

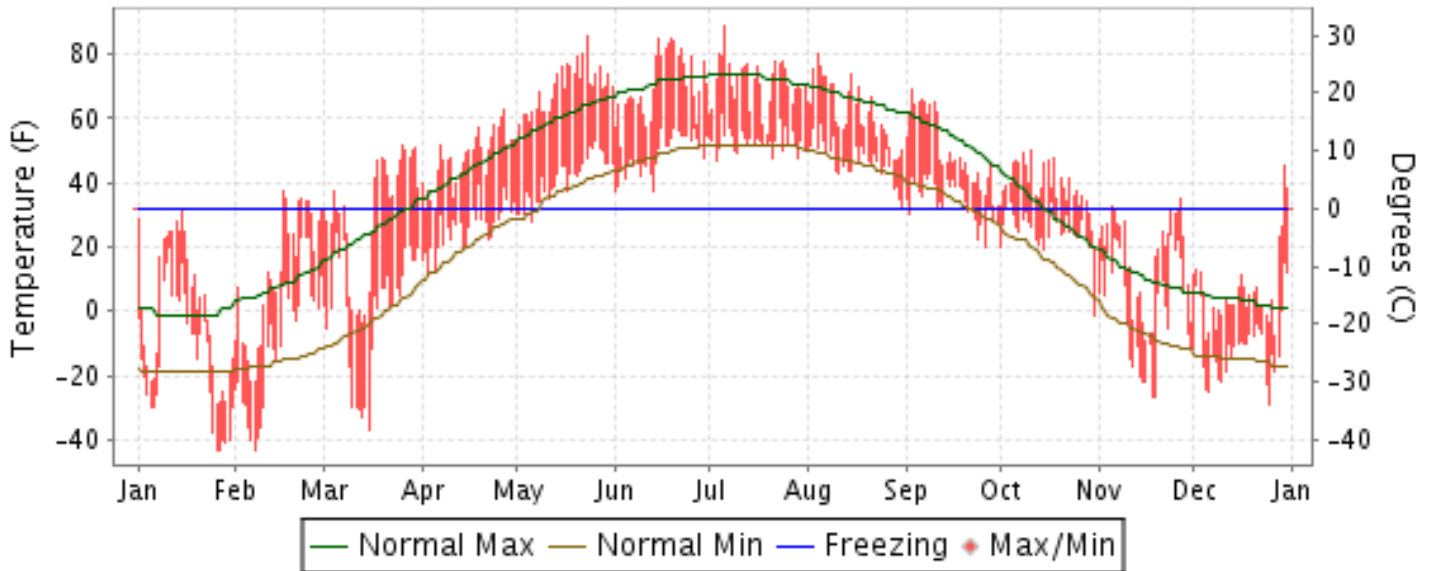


2015 LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA ANNUAL SUMMARY WITH COMPARATIVE DATA

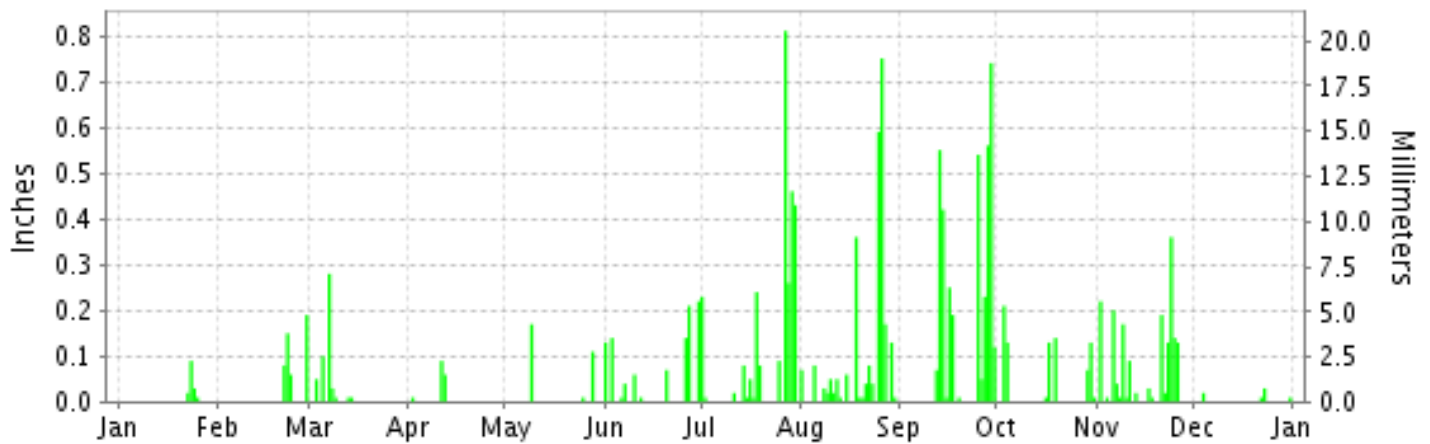
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FAIRBANKS, ALASKA (PAFA)

Daily Max/Min Temperature



Daily Precipitation



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METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2015 FAIRBANKS (PAFA)

LATITUDE: 64° 48'N LONGITUDE: 147° 52'W ELEVATION (FT): GRND: 432 BARO: 464 TIME ZONE: ALASKA (UTC -9) WBAN: 26411

	ELEMENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	1.2	11.6	30.5	47.7	69.2	70.6	71.4	62.0	50.2	38.7	16.9	6.5	39.7	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	31	37	52	63	86	85	89	80	69	50	35	45	89	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	15	16	26	27	23	19+	06	04	03	11	27	30	JUL 06	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	-14.2	-9.6	0.4	25.9	41.3	48.9	53.1	47.1	34.6	24.9	1.3	-10.8	20.2	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	-43	-43	-37	11	28	37	47	33	20	-1	-27	-29	-43	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	27+	07	15	03	06	13+	03	31	26	31	19+	25	FEB 07	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	-6.5	1.0	15.5	36.8	55.3	59.8	62.2	54.6	42.4	31.8	9.1	-2.2	30.0	
	MEAN WET BULB			13.8	31.2	46.4	50.9	55.1	50.0	38.9	29.0	9.6	-1.5		
	MEAN DEW POINT			6.9	20.4	34.1	42.0	49.4	45.9	33.9	25.3	7.2	-4.9		
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM >= 70	0	0	0	0	17	14	21	9	0	0	0	0	0	61
MAXIMUM <= 32°	31	22	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	28	29	29	129	
MINIMUM <= 32°	31	28	31	26	4	0	0	0	12	29	30	31	31	222	
MINIMUM <= 0°	23	17	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	27	27	90	
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	2207	1785	1527	841	296	181	104	321	671	1022	1670	2072	12697	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	0	2	31	24	5	0	0	0	0	62	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	74	75	68	54	47	56	66	75	74	80	86	82	70	
	HOUR 03 LST	74	74	76	70	69	72	80	87	82	83	87	82	78	
	HOUR 09 LST	74	76	76	56	47	61	69	79	77	83	87	81	72	
	HOUR 15 LST	73	72	51	39	28	41	52	62	60	70	86	82	60	
	HOUR 21 LST	74	78	73	51	39	48	61	75	79	83	87	83	69	
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG(VISBY <= 1/4 MI)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	2	0	10	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	2	0	0	0	0	9	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESS. (IN.)	29.49	29.58	29.35	29.13	29.47	29.38	29.32	29.36	29.21	29.22	29.16	29.05	29.31	
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.03	30.12	29.88	29.64	29.97	29.89	29.82	29.87	29.74	29.74	29.68	29.58	29.83	
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	0.8	0.8	0.9	2.0	0.9	0.5	0.6	2.2	1.3	3.2	1.1	1.5	0.8	
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	03	03	03	04	32	28	21	25	36	02	03	03	01	
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	1.5	1.7	3.0	5.2	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.0	4.0	2.4	2.2	3.6	
	PREVAIL.DIR.(TENS OF DEGS.)	03	04	04	36	25	25	24	24	35	03	03	03	03	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND														
	SPEED (MPH)	15	37	24	38	22	22	24	25	22	22	18	17	38	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	35	25	26	26	36	29	09	27	20	02	26	24	26	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	01	28	08	19	30	11	13	27	10	09	21	31	APR 19	
	MAXIMUM 3-SECOND WIND:														
	SPEED (MPH)	18	50	30	47	30	30	31	33	31	26	24	32	50	
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	36	26	26	26	25	19	25	26	34	02	25	24	26		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	01	28	08	19	16	05	17	27	23	09	21	31	FEB 28		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	0.15	0.48	0.49	0.16	0.29	1.03	2.78	2.58	3.74	0.83	1.78	0.07	14.38	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.09	0.19	0.28	0.12	0.17	0.22	1.07	1.08	1.00	0.33	0.36	0.03	1.08	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	23	28	07	11-12	09	30	27-28	25-26	28-29	03-04	24	23	AUG 25-26	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION 0.01	4	4	7	3	3	10	14	20	13	8	17	4	107		
PRECIPITATION 0.10	0	2	2	0	2	5	6	5	9	5	8	0	44		
PRECIPITATION 1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
SNOWFALL	SNOW,ICE PELLETS,HAIL														
	TOTAL (IN.)	4.6	4.0	8.1	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.9	3.8	25.4	1.1	70.0	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	1.9	2.6	4.3	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.2	1.9	3.9	0.5	11.2	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	23	28	07	11					29	30	24	23	SEP 29	
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)	13	15	21	13	0	0	0	0	11	9	15	13	21	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	29+	28	07	06+					29	01	30+	01	MAR 07	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
SNOWFALL >= 1.0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	9	0	21		

PRECIPITATION (inches) 2015 FAIRBANKS (PAFA)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1986	0.13	0.19	0.32	0.07	0.54	0.87	2.12	2.36	0.65	1.79	0.48	0.34	9.86
1987	0.68	0.10	T	0.05	0.21	1.02	1.70	0.56	0.57	0.39	0.64	0.51	6.43
1988	0.32	0.13	0.13	0.21	1.51	2.26	1.02	1.95	0.73	1.07	0.68	0.46	10.47
1989	0.52	0.98	0.13	0.05	0.99	2.53	0.91	0.78	0.72	1.28	0.97	0.57	10.43
1990	0.52	0.72	0.11	0.07	0.40	1.73	4.87	3.60	1.74	0.31	1.51	2.94	18.52
1991	1.17	0.17	2.24	T	0.10	0.36	0.81	1.18	1.16	0.71	0.48	1.02	9.40
1992	0.85	0.66	0.07	0.47	1.23	2.15	2.32	0.59	1.34	0.91	0.93	1.21	12.73
1993	2.40	0.31	0.26	0.03	0.63	1.24	0.35	1.58	2.63	0.61	0.86	0.43	11.33
1994	0.47	0.32	0.17	0.07	0.22	2.41	1.11	1.38	0.61	0.82	1.67	0.48	9.73
1995	0.25	0.29	0.18	0.17	0.73	1.91	1.32	2.10	1.33	0.31	0.20	0.06	8.85
1996	0.32	1.40	0.53	0.05	0.14	1.56	1.07	2.83	1.06	1.13	.81	.46	11.36
1997	0.25	0.34	0.06	0.01	0.07	1.03	1.08	1.70	0.48	0.94	0.26	0.52	6.74
1998	0.08	0.11	T	0.05	0.41	1.33	3.35	3.18	1.19	0.27	0.21	0.56	10.74
1999	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.04	0.31	1.30	2.11	1.85	1.83	0.90	0.58	0.73	10.27
2000	1.97	T	0.10	T	0.74	0.72	1.29	3.04	1.48	0.91	0.37	0.16	10.78
2001	0.40	0.66	0.43	0.16	0.62	0.65	2.45	2.01	0.25	0.55	0.06	0.24	8.48
2002	0.54	0.18	0.14	3.06	0.38	0.78	2.63	3.02	1.09	1.05	0.05	0.41	13.33
2003	0.28	0.89	0.02	0.05	0.27	0.61	5.96	1.89	1.27	0.34	1.68	0.59	13.85
2004	0.33	0.33	0.29	0.03	1.96	0.31	1.13	0.37	1.34	1.12	0.63	0.75	8.59
2005	1.17	0.25	0.26	0.18	1.26	1.93	3.44	0.24	1.72	0.45	0.75	0.15	11.80
2006	0.22	0.76	0.22	0.40	0.18	0.71	2.24	2.16	0.56	0.56	0.09	0.48	8.58
2007	0.50	0.12	0.20	0.10	0.86	1.88	3.67	1.52	1.58	0.51	0.11	0.31	11.36
2008	0.93	0.18	0.10	1.27	0.50	2.08	4.12	2.66	0.64	0.76	0.28	0.50	14.02
2009	0.52	0.59	1.09	0.09	0.05	1.55	0.06	2.72	0.53	0.50	0.31	0.36	8.37
2010	0.03	0.15	0.09	0.29	0.24	1.36	3.11	1.46	1.19	0.45	1.71	0.23	10.31
2011	0.19	1.62	0.15	0.07	0.04	1.77	1.70	1.60	0.65	0.32	0.46	0.95	9.52
2012	0.69	0.42	0.74	0.07	0.73	1.39	1.72	1.45	0.55	1.38	0.29	1.19	10.62
2013	0.79	0.48	0.26	0.66	0.15	0.43	1.01	2.02	1.74	0.59	1.74	0.78	10.65
2014	0.22	0.40	0.21	0.20	0.06	3.56	5.78	2.29	2.89	0.44	0.18	0.93	17.16
2015	0.15	0.48	0.49	0.16	0.29	1.03	2.78	2.58	3.74	0.83	1.78	0.07	14.38
POR= 67 YRS	0.57	0.45	0.35	0.28	0.56	1.39	2.09	1.88	1.12	0.76	0.68	0.69	10.82

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2015 FAIRBANKS (PAFA)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1986	-2.1	4.7	6.0	24.0	47.8	62.6	63.6	54.7	46.3	27.1	0.2	7.3	28.5
1987	0.7	1.5	13.5	35.0	50.9	61.9	64.2	57.7	44.1	33.0	6.0	-3.2	30.4
1988	-5.3	3.9	17.8	33.6	52.8	62.9	65.8	58.4	44.4	17.4	-3.1	4.2	29.4
1989	-21.3	3.4	6.7	36.2	47.8	60.1	64.6	60.8	48.6	26.2	-7.1	4.5	27.5
1990	-12.9	-21.7	18.5	38.1	55.1	61.6	65.3	60.0	44.8	24.1	-4.9	-6.3	26.8
1991	-4.7	-1.2	11.9	35.4	51.2	63.8	60.6	54.4	48.0	24.9	0.6	-2.9	28.5
1992	-4.7	-8.7	14.0	26.1	41.8	60.0	64.1	56.5	31.7	17.5	10.4	-7.6	25.1
1993	-3.9	2.4	17.2	41.1	53.7	62.0	65.6	56.1	44.1	29.3	8.4	0.6	31.4
1994	-1.5	-6.4	10.5	34.7	51.6	58.4	64.7	59.6	43.7	21.0	0.3	-8.5	27.3
1995	-9.4	-0.2	3.8	40.1	53.5	60.9	63.1	57.3	52.8	28.0	-2.7	-9.0	28.2
1996	-16.8	-2.6	15.5	33.3	49.1	59.5	63.4	53.4	42.0	13.2	-1.9	-13.4	24.6
1997	-16.2	13.0	4.7	35.4	49.0	63.1	64.9	58.7	49.7	17.5	10.6	-7.0	28.6
1998	-13.6	2.1	18.4	38.6	50.0	58.8	62.7	53.0	46.1	26.1	5.0	-5.8	28.5
1999	-17.0	-16.7	7.2	32.7	46.9	61.4	61.5	58.0	45.2	19.5	-4.7	-12.8	23.4
2000	-9.9	6.7	17.6	31.9	44.4	61.5	59.6	51.7	41.7	22.3	8.7	.3	28.0
2001	7.8	7.0	9.9	33.3	44.5	61.1	60.0	57.3	47.5	22.0	.6	-10.5	28.4
2002	3.5	-5	9.9	23.2	50.4	58.2	61.8	54.6	47.4	31.7	19.2	4.9	30.4
2003	-3.3	11.0	8.6	33.1	47.2	60.2	60.7	56.2	41.8	32.0	9.2	-9.1	29.0
2004	-15.9	1.1	6.0	35.1	52.3	66.9	64.5	62.2	38.8	29.7	7.1	-3.3	28.7
2005	-9.1	-2.3	19.6	32.2	55.6	61.5	62.2	57.3	46.3	27.4	-5.1	.9	28.9
2006	-22.0	5.6	3.0	29.5	49.7	58.1	61.3	54.4	49.5	31.7	-9.8	-1.9	25.8
2007	-6.5	-6.6	-6.4	37.6	51.1	61.6	64.4	60.5	47.1	21.2	11.5	-3.2	27.7
2008	-9.1	-5.8	15.4	29.5	49.9	60.2	60.6	55.0	46.7	15.1	-1.3	-7.7	25.7
2009	-11.8	-1.4	5.6	31.2	51.6	60.3	66.5	54.5	48.5	30.7	-1.1	-2.7	27.7
2010	-13.6	2.9	10.8	39.5	54.0	59.8	62.7	59.9	47.1	27.5	11.9	-17.9	28.7
2011	-6.0	-6.6	7.3	31.8	52.4	60.5	61.8	57.2	49.0	28.9	-8.2	4.0	27.7
2012	-26.9	5.9	4.5	36.9	47.9	61.6	60.9	56.3	45.6	22.5	-8.8	-17.3	24.1
2013	-2.6	-1.4	7.1	18.0	44.3	66.8	64.3	59.4	43.8	36.1	6.1	-4.5	28.1
2014	7.6	-4.4	13.9	33.9	51.3	58.4	61.0	59.1	46.4	25.2	10.8	8.0	30.9
2015	-6.5	1.0	15.5	36.8	55.3	59.8	62.2	54.6	42.4	31.8	9.1	-2.2	30.0
POR= 67 YRS	-8.5	-1.6	10.6	31.4	49.0	60.0	62.1	56.5	45.1	25.1	3.8	-5.9	27.3

HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2015 FAIRBANKS (PAFA)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1987-88	61	218	620	987	1768	2111	2185	1768	1455	934	371	96	12574
1988-89	39	202	611	1469	2045	1883	2676	1722	1804	859	529	149	13988
1989-90	73	134	484	1195	2164	1875	2420	2433	1431	798	310	127	13444
1990-91	74	178	600	1261	2097	2212	2161	1849	1640	877	421	130	13500
1991-92	143	321	504	1234	1935	2105	2163	2140	1577	1160	711	157	14150
1992-93	45	259	995	1463	1636	2253	2134	1751	1478	711	343	103	13171
1993-94	43	273	620	1099	1694	1995	2061	2002	1689	900	408	210	12994
1994-95	56	217	634	1357	1941	2280	2310	1827	1896	739	354	143	13754
1995-96	92	235	365	1141	2033	2299	2541	1962	1528	946	486	171	13799
1996-97	71	353	681	1600	2010	2424	2509	1450	1862	880	485	106	14431
1997-98	40	204	453	1467	1624	2224	2429	1755	1437	786	460	199	13078
1998-99	103	365	563	1200	1793	2188	2535	2282	1784	963	553	131	14460
1999-00	147	221	584	1403	2084	2403	2315	1680	1467	987	631	112	14034
2000-01	165	407	693	1318	1682	2001	1764	1616	1701	940	629	126	13042
2001-02	164	231	521	1326	1926	2333	1899	1828	1700	1246	453	197	13824
2002-03	121	324	524	1023	1366	1857	2110	1505	1742	950	547	141	12210
2003-04	154	265	689	1015	1667	2289	2502	1847	1823	889	388	44	13572
2004-05	49	125	780	1085	1730	2112	2290	1876	1401	977	283	127	12835
2005-06	81	248	554	1158	2093	1981	2692	1658	1914	1058	464	202	14103
2006-07	118	323	458	1026	2241	2067	2215	2003	2208	816	427	113	14015
2007-08	44	144	533	1351	1597	2111	2293	2050	1529	1057	460	146	13315
2008-09	158	305	544	1538	1986	2248	2380	1856	1832	1008	409	144	14408
2009-10	27	323	488	1055	1979	2096	2435	1733	1673	758	342	150	13059
2010-11	85	185	529	1157	1587	2558	2193	1996	1783	990	397	140	13600
2011-12	107	233	475	1114	2186	1886	2839	1707	1870	834	522	115	13888
2012-13	135	263	576	1311	2204	2539	2088	1853	1786	1404	646	71	14876
2013-	69	190	630	886	1762	2147							
2013-14	69	190	630	886	1762	2147	1771	1937	1576	925	416	192	12501
2014-15	137	184	549	1228	1620	1757	2207	1785	1527	841	296	181	12312
2015-	104	321	671	1022	1670	2072							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2015 FAIRBANKS (PAFA)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1986	0	0	0	0	0	46	74	0	0	0	0	0	120
1987	0	0	0	0	0	42	42	0	0	0	0	0	84
1988	0	0	0	0	0	41	72	2	0	0	0	0	115
1989	0	0	0	0	0	10	67	11	0	0	0	0	88
1990	0	0	0	0	11	32	91	35	0	0	0	0	169
1991	0	0	0	0	0	100	13	0	0	0	0	0	113
1992	0	0	0	0	0	17	21	4	0	0	0	0	42
1993	0	0	0	0	0	18	70	3	0	0	0	0	91
1994	0	0	0	0	0	19	55	55	0	0	0	0	129
1995	0	0	0	0	5	24	41	0	4	0	0	0	74
1996	0	0	0	0	0	11	29	0	0	0	0	0	40
1997	0	0	0	0	0	56	46	15	0	0	0	0	117
1998	0	0	0	0	0	18	37	1	0	0	0	0	56
1999	0	0	0	0	0	27	45	11	0	0	0	0	83
2000	0	0	0	0	0	16	5	0	0	0	0	0	21
2001	0	0	0	0	0	15	14	0	0	0	0	0	29
2002	0	0	0	0	8	0	30	7	0	0	0	0	45
2003	0	0	0	0	0	3	27	1	0	0	0	0	31
2004	0	0	0	0	0	108	40	45	0	0	0	0	193
2005	0	0	0	0	0	27	5	18	0	0	0	0	50
2006	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	12
2007	0	0	0	0	3	19	32	12	0	0	0	0	66
2008	0	0	0	0	0	10	30	0	0	0	0	0	40
2009	0	0	0	0	0	6	79	3	0	0	0	0	88
2010	0	0	0	0	7	1	22	36	0	0	0	0	66
2011	0	0	0	0	15	11	13	0	0	0	0	0	39
2012	0	0	0	0	0	21	13	0	0	0	0	0	34
2013	0	0	0	0	13	135	54	24	0	0	0	0	226
2014	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	7	0	0	0	0	27
2015	0	0	0	0	2	31	24	5	0	0	0	0	62

SNOWFALL (inches) 2015 FAIRBANKS (PAFA)

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1987-88	0.0	0.0	T	3.5	14.1	10.4	6.3	2.5	2.6	0.2	0.3	0.0	39.9
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.2	12.9	15.2	10.5	10.8	13.4	3.9	0.4	0.8	0.0	68.1
1989-90	0.0	0.0	0.5	19.7	18.1	11.1	10.4	16.0	2.6	T	0.0	T	78.4
1990-91	T	0.0	1.6	6.9	37.3	47.5	20.6	3.0	30.4	T	0.0	0.0	147.3
1991-92	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.2	9.7	18.9	15.5	15.0	1.8	11.5	14.1	0.0	98.7
1992-93	0.0	0.0	24.4	16.7	18.7	28.5	40.2	5.4	5.2	T	0.0	T	139.1
1993-94	0.0	0.0	7.5	7.3	16.3	8.5	11.2	8.1	4.5	0.8	0.0	0.0	64.2
1994-95	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.3	35.3	13.1	5.9	7.4	3.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	81.4
1995-96	0.0	0.1	0.0	7.1	3.2	0.8	5.4	29.3	9.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	56.2
1996-97	0.0	T	7.1	16.2	18.4	9.4	4.9	8.8	2.3	0.4	0.0	T	67.5
1997-98	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.3	7.6	13.1	1.3	3.2	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.0	46.0
1998-99	0.0	0.0	T	6.2	4.6	8.5	4.2	2.7	3.5	0.9	0.4	0.0	31.0
1999-00	0.0	0.0	3.0	11.1	11.2	13.8	27.9	0.2	3.0	T	T	0.0	70.2
2000-01	0.0	0.0	1.4	9.8	7.5	2.7	6.7	10.7	8.6	2.2	7.0	0.0	56.6
2001-02	0.0	0.0	0.3	6.4	2.8	4.6	11.4	4.2	2.2	15.4	1.8	0.0	49.1
2002-03	0.0	T	T	14.7	1.6	9.6	6.9	7.8	0.8	T	T	0.0	41.4
2003-04	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.6	27.6	9.6	8.5	8.4	5.2	0.2	T	0.0	62.2
2004-05	0.0	0.0	1.8	17.0	11.9	15.0	17.8	4.5	5.2	4.5	0.0	0.0	77.7
2005-06	0.0	T	0.3	6.4	14.3	4.2	4.0	13.2	4.7	3.3	0.0	T	50.4
2006-07	0.0	0.0	0.4	4.6	1.4	7.8	8.9	1.6	3.3	T	0.0	0.0	28.0
2007-08	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	4.2	6.0	14.4	5.4	1.4	14.7	0.0	0.0	55.6
2008-09	0.0	T	1.8	12.2	6.5	12.2	9.2	14.1	15.5	T	0.0	0.0	71.5
2009-10	0.0	0.0	0.2	5.3	7.4	6.8	1.0	2.5	1.6	T	0.1	0.0	24.9
2010-11	T	0.0	0.0	T	11.6	4.1	3.1	30.3	2.9	1.7	T	0.0	53.7
2011-12	0.0	0.0	T	4.2	9.2	12.2	9.6	7.5	14.7	T	T	0.0	57.4
2012-13	0.0	0.0	T	7.1	4.2	18.6	9.9	10.7	6.2	9.9	2.0	0.0	68.6
2013-	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	17.6	14.3							
2013-14	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	17.6	14.3	2.5	7.1	3.1	2.9	T	0.0	48.9
2014-15	0.0	0.0	0.3	5.7	3.8	15.2	4.6	4.0	8.1	2.1	0.0	0.0	43.8
2015-	0.0	0.0	20.9	3.8	25.4	1.1							
POR= 68 YRS	T	T	1.6	9.9	12.5	12.3	10.3	8.7	6.0	3.2	0.7	0.1	65.3

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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 EIGHTS(OKTAS) FOR REPORTING THE AMOUNT OF SKY COVER. STATION HISTORY STOPPED WITH THE 2009 ANNUAL. IF YOU NEED SATION 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: 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>
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2015 FAIRBANKS ALASKA (PAFA)

Fairbanks is located in the Tanana Valley, in the interior of Alaska. It has a distinctly continental climate, with large variation of temperature from winter to summer.

The climate in Fairbanks is conditioned mainly by the response of the land mass to large changes in solar heat received by the area during the year. The sun is above the horizon from 18 to 21 hours during June and July. During this period, daily average maximum temperatures reach the lower 70s. Temperatures of 80 degrees or higher occur on about 10 days each summer. In contrast, from November to early March, when the period of daylight ranges from 10 to less than 4 hours per day, the lowest temperature readings normally fall below zero quite regularly. Low temperatures of -40 degrees or colder occur each winter. The range of temperatures in summer is comparatively low, from the lower 30s to the mid 90s. In winter, this range is larger, from about 65 below to 45 degrees above. This large winter range of temperature reflects the great difference between frigid weather associated with dry northerly airflow from the Arctic to mild temperatures associated with southerly airflow from the Gulf of Alaska, accompanied by chinook winds off the Alaska Range, 80 miles to the south of Fairbanks.

Snow cover is persistent in Fairbanks, without interruption, from October through April. Snowfalls of 4 inches or more in a day occur only three times during winter. Blizzard conditions are almost never seen, as winds in Fairbanks are above 20 miles an hour less than 1 percent of the time. Precipitation normally reaches a minimum in spring, and a maximum in August, when rainfall is common. During summer, thunderstorms occur in Fairbanks on an average of about eight days. Thunderstorms are about three times more frequent over the hills to the north and east of Fairbanks. Damaging hail or wind rarely accompany thunderstorms around Fairbanks.

There are rolling hills reaching elevations up to 2,000 feet above Fairbanks to the north and east of the city. During winter, the uplands are often warmer than Fairbanks, as cold air settles into the valley. In some months, temperatures in the uplands will average more than 10 degrees warmer than Fairbanks. During summer, the uplands are a few degrees cooler than the city. Precipitation in the uplands around Fairbanks is heavier than it is in the city by roughly 20 to 50 percent. Fairbanks exhibits an urban heat island, especially during winter. Low lying areas nearby, such as the community of North Pole, are often colder than the city, sometimes by as much as 15 degrees.

During winter, with temperatures of -20 degrees or colder, ice fog frequently forms in the city. Cold snaps accompanied by ice fog generally last about a week, but can last three weeks in unusual situations. The fog is almost always less than 300 feet deep, so that the surrounding uplands are usually in the clear, with warmer temperatures. Visibility in the ice fog is sometimes quite low, and this can hinder aircraft operations for as much as a day in severe cases. Aside from the low visibility in winter ice fog, flying weather in Fairbanks is quite favorable, especially from February through May, when crystal clear weather is common and the length of daylight is rapidly increasing.

Hardy vegetables and grains grow luxuriantly. Freezing of local rivers normally begins in the first week of October. The date when ice will normally support a persons weight is October 27. Rivers remain frozen and safe for travel until early April. Breakup of the river ice usually occurs in the first week of May.

Station History

FAIRBANKS, AK

NAME	Begin Date	End Date	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation Feet	Relocation	Platform
FAIRBANKS LADD FIELD	1942-07-21	1942-12-31	64° 49'	-147° 43'			WXSVC
FAIRBANKS WEEKS FIELD	1943-05-01	1946-09-01	64° 49'	-147° 43'			AIRWAYS
FAIRBANKS WEEKS FIELD	1946-09-01	1951-08-22	64° 49'	-147° 43'	443		AIRWAYS, COOP
FAIRBANKS AP	1951-08-22	1952-01-01	64° 49'	-147° 43'	443		AIRWAYS, COOP
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	1973-01-01	1979-01-01	64° 49'	-147° 52'	456		COOP, WXSVC
FAIRBANKS	1929-07-15	1942-07-21	64° 49'	-147° 43'			WXSVC
FAIRBANKS AP	1952-01-01	1955-01-01	64° 49'	-147° 52'	443		AIRWAYS, COOP
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	1955-04-13	1970-01-01	64° 49'	-147° 52'	440		AIRWAYS, COOP
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	1970-01-01	1973-01-01	64° 49'	-147° 52'	456		AIRWAYS, COOP
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	1979-01-01	1981-12-31	64° 49'	-147° 52'	436		COOP, WXSVC
FAIRBANKS AP	1955-01-01	1955-04-13	64° 49'	-147° 52'	440		AIRWAYS, COOP
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	1981-12-31	1997-12-01	64° 49'	-147° 52'	436		COOP
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	1997-12-01	2004-06-01	64° 48'	-147° 52'	432	1.2 MI SSW	ASOS, COOP
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	2004-06-01	2010-01-25	64° 48'	-147° 52'	432		ASOS, COOP
FAIRBANKS INTL AP	2010-01-25	Present	64° 48'	-147° 52'	432		ASOS, COOP

Element History

Element	Begin Date	End Date	Frequency	Time Of Observation	Equipment *	Equipment * Modifications	Equipment Exposure
PRECIP	1929-07-15	1942-12-31	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
PRECIP	1997-12-01	2004-06-01	DAILY	2400	TB	RCRD	
TEMP	2006-08-23	2010-01-25	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
WIND	2006-08-23	2010-01-25	HOURLY	UNKN	ANEMSONIC		
TEMP	1943-05-01	1997-01-01	DAILY	2400			
TEMP	1997-12-01	2004-06-01	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
PRECIP	2010-01-25	Present	HOURLY	VAR	AWPAG	RCRD;HTD	
PRECIP	1997-01-01	1997-12-01	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
WIND	2004-06-01	2006-08-23	HOURLY	UNKN	ANEMCUP		
TEMP	2010-01-25	Present	DAILY	2400	ATEMP		
PRECIP	1997-12-01	2004-06-01	HOURLY	2400	TB	RCRD	
PRECIP	2004-06-01	2006-08-23	HOURLY	2400	TB	RCRD	
TEMP	1929-07-15	1942-12-31	DAILY	2400			
PRECIP	1943-05-01	1997-01-01	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
PRECIP	2006-08-23	2010-01-25	DAILY	2400	PCPNX		
PRECIP	2010-01-25	Present	DAILY	2400	PLASTIC		
TEMP	1997-01-01	1997-12-01	DAILY	2400			
TEMP	2004-06-01	2006-08-23	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
PRECIP	2006-08-23	2010-01-25	HOURLY	2400	TB	RCRD	
WIND	2010-01-25	Present	HOURLY	UNKN	ANEMSONIC		
PRECIP	1997-01-01	1997-12-01	HOURLY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
WIND	1997-12-01	2004-06-01	HOURLY	UNKN	ANEMCUP		
PRECIP	2004-06-01	2006-08-23	DAILY	2400	PCPNX		
PRECIP	2010-01-25	Present	HOURLY	2400	AWPAG	RCRD;HTD	

* 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>

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