

Bennington, Vermont
Average Temperature (°F)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann'l
1952	30.2	28.5	36.0	45.7	58.5	65.7	72.1	66.9	60.4	50.1	39.1	28.6	48.9
1953	20.2	30.8	33.3	47.0	54.1	65.0	67.5	65.1	58.9	53.9	39.0	27.3	46.0
1954	19.4	25.5	32.3	48.1	59.5	64.4	72.7	71.4	58.5	51.4	36.3	19.2	46.6
1955	23.2	26.3	28.1	41.9	51.8	65.4	66.2	66.8	55.7	49.5	39.8	31.5	45.5
1956	15.8	28.4	34.5	47.2	55.5	67.9	67.6	63.9	60.7	49.0	40.4	33.0	47.0
1957	22.1	17.3	34.4	46.8	53.5	60.3	69.2	67.1	59.9	48.2	38.9	18.5	44.7
1958	20.4	20.2	31.3	46.3	58.5	64.8	70.7	70.6	63.3	50.7	37.2	29.8	47.0
1959	22.3	28.3	25.8	49.1	59.4	65.0	66.4	67.1	60.4	48.1	41.0	21.4	46.2
1960	14.7	25.4	32.9	42.1	54.2	64.5	68.3	67.7	66.6	52.3	39.0	26.9	46.2
1961	22.4	21.1	34.1	45.8	58.3	66.2	66.2	67.8	58.0	49.1	34.8	22.9	45.6
1962	20.1	16.9	34.0	43.7	55.4	65.6	70.4	64.5	56.4	53.4	44.2	18.2	45.2
1963	24.9	21.6	35.2	45.7	59.5	64.8	71.5	63.9	60.0	48.5	40.4	28.4	47.0
1964	18.9	23.5	31.1										
1965													

Bennington, Vermont
Total Precipitation (Inches)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann'l
1952	3.80	1.26	5.07	4.48	5.99	2.67	1.91	4.69	1.78	3.50	1.72	4.48	42.12
1953	3.83	3.05	4.40	3.50	5.80	3.95	2.12	4.69	1.78	3.50	1.93	4.83	48.24
1954	1.19	4.01	3.46	2.70	2.31	2.57	4.01	6.36	3.42	2.35	4.38	4.31	39.33
1955	2.92	3.31	4.59	3.82	3.56	1.93	2.72	1.46	5.96	1.27	3.17	3.97	38.68
1956	1.19	1.01	1.33	2.65	4.32	4.11	4.73	1.35	3.15	1.85	3.67	5.19	34.55
1957	3.83	2.64	1.89	2.90	2.25	1.66	5.37	2.50	3.22	2.90	3.55	.94	33.65
1958	4.10	2.15	2.06	2.65	3.32	3.70	2.79	3.26	1.56	6.00	7.19	2.97	41.75
1959	3.10	2.37	1.80	6.07	2.11	4.47	5.34	1.76	7.02	1.93	1.81	1.59	39.37
1960	1.33	2.40	2.04	4.04	3.95	4.08	5.69	6.02	6.10	2.54	3.76	2.51	44.46
1961	2.70	1.90	1.07	4.73	2.24	1.80	2.37	2.06	2.58	3.06	2.34	2.34	29.19
1962	3.25	2.16	2.09	1.94	3.41	3.30	1.29	4.46	2.34	.36	5.09	2.35	32.04
1963	3.00	2.20	3.92	3.24	1.21	1.15	2.21	4.72	.42	1.41	1.31	3.46	28.25
1964	1.37	1.68	1.63										
1965													

CLIMATE OF BENNINGTON (continued)

rences fall within about 10 days, either way, of these dates. Extreme dates for the last spring freeze are May 3 and June 3. The first fall extremes are September 7 and October 8, of the 13 years of record. The freeze-free season varies locally with topography and other local influences. Low spots, especially any with marsh soils, are notorious as "frost pockets" and have shorter seasons. Some protected spots and favored slopes, on the other hand, may have seasons longer than indicated by the records at the weather observatory. For a more severe freeze, with a 28° temperature level, the season averages 137 days, from May 13 to September 27. The average date of the first zero is December 21; the last is February 27. Zero has been recorded as early as December 7 and as late as March 26.

In summary, summers are nearly free of extreme or very uncomfortable heat. Winters are quite cold but not extremely severe. Prolonged periods of severe cold are rare. The average annual temperature extremes are 93° and -18°. Large temperature changes in the same day, even of 40° or more, are not too uncommon, especially in spring. The frequent change in day to day conditions is considered stimulating to mental and physical activities.

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HISTORY OF WEATHER OBSERVATIONS AT BENNINGTON, VT.

Mr. Paul W. Bohne began official observations as cooperative observer for the U. S. Weather Bureau in July 1952. The station is located at the Harwood Orchards, about two miles northwest of the Bennington Post Office. The station equipment included a standard 8-inch rain gage, thermometers indicating the highest and lowest temperatures in each observation period, and a standard louvered shelter in which the thermometers are exposed. In October 1961 additional equipment was installed, to make this a synoptic weather reporting station for use in forecasting. These measure wind, air pressure, etc. Mrs. Bohne shares in this work. Previous weather observations had been made by the Bennington Graded School 1896-1902, Mr. H. A. Albyn, 1920-1924, The Everett Orchards 1925-1939, and the Vermont State Fish Hatchery 1939-1950. Differences in station elevations and other elements of station exposure render the data not strictly comparable to those of the present location. Therefore, only data from Mr. Bohne are used in this summary. Averages of temperature and precipitation for the previous years are, however, not greatly different from those in this summary. No higher maximum temperature occurred previously. Coldest readings, however, were recorded. January 31, 1948, reached -33° and -32° was recorded February 9, 1934 and February 16, 1943. The wettest month was November 1927, with 11.25 inches of precipitation. Of this, 7.36 inches fell in less than 24 hours, ending in the afternoon of November 4, from a storm which brought Vermont an unprecedented flood. This flood was most damaging along the Winooski and White Rivers. Other months with more than 10 inches of rainfall were September 1938, with 10.86 inches, and July 1897, with 10.03 inches.