

# Local Climatological Data

Annual Summary With Comparative Data

1978

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

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## Narrative Climatological Summary

Richmond is located in east-central Virginia at the head of navigation on the James River and along a line separating the Coastal Plains (Tidewater Virginia) from the Piedmont. The Blue Ridge Mountains lie about 90 miles to the west and the Chesapeake Bay 60 miles to the east. Elevations range from a few feet above sea level along the river to a little over 300 feet in parts of the west section of the City.

The climate might be classified as modified continental. Summers are warm and humid and winters generally mild. The mountains to the west act as a partial barrier to outbreaks of cold, continental air in winter, the coldest air being delayed long enough to be modified, then further warmed as it subsides in its approach to Richmond. The open waters of the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean contribute to the humid summers and mild winters. The coldest weather normally occurs in late December and in January, when low temperatures usually average in the upper twenties and the high temperatures in the upper forties. Temperatures seldom lower to zero. The record lowest temperature of minus 12° was recorded at the Airport in January 1940. The record high temperature of 107° occurred in August 1918 at Chimborazo Park.

Precipitation is rather uniformly distributed throughout the year. However, dry periods lasting several weeks do occur, especially in autumn when long periods of pleasant, mild weather are most common. There is considerable variability in total monthly amounts from year to year so that no one month can be depended upon to be normal. Snow has been recorded during seven of the twelve months. Falls of 4 inches or more occur on an average of once a year. Snow usually remains on the ground only 1 or 2 days at a time, but on one occasion it remained 21 days (January 23 to February 13, 1948). Ice storms (freezing rain or glaze) are not uncommon in winter, but they are seldom severe enough to do any considerable damage. A notable exception was the spectacular glaze storm of January 27 - 28, 1943, when heavy damage was done to trees and overhead transmission lines of all kinds.

The James River reaches tidewater at Richmond where flooding has occurred in every month of the year, most frequently in March and least in July. Hurricanes and less severe storms of tropical origin have been responsible for most of the flooding during the summer and early fall months. The flood of record at Richmond was Agnes in June, 1972 which produced on the 23rd crests 6 and one half feet above old high water marks dating back 200 years. Agnes was followed closely by serious flooding on October 7, 1972 and preceded by Camille on August 22, 1969 which is now the fourth greatest flood of record. In 1955 three hurricanes brought record rainfall to Richmond within a 6-week period. The most noteworthy of these were Hurricanes Connie and Diane that brought heavy rains five days apart.

Damaging storms occur mainly from snow and freezing rain in winter and from hurricanes, tornadoes, and severe thunderstorms at other seasons. Damage may be from wind, flooding, or rain, or from any combination of these. Tornadoes are infrequent but some notable occurrences have been observed within the Richmond area. The highest wind recorded has been 68 m.p.h. with a peak gust of 79 m.p.h. at the time of Hurricane Hazel, October 15, 1954.

The dates of the last freeze in spring and of the first in autumn mark the limits of the growing season for most crops. The average growing season is 216 days. May 11, 1966, has been the latest date in spring when a temperature of 32° or lower was recorded; October 5, 1965, has been the earliest date in autumn.

# Meteorological Data For The Current Year

Station: RICHMOND, VIRGINIA  
# 13740

R.E.BYRD INTERNATIONAL AP. Standard time used:

EASTERN

Latitude: 37° 30' N

Longitude:

77° 20' W

Elevation (ground): 164 feet

Year: 1978

Month	Temperature °F						Degree days Base 65 °F	Precipitation in inches				Relative humidity, pct.				Wind				Number of days				Average station pressure mb														
	Averages			Extremes				Water equivalent		Snow, Ice pellets		Hour		Hour		Hour		Resultant		Fasted mile		Sunrise to sunset		Percent of possible sunshine														
	Daily maximum	Daily minimum	Monthly	Highest Date	Lowest Date	Heating Cooling		Total	Greatest in 24 hrs.	Date	Total	Greatest in 24 hrs.	(Local time)	01	07	13	19	Direction	Speed m.p.h.	Average speed m.p.h.	Direction	Speed m.p.h.	Average sky cover, tenth, sunrise to sunset	Clear	Partly cloudy	Cloudy	Precipitation .01 inch or more	Show ice pellets 1.0 inch or more	Thunderstorms	Temperature °F Maximum	Minimum	Elev. 177 feet m.s.l.						
JAN	43.0	23.7	33.4	69	26	10 12	974	0	7.97	1,88	8-9	1.3	0.7	9	78	84	61	71	27	3.2	8.2	42	NW	26	66	6.2	9	6	16	13	0	0	1011.5					
FEB	41.2	19.4	30.3	69	25	10 5	964	0	0.48	0.23	2	5.1	3.7	2	78	82	48	61	34	3.9	7.0	24	NW	22	72	5.7	9	7	12	5	0	2	26	0	1012.0			
MAR	54.5	34.5	44.5	78	23	15 5	627	0	5.67	1,92	25-26	5.0	3.9	3	77	80	57	63	36	1.8	8.1	26	NW	21	56	6.6	8	7	16	10	0	0	1	0	1011.5			
APR	70.4	44.2	57.3	89	11	33 23	235	12	4.31	2,60	26	0.0	0.0	70	73	43	50	31	1.9	8.8	29	NE	24	64	6.2	9	6	9	13	0	0	0	0	1008.1				
MAY	76.5	54.5	65.5	91	20	37 3	88	112	3.92	1,90	4	0.0	0.0	91	87	58	68	03	0.2	6.9	26	NW	13	69	6.8	6	9	16	12	0	0	0	0	1008.1				
JUN	87.1	62.2	74.7	97	28	47 15	5	302	5.26	1,45	20-21	0.0	0.0	91	86	55	66	22	0.9	6.6	30	NW	3	82	5.3	11	10	9	12	0	0	0	0	1011.5				
JUL	88.5	66.5	77.5	100	23	54 13	0	393	4.24	1,89	24-25	0.0	0.0	90	91	58	69	18	0.9	6.0	17	NW	31	75	6.0	6	14	11	12	0	0	0	0	1010.2				
AUG	90.1	70.1	80.1	98	29	60 22	0	475	5.93	2,05	5-6	0.0	0.0	96	98	63	82	20	2.0	5.5	23	NW	25	76	6.4	10	15	11	11	0	0	0	0	1012.2				
SEP	83.8	61.9	72.9	96	19	44 29	16	263	0.26	0.15	22-23	0.0	0.0	96	96	60	81	04	1.2	5.6	19	NE	22	73	5.0	10	12	8	4	0	0	0	0	1012.5				
OCT	71.3	45.3	58.3	86	23	30 25	214	15	1.21	0.91	1	0.0	0.0	92	96	54	78	30	1.2	6.3	23	NE	23	76	4.5	13	9	9	9	0	0	0	0	1013.5				
NOV	62.9	42.1	52.5	79	7	28 26	366	0	4.57	1,24	16	0.0	0.0	94	96	69	82	01	2.2	6.0	21	NW	25	49	7.3	6	5	19	10	0	0	0	0	1015.2				
DEC	54.3	30.6	42.5	77	8	18 29	694	1	3.80	1,49	9	0.0	0.0	82	85	55	72	25	3.2	7.3	29	NW	9	64	5.5	11	8	12	9	0	0	0	0	1012.9				
YFAR	68.6	46.3	57.5	100	10	JUL FEB	4183	1573	47.62	2,60	APR	11.4	3.9	3	86	88	57	70	30	1.0	6.9	42	NW	26	69	6.0	104	105	156	114	3	35	34	51	8	87	0	1011.6

## Normals, Means, And Extremes

Month	Temperatures °F						Normal Degree days Base 65 °F	Precipitation in inches				Relative humidity pct.				Wind				Mean number of days				Average station pressure mb																		
	Normal			Extremes				Water equivalent				Snow, Ice pellets				Fastest mile				Sunrise to sunset				Temperature °F Max.																		
	Daily maximum	Daily minimum	Monthly	Record highest	Year	Record lowest	Year	Normal	Maximum monthly	Year	Minimum monthly	Year	Maximum monthly	Year	Maximum in 24 hrs.	Year	Hour	Hour	Hour	Hour	Mean speed m.p.h.	Prevailing direction	Speed m.p.h.	Direction	Clear	Partly cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy fog visibility 1/4 mile or less	90° and above	32° and below	0° and below											
(a)	47.4	27.6	37.5	80	1940	49	853	0	2.86	7.97	1979	1.08	1951	3.31	1962	28.5	1940	21.0	1940	77	81	57	69	8.0	5	43	NW	1971	52	6.4	8	16	0	3	21	* 1012.6						
F	49.4	28.0	39.4	83	1937	10	1936	717	0	3.01	5.61	1948	1.48	1978	1.91	1973	17.1	1967	9.2	1947	74	79	52	62	8.5	45	SK	1951	56	6.1	9	6	13	9	1	19	* 1011.9					
M	58.2	35.5	46.9	93	1938	11	1980	569	8	3.38	8.04	1972	0.96	1966	2.04	1942	19.7	1960	12.1	1962	73	78	49	59	8.9	4	42	SE	1952	59	6.2	8	8	15	11	1	2	0	1010.6			
A	70.4	45.2	57.8	96	1976	25	1977	220	10	2.77	5.32	1952	0.64	1963	2.60	1978	2.0	1940	2.0	1940	74	75	45	55	8.8	40	NW	1972	63	6.0	8	9	13	9	2	2	0	1010.0				
M	78.4	54.5	66.5	100	1941	31	1956	64	111	3.42	8.87	1972	0.87	1965	2.53	1972	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	83	79	36	55	7.7	55	SSW	1962	63	6.3	7	11	13	11	0	6	2	0	1008.8			
J	85.4	62.9	74.2	104	1932	40	1957	0	276	3.52	9.24	1930	0.91	1960	4.61	1963	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	87	62	53	67	7.2	5	52	NW	1952	67	6.0	7	12	11	10	0	7	2	0	1009.9		
J	88.2	67.5	77.9	105	1977	51	1965	0	400	5.63	18.87	1945	0.52	1963	5.73	1969	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	89	85	56	72	6.6	55	SW	1955	65	6.1	7	12	11	10	1	* 3	21	* 1010.1				
A	86.0	65.9	76.3	102	1923	46	1934	0	350	5.06	14.10	1953	0.52	1943	8.79	1955	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	91	89	57	76	6.3	5	54	W	1964	65	6.0	7	12	10	0	7	3	11	0	0	1012.0	
S	85.0	65.7	76.0	103	1954	35	1974	21	171	3.58	10.98	1972	0.26	1978	3.82	1955	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	90	90	56	79	6.3	5	45	SE	1952	64	5.7	9	12	8	0	3	3	4	0	0	1011.7	
D	71.4	47.4	59.3	99	1941	23	1952	203	27	2.94	9.39	1971	0.30	1963	6.50	1961	T	1972	T	1972	87	90	53	77	6.8	68	NNE	1954	60	5.3	12	7	12	7	0	1	4	* 0	2	0	1013.2	
N	60.0	37.3	49.0	86	1974	10	1933	480	0	3.20	7.64	1959	0.36	1965	4.07	1956	7.3	1953	7.3	1953	80	84	50	70	7.3	5	38	NW	1977	56	5.7	10	7	13	8	*	1	2	0	1013.2		
D	49.1	28.8	39.0	80	1971	-	1942	806	0	3.22	7.07	1974	0.72	1965	3.16	1958	12.5	1959	7.5	1966	78	81	55	70	7.5	5	40	NW	1968	52	6.1	10	6	15	9	1	* 3	3	0	2	21	* 1012.2
YR	68.0	46.7	57.8	105	1977	-12	1940	3939	1353	42.59	18.87	1963	0.26	1940	21.0	1940	82	83	53	69	7.5	5	68	SE	1954	61	6.0	102	106													

## Average Temperature

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	
1939	41.6	44.8	48.8	36.0	66.9	76.4	75.7	77.1	71.6	59.0	44.8	39.8	58.6	
1940	24.2	38.2	49.3	52.4	65.0	76.7	76.0	73.0	66.2	55.8	47.4	42.5	54.9	
1941	35.2	34.5	40.8	39.6	68.8	73.0	78.3	75.8	72.2	64.7	48.7	41.9	57.6	
1942	34.2	35.2	48.0	58.8	69.3	75.2	79.4	75.2	71.3	60.8	50.0	37.1	57.9	
1943	40.0	41.5	47.0	53.9	69.0	79.2	78.5	76.8	68.4	57.3	47.5	38.6	58.3	
1944	38.6	40.4	45.2	52.6	71.0	76.4	77.7	75.4	71.2	57.9	48.2	36.1	57.9	
1945	34.2	40.6	51.6	61.4	63.9	75.7	76.2	75.2	73.6	57.8	49.6	23.4	58.4	
1946	38.0	41.7	53.8	57.2	65.8	72.6	75.4	72.6	70.0	60.9	52.9	43.4	58.8	
1947	44.6	39.1	40.0	57.3	67.0	72.4	74.8	76.3	70.1	63.7	46.4	38.4	57.2	
1948	31.1	31.0	30.8	57.7	66.3	74.4	78.2	75.7	68.6	56.2	22.9	42.0	57.8	
1949	45.2	46.8	48.6	55.7	66.0	75.0	80.1	76.4	67.4	62.9	42.4	39.9	59.6	
1950	49.7	40.4	44.4	54.7	65.0	74.6	75.8	73.5	68.2	61.2	47.3	30.1	57.8	
1951	40.8	41.8	46.8	56.5	64.4	74.3	78.0	76.0	70.0	61.4	44.7	42.0	58.1	
1952	42.4	42.2	46.9	56.5	67.0	73.0	80.4	77.8	69.2	55.2	49.4	38.4	57.8	
1953	42.9	43.4	49.3	58.0	71.3	75.2	79.7	77.8	70.0	60.7	48.5	42.6	59.0	
1954	38.0	44.9	47.0	61.0	62.0	70.4	78.6	76.8	74.4	62.3	46.1	38.2	58.4	
1955	33.6	40.1	50.2	60.0	67.2	70.1	81.3	78.7	70.6	59.5	46.4	34.8	58.0	
1956	36.0	43.0	46.3	55.9	65.0	70.4	77.8	75.0	67.9	60.9	47.5	48.9	58.3	
1957	35.2	43.3	47.2	61.8	67.8	74.2	78.4	74.6	71.9	54.6	50.3	43.0	58.7	
1958	34.6	33.8	42.3	57.3	65.7	71.3	80.2	76.4	69.1	58.7	51.2	33.4	59.4	
1959	37.5	41.0	47.3	59.3	69.4	74.8	77.9	75.0	70.8	61.4	47.3	41.6	59.0	
1960	38.8	39.3	35.9	61.8	64.9	73.7	76.3	77.8	69.3	57.1	50.1	34.0	56.6	
1961	33.5	42.2	50.8	55.0	63.6	72.8	78.5	77.1	73.5	58.1	30.1	37.1	57.5	
1962	36.6	39.7	45.0	57.5	70.6	74.0	74.8	74.6	66.2	60.3	47.2	36.1	56.9	
1963	35.9	33.3	50.8	59.2	64.0	72.0	76.1	75.7	65.5	58.6	30.1	32.4	56.1	
1964	38.1	37.2	47.6	55.4	66.4	73.1	75.8	73.1	67.1	53.4	31.5	42.9	56.8	
1965	35.6	38.8	49.0	53.9	64.9	70.7	74.9	75.9	70.7	56.1	48.2	41.3	56.6	
1966	31.1	37.7	47.3	52.8	63.1	71.4	76.4	74.6	67.2	55.5	49.5	38.0	55.4	
1967	40.9	34.8	46.6	58.8	60.7	72.1	76.5	75.3	65.7	57.2	44.0	41.9	56.2	
1968	33.9	34.2	52.0	58.8	64.7	74.7	78.9	78.9	70.6	61.9	51.3	37.0	58.1	
1969	33.9	36.8	42.3	57.6	65.5	73.7	78.3	75.1	68.1	58.5	46.8	35.5	56.2	
1970	30.1	37.1	42.0	52.8	69.1	73.7	78.3	78.0	74.8	62.9	49.9	40.4	58.1	
1971	33.8	39.5	44.5	55.0	63.3	70.7	76.6	75.3	71.4	64.6	48.5	48.0	57.9	
1972	40.7	37.6	47.2	56.2	64.6	70.1	77.1	75.2	70.1	55.8	47.9	45.9	57.4	
1973	37.6	38.5	52.6	57.9	65.1	70.0	77.4	77.3	72.3	60.6	51.3	40.8	59.0	
1974	45.8	40.1	50.4	59.9	65.8	70.8	75.9	73.7	67.9	53.4	48.5	41.7	58.2	
1975	40.7	41.4	45.3	52.9	67.7	73.6	76.0	76.8	69.3	62.5	53.6	40.0	58.5	
1976	35.1	48.3	52.6	60.5	65.2	74.6	77.3	75.7	68.7	54.4	42.7	36.7	57.7	
1977	25.3	40.5	53.7	61.1	68.2	73.0	81.4	78.6	74.2	57.3	52.3	39.5	58.9	
1978	33.4	30.3	44.3	37.9	65.5	74.7	77.5	80.1	72.9	58.9	52.5	42.3	57.5	
RECORD	MEAN	37.6	39.4	47.0	57.0	66.1	74.0	77.6	70.3	70.1	58.8	48.7	39.6	57.7
MAX	47.5	50.2	58.4	65.6	78.0	85.1	88.0	86.0	80.9	70.7	60.2	49.8	58.7	
MIN	27.6	28.0	35.6	44.4	54.2	62.9	76.7	66.1	59.2	46.8	27.1	29.4	46.6	

## Precipitation

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
1939	3.40	3.98	5.39	3.04	1.39	5.41	3.23	8.34	1.70	4.84	2.18	1.31	46.35
1940	4.16	2.99	2.31	4.22	4.26	4.02	4.45	9.33	1.77	2.27	4.59	1.83	46.20
1941	2.19	1.17	1.97	3.44	1.31	1.83	2.82	3.05	1.23	0.35	0.66	2.89	22.91
1942	3.50	1.03	5.31	0.78	1.11	5.30	3.32	6.61	2.71	6.74	1.31	3.04	42.05
1943	2.87	2.27	3.01	1.31	4.04	3.15	3.67	0.52	5.13	2.90	1.64	1.98	33.29
1944	2.83	5.01	5.89	3.59	1.61	1.42	7.76	6.44	5.20	1.79	3.94	2.26	48.40
1945	2.25	3.57	1.39	3.50	5.09	1.71	18.87	7.75	8.49	0.91	3.09	5.28	37.01
1946	2.16	2.60	2.33	2.07	7.73	6.01	6.64	3.87	4.39	2.36	1.90	2.71	45.28
1947	4.31	1.43	2.22	2.53	4.69	4.48	3.33	1.87	6.38	2.37	7.03	1.56	42.20
1948	4.11	2.06	5.56	4.59	6.42	2.73	4.05	7.73	3.05	3.21	5.74	4.14	53.99
1949	3.26	2.55	2.12	2.22	5.11	3.52	6.34	8.99	2.64	3.87	1.88	1.94	44.45
1950	2.17	1.71	3.20	3.74	4.27	0.99	6.69	3.32	4.04	1.77	1.74	2.73	33.37
1951	1.08	1.90	2.85	2.26	2.51	5.85	2.03	5.28	0.98	2.71	4.32	3.63	36.15
1952	5.71	2.76	5.05	5.32	3.72	4.50	2.71	6.41	2.35	2.04	6.42	3.37	50.36
1953	4.47	3.26	3.95	2.16	3.35	3.06	2.04	0.99	6.84	2.16	1.85	2.94	37.17
1954	3.70	1.56	2.44	3.08	4.36	1.09	1.30	3.93	0.69	4.99	1.86	2.43	31.45
1955	1.09	3.18	2.66	3.14	1.79	3.00	7.93	14.10	5.79	2.37	1.76	0.86	47.93
1956	1.65	3.57	3.06	2.73	4.35	3.28	10.12	2.28	2.96	4.92	6.11	3.28	49.23
1957	3.26	3.29	2.82	2.23	7.55	3.92	1.80	7.65	3.49	5.35	5.30	6.88	30.61
1958	2.96	4.85	3.81	4.35	5.79	6.09	3.27	9.77	1.70	5.35	1.43	4.43	59.53
1959	1.31	1.67	2.92	4.32	2.64	3.45	12.68	5.55	3.30	3.23	7.64	2.24	51.34
1960	2.13	4.96	3.29	3.57	3.39	0.91	7.34	7.20	6.21	3.31	0.85	3.04	46.00
1961	2.57	5.30	4.02	1.73	4.83	6.49	2.05	3.90	1.64	8.78	1.81	5.05	49.06
1962	5.99	3.00	4.87	3.00	5.07	5.07	5.05	2.87	3.46	0.50	6.73	2.80	48.62
1963	1.55	2.98	3.62	0.64	2.39	7.01	0.32	3.75	2.20	0.30	2.80	37.66	
1964	4.18	4.46	2.61	2.71	1.14	2.40	6.48	9.88	2.54	3.62	1.98	3.05	55.03
1965	2.51	2.77	3.68	1.20	0.67	3.39	6.33	0.81	4.81	1.38	0.36	0.72	29.76
1966	4.58	3.80	0.94	2.18	2.88	2.54	4.07	1.31	5.06	4.81	1.31	3.07	36.25
1967	1.50	3.75	2.34	3.23	3.71	3.58	5.00	6.65	0.95	1.00	1.76	6.48	37.64
1968	2.53	0.94	4.00	2.93	3.13	2.89	3.41	3.71	1.78	3.99	3.87	2.28	33.10
1969	2.04	3.95	3.95	2.60	3.32	4.36	13.90	9.31	3.89	1.88	1.87	5.26	56.33
1970	1.32	2.87	3.70	2.84	1.84	1.12	4.74	1.69	1.02	1.53	3.10	3.00	28.29
1971	1.84	4.37	2.68	1.76	6.82	4.10	4.40	3.73	9.39	2.76	0.75	44.95	
1972	1.43	5.15	2.11	3.33	8.87	8.82	3.84	3.38	7.89	5.82	2.91	39.34	
1973	2.66	3.11	3.44	4.58	3.58	2.45	3.04	4.34	1.82	2.36	1.27	7.07	40.50
1974	3.21	2.54	3.79	1.58	3.02	1.80	2.25	6.84	6.83	0.39	1.23	4.22	35.70
1975	5.71	2.96	8.04	2.78	2.59	4.00	12.29	2.31	10.98	3.10	2.04	4.51	61.31
1976	3.39	1.83	2.14	1.08	3.76	2.82	2.63	4.78	6.99	1.88	2.56	34.76	
1977	2.22	1.34	2.67	2.33	3.69	1.25	4.20	6.18	2.16	4.32	3.57	44.08	
1978	7.97	0.46	5.67	4.31	3.92	5.26	4.24	5.93	0.26	1.21	6.37	3.80	47.62
RECORD													
MEAN	3.05	2.99	3.49	2.82	3.65	3.78	5.61	5.00	3.56	3.33	3.16	3.27	43.65

# Indicates a station move or relocation of instruments. See Station Location table.

Record mean values above are means through the current year for the period beginning in 1930 for temperature, 1938 for precipitation and snowfall. Data are from airport locations.

## Heating Degree Days

RICHMOND, VA

Season	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Total
1958-59	0	0	24	212	409	973	847	650	542	212	44	10	3923
1959-60	0	0	36	217	530	717	807	737	896	184	88	2	4212
1960-61	0	0	26	257	439	936	971	632	461	390	106	7	4223
1961-62	0	0	27	214	459	860	875	702	623	276	32	0	4072
1962-63	0	0	72	175	526	891	897	682	434	218	102	1	4199
1963-64	0	0	71	197	439	1004	826	801	537	306	74	12	4257
1964-65	0	0	34	352	402	676	909	726	674	339	17	34	4161
1965-66	0	6	25	275	498	726	1043	759	538	371	133	27	4401
1966-67	0	47	293	466	833	738	841	560	520	171	17	4197	
1967-68	0	64	256	623	704	956	887	416	191	86	0	4187	
1968-69	0	0	60	161	402	964	957	83	693	237	66	0	4166
1969-70	0	0	43	221	341	907	1076	776	677	231	51	0	4527
1970-71	0	0	12	124	445	756	960	709	627	205	104	3	4025
1971-72	0	0	11	69	512	526	748	788	554	286	58	21	3873
1972-73	0	0	17	285	513	588	843	735	394	247	79	0	3701
1973-74	0	0	5	163	414	744	569	691	455	204	75	5	3349
1974-75	0	0	62	310	513	715	746	654	604	368	44	1	4017
1975-76	0	0	27	121	356	770	917	480	386	237	78	11	3373
1976-77	0	1	15	323	660	869	1227	680	366	176	42	7	4375
1977-78	0	0	4	295	401	786	974	964	627	235	88	5	4341
1978-79	0	0	16	214	366	694	td>	td>	td>	td>	td>	td>	td>
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1969	0	0	0	21	90	328	417	321	147	26	0	0	1350
1970	0	0	0	35	185	328	418	410	313	67	0	0	1756
1971	0	0	0	6	56	297	367	327	209	62	22	5	1345
1972	0	0	7	36	52	180	381	323	178	9	8	0	1171
1973	0	0	13	42	91	333	391	395	231	22	9	2	1544
1974	0	0	10	58	106	180	377	340	141	21	26	0	1250
1975	0	0	0	16	135	267	348	433	165	51	18	0	1433
1976	0	8	9	99	91	307	389	337	133	12	0	0	1385
1977	0	0	22	66	148	258	313	467	289	24	27	0	1824
1978	0	0	0	17	112	302	393	475	263	15	0	1	1573

## Snowfall

Season	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Total
1939-40	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	28.5	0.3	0.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	34.2
1940-41	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.6	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2
1941-42	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5
#1942-43	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	10.6
1943-44	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.4	2.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.6
1944-45	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
#1945-46	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.2	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.2
1946-47	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	7	7.5	13.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.1
1947-48	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	16.1	10.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.2
1948-49	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.5	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1
#1949-50	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.8
1950-51	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.7	T	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
1951-52	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	2.4	11.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.4
1952-53	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	T	7	T	5.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	20.6
1953-54	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	0.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	14.8
1954-55	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	2.2	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.9
1955-56	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	T	1.1	T	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
1956-57	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.8	0.7	T	1.2	0.0	0.0	7.7
1957-58	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.9	3.7	7.7	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.6
1958-59	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.9
1959-60	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	1.2	2.5	8.9	19.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.3
1960-61	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	7.2	5.0	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.9
1961-62	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.9	2.6	1.2	16.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.9
1962-63	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	8.1	1.6	5.3	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.9
1963-64	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.4	5.7	10.2	7.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	24.5
1964-65	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	12.4	6.6	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.4
1965-66	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	20.2	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.2
1966-67	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	12.2	0.6	17.1	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.8
1967-68	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	5.6	2.3	2.4	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.1
1968-69	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	2.8	T	11.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.9
1969-70	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	5.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4
1970-71	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	3.3	2.0	8.4	0.6	0.0	0.0	15.2
1971-72	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	T	13.7	0.0	T	0.0	0.0	13.7
1972-73	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.6	0.0	4.3	5.4	1.6	0.0	0.0	13.7
1973-74	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.9	T	5.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
1974-75	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	2.7	2.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0
1975-76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.2	T	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
1976-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.7	11.1	T	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.8
1977-78	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.0	T	1.3	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.0	11.4
RECORD													
MEAN	0.0	0.0	0.0	T	0.4	2.1	5.1	3.4	2.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	13.9

# STATION LOCATION

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Location	Occupied from	Occupied to	Ailine distance and direction from previous location	Latitude North	Longitude West	Ground at tem- perature site	Elevation above Sea level						Remarks	
							Ground							
							Wind instruments	Extreme thermometers	Psychrometer	Telepsychrometer	Tipping bucket rain gage	Weighing rain gage	8" rain gage	Hygrothermometer
<u>COOPERATIVE</u>														
High elevation in East Richmond	1/1880	2/1893												
Near Southern RR Bridge	3/1893	3/1895												
Westbrook Farms	4/1895	10/1897	4 mi. N	27° 36'	77° 24'	196								
<u>CITY</u>														
State Library Building Capitol Square	9/18/95	5/22/97	4 mi. S	37° 32'	77° 27'	142								
Chamber of Commerce Building, Ninth & Main Streets	5/22/97	5/31/00	3/8 mi. SW	37° 32'	77° 27'	104	107	98	98		89	89		
Times Building 10th & Bank Streets	5/31/00	6/30/05	1/8 mi. NE	37° 32'	77° 27'	115	92	82	82		76	76		
Mutual Assurance Bldg. Ninth & Main Streets	6/30/05	1/30/10	1/8 mi. SW			104	154	145	145		138	138		
Weather Bureau Building Chimborazo Park 3301 E Broad Street	1/30/10	7/01/53	1-1/2 mi.E	37° 32'	77° 25'	162	53	11	11		3	a4	3	
<u>AIRPORT</u>														
WB-CAA Building	7/15/25	9/24/42	None	37° 30'	77° 20'	158	#	5	5			3		
Army Hangar (Operations Annex)	9/24/42	4/19/46	1/2 mi.NNW	37° 30'	77° 20'	156	55	5	5			3		
Old Airport Administration Building	4/19/46	6/01/50	1/3 mi.SSE	37° 30'	77° 20'	156	46	5	5			4		
Byrd Field † New Terminal Building † R. E. Byrd Interna- tional Airport effective 2/18/71	6/01/50	Present	4/5 mi. N	37° 30'	77° 20'	c164	b20	d6	d6	e19	e19	a4		

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