN)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1995			0.28	2.44	4.67	3.07	2.31	1.04	2.28	0.72	0.31	0.06	
1996	0.29	0.09	0.77	0.33	2.40	1.77	1.01	0.56	2.34	0.39	0.38	0.06	10.39
1997	0.26	0.54	0.26	1.30	1.57	2.57	5.60	3.52	0.97	1.87	0.61	0.50	19.57
1998	0.05	0.23	0.86	2.47	1.73	0.73	5.92	1.19	0.73	1.20	0.40	0.42	15.93
1999	0.38	0.15	0.19	5.86	2.37	2.52	3.84	3.37	1.20	0.31	0.47	0.29	20.95
2000	0.24	0.23	1.96	0.71	3.09	0.79	1.42	3.06	1.52	0.52	0.61	0.27	14.42
2001	0.78	0.64	1.10	1.20	3.80	1.53	4.76	0.71	1.00	0.08	0.72	0.14	16.46
2002	0.48	0.32	0.53	0.23	0.94	1.45	1.39	0.78	0.58	0.49	0.24	0.05	7.48
2003	0.03	0.47	3.05	2.22	1.91	3.95	0.54	1.24	0.26	0.08	0.05	0.12	13.92
2004	0.23	0.21	0.14	1.76	1.30	2.33	2.51	2.84	1.99	0.86	0.45	0.04	14.66
2005	0.37	0.02	0.59	2.45	0.71	3.99	0.27	1.33	0.07	2.16	0.48	0.35	12.79
POR= 10 YRS	0.32	0.30	0.94	1.99	2.12	2.24	2.80	1.90	1.09	0.88	0.45	0.25	15.28

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2005 DENVER, CO (DEN)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1995			39.3	42.9	50.0	62.2	70.9	75.3	61.7	48.5	41.8	33.0	
1996	27.0	33.9	36.0	48.0	58.1	68.2	73.4	71.6	60.8	50.9	37.2	33.0	49.8
1997	27.9	30.0	42.1	40.5	56.6	67.8	73.1	69.7	64.3	49.7	34.8	27.9	48.7
1998	32.7	33.9	36.9	44.8	59.1	63.0	74.3	71.7	68.0	50.2	42.1	28.9	50.5
1999	33.7	38.6	43.7	42.6	54.8	64.2	73.9	71.2	59.2	52.5	47.3	33.8	51.3
2000	33.0	39.2	40.4	49.8	59.2	67.0	76.7	74.5	63.6	50.5	28.9	28.3	50.9
2001	30.0	28.3	39.8	49.6	57.1	69.4	76.7	73.5	66.8	51.5	40.9	31.7	51.3
2002	29.3	33.6	33.8	50.0	56.1	71.1	76.3	71.5	63.6	44.0	37.5	33.6	50.0
2003	36.9	27.6	39.9	50.4	57.5	62.1	76.9	73.7	59.3	55.1	36.2	32.5	50.7
2004	31.9	30.4	46.4	47.5	59.3	63.7	70.8	68.2	62.7	50.9	37.2	34.9	50.3
2005	32.5	35.8	39.4	46.4	57.0	66.0	77.7	71.6	67.2	52.0	42.5	30.2	51.5
POR= 10 YRS	31.5	33.1	40.0	46.7	57.2	65.9	74.9	71.9	63.6	50.7	38.7	31.6	50.5

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2005 DENVER, CO (DEN)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1994-95									788	655	457	132	
1995-96	26	2	188	505	686	981	1166	894	893	230	29	0	5600
1996-97	0	4	192	444	824	985	1142	975	704	728	264	35	6297
1997-98	2	11	92	475	895	1142	996	865	865	597	186	137	6263
1998-99	1	1	46	453	680	1113	962	731	654	666	311	85	5703
1999-00	1	3	194	383	528	962	984	744	754	446	215	61	5275
2000-01	0	5	149	447	1074	1131	1079	1021	775	455	256	46	6438
2001-02	0	4	65	416	717	1026	1098	870	961	448	302	26	5933
2002-03	0	5	118	643	816	966	865	1041	770	430	260	107	6021
2003-04	0	10	192	312	858	1001	1022	998	569	519	192	99	5772
2004-05	17	31	131	431	830	926	999	810	786	552	274	84	5871
2005-	3	19	54	412	670	1075							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2005 DENVER, CO (DEN)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1995			0	0	0	55	212	327	98	0	0	0	
1996	0	0	0	3	26	133	269	215	71	13	0	0	730
1997	0	0	0	0	11	126	260	160	77	8	0	0	642
1998	0	0	0	0	13	88	296	215	143	0	0	0	755
1999	0	0	0	0	2	69	283	203	30	2	0	0	589
2000	0	0	0	0	43	127	368	305	115	5	0	0	963
2001	0	0	0	0	18	184	373	274	125	5	0	0	979
2002	0	0	0	7	34	218	355	214	84	0	0	0	912
2003	0	0	0	0	36	28	376	289	29	13	0	0	771
2004	0	0	0	0	23	67	204	138	67	0	0	0	499
2005	0	0	0	0	34	119	405	230	125	14	0	0	927

SNOWFALL (inches) 2005 DENVER, CO (DEN)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
POR=													

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REFERENCE NOTES :

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 THE TEMPERATURE GRAPH SHOWS NORMAL MAXIMUM AND NORMAL MINIMUM DAILY TEMPERATURES (SOLID CURVES) AND THE ACTUAL DAILY HIGH AND LOW TEMPERATURES (VERTICAL BARS).

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).

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.

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.

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.

2005 DENVER, COLORADO (DEN)

Denver enjoys the invigorating climate that prevails over much of the central Rocky Mountain region, without the extremely cold mornings of the high elevations during winter, or the hot afternoons of summer at lower altitudes. Extremely warm or cold weather in Denver is usually of short duration.

Situated a long distance from any moisture source, and separated from the Pacific Ocean by several high mountain barriers, Denver enjoys low relative humidity, light precipitation, and abundant sunshine.

Air masses from four different sources influence Denver weather. These include arctic air from Canada and Alaska, warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico, warm, dry air from Mexico and the southwestern deserts, and Pacific air modified by its passage over mountains to the west.

In winter, the high altitude and mountains to the west combine to moderate temperatures in Denver. Invasions of cold air from the north, intensified by the high altitude, can be abrupt and severe. However, many of the cold air masses that spread southward out of Canada never reach the altitude of Denver, but move off over the lower plains to the east. Surges of air from the west are moderated in their descent down the east face of the Rockies, and reach Denver in the form of chinook winds that often raise temperatures into the 60s, even in midwinter.

In spring, polar air often collides with warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico and these collisions result in frequent, rapid and drastic weather changes. Spring is the cloudiest, windiest, and wettest season in the city. Much of the precipitation falls as snow, especially in March and early April. Stormy periods are interspersed with stretches of mild, sunny weather that quickly melt previous snow cover.

Summer precipitation falls mainly from scattered thunderstorms during the afternoon and evening. Mornings are usually clear and sunny, with clouds forming during early afternoon to cut off the sunshine at what would otherwise be the hottest part of the day. Severe thunderstorms, with large hail and heavy rain occasionally occur in the city, but these conditions are more common on the plains to the east.

Autumn is the most pleasant season. Few thunderstorms occur and invasions of cold air are infrequent. As a result, there is more sunshine and less severe weather than at any other time of the year.

Based on the 1951-1980 period, the average first occurrence of 32 degrees Fahrenheit in the fall is October 8 and the average last occurrence in the spring is May 3.

