

Table 20. Weather Summary, Selected U.S. Cities
(Population Weighted Cooling Degree-Days¹)

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The weather for the Nation, as measured by population-weighted cooling degree-days from January 1, 1998, through July 18, 1998, has been 22 percent warmer than last year and 9 percent warmer than normal.

Location	Current 01/01/98 thru 07/18/98	Previous 01/01/97 thru 07/18/97	Normal 01/01 thru 07/18	Percent Change	
				Current vs. Previous	Current vs. Normal
U.S. Total, Population-Weighted	588	483	541	22	9
Cities					
Albuquerque	629	589	588	7	7
Amarillo	896	481	641	86	40
Asheville	524	270	348	94	51
Atlanta	984	566	774	74	27
Billings	217	168	251	29	-14
Boise	287	273	284	5	1
Boston	279	376	270	-26	3
Buffalo	224	176	213	27	5
Cheyenne	140	114	116	23	21
Chicago	472	312	331	51	43
Cincinnati	536	316	454	70	18
Cleveland	386	250	273	54	41
Columbia, SC	1,240	803	924	54	34
Denver	306	297	289	3	6
Des Moines	469	407	504	15	-7
Detroit	457	288	281	59	63
Fargo	254	230	261	10	-3
Hartford	307	338	305	-9	1
Houston	1,617	1,229	1,281	32	26
Jacksonville	1,471	1,157	1,171	27	26
Kansas City	789	493	607	60	30
Las Vegas	1,254	1,756	1,490	-29	-16
Los Angeles	90	354	172	-75	-48
Memphis	1,307	770	1,030	70	27
Miami	2,306	2,443	2,061	-6	12
Milwaukee	328	208	204	58	61
Minneapolis	344	282	341	22	1
Montgomery	1,263	863	1,018	46	24
New York	498	515	432	-3	15
Oklahoma City	1,164	725	829	61	40
Omaha	559	477	527	17	6
Philadelphia	539	480	474	12	14
Phoenix	1,737	2,295	1,979	-24	-12
Pittsburgh	336	264	290	27	16
Portland, ME	111	186	86	***	***
Providence	264	371	227	-29	16
Raleigh	826	589	630	40	31
Richmond	680	543	600	25	13
St. Louis	862	558	738	54	17
Salem, OR	75	81	75	***	***
Salt Lake City	357	419	415	-15	-14
San Francisco	30	75	34	***	***
Seattle	35	18	57	***	***
Shreveport	1,515	962	1,109	57	37
Washington, DC	644	630	696	2	-7

¹See Glossary.

*** = Normal cooling degree-days or less, or ratio in calculable.

Note: • The total cooling degree-days for the previous cooling season (January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1997) was 1,090 and the normal is 1,192. • A new method for calculating heating/cooling degree days was implemented by the Climate Analysis Center in October 1993, with further refinements implemented in November 1993. The routines incorporate 1961-1990 normals supplied by the National Climatic Data Center, and 1990 census data for calculation of population weighted degree days.