

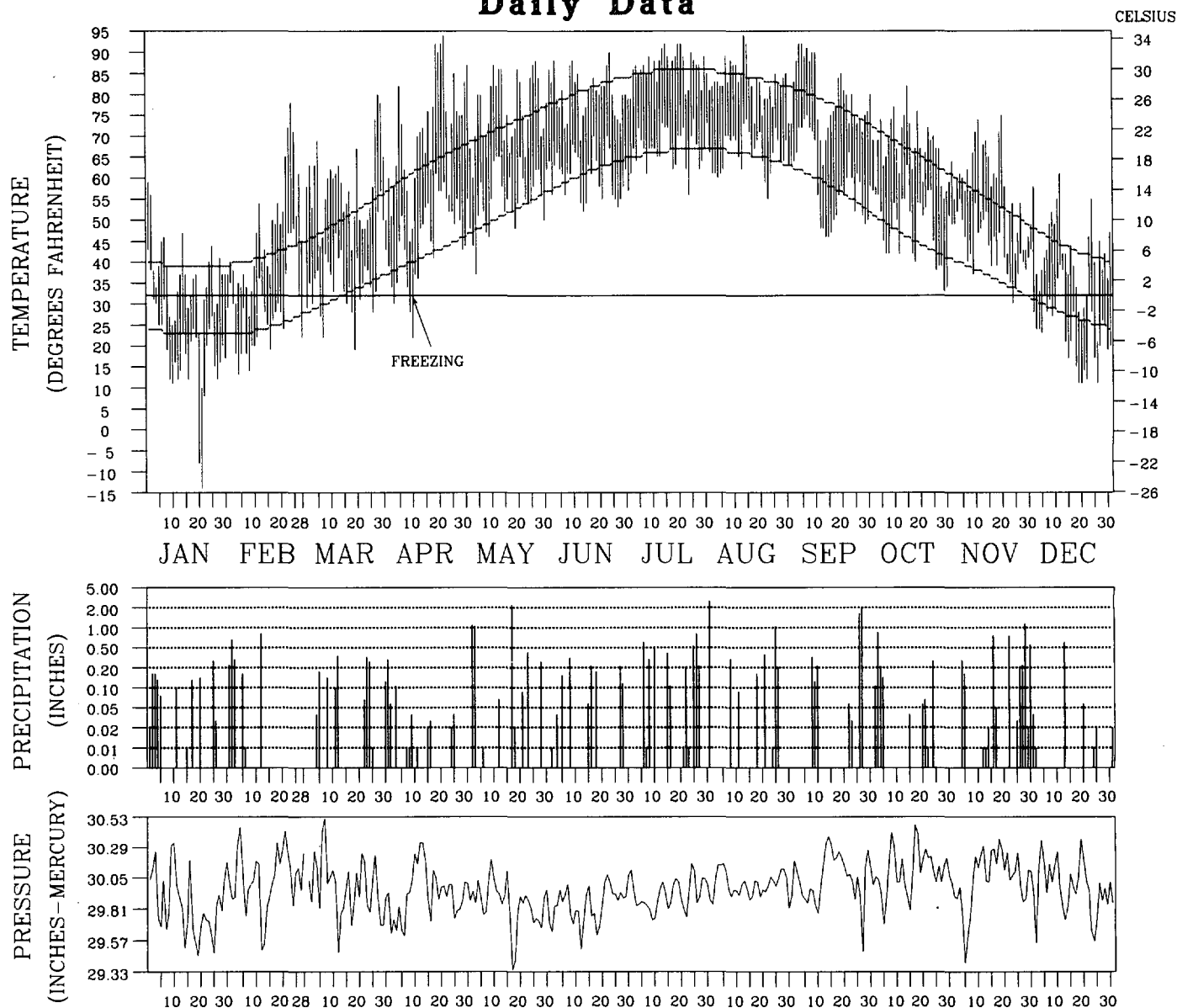


1985 LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA

ANNUAL SUMMARY WITH COMPARATIVE DATA

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Daily Data



TEMPERATURE DEPICTS NORMAL MAXIMUM, NORMAL MINIMUM AND ACTUAL DAILY HIGH AND LOW VALUES (FAHRENHEIT)
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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

LATITUDE: 39°40' N LONGITUDE: 75°36' W ELEVATION: FT. GRND 74 BARO 00096 TIME ZONE: EASTERN WBAN: 13781

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
TEMPERATURE °F:													
Averages													
-Daily Maximum	35.9	46.6	57.9	70.7	76.7	80.5	86.5	82.9	79.3	67.7	58.2	41.5	65.4
-Daily Minimum	19.1	28.2	36.3	45.3	55.0	60.6	66.6	65.9	58.9	48.8	43.8	24.2	46.1
-Monthly	27.5	37.4	47.1	58.0	65.9	70.6	76.6	74.4	69.1	58.3	51.0	32.9	55.7
-Monthly Dewpt.	18.6	24.9	29.2	41.0	53.1	57.9	65.9	64.5	58.5	48.7	43.2	21.1	43.9
Extremes													
-Highest	59	78	80	94	88	90	92	94	92	82	75	61	94
-Date	1	24	28	22	27	24	21	14	5	15	20	12	AUG 14
-Lowest	-14	13	19	22	37	52	56	55	46	33	30	11	-14
-Date	21	4	19	10	4	14	24	23	15	29	24	26	JAN 21
DEGREE DAYS BASE 65 °F:													
Heating	1154	766	550	248	73	7	0	0	45	213	411	986	4453
Cooling	0	0	4	47	106	181	366	300	174	13	0	0	1191
% OF POSSIBLE SUNSHINE													
AVG. SKY COVER (tenths)													
Sunrise - Sunset	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.3	7.0	5.7	6.2	4.7	6.9	8.1	5.5	6.3
Midnight - Midnight	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.4	6.3	6.6	5.7	6.1	4.1	6.5	7.9	5.5	6.0
NUMBER OF DAYS:													
Sunrise to Sunset													
-Clear	9	10	10	8	8	4	10	8	14	6	3	10	100
-Partly Cloudy	8	4	5	11	7	14	9	11	7	8	4	9	97
-Cloudy	14	14	16	11	16	12	12	12	9	17	23	12	168
Precipitation													
.01 inches or more	12	5	11	10	9	9	13	7	7	9	14	7	113
Snow, Ice pellets													
1.0 inches or more	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Thunderstorms	1	0	0	1	3	4	11	3	3	2	0	0	28
Heavy Fog, visibility													
1/4 mile or less	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	5	0	13
Temperature °F													
-Maximum													
90° and above	0	0	0	4	0	1	5	2	5	0	0	0	17
32° and below	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	17
-Minimum													
32° and below	29	21	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	90
0° and below	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AVG. STATION PRESS. (mb)													
	1010.8	1017.3	1014.9	1013.4	1010.5	1010.5	1012.9	1015.6	1017.6	1019.0	1017.3	1014.6	1014.6
RELATIVE HUMIDITY (%)													
Hour 01	73	71	60	70	77	77	84	83	85	83	81	71	76
Hour 07	75	74	66	70	74	74	80	85	85	85	86	74	77
Hour 13 (Local Time)	60	53	42	42	51	53	59	58	54	56	68	50	54
Hour 19	66	60	50	51	60	63	66	71	69	71	76	60	64
PRECIPITATION (inches):													
Water Equivalent													
-Total	1.56	2.05	2.03	0.35	5.52	1.37	6.91	2.28	4.56	1.84	4.46	0.80	33.73
-Greatest (24 hrs)	0.34	0.85	0.48	0.37	2.41	0.35	3.02	1.08	3.75	0.99	1.23	0.64	3.75
-Date	25-26	12	11-12	PM- 1	17-18	8	31	24-25	26-27	2- 3	28-29	13	SEP 26-27
Snow, Ice pellets													
-Total	14.2	0.7	T	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	16.7
-Greatest (24 hrs)	3.9	0.4	T	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	3.9
-Date	25-26	2	22	9								20	JAN 25-26
WIND:													
Resultant													
-Direction (!!!)	291	293	306	284	242	280	218	256	320	002	039	289	296
-Speed (mph)	7.0	5.1	4.3	2.7	1.5	2.6	2.5	0.7	2.6	1.7	3.3	4.9	2.5
Average Speed (mph)	10.5	10.3	11.2	10.1	9.5	8.6	7.6	7.7	7.8	8.5	10.5	9.7	9.3
Fastest Obs. 1 Min.													
-Direction (!!!)	31	30	28	30	32	32	28	16	32	30	09	30	32
-Speed (mph)	30	30	32	26	25	29	28	20	38	23	26	32	38
-Date	26	8	12	1	18	16	10	24	27	5	4	2	SEP 27
Peak Gust													
-Direction (!!!)	NW	NW	NW	NW	N	NW	NW	SE	NW	NW	E	W	NW
-Speed (mph)	48	48	58	43	39	40	58	26	64	37	39	58	64
-Date	15	8	12	8	3	20	10	24	27	5	4	2	SEP 27

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NORMALS, MEANS, AND EXTREMES

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

LATITUDE: 39°40'N	LONGITUDE: 75°36'W	ELEVATION: FT. GRND	74 BARO	00096	TIME ZONE: EASTERN	WBAN: 13781							
(a)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
TEMPERATURE °F:													
Normals													
-Daily Maximum	39.2	41.8	50.9	63.0	72.7	81.2	85.6	84.1	77.8	66.7	54.8	43.6	63.5
-Daily Minimum	23.2	24.6	32.6	41.8	51.7	61.2	66.3	65.4	58.0	45.9	36.4	27.3	44.5
-Monthly	31.2	33.2	41.8	52.4	62.2	71.2	76.0	74.8	67.9	56.3	45.6	35.5	54.0
Extremes													
-Record Highest	38 75	78	86	94	95	99	102	101	100	91	85	74	102
-Year	1950	1985	1948	1985	1962	1952	1966	1955	1983	1951	1950	1984	JUL 1966
-Record Lowest	38 -14	-6	2	18	30	41	50	43	36	24	14	-7	-14
-Year	1985	1979	1984	1982	1978	1972	1979	1982	1974	1976	1955	1983	JAN 1985
NORMAL DEGREE DAYS:													
Heating (base 65°F)	1048	890	719	378	130	6	0	0	36	282	582	915	4986
Cooling (base 65°F)	0	0	0	0	43	192	341	304	123	12	0	0	1015
% OF POSSIBLE SUNSHINE													
MEAN SKY COVER (tenths)													
Sunrise - Sunset	38 6.6	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.5	6.3	6.5	6.2
MEAN NUMBER OF DAYS:													
Sunrise to Sunset													
-Clear	38 7.4	7.3	7.5	7.3	6.3	7.6	8.0	9.0	10.1	10.6	7.7	7.7	96.5
-Partly Cloudy	38 7.2	7.0	8.2	8.4	10.1	10.7	11.3	10.2	8.2	8.0	8.2	7.4	104.8
-Cloudy	38 16.5	14.0	15.3	14.3	14.6	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	12.3	14.1	15.9	164.0
Precipitation													
.01 inches or more	38 10.9	9.4	11.2	10.9	11.6	9.8	9.2	9.1	7.9	7.7	9.6	9.9	117.2
Snow, Ice pellets													
1.0 inches or more	38 2.2	1.5	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.*	0.2	0.9	5.8
Thunderstorms	38 0.2	0.3	1.2	2.3	4.4	5.9	6.2	6.1	2.3	0.9	0.6	0.2	30.5
Heavy Fog Visibility													
1/4 mile or less	38 4.2	3.8	2.9	2.1	2.5	2.0	1.8	2.7	2.6	4.0	3.6	3.8	36.1
Temperature of													
-Maximum													
90° and above	38 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	3.6	7.8	5.1	1.9	0.*	0.0	0.0	19.1
32° and below	38 7.8	4.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.0	17.3
-Minimum													
32° and below	38 25.9	22.1	15.3	3.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	10.5	22.3	100.9
0° and below	38 0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8
AVG. STATION PRESS. (mb)	13 1015.2	1015.6	1013.3	1012.4	1012.0	1012.6	1013.0	1014.6	1015.6	1016.7	1016.0	1016.1	1014.4
RELATIVE HUMIDITY (%)													
Hour 01	38 73	72	71	72	79	82	82	84	84	82	77	75	78
Hour 07	38 75	75	73	72	76	78	79	83	85	84	80	76	78
Hour 13 (Local Time)	38 60	57	53	50	53	54	54	56	55	54	56	59	55
Hour 19	38 68	65	61	59	64	65	65	69	71	70	69	69	66
PRECIPITATION (inches):													
Water Equivalent													
-Normal	3.11	2.99	3.87	3.39	3.23	3.51	3.90	4.03	3.59	2.89	3.33	3.54	41.38
-Maximum Monthly	38 8.41	7.02	6.84	6.80	7.38	7.49	7.51	12.09	9.53	6.41	7.84	7.90	12.09
-Year	1978	1979	1983	1983	1983	1972	1958	1955	1960	1971	1972	1969	AUG 1955
-Minimum Monthly	38 0.52	0.83	0.81	0.35	0.22	0.44	0.16	0.25	0.82	0.21	0.49	0.19	0.16
-Year	1981	1980	1966	1985	1964	1954	1955	1972	1970	1963	1976	1955	JUL 1955
-Maximum in 24 hrs	38 2.12	2.29	3.11	2.56	2.41	4.35	6.24	4.11	5.62	3.88	3.83	2.22	6.24
-Year	1978	1966	1978	1961	1985	1972	1952	1971	1960	1966	1956	1969	JUL 1952
Snow, Ice pellets													
-Maximum Monthly	38 17.2	27.5	20.3	2.6	T					2.5	11.9	21.5	27.5
-Year	1966	1979	1958	1982	1963					1979	1953	1966	FEB 1979
-Maximum in 24 hrs	38 11.2	16.5	15.6	1.5	T					2.5	11.9	12.4	16.5
-Year	1966	1979	1958	1982	1963					1979	1953	1966	FEB 1979
WIND:													
Mean Speed (mph)	37 10.0	10.5	11.3	10.6	9.1	8.4	7.8	7.5	7.9	8.3	9.3	9.4	9.2
Prevailing Direction through 1963		WNW	NW	WNW	WNW	S	S	NW	S	S	NW	NW	WNW
Fastest Obs. 1 Min.													
-Direction (!!!)	37 29	29	06	29	30	23	27	35	07	20	16	29	20
-Speed (MPH)	37 46	46	43	45	46	40	48	46	40	58	46	44	58
-Year	1957	1956	1984	1963	1984	1960	1963	1971	1956	1954	1950	1962	OCT 1954
Peak Gust													
-Direction (!!!)	2 NW	NW	NW	SW	NW	NW	NW	SE	NW	NW	SE	W	NW
-Speed (mph)	2 48	48	58	44	71	40	58	26	64	37	41	58	71
-Date	1985	1985	1985	1984	1984	1985	1985	1985	1985	1985	1984	1985	MAY 1984

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PRECIPITATION (inches)

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1956	2.61	4.21	5.18	2.80	2.12	3.58	7.39	3.58	2.77	3.58	5.94	4.09	47.85
1957	2.30	3.76	2.64	3.73	2.36	3.45	1.33	2.61	6.55	2.51	3.11	4.74	39.09
1958	3.63	4.14	5.39	4.62	3.89	5.17	7.51	7.00	2.91	3.99	2.37	1.25	51.87
1959	1.89	1.80	2.97	2.15	1.34	4.23	5.21	5.75	2.29	4.11	2.99	3.46	38.19
1960	2.86	3.69	1.71	2.93	5.12	1.37	6.18	5.08	9.53	2.85	2.04	2.67	46.03
1961	2.84	3.74	5.19	4.88	2.45	3.10	4.84	3.75	2.33	1.88	2.41	3.03	40.44
1962	2.51	3.26	4.30	3.50	1.61	3.05	1.78	1.87	3.65	1.51	4.87	2.50	34.41
1963	2.05	2.09	4.24	1.12	1.23	3.26	1.65	4.03	3.50	0.21	6.87	1.85	32.10
1964	4.13	3.37	2.20	5.97	0.22	1.02	3.70	1.83	2.77	1.29	1.62	4.70	32.82
1965	2.38	2.17	3.20	1.76	1.41	1.62	3.84	2.04	2.41	1.59	0.94	1.54	24.90
1966	2.82	4.90	0.81	3.16	3.35	0.70	3.09	1.42	8.53	5.17	1.75	3.81	39.51
1967	1.67	1.90	5.45	2.69	3.79	3.01	4.45	11.16	1.16	2.05	2.08	5.24	44.65
1968	2.29	1.52	4.75	1.57	4.78	2.81	1.83	1.17	1.50	3.28	3.92	2.33	31.75
1969	1.68	1.76	1.71	1.58	3.21	3.62	6.48	2.34	6.84	1.47	1.79	7.90	40.38
1970	1.00	2.13	3.61	5.56	0.94	6.16	6.03	2.31	0.82	2.64	4.09	3.02	38.31
1971	2.22	6.29	2.29	2.15	4.51	2.50	3.65	8.38	6.99	6.41	5.52	1.33	52.24
1972	2.50	5.43	2.40	4.47	3.85	7.49	2.07	0.25	1.64	4.20	7.84	5.99	48.13
1973	3.81	3.42	4.02	6.57	5.56	5.19	2.82	2.44	3.02	2.22	0.67	7.31	47.05
1974	2.92	1.73	4.56	3.08	3.96	3.97	1.49	5.11	5.65	1.77	1.19	4.18	39.61
1975	4.23	2.95	4.63	3.03	5.65	6.16	5.53	2.55	6.19	3.06	2.63	3.00	49.61
1976	4.21	1.70	2.25	1.40	5.05	2.14	4.33	2.00	2.11	6.12	0.49	1.79	33.59
1977	2.18	1.09	4.55	3.91	0.96	4.41	1.38	4.82	1.29	3.59	6.14	5.81	40.13
1978	8.41	1.77	5.59	2.16	6.94	3.00	5.53	5.97	2.18	1.48	2.69	5.56	51.28
1979	7.61	7.02	2.61	4.03	3.10	4.01	4.76	6.11	5.94	3.45	3.23	1.44	53.31
1980	2.44	0.83	6.22	4.55	2.40	4.23	3.49	1.09	1.44	3.99	2.41	0.83	33.92
1981	0.52	3.23	1.26	3.54	5.05	4.50	2.52	3.38	3.82	2.84	0.67	3.95	35.28
1982	3.75	2.71	2.87	5.41	3.72	4.70	2.70	4.68	2.30	1.97	3.87	2.39	41.07
1983	2.98	3.55	6.84	6.80	7.38	3.94	2.33	1.29	3.44	3.87	5.48	6.80	54.70
1984	1.25	4.27	5.40	4.24	5.03	4.54	6.53	1.56	2.02	3.31	1.63	1.94	41.72
1985	1.56	2.05	2.03	0.35	5.52	1.37	6.91	2.28	4.56	1.84	4.46	0.80	33.73
Record Mean	3.30	3.10	3.73	3.54	3.64	3.79	4.44	4.58	3.61	3.03	3.22	3.44	43.44

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AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (deg. F)

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
1956	31.8	37.5	38.6	49.9	59.9	71.7	73.4	73.4	64.6	56.8	45.2	41.3	53.7
1957	28.6	37.4	42.2	54.1	62.9	74.2	75.9	73.2	68.7	53.3	46.6	37.9	54.6
1958	30.8	27.3	39.0	53.4	60.7	67.4	76.5	73.0	65.8	55.4	45.8	28.6	52.0
1959	30.9	33.0	41.1	54.3	65.6	72.0	75.4	76.0	70.4	59.5	44.7	38.0	55.1
1960	35.1	35.9	32.8	56.4	60.6	71.0	73.1	74.9	68.0	55.3	45.9	28.4	53.1
1961	25.6	34.7	42.6	48.9	58.9	70.5	75.6	74.0	72.5	56.9	46.7	33.2	53.3
1962	31.2	31.3	41.2	52.2	64.2	71.5	72.6	72.9	63.6	56.7	42.5	30.3	52.5
1963	28.4	27.5	44.1	52.6	60.3	70.8	76.3	71.7	63.7	58.4	48.0	28.4	52.5
1964	33.2	31.6	43.1	49.4	64.3	72.1	75.8	71.5	67.2	52.8	47.6	37.3	53.8
1965	29.0	33.6	38.4	49.3	66.0	70.2	74.5	73.3	69.4	53.6	45.0	37.7	53.3
1966	29.3	31.9	42.9	47.9	60.3	72.5	77.2	74.8	65.3	53.6	46.6	34.8	53.1
1967	36.2	29.4	39.4	51.5	55.4	71.2	74.4	72.8	65.1	54.7	40.7	36.8	52.3
1968	28.0	30.5	44.6	54.1	59.6	71.4	76.7	77.1	69.7	59.0	47.0	34.2	54.3
1969	30.8	33.6	39.6	55.1	64.2	73.4	75.7	75.4	68.2	56.0	44.6	32.7	54.1
1970	24.5	33.5	38.9	51.9	64.8	71.7	76.6	76.7	72.1	60.4	48.5	35.9	54.6
1971	27.4	35.5	40.7	51.1	60.4	73.4	75.9	74.0	71.1	62.9	45.7	42.1	55.0
1972	36.1	32.6	41.3	50.0	62.5	68.6	76.9	75.5	69.6	53.5	45.2	41.6	54.4
1973	35.6	35.5	49.4	54.7	61.4	75.8	78.1	78.1	70.4	59.9	49.1	37.7	57.2
1974	36.2	33.1	44.3	55.5	62.4	70.4	76.7	76.1	66.5	53.2	46.6	38.9	55.0
1975	37.5	35.9	40.6	47.5	65.2	71.5	75.7	76.3	65.4	60.0	51.0	36.2	55.2
1976	27.7	41.2	46.5	54.7	59.9	72.4	74.2	73.7	66.9	52.5	40.4	31.0	53.4
1977	20.8	33.3	47.2	54.4	63.9	68.9	76.4	75.4	69.3	53.4	46.6	33.4	53.6
1978	27.2	22.8	37.6	50.3	60.3	70.6	73.4	77.1	66.7	54.1	46.8	37.2	52.0
1979	31.4	22.1	45.4	50.6	63.8	67.9	75.3	75.0	68.2	55.0	49.6	38.1	53.5
1980	32.4	29.9	40.0	54.6	64.9	68.9	77.7	78.2	71.3	54.8	43.3	33.1	54.1
1981	25.4	37.9	40.2	55.0	62.5	72.3	77.1	73.5	66.9	53.0	45.3	34.2	53.6
1982	24.2	34.2	41.8	50.6	65.0	69.9	77.3	72.0	67.4	56.0	47.5	41.3	53.9
1983	35.2	35.3	45.9	53.1	61.0	71.8	77.6	77.0	69.3	56.9	46.7	32.1	55.2
1984	24.8	38.6	35.6	50.7	61.2	73.8	75.2	75.2	63.7	61.2	43.3	42.1	53.8
1985	27.5	37.4	47.1	58.0	65.9	70.6	76.6	74.4	69.1	58.3	51.0	32.9	55.7
Record Mean	32.1	33.2	42.0	52.3	62.7	71.3	76.0	74.3	67.9	56.7	45.7	35.2	54.1
Max	39.9	41.5	51.4	62.8	73.0	81.5	85.7	83.7	77.7	66.6	54.4	43.0	63.5
Min	24.2	24.8	32.6	41.7	52.0	61.0	66.3	64.8	58.1	46.7	37.0	27.4	44.7

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HEATING DEGREE DAYS Base 65 deg. F

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

SEASON	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
1956-57	1	1	120	249	589	727	1120	764	703	344	129	16	4763
1957-58	0	0	65	359	544	836	1056	1050	800	347	149	31	5237
1958-59	0	0	64	297	565	1123	1051	890	734	325	103	22	5174
1959-60	0	0	44	256	605	831	920	840	994	279	144	2	4915
1960-61	0	0	18	297	565	1130	1215	843	687	486	203	6	5450
1961-62	0	0	36	250	553	976	1042	940	729	400	122	6	5054
1962-63	0	4	113	266	672	1072	1130	1044	641	370	180	10	5502
1963-64	0	3	104	199	502	1128	982	962	669	467	91	21	5128
1964-65	0	9	49	372	514	854	1108	873	816	467	63	27	5152
1965-66	0	12	40	349	593	839	1103	921	676	507	186	24	5250
1966-67	0	0	84	346	545	931	888	991	788	402	295	5	5275
1967-68	0	0	80	327	722	866	1139	994	626	319	171	6	5250
1968-69	0	0	7	205	532	949	1052	874	780	298	92	1	4790
1969-70	0	0	41	288	606	993	1250	876	803	389	95	1	5342
1970-71	0	0	25	175	487	895	1159	821	746	411	153	3	4875
1971-72	0	2	23	93	585	702	889	935	732	443	105	27	4536
1972-73	0	0	20	356	586	716	902	820	477	322	143	0	4342
1973-74	0	0	15	179	469	839	886	887	635	300	137	7	4354
1974-75	0	0	65	362	553	805	847	808	753	520	84	5	4802
1975-76	0	0	56	177	418	888	1149	681	567	341	178	31	4486
1976-77	0	4	44	387	734	1047	1361	884	546	333	107	32	5479
1977-78	0	1	31	353	550	975	1165	1179	842	433	191	17	5737
1978-79	6	0	60	337	542	854	1037	1197	605	424	89	28	5179
1979-80	4	7	31	318	458	827	1004	1009	768	307	83	35	4851
1980-81	0	0	20	322	645	985	1222	752	763	299	135	4	5147
1981-82	0	0	57	370	585	947	1259	855	715	426	69	12	5295
1982-83	0	14	29	305	519	724	919	822	587	368	163	7	4457
1983-84	0	0	74	275	542	1013	1240	758	904	422	162	5	5395
1984-85	0	2	113	149	641	701	1154	766	550	248	73	7	4404
1985-86	0	0	45	213	411	986							

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COOLING DEGREE DAYS Base 65 deg. F

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1969	0	0	0	8	73	258	336	330	143	14	0	0	1162
1970	0	0	0	2	97	211	365	371	244	38	0	0	1328
1971	0	0	0	0	16	261	345	287	214	34	16	0	1173
1972	0	0	2	0	35	143	376	334	165	8	0	0	1063
1973	0	0	0	19	42	332	416	413	183	29	0	0	1434
1974	0	0	0	24	64	175	370	355	113	2	6	0	1109
1975	0	0	0	0	97	207	337	355	73	27	5	0	1101
1976	0	0	0	37	25	260	291	278	106	6	0	0	1003
1977	0	0	5	20	80	156	360	328	166	0	5	0	1120
1978	0	0	0	0	48	188	273	383	117	7	0	0	1016
1979	0	0	4	1	57	123	327	324	138	16	0	0	990
1980	0	0	0	0	83	159	400	417	214	10	0	0	1283
1981	0	0	0	9	62	228	381	270	120	3	0	0	1073
1982	0	0	0	2	75	163	391	238	107	32	1	0	1009
1983	0	0	0	17	47	218	398	378	209	29	0	0	1296
1984	0	0	0	0	50	276	321	327	80	34	0	0	1088
1985	0	0	4	47	106	181	366	300	174	13	0	0	1191

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SNOWFALL (inches)

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

SEASON	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
1956-57	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	6.5	1.3	1.2	T	0.0	0.0	9.0
1957-58	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	11.2	3.5	14.5	20.3	T	0.0	0.0	49.5
1958-59	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.6	3.3	0.4	1.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	7.3
1959-60	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	3.1	0.2	5.1	13.4	T	0.0	0.0	21.8
1960-61	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	13.2	16.5	13.3	1.1	T	0.0	0.0	44.1
1961-62	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	6.4	1.2	8.0	5.2	T	0.0	0.0	24.1
1962-63	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	T	8.6	5.2	4.6	0.3	0.0	T	0.0	19.0
1963-64	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	8.0	6.7	14.9	9.5	T	0.0	0.0	39.1
1964-65	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.6	8.4	1.7	5.8	0.6	0.0	0.0	18.1
1965-66	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.2	10.0	T	T	0.0	0.0	27.2
1966-67	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	21.5	0.6	18.7	2.7	T	0.0	0.0	43.5
1967-68	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	4.0	1.6	0.9	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.6
1968-69	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.6	2.9	5.5	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.8
1969-70	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.1	6.8	9.7	1.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.5
1970-71	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	5.8	0.2	2.4	0.6	0.0	0.0	12.2
1971-72	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	2.1	7.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	9.5
1972-73	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	T	T	1.2	T	T	0.0	0.0	1.2
1973-74	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	2.4	11.5	T	T	0.0	0.0	20.0
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	5.1	4.8	1.1	T	0.0	0.0	11.0
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.5	1.7	6.7	T	0.0	0.0	13.2
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.2	14.5	T	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	17.8
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.9	16.0	18.4	9.9	T	0.0	0.0	45.6
1978-79	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	T	12.0	27.5	0.2	T	0.0	0.0	44.2
1979-80	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	1.4	6.1	0.8	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.9
1980-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.4	6.5	T	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.1
1981-82	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.8	14.6	4.5	0.4	2.6	0.0	0.0	24.9
1982-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	5.8	T	18.5	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	25.1
1983-84	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	9.7	T	5.2	T	0.0	0.0	14.9
1984-85	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.3	14.2	0.7	T	0.4	0.0	0.0	15.6
1985-86	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4							
Record Mean	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	3.4	6.6	6.2	3.5	0.2	T	0.0	20.9

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REFERENCE NOTES

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

GENERAL

T - TRACE AMOUNT.
BLANK ENTRIES DENOTE MISSING/UNREPORTED DATA.
INDICATES A STATION OR INSTRUMENT RELOCATION.
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EXCEPTIONS

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RECORD MEANS ARE THROUGH THE CURRENT YEAR,
BEGINNING IN 1895 FOR TEMPERATURE
1894 FOR PRECIPITATION
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SPECIFIC

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PM - INCLUDES LAST DAY OF PREVIOUS MONTH

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(a) - LENGTH OF RECORD IN YEARS, ALTHOUGH
INDIVIDUAL MONTHS MAY BE MISSING.
* LESS THAN .05
NORMALS - BASED ON THE 1951-1980 RECORD PERIOD.
EXTREMES - DATES ARE THE MOST RECENT OCCURRENCE
WIND DIR. - NUMERALS SHOW TENS OF DEGREES CLOCKWISE
FROM TRUE NORTH. "00" INDICATES CALM.
RESULTANT DIRECTIONS ARE GIVEN TO WHOLE DEGREES.

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Delaware is part of the Atlantic Coastal Plain consisting mainly of flat low land with many marshes. Small streams and tidal estuaries comprise the drainage of the State. Wilmington, at the northern end of the State, marks the beginning of low rolling hills extending northward and northwestward into Pennsylvania. The Delaware River, the Delaware Bay, and the Atlantic Ocean are along the eastern boundary of the State. The broad Chesapeake Bay lies 35 miles, or less, to the west of the western boundary of nearly the entire State. These large water areas considerably influence the climate of the Wilmington, Delaware region.

Summers are warm and humid, winters are usually mild. During the summer maximum temperatures are usually in the 80s. The temperature reaches 100 degrees on the average once in six years. During January, the coldest month of the year, the daily average temperature is 32 degrees. Temperatures of zero may be expected once in four years. Most of the winter precipitation falls as rain. Seasonal snowfall has been as little as 1 inch, and as much as 50 inches. Snow is frequently mixed with rain and sleet, and seldom remains on the ground more than a few days.

The proximity of large water areas and the inflow of southerly winds cause the relative humidity to be quite high all year. During the summer months the relative humidity is approximately 75 percent. Fog is relatively frequent and may occur in any month. Light southeast winds blowing up the Delaware Bay favor the formation of fog. Light north-northeast winds bring in smoke from Philadelphia and from the heavy industry area located along the Delaware River north of Wilmington.

Rainfall distribution throughout the year is fairly uniform, however, the greatest amounts normally come during the summer months. Mostly, the summer rainfall comes in the form of thunderstorms. Moisture deficiencies for crops occur occasionally, but severe droughts are rare. During the fall, winter, and spring seasons, much of the rainfall comes from storms forming over the southern states or the South Atlantic and moving northward along the coast. During the late summer and early fall, hurricanes occasionally cause heavy rainfall, but winds seldom reach hurricane force in Wilmington. Heavy rains occasionally cause minor flooding, but the streams and rivers of northern Delaware are not subject to major flooding. Strong easterly and southeasterly winds sometimes cause high tides in the Delaware Bay and the Delaware River, resulting in the flooding of lowlands and damage to bay front and river front properties.

Based on the 1951-1980 period, the average first occurrence of 32 degrees Fahrenheit in the fall is October 29 and the average last occurrence in the spring is April 13.

STATION LOCATION

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Location	Occupied from	Occupied to	Airline distance and direction from previous location	Latitude North	Longitude West	Elevation above										Automatic Observing Equipment *	Remarks
						Sea level	Ground										
							Ground at temperature site	Wind instruments	Extreme thermometers	Psychrometer	Sunshine Switch	Tipping bucket rain gage	Weighting rain gage	8" rain gage	Hygrothermometer		
COOPERATIVE																	
Wilmington, Delaware 6th and King Streets	4- 1-94	7-12-16		39° 45'	75° 33'	86								35'			Ordinary thermometer exposed outside N window; Sept. '09 max. and min. in use, exposure of thermometers poor.
Porter Reservoir Wilmington, Delaware 1.9 miles NNE of P. O.	3- 1-12	Present		39° 46'	75° 33'	260		3'						3'			Home made shelter in use; C. R. shelter September 1936, good exposure over sod. Precipitation record began 7-12-12.
Wilmington, Delaware 10th and King Streets 1 block S of P. O.	7-12-16	10-31-58	1.9 mi. SSW	39° 45'	75° 33'	99								47'			Precipitation only most of time.
AIRPORT																	
Bellanca Field New Castle, Delaware 6.1 miles SSW Wilmington Post Office	4-20-31	6- 7-34		39° 40'	75° 36'												
DuPont Airport Wilmington Delaware 3 miles WNW Wilmington Post Office	4-27-42	12- 8-42	6.8 mi. N	39° 46'	75° 36'												
New Castle County Airport Tower, Wilmington, Delaware, 5.6 miles SW of Post Office	5-19-47	11- 6-47	5.6 mi. SSW	39° 40'	75° 36'		75										Airway Observation by County Tower employees.
New Castle County Airport, Admn. Bldg.	11- 7-47	12- 5-47	125 yds. SW	39° 40'	75° 36'	73	75	5	5					3			Wind instruments of previous location used.
New Castle County Airport, Terminal Bldg.	12- 5-47	7-16-56	150 ft. NE	39° 40'	75° 36'	73	34	5	5					4			Exposure of instruments good.
New Terminal Building New Castle County AP *	7-16-56	Present	7/8 mi. SE	39° 40'	75° 36'	b74	20	s5	s5	NA	NA	5	4	a4 c4	NA		Exposure of instruments excellent. * Name changed to Greater Wilmington Airport in May 1961. a - Commissioned 1,000 feet from thermometer site 4-11-67. b - 78 feet to 4-11-67. s - Standby after 4-11-67. c - Type change 8/12/85.

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