

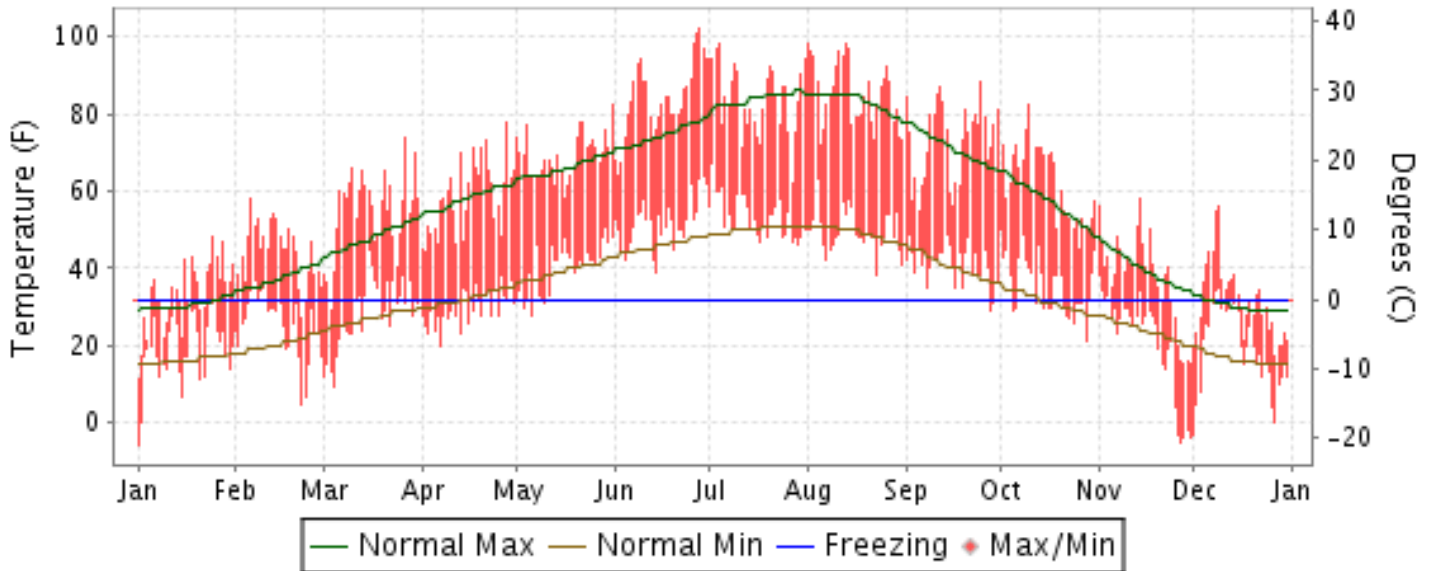


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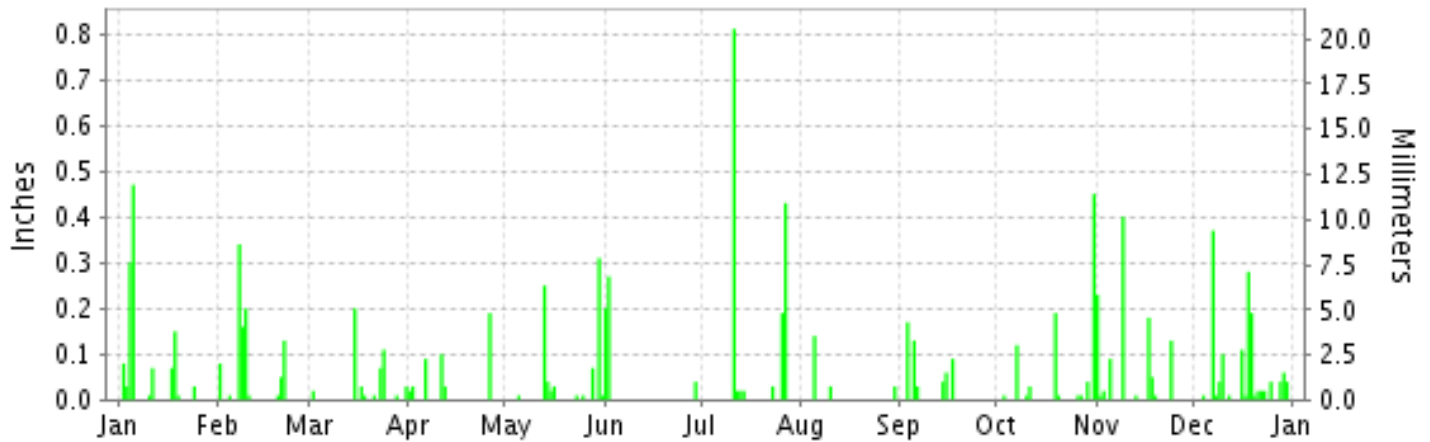
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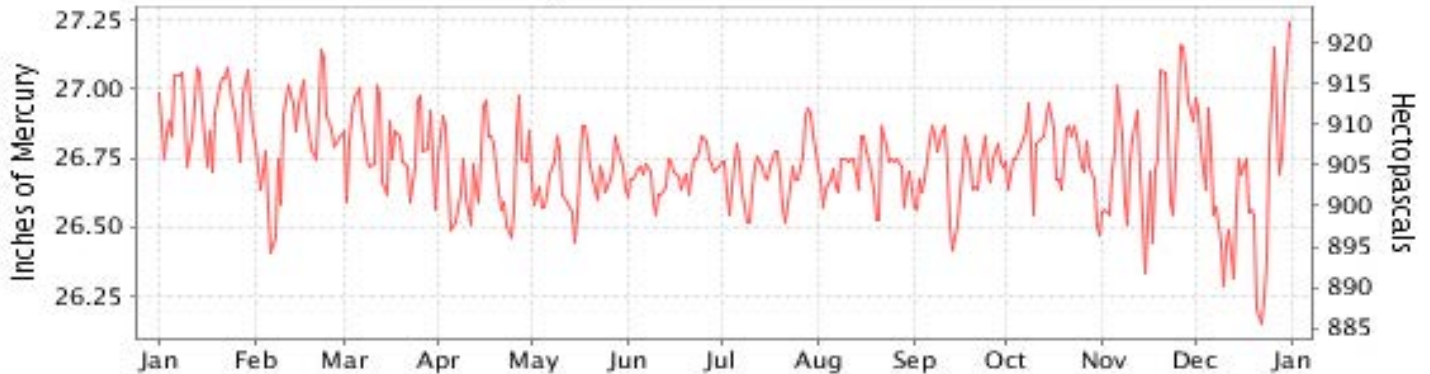
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# METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR 2015

## MISSOULA (KMSO)

LATITUDE:  
46° 55'N

LONGITUDE:  
114° 5'W

ELEVATION (FT):  
GRND: 3192 BARO: 3202

TIME ZONE:  
MOUNTAIN (UTC -7)

WBAN: 24153

ELEMENT		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR	
TEMPERATURE °F	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	33.2	43.8	54.6	58.5	68.9	84.0	83.9	85.1	72.8	61.9	37.4	31.5	59.6	
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	48	58	74	78	82	102	98	98	88	82	58	56	102	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	25	06	27	28	31	28	04	13+	25	10	14	09	JUN 28	
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	18.8	25.3	28.4	29.7	40.2	51.8	53.4	49.5	41.1	35.8	21.1	19.1	34.5	
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	-6	5	9	20	28	39	46	38	29	21	-5	-3	-6	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	01	22	04	07	06	14	29	23	28	28	27	01	JAN 01	
	AVERAGE DRY BULB	26.0	34.6	41.5	44.1	54.5	67.9	68.6	67.3	57.0	48.9	29.2	25.3	47.1	
	MEAN WET BULB	24.2		35.4	37.1	45.7	53.8	54.8	52.6	47.0	42.2	26.2	24.1		
	MEAN DEW POINT	21.5		27.6	27.8	35.6	41.3	43.6	40.4	37.3	36.2	22.0	21.6		
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	MAXIMUM >= 90°	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	26
	MAXIMUM <= 32°	14	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	17	43	
MINIMUM <= 32°	31	24	20	21	6	0	0	0	2	15	26	29	174		
MINIMUM <= 0°	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	9		
H/C	HEATING DEGREE DAYS	1201	846	720	621	316	47	21	39	234	494	1065	1223	6827	
	COOLING DEGREE DAYS	0	0	0	0	0	142	141	117	1	0	0	0	401	
RH	MEAN (PERCENT)	85	75	63	57	53	43	47	43	54	68	78	86	63	
	HOUR 05 LST	89	84	81	80	75	67	71	69	80	85	84	88	79	
	HOUR 11 LST	86	69	52	43	38	31	35	32	41	57	70	87	53	
	HOUR 17 LST	78	64	45	38	39	24	29	26	35	56	76	84	50	
	HOUR 23 LST	87	80	70	66	61	49	54	51	61	76	83	86	69	
W/O	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
	HEAVY FOG(VISBY <= 1/4 MI)	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	6	29	
	THUNDERSTORMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	5	
PR	MEAN STATION PRESS. (IN.)	26.92		26.80	26.70	26.67	26.69	26.70	26.70	26.70	26.76	26.77	26.64		
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRESS. (IN.)	30.36		30.16	30.04	29.97	29.94	29.95	29.96	29.99	30.09	30.17	30.04		
WINDS	RESULTANT SPEED (MPH)	0.1		1.5	2.6	2.0	2.4	0.9	1.5	2.5	0.4	1.0	1.0		
	RES. DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	01		31	32	07	32	32	30	32	33	28	12		
	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	2.5	4.9	4.6	6.3	7.8	6.2	5.9	4.9	4.8	3.5	4.6	4.1	5.0	
	PREVAIL.DIR.(TENS OF DEGS.)	12	11	31	32	12	30	32	34	33	13	12	12	33	
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE WIND														
	SPEED (MPH)	30	25	29	39	33	35	33	62	29	33	47	45	62	
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	12	09	28	28	17	16	01	17	30	27	29	27	17	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	08	27	28	11	26	01	17	10	13	11	18	09	AUG 10	
	MAXIMUM 3-SECOND WIND:														
SPEED (MPH)	36	37	36	47	45	45	42	74	36	45	59	54	74		
DIR. (TENS OF DEGS.)	12	22	29	29	01	16	01	17	28	27	30	27	17		
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	08	06	28	11	30	01	17	10	20	11	18	09	AUG 10		
PRECIPITATION	WATER EQUIVALENT:														
	TOTAL (IN.)	1.22	0.99	0.49	0.46	0.76	0.51	1.52	0.20	0.52	0.88	1.13	1.38	10.06	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	0.62	0.50	0.20	0.19	0.31	0.33	0.81	0.14	0.17	0.45	0.40	0.38	0.81	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	04-05	07-08	15	26	30	01-02	11	05	03	31	09	18-19	JUL 11	
	NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:														
PRECIPITATION 0.01	10	9	9	6	10	3	7	3	6	10	10	18	101		
PRECIPITATION 0.10	3	4	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	33		
PRECIPITATION 1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
SNOWFALL	SNOW,ICE PELLETS,HAIL														
	TOTAL (IN.)	9.4	3.3	T	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	14.3	30.4	
	GREATEST 24-HOUR (IN.)	4.9	1.9	T	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	4.1	4.9	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	04	01	24+	11							24	18	JAN 04	
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN.)	8	2	0	T	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	8	
	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	04	02		12+							26+	31	JAN 04	
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:															
SNOWFALL >= 1.0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	10		

# NORMALS, MEANS, AND EXTREMES MISSOULA (KMSO)

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ELEMENT		POR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
<b>TEMPERATURE °F</b>	NORMAL DAILY MAXIMUM	30	33.2	38.8	49.8	58.5	67.3	75.2	85.9	84.9	73.1	57.8	41.5	31.0	58.1
	MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM	68	30.4	36.9	46.6	56.9	66.0	73.9	84.8	83.4	72.0	57.0	40.5	31.1	56.6
	HIGHEST DAILY MAXIMUM	71	59	66	78	87	95	102	107	105	99	85	73	60	107
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1953	1995	2004	1987	1986	2015	2007	1961	1967	1980	1999	1956	JUL 2007
	MEAN OF EXTREME MAXS.	68	47.1	51.1	63.7	75.5	84.5	91.3	97.4	96.1	88.7	75.2	57.9	47.5	73.0
	NORMAL DAILY MINIMUM	30	18.3	21.2	27.7	32.8	39.8	46.6	51.4	50.1	41.8	32.4	24.9	16.7	33.6
	MEAN DAILY MINIMUM	68	15.6	20.1	25.7	31.9	39.1	45.8	50.5	49.3	41.1	31.9	24.0	17.3	32.7
	LOWEST DAILY MINIMUM	71	-33	-27	-13	14	21	30	31	30	20	0	-23	-30	-33
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1957	1996	1955	1951	1999	1999	1971	1992	2000	1971	1955	1983	JAN 1957
	MEAN OF EXTREME MINS.	68	-7.9	0.0	9.4	21.1	27.3	34.9	40.0	39.4	29.3	19.0	6.5	-3.2	18.0
	NORMAL DRY BULB	30	25.8	30.0	38.8	45.7	53.5	60.9	68.6	67.5	57.4	45.1	33.2	23.9	45.9
	MEAN DRY BULB	68	23.1	28.5	36.2	44.4	52.6	60.0	67.7	66.4	56.5	44.5	32.3	24.2	44.7
	MEAN WET BULB	32	22.2	24.6	30.7	35.6	42.4	48.7	51.7	50.4	44.8	37.0	28.2	21.3	36.5
	MEAN DEW POINT	32	21.1	22.7	28.3	32.8	40.0	46.5	48.9	47.3	42.3	34.6	26.9	20.2	34.3
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH: MAXIMUM >= 90	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	2.3	11.3	10.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.4
	MAXIMUM <= 32	30	12.4	4.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.8	15.1	38.2
MINIMUM <= 32	30	28.8	25.1	23.0	13.4	4.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.0	14.4	24.1	29.5	164.5	
MINIMUM <= 0	30	2.6	1.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	2.4	7.1	
<b>H/C</b>	NORMAL HEATING DEG. DAYS	30	1217	980	814	580	361	160	38	46	241	617	954	1276	7284
	NORMAL COOLING DEG. DAYS	30	0	0	0	0	6	37	151	123	15	0	0	0	332
<b>RH</b>	NORMAL (PERCENT)	30	81	77	69	61	61	61	53	53	61	69	80	83	67
	HOURLY 05 LST	30	85	85	83	80	82	83	78	77	82	84	86	86	83
	HOURLY 11 LST	30	81	77	65	54	53	52	44	46	54	65	79	82	63
	HOURLY 17 LST	30	76	65	50	41	42	42	32	31	38	48	70	79	51
	HOURLY 23 LST	30	83	80	74	67	68	68	59	58	67	74	83	85	72
<b>S</b>	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	55	33	44	54	57	59	63	80	77	69	55	33	29	54
<b>W/O</b>	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH: HEAVY FOG(VISBY <= 1/4 MI)	52	5.8	4.0	1.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.8	2.9	4.7	6.5	28.2
	THUNDERSTORMS	68	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.6	2.8	4.6	5.4	5.1	1.8	0.2	0.1	0.0	20.8
<b>CLOUDINESS</b>	MEAN: SUNRISE-SUNSET (OKTAS)	52	6.7	6.4	6.2	6.0	5.6	5.1	3.1	3.6	4.2	5.3	6.5	6.7	5.5
	MIDNIGHT-MIDNIGHT (OKTAS)	32	6.7	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.2	4.8	3.1	3.3	3.8	4.7	6.0	6.4	5.1
	MEAN NO. DAYS WITH: CLEAR	52	2.5	2.9	3.3	3.6	5.3	6.4	15.1	13.3	10.3	6.7	2.4	2.0	73.8
	PARTLY CLOUDY	52	4.2	4.6	6.1	6.8	8.5	9.3	9.8	9.3	8.2	7.3	4.6	4.2	82.9
	CLOUDY	52	24.3	20.8	21.6	19.6	17.2	14.2	5.6	7.8	11.5	16.9	23.0	24.8	207.3
<b>PR</b>	MEAN STATION PRESSURE(IN)	32	26.78	26.74	26.70	26.69	26.68	26.69	26.73	26.73	26.74	26.77	26.76	26.77	26.73
	MEAN SEA-LEVEL PRES. (IN)	32	30.20	30.15	30.05	30.01	29.98	29.96	29.97	29.98	30.04	30.11	30.15	30.20	30.07
<b>WINDS</b>	MEAN SPEED (MPH)	32	4.0	4.9	5.9	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.4	5.9	5.2	4.5	4.5	4.1	5.5
	PREVAIL.DIR.(TENS OF DEGS)	36	12	12	31	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	12	12	32
	MAXIMUM 2-MINUTE: SPEED (MPH)	19	47	51	43	41	38	56	52	62	48	40	47	49	62
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		27	29	31	28	22	22	23	17	16	27	29	26	17
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2004	2012	1999	2013	2006	2012	1998	2015	2000	2012	2015	2000	AUG 2015
	MAXIMUM 3-SECOND SPEED (MPH)	19	60	63	52	63	49	79	61	74	55	52	59	54	79
	DIR. (TENS OF DEGS)		27	28	29	33	28	20	22	17	23	29	30	27	20
YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		2004	2012	2001	2009	2007	2012	1998	2015	2004	2003	2015	2015	JUN 2012	
<b>PRECIPITATION</b>	NORMAL (IN)	30	0.85	0.70	1.00	1.22	2.01	2.07	0.99	1.19	1.17	0.88	1.01	1.04	14.13
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	71	2.94	2.47	2.10	3.10	7.38	4.23	3.16	3.29	3.60	3.51	3.00	4.65	7.38
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1969	2014	1989	2006	1980	1998	1998	1985	1985	1975	1998	1996	MAY 1980
	MINIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	71	0.16	.14	0.20	0.08	0.25	0.35	0.03	T	T	0.01	0.21	0.25	0.01
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1981	2005	1953	1977	1963	1961	2007	1967	2012	1978	2004	1976	OCT 1978
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	71	0.88	1.03	0.80	1.87	1.92	1.96	1.80	2.03	1.34	1.49	1.06	0.94	2.03
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1948	1975	1992	2006	1980	2001	1987	2009	1954	1946	2014	1964	AUG 2009
	NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH: PRECIPITATION >= 0.01	30	11.8	9.4	11.4	11.1	12.3	12.1	7.1	7.5	8.2	8.4	11.1	12.3	122.7
PRECIPITATION >= 1.00	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	
<b>SNOWFALL</b>	NORMAL (IN)	30	8.3	6.1	5.1	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	5.4	11.0	37.9
	MAXIMUM MONTHLY (IN)	71	42.5	40.2	16.7	8.2	8.1	0.7	T	T	0.4	5.4	17.7	54.1	54.1
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1963	2014	1997	1970	1978	2001	2013	1996	1983	1973	1947	1996	DEC 1996
	MAXIMUM IN 24 HOURS (IN)	71	11.3	14.4	9.4	6.9	8.1	0.7	T	T	0.4	5.4	6.2	10.3	14.4
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1980	1975	1997	1950	1978	2001	2013	1991	1983	1973	1961	1996	FEB 1975
	MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH (IN)	67	19	23	14	4	4	0	0	0	0	3	10	13	23
	YEAR OF OCCURRENCE		1982	1979	2014	1951	1961					1985	1961	1983	FEB 1979
NORMAL NO. DAYS WITH: SNOWFALL >= 1.0	30	3.1	2.1	1.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.9	3.6	13.1	

**PRECIPITATION (inches) 2015 MISSOULA (KMSO)**

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1986	0.93	2.18	0.54	0.51	1.69	2.66	0.84	1.68	3.54	0.44	1.07	0.50	16.58
1987	0.28	0.37	1.23	0.41	1.31	1.52	2.47	1.05	0.09	0.02	0.26	1.12	10.13
1988	0.74	0.57	1.04	0.69	3.12	1.68	0.50	0.29	0.51	0.51	0.67	0.75	11.07
1989	0.75	0.46	2.10	1.01	1.35	1.44	1.58	2.08	0.88	0.46	0.84	0.61	13.56
1990	0.92	0.29	0.72	1.37	3.56	0.42	0.75	2.64	0.06	0.81	0.87	1.11	13.52
1991	0.62	0.19	1.22	0.30	2.27	2.92	0.27	0.62	0.31	0.29	1.66	0.95	11.62
1992	0.40	0.18	1.19	1.67	0.68	2.13	1.75	0.60	0.73	0.53	0.96	0.78	11.60
1993	0.86	0.67	0.66	1.83	1.99	1.45	2.02	1.32	0.35	2.00	0.46	0.40	14.01
1994	0.35	0.49	0.49	3.01	1.78	1.45	0.94	0.29	0.31	1.52	0.42	0.59	11.64
1995	0.86	0.37	0.63	0.75	1.09	2.33	1.84	1.19	2.56	1.14	1.85	1.61	16.22
1996	2.06	0.84	0.77	2.37	2.23	1.92	.36	1.15	.70	.64	1.86	4.65	19.55
1997	1.69	0.80	1.79	1.49	1.73	2.25	1.52	0.95	0.65	1.19	0.36	0.33	14.75
1998	1.44	0.33	0.99	1.68	3.79	4.23	3.16	0.39	1.17	0.36	3.00	1.27	21.81
1999	0.70	1.35	0.46	0.23	0.68	2.52	0.43	2.10	0.42	1.46	1.11	0.48	11.94
2000	1.13	1.33	0.32	0.90	1.28	0.73	0.62	0.17	2.51	2.14	0.23	1.02	12.38
2001	0.70	0.66	0.80	1.15	0.40	3.91	1.57	0.09	0.31	2.12	0.44	1.12	13.27
2002	0.63	0.63	1.01	0.70	1.76	3.04	0.31	0.51	0.54	0.20	0.30	0.55	10.18
2003	1.50	1.15	1.69	1.70	2.50	1.10	0.46	0.56	1.05	0.61	1.09	1.14	14.55
2004	0.92	0.57	0.60	1.07	3.93	1.17	0.70	2.96	1.96	0.55	0.21	0.54	15.18
2005	0.63	0.14	0.99	2.12	2.43	2.93	0.14	0.39	1.56	1.43	1.68	1.17	15.61
2006	1.23	0.37	1.15	3.10	1.66	2.08	0.33	0.74	1.63	1.60	2.05	0.70	16.64
2007	0.32	1.03	0.31	0.92	2.38	1.49	0.03	0.31	1.51	0.63	1.03	0.51	10.47
2008	0.43	0.94	0.81	0.45	1.56	2.58	0.44	1.35	1.09	0.64	1.94	1.43	13.66
2009	0.62	0.70	1.47	0.47	0.78	1.37	1.05	3.08	0.27	0.62	0.29	0.59	11.31
2010	0.73	0.20	1.02	1.18	1.66	4.11	0.57	1.22	1.56	1.08	1.50	1.28	16.11
2011	1.80	1.86	0.80	0.88	1.63	2.82	0.63	0.31	0.27	2.40	0.88	0.57	14.85
2012	1.62	0.83	1.18	1.17	1.68	2.73	1.14	0.16	T	1.82	1.32	1.65	15.30
2013	1.15	0.31	0.60	0.68	1.38	1.69	0.09	0.41	1.42	0.06	0.54	1.12	9.45
2014	0.88	2.47	1.76	0.73	1.00	2.00	0.24	0.94	0.28	1.16	2.89	1.26	15.61
2015	1.22	0.99	0.49	0.46	0.76	0.51	1.52	0.20	0.52	0.88	1.13	1.38	10.06
POR= 68 YRS	1.14	0.80	0.90	1.06	1.79	1.97	0.91	0.99	1.03	0.89	0.98	1.12	13.58

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**AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°F) 2015 MISSOULA (KMSO)**

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1986	26.0	28.6	41.7	43.5	54.3	65.5	62.5	69.5	53.0	44.7	31.7	21.4	45.2
1987	20.5	30.6	38.0	50.1	55.9	62.9	64.7	62.2	59.3	45.2	34.2	24.2	45.7
1988	20.5	32.5	38.3	47.7	52.1	64.0	67.0	66.3	56.4	50.3	34.3	22.9	46.0
1989	26.7	15.8	32.6	44.7	52.2	61.6	71.2	63.3	55.9	44.9	37.2	24.1	44.2
1990	31.5	29.6	38.0	47.8	50.4	59.8	68.1	66.0	62.6	42.7	36.1	15.6	45.7
1991	21.5	34.9	35.8	43.9	51.1	56.8	68.4	69.6	58.3	44.4	30.4	26.6	45.1
1992	26.6	36.4	43.3	46.9	56.4	64.4	64.2	65.9	54.7	47.2	31.1	19.4	46.4
1993	15.3	18.4	38.5	44.7	58.8	58.3	59.4	63.2	55.5	46.1	27.0	27.6	42.7
1994	33.8	26.3	40.3	48.1	55.6	59.9	70.1	70.8	60.5	45.2	31.6	24.0	47.2
1995	25.0	34.5	38.0	45.0	53.4	59.0	66.7	64.1	58.0	42.2	36.6	27.2	45.8
1996	22.4	25.3	34.6	45.5	48.2	60.4	69.0	64.9	54.1	44.3	30.6	23.9	43.6
1997	21.4	26.7	35.9	40.8	55.0	59.1	64.9	66.8	58.3	44.9	33.8	25.7	44.4
1998	25.8	31.1	38.2	46.6	55.2	57.4	70.2	68.1	61.6	43.2	36.1	25.0	46.5
1999	30.7	32.0	38.4	41.7	49.4	57.4	64.5	67.7	54.1	44.6	37.5	29.8	45.7
2000	25.8	31.2	39.8	46.4	52.1	60.2	68.1	67.2	54.1	43.0	26.7	20.4	44.6
2001	22.1	22.9	37.2	42.8	54.7	58.2	66.6	70.1	61.4	44.2	35.9	25.8	45.2
2002	27.6	29.2	29.7	42.2	49.7	59.4	70.8	63.4	57.4	40.6	33.0	29.3	44.4
2003	28.9	29.5	38.5	45.0	51.8	62.0	72.7	70.3	59.3	48.0	26.4	26.5	46.6
2004	20.9	29.4	41.8	46.8	51.1	60.6	70.2	67.8	54.2	45.0	33.5	29.8	45.9
2005	22.0	30.9	39.8	44.3	52.4	57.2	69.1	67.6	56.5	46.7	31.6	19.6	44.8
2006	34.0	27.9	36.7	46.4	54.8	64.0	73.2	66.6	58.2	44.6	35.4	25.8	47.3
2007	25.2	32.7	42.8	46.1	55.0	63.0	78.2	68.0	57.7	45.8	32.3	27.7	47.9
2008	22.0	34.1	36.2	41.2	53.4	59.6	69.5	67.9	56.2	45.3	38.0	21.3	45.4
2009	24.6	30.3	33.7	43.8	53.4	60.8	69.3	67.2	62.1	39.7	34.6	19.5	44.9
2010	28.0	32.9	39.7	44.3	49.4	59.0	66.9	66.5	57.9	47.9	29.3	21.1	45.2
2011	26.0	23.1	37.2	40.3	51.3	57.4	66.8	69.9	61.6	46.3	30.7	25.5	44.7
2012	28.0	29.7	39.4	47.9	51.2	59.5	71.8	69.1	60.2	44.3	36.4	28.4	47.2
2013	22.0	33.1	38.2	42.7	55.1	61.5	73.0	70.6	61.2	41.8	33.3	22.7	46.3
2014	29.1	20.0	36.7	44.3	54.3	59.2	72.0	68.0	58.8	49.9	29.4	26.3	45.7
2015	26.0	34.6	41.5	44.1	54.5	67.9	68.6	67.3	57.0	48.9	29.2	25.3	47.1
POR= 68 YRS	23.1	28.5	36.2	44.4	52.6	60.0	67.7	66.4	56.5	44.5	32.3	24.2	44.7

**HEATING DEGREE DAYS (base 65°F) 2015 MISSOULA (KMSO)**

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1987-88	87	110	171	604	918	1258	1374	938	820	514	398	118	7310
1988-89	48	36	285	451	915	1300	1180	1377	1000	602	386	124	7704
1989-90	9	114	268	618	828	1262	1035	988	832	511	443	207	7115
1990-91	31	71	92	682	862	1525	1341	839	898	628	419	241	7629
1991-92	12	8	202	628	1031	1187	1185	823	667	536	261	103	6643
1992-93	75	105	304	543	1011	1405	1537	1298	812	603	209	213	8115
1993-94	181	105	285	577	1133	1153	961	1077	758	501	285	184	7200
1994-95	34	7	131	608	996	1263	1233	848	831	593	354	186	7084
1995-96	36	90	228	697	845	1165	1316	1146	938	578	513	155	7707
1996-97	28	76	333	634	1027	1268	1344	1063	895	719	302	175	7864
1997-98	59	28	210	617	930	1210	1208	944	825	546	296	225	7098
1998-99	0	23	148	669	860	1234	1058	917	815	694	474	243	7135
1999-00	79	34	320	627	822	1086	1209	974	773	555	392	147	7018
2000-01	45	37	331	673	1143	1375	1323	1169	854	656	326	222	8154
2001-02	49	6	116	636	866	1209	1152	996	1087	678	473	200	7468
2002-03	22	69	229	750	953	1100	1112	989	816	593	418	133	7184
2003-04	1	3	188	519	1152	1188	1359	1031	712	537	420	170	7280
2004-05	19	55	324	615	938	1086	1325	948	774	615	381	245	7325
2005-06	23	44	256	561	993	1403	955	1025	869	550	323	86	7088
2006-07	4	37	221	625	883	1207	1226	897	684	561	308	123	6776
2007-08	0	25	247	589	976	1151	1326	888	888	706	360	202	7358
2008-09	3	49	257	604	801	1347	1244	963	964	630	359	139	7360
2009-10	22	53	118	778	905	1405	1140	890	777	617	476	190	7371
2010-11	48	50	212	527	1063	1354	1202	1166	854	733	415	230	7854
2011-12	30	3	120	573	1022	1217	1141	1018	789	503	421	191	7028
2012-13	12	19	138	634	852	1127	1325	884	825	663	303	141	6923
2013-	0	8	193	710	944	1302							
2013-14	0	8	193	710	944	1302	1102	1251	868	614	326	177	7495
2014-15	6	36	191	461	1062	1189	1201	846	720	621	316	47	6696
2015-	21	39	234	494	1065	1223							

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YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1986	0	0	0	0	46	78	32	154	4	0	0	0	314
1987	0	0	0	0	0	69	85	31	7	0	0	0	192
1988	0	0	0	0	5	92	115	85	32	0	0	0	329
1989	0	0	0	0	0	27	209	71	1	0	0	0	308
1990	0	0	0	0	0	58	135	109	26	0	0	0	328
1991	0	0	0	0	0	1	125	157	6	0	0	0	289
1992	0	0	0	0	0	92	55	140	1	0	0	0	288
1993	0	0	0	0	24	18	15	57	4	0	0	0	118
1994	0	0	0	0	0	39	198	194	6	0	0	0	437
1995	0	0	0	0	1	16	96	69	25	0	0	0	207
1996	0	0	0	0	0	23	157	77	12	0	0	0	269
1997	0	0	0	0	1	3	63	95	16	0	0	0	178
1998	0	0	0	0	0	4	167	128	53	0	0	0	352
1999	0	0	0	0	1	22	67	125	1	0	0	0	216
2000	0	0	0	0	0	9	151	111	9	0	0	0	280
2001	0	0	0	0	14	26	104	169	14	0	0	0	327
2002	0	0	0	0	5	39	210	26	7	0	0	0	287
2003	0	0	0	0	15	49	248	175	25	0	0	0	512
2004	0	0	0	0	0	42	187	149	4	0	0	0	382
2005	0	0	0	0	0	16	157	131	7	0	0	0	311
2006	0	0	0	0	15	63	266	94	25	0	0	0	463
2007	0	0	0	0	4	68	413	125	34	0	0	0	644
2008	0	0	0	0	8	45	149	146	0	0	0	0	348
2009	0	0	0	0	8	20	161	125	39	0	0	0	353
2010	0	0	0	1	0	19	116	103	2	3	0	0	244
2011	0	0	0	0	0	10	93	164	23	0	0	0	290
2012	0	0	0	0	0	30	232	153	0	0	0	0	415
2013	0	0	0	0	4	43	254	191	87	0	0	0	579
2014	0	0	0	0	0	8	232	138	12	0	0	0	390
2015	0	0	0	0	0	142	141	117	1	0	0	0	401

**SNOWFALL (inches) 2015 MISSOULA (KMSO)**

YEAR	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1987-88	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	7.5	13.3	3.1	5.6	0.5	0.4	0.0	32.8
1988-89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4	9.0	9.0	9.4	16.3	5.2	0.0	0.0	56.3
1989-90	T	T	T	0.1	1.9	8.8	3.9	6.7	2.7	0.3	T	0.0	24.4
1990-91	0.0	T	0.0	0.4	8.3	17.3	9.4	0.2	7.6	1.9	T	0.0	45.1
1991-92	0.0	T	0.0	3.4	9.7	6.5	6.3	T	0.2	0.1	T	0.0	26.2
1992-93	T	0.0	T	T	4.7	11.4	13.5	12.2	1.1	1.2	T	0.0	44.1
1993-94	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	5.5	3.4	8.6	0.3	T	0.0	0.0	25.0
1994-95	T	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.4	8.6	4.3	0.9	5.3	T	0.0	0.0	22.8
1995-96	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	9.5	5.9	28.3	1.4	4.6	0.1	0.4	0.4	50.6
1996-97	0.0	T	T	0.7	16.1	54.1	8.6	9.0	16.7	6.0	0.0	0.0	111.2
1997-98	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	2.1	4.0	18.6	2.0	5.5	2.0	T	0.0	34.2
1998-99	T	T	0.0	T	9.9	7.6	7.0	9.3	3.8	T	0.4	T	38.0
1999-00	0.0	T	T	0.3	T	3.9	14.7	9.4	0.7	0.6	T	0.0	29.6
2000-01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	14.7	11.7	9.5	1.1	4.0	T	0.7	43.4
2001-02	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.8	15.4	7.2	6.0		1.3	4.1	0.0	
2002-03	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.8	9.5	7.2	13.4	0.5	T	0.0	33.4
2003-04	0.0	T	0.0	T	10.3	10.8	13.1	2.6	5.3	T	T	0.0	42.1
2004-05	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	7.7	8.9	2.9	5.9	1.3	0.0	0.0	28.1
2005-06	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	4.2	2.5	2.3	5.0	0.5	T	0.0	21.8
2006-07	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	6.9	1.6	3.9	6.3	0.5	T	0.1	0.0	19.9
2007-08	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	10.4	7.2	8.8	8.5	12.8	2.1	0.0	0.2	50.0
2008-09	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	20.6	9.6	3.9	9.3	1.5	0.0	0.0	44.9
2009-10	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.9	6.5	5.0	2.4	0.8	0.6	T	0.0	17.6
2010-11	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	10.0	13.3	13.6	21.6	5.7	2.0	T	0.0	66.2
2011-12	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	5.5	5.4	17.8	8.9	2.2	T	0.3	T	40.1
2012-13	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	1.4	15.7	11.4	4.2	7.0	4.8	T	0.0	48.5
2013-	T	0.0	0.0	T	1.8	12.1							
2013-14	T	0.0	0.0	T	1.8	12.1	6.5	40.2	5.1	T	0.1	0.0	65.8
2014-15	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	10.0	10.6	9.4	3.3	T	0.6	0.0	0.0	33.9
2015-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	14.3							
POR= 68 YRS	T	T	T	0.7	5.6	10.9	12.0	7.8	5.8	1.9	0.6	T	45.3

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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 EIGHTHS(OKTAS) FOR REPORTING THE AMOUNT OF SKY COVER. STATION HISTORY STOPPED WITH THE 2009 ANNUAL. IF YOU NEED STATION HISTORY INFORMATION GO TO "Historical Observing Metadata Repository", URL IS: <a href="http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/homr/">http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/homr/</a> SNOWFALL STOPPED MONTH &amp; YEAR INDICATED ABOVE. NO FURTHER YEARS INCLUDED UNLESS RESTARTED.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> 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 MISSOULA MONTANA (KMSO)

Missoula is situated in the heart of the Montana Rocky Mountains in the extreme north portion of the Bitterroot Valley, and about 5 miles east of the confluence of the Bitterroot and Clark Fork Rivers. The Clark Fork Valley begins at Missoula and extends about 20 miles west-northwestward. The Bitterroot Valley extends about 70 miles due southward from Missoula. The Continental Divide is 60 to 80 miles east of Missoula, and the Bitterroot Range is only about 20 miles away to the southwest. These two mountain ranges have a marked effect on the climate of Missoula.

The prevailing flow of air aloft over western Montana is from the west and southwest during spring and summer months, and from the west and northwest during the winter months. Since this air must pass over the Bitterroot Range, it loses much of its moisture on the western slopes of these mountains. As a result, Missoula receives only between 12 inches and 15 inches of precipitation annually. This small amount of precipitation makes for a semi-arid climate. There is sufficient irrigation water, however, from the nearby mountains. The heaviest precipitation, of about 2 inches, is received in each month of May and June.

Generally the spring months are cool and a little damp, with almost daily shower activity during May and June. There are about 137 growing days each year. The summer months are dry with moderate temperatures and cool nights. Seldom does the temperature reach 100 degrees. Oppressively warm nighttime temperatures are unknown.

In the winter, the Continental Divide shields the Missoula area from much of the severely cold air which moves down the continent from arctic regions. Because of this shielding effect, many of the cold waves which sweep down over eastern Montana miss the Missoula area entirely. Under certain conditions, however, the cold Arctic air does break over the Continental Divide, and moves with force into the Bitterroot and Clark Fork Valleys. When this happens, Missoula experiences severe blizzard conditions. The cold air is funnelled to the city through Hell Gate which is the mouth of the Clark Fork River canyon at Missoula. Locally these blizzards are referred to as Hell Gate Blizzards. After the valleys of western Montana are filled with the cold air, prolonged cold spells may occur. January is the coldest month, although periods of sub-zero weather occur occasionally in December and February. Rarely, there are brief periods of sub-zero weather in November and March. During the winter months the sunshine is limited to about 30 percent of the possible amount.

# Station History

MISSOULA, MT

NAME	Begin Date	End Date	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation Feet	Relocation	Platform
MISSOULA COUNTY AP	1968-01-01	1968-06-01	46° 55'	-114° 4'	3190		COOP,WXSVC
MISSOULA JOHNSON BELL FIELD	1993-11-15	1996-09-01	46° 55'	-114° 6'	3197		COOP
MISSOULA COUNTY AP	1941-12-01	1944-01-01	46° 55'	-114° 4'	3202	6.13 MI NW	AIRWAYS
MISSOULA COUNTY AP	1944-12-01	1948-01-01	46° 55'	-114° 4'	3202		AIRWAYS,COOP
MISSOULA COUNTY AP	1950-10-01	1968-01-01	46° 55'	-114° 4'	3190	300 FT W	AIRWAYS,COOP
MISSOULA JOHNSON BELL FIELD	1981-12-31	1982-06-24	46° 55'	-114° 4'	3190		COOP
MISSOULA INTL AP	2004-10-06	Present	46° 55'	-114° 5'	3192		ASOS,COOP
MISSOULA COUNTY AP	1944-01-01	1944-12-01	46° 55'	-114° 4'	3202		AIRWAYS
MISSOULA COUNTY AP	1948-01-01	1950-01-01	46° 55'	-114° 4'	3205		AIRWAYS,COOP
MISSOULA INTL AP	1996-09-01	1997-07-20	46° 55'	-114° 5'	3197		ASOS,COOP
MISSOULA COUNTY AP	1941-01-01	1941-12-01	46° 55'	-114° 4'	3202		AIRWAYS
MISSOULA COUNTY AP	1936-01-01	1941-01-01	46° 52'	-114° 00'	3186		AIRWAYS
MISSOULA COUNTY AP	1950-01-01	1950-10-01	46° 55'	-114° 4'	3190		AIRWAYS,COOP
MISSOULA JOHNSON BELL FIELD	1968-06-01	1981-12-31	46° 55'	-114° 4'	3190		COOP,WXSVC
MISSOULA JOHNSON BELL FIELD	1982-06-24	1993-11-15	46° 55'	-114° 6'	3197	.5 MI NW	COOP
MISSOULA INTL AP	1997-07-20	2001-05-22	46° 55'	-114° 5'	3192	.3 MI S	ASOS,COOP
MISSOULA INTL AP	2001-05-22	2004-10-06	46° 55'	-114° 5'	3192		ASOS,COOP

# Element History

Element	Begin Date	End Date	Frequency	Time Of Observation	Equipment *	Equipment * Modifications	Equipment Exposure
PRECIP	1995-07-01	1996-09-01	HOURLY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
TEMP	2001-05-22	2002-10-01	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
PRECIP	2002-10-01	2004-10-06	DAILY	2400	PCPNX		
PRECIP	2004-10-06	2007-05-31	DAILY	2400	PCPNX		
PRECIP	2004-10-06	2007-05-31	HOURLY	2400	AWPAG	SHLD;RCRD;HTD	
PRECIP	1935-11-01	1982-01-01	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
PRECIP	1993-05-01	1995-07-01	HOURLY	2400			
TEMP	1995-07-01	1996-09-01	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
PRECIP	1997-07-20	2001-05-22	DAILY	2400	TB	RCRD	
PRECIP	2001-05-22	2002-10-01	DAILY	2400			
PRECIP	1993-05-01	1995-07-01	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
PRECIP	1996-09-01	1997-07-20	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
TEMP	1997-07-20	2001-05-22	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
PRECIP	2007-05-31	Present	HOURLY	2400	AWPAG	SHLD;RCRD;HTD	
TEMP	2007-05-31	Present	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
TEMP	1982-01-01	1993-05-01	DAILY	2400			
PRECIP	1982-01-01	1993-05-01	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
TEMP	1996-09-01	1997-07-20	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
PRECIP	1997-07-20	2001-05-22	HOURLY	2400	TB	RCRD	
PRECIP	2001-05-22	2002-10-01	HOURLY	2400			
TEMP	2002-10-01	2004-10-06	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
WIND	2002-10-01	2004-10-06	HOURLY	UNKN	ANEMCUP		
WIND	2004-10-06	2007-05-31	HOURLY	UNKN	ANEMCUP		
PRECIP	2002-10-01	2004-10-06	HOURLY	2400			
TEMP	2004-10-06	2007-05-31	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
WIND	2007-05-31	Present	HOURLY	UNKN	ANEMSONIC		
PRECIP	2007-05-31	Present	DAILY	2400	PCPNX		
TEMP	1935-11-01	1982-01-01	DAILY	2400			
PRECIP	1982-01-01	1993-05-01	HOURLY	2400			
WIND	1996-09-01	1997-07-20	HOURLY	UNKN	ANEMCUP		
WIND	2001-05-22	2002-10-01	HOURLY	UNKN	ANEMCUP		
TEMP	1993-05-01	1995-07-01	DAILY	2400	HYGR		
PRECIP	1996-09-01	1997-07-20	HOURLY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	
WIND	1997-07-20	2001-05-22	HOURLY	UNKN	ANEMCUP		
PRECIP	1995-07-01	1996-09-01	DAILY	2400	UNIV	RCRD	

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