



MAY 1997

LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA

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KNOXVILLE, TN

MC GHEE TYSON AIRPORT (TYS)
 Lat: 35° 49' N Long: 83° 59' W Elev (Ground): 979 Feet
 Time Zone: EASTERN WBAN: 13891 ISSN #: 0198-4810

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DATE	TEMPERATURE °F						DEG DAYS BASE 65°		WEATHER	SNOW/ICE ON GND(IN)		PRECIPITATION (INCHES)		PRESSURE (INCHES OF HG)		WIND SPEED = MPH DIR = TENS OF DEGREES						DATE																																					
	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	AVERAGE	DEP FROM NORMAL	AVERAGE DEW PT	AVERAGE WET BULB	HEATING	COOLING		0700 LST	1300 LST	2400 LST	2400 LST	AVERAGE STATION	SEA LEVEL	RESULTANT SPEED	RES DIR	AVERAGE SPEED	MAXIMUM																																								
																			5-SEC	2-MIN	SPEED		DIR	SPEED	DIR																																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24																																					
01	72	50	61	0	46	55	4	0	TSRA RA	0			0.02	28.78	29.80	14.1	26	12.9	30	29	25	29	01																																				
02	81	43	62	0	47	54	3	0	TS TSRA RA BR	0			0.83	28.87	29.90	6.5	22	9.2	36	22	30	24	02																																				
03	70	51	61	-1	51	56	4	0	TSRA RA BR	0			0.89	28.83	29.85	14.7	25	17.6	38	25	29	25	03																																				
04	65	48	57	-5	38	47	8	0		0			0.00	29.14	30.18	10.2	27	7.5	21	29	16	27	04																																				
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15	70	47	59	-6	42	52	6	0		0			0.00	28.89	29.92	8.0	29	9.9	31	29	25	26	15																																				
16	64	37*	51*	-14	35	45	14	0		0			0.00	29.04	30.08	3.1	29	4.7	17	03	15	03	16																																				
17	78	40	59	-6	43	52	6	0		0			0.00	28.96	29.99	6.6	23	7.3	21	23	17	24	17																																				
18	87*	54	71	5	54	61	0	6		0			0.00	28.94	29.96	9.8	24	9.9	26	24	22	25	18																																				
19	83	61	72	6	63	66	0	7	RA	0			T	28.90	29.91	9.3	25	10.3	26	22	22	25	19																																				
20	75	59	67	1	61	64	0	2	TSRA RA BR	0			2.14	28.93	29.94	5.1	27	8.6	21	29	17	23	20																																				
21	71	52	62	-5	45	52	3	0		0			0.00	29.06	30.09	6.4	02	7.4	22	03	18	05	21																																				
22	73	47	60	-7	44	52	5	0		0			0.00	29.11	30.15	8.1	04	8.5	20	05	17	05	22																																				
23	79	50	65	-2	51	58	0	0		0			0.00	29.10	30.13	4.0	01	5.2	14	24	13	24	23																																				
24	79	60	70	2	62	65	0	5	BR HZ	0			0.00	29.01	30.03	3.5	24	6.0	21	22	17	23	24																																				
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26	78	67	73*	5	68	69	0	8	TS TSRA RA BR	0			0.03	28.81	29.82	7.1	24	7.4	18	24	15	24	26																																				
27	75	60	68	0	65	66	0	3	TS TSRA RA BR	0			0.99	28.93	29.95	3.1	03	6.1	26	26	22	25	27																																				
28	69	55	62	-7	57	59	3	0	RA BR	0			0.40	29.12	30.16	4.3	02	5.9	21	27	16	27	28																																				
29	62	54	58	-11	56	57	7	0	RA BR	0			0.15	29.14	30.18	4.6	02	3.5	9	34	7	02	29																																				
30	71	59	65	-4	62	63	0	0	RA BR	0			0.53	29.08	30.11	3.0	04	3.0	9	34	8	04	30																																				
31	81	63	72	2	63	65	0	7	RA FG+ BR	0			0.25	28.80	29.82	3.8	12	5.8	23	19	16	20	31																																				
										73.5		50.9		62.2		■ ■		50.3		56.2		4.0		1.4		< MONTHLY AVERAGES		TOTALS-->				6.76		28.97		30.00		3.2		26		7.9		<-- MONTHLY AVERAGES															
										-4.1		-2.2		-3.2		■ ■		<----- DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL ----->																				2.63		SUNSHINE, CLOUD, & VISIBILITY TABLES ON PAGE 3																			
DEGREE DAYS										GREATEST 24-HR PRECIPITATION: 2.14 DATE: 20										SEA LEVEL PRESSURE										DATE		TIME																											
MONTHLY										GREATEST 24-HR SNOWFALL: DATE:										MAXIMUM										:		05 0747																											
TOTAL DEPARTURE										SEASON TO DATE										MINIMUM										:		31 2356																											
HEATING: 124 30 3599 -338										NUMBER OF DAYS WITH →										MAXIMUM TEMP ≥ 90: 0										MINIMUM TEMP ≤ 32: 0		PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01 INCH: 15																											
COOLING: 44 -62 59 -56																				MAXIMUM TEMP ≤ 32: 0										MINIMUM TEMP ≤ 0: 0		PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10 INCH: 10																											
																				THUNDERSTORMS: 8										HEAVY FOG: 2		SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0 INCH: 0																											

HOURLY PRECIPITATION

(WATER EQUIVALENT IN INCHES)

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DATE	FOR HOUR (LST) ENDING AT												DATE	FOR HOUR (LST) ENDING AT												DATE	Sum if Different (See Note 2)	2400 LST	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24			Water	Equiv.
01						0.02	T						01												01		0.02		
02						0.01							02							0.03	0.31	0.12	0.25	0.10	02	0.81	0.83		
03	0.09	0.17	0.24	0.25	0.15								03												03	0.91	0.89		
04													04												04		0.00		
05													05												05		0.00		
06	0.02	0.03											06												06		0.05		
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24													24												24		0.00		
25				0.02	0.02	T				0.03	0.01	T	25									0.01	T		25		0.09		
26	T					0.02	T			0.01			26												26		0.03		
27													27												27		0.99		
28	T	T	0.02	0.17	T								28												28		0.40		
29	T	T	T							0.02	T	T	29												29		0.15		
30						0.01							30												30		0.53		
31													31												31		0.25		

MAXIMUM SHORT DURATION PRECIPITATION (See Note 1)

Time Period (Minutes)	5	10	15	20	30	45	60	80	100	120	150	180
Precipitation (Inches)	.32	.60	.79	.93	1.31	1.92	2.09	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14
Ending Date	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Ending Time (Hour/Min)	0119	0119	0121	0123	0117	0121	0134	0145	0145	0145	0145	0145

Date and time are not entered for TRACE amounts.

Note 1: NCDC derives these data from one-minute ASOS values. The table is not printed when inconsistent with ASOS hourly totals.

Note 2: The sum of the hourly totals is given when it differs from the daily total. NWS does not edit ASOS hourly values but may edit daily and monthly totals. Hourly, daily, and monthly totals are printed as reported by the ASOS site.

REFERENCE NOTES & SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARIES

* = Extreme for the month (last occurrence if more than one)

T = Trace precipitation amount

+ = also occurs on earlier date

FG+ = Heavy fog, visibility .25 miles or less
BLANK entries denote missing or unreported data

Resultant wind is the vector sum of the wind speeds and directions divided by the number of observations.

Wind direction is recorded in tens of degrees (2 digits) clockwise from true north. '00' = calm, 'VR' = variable.

Precipitation is for the 24-hour period ending at the time indicated in the column heading.

Water Equivalent of snow on the ground is reported only when the depth is 2 or more inches.

NORMALS ARE FOR THE YEARS 1961 – 1990

WEATHER NOTATIONS

QUALIFIER	WEATHER PHENOMENA		
	PRECIPITATION	OBSCURATION	OTHER
BC Patches	DZ Drizzle	BR Mist	DS Duststorm
BL Blowing	GR Hail	DU Widespread Dust	FC Funnel Cloud
DR Low Drifting	GS Small Hail and/or Snow Pellets	FG Fog	+FC Tornado Waterspout
FZ Freezing	IC Ice Crystals	FU Smoke	PO Well-Developed Dust/Sand Whirls
MI Shallow	PE Ice Pellets	HZ Haze	
PR Partial	RA Rain	PY Spray	SQ Squalls
SH Shower(s)	SG Snow Grains	SA Sand	SS Sandstorm
TS Thunderstorm	SN Snow	VA Volcanic Ash	GL Glaze
VC In the Vicinity	UP Unknown Precipitation		

Intensity (as indicated on pages 4 to 6):
'+' = Heavy '' = Moderate '-' = Light

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Ceilometer (30-second) data are used to derive cloudiness at or below 12,000 feet. This cloudiness is the mean cloud cover detected during sunrise to sunset (SR-SS), or midnight to midnight (MN-MN).

Satellite data are used to derive cloudiness above 12,000 feet. Effective Cloud Amount is based on the cloud cover and the transparency of the clouds within the satellite field of view (approx. 31x31 miles).

Sky Condition is based on the sum (not to exceed 8) of the sunrise to sunset cloud cover below and above 12,000 feet. Both ceilometer and satellite data must be present to compute Sky Condition. Clear = 0-2 oktas, Partly Cloudy = 3-6 oktas, Cloudy = 7-8 oktas.

A Heating (Cooling) Degree Day is the difference between the average daily temperature and 65 degrees F. The HDD season begins July 1, the CDD season begins January 1.

Dew Point is the temperature to which the air must be cooled to achieve 100% relative humidity. Wet Bulb is the temperature the air would have if cooled at constant pressure by evaporation of moisture into it, to 100% relative humidity.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

DATE	SUNSHINE		CLOUDINESS (OKTAS)				VISIBILITY (MILES)		RESERVED
	TOTAL MINUTES	PERCENT POSSIBLE	SR-SS		MN-MN		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
			CEILOMETER	SATELLITE	CEILOMETER	SATELLITE			
01	657						9.00	10.00	
02	665	81					5.00	10.00	
03	546	66					4.00	10.00	
04	692	84					10.00	10.00	
05	688	83					9.00	10.00	
06	699						7.00	10.00	
07	708						10.00	10.00	
08	428						3.00	10.00	
09	375						2.00	10.00	
10	730	88					10.00	10.00	
11	839	100					10.00	10.00	
12	662	79					8.00	10.00	
13	665	79					5.00	10.00	
14	518						.25	10.00	
15	648						10.00	10.00	
16	735						10.00	10.00	
17	710						10.00	10.00	
18	713	84					10.00	10.00	
19	670	79					7.00	10.00	
20	472	55					.75	10.00	
21	727						10.00	10.00	
22	726						10.00	10.00	
23	733						8.00	10.00	
24	528	62					3.00	10.00	
25	397	46					1.75	10.00	
26	512	60					3.00	10.00	
27	200	23					.75	10.00	
28	403						2.00	10.00	
29	201						1.50	9.00	
30	347						.75	10.00	
31	509	59					.25	10.00	
MONTHLY AVGS							5.84	9.97	
SUNSHINE (MINUTES)									
Total: 18103 Possible: 26143 Percent Possible: 69									
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:									
SKY CONDITION									
CLR PTLY CLDY CLOUDY MISSING 31									
MINIMUM VISIBILITY (MILES)									
<=0.25 <=3.0 >=7.0 2 12 16									

OBSERVATIONS AT 3-HOURLY INTERVALS

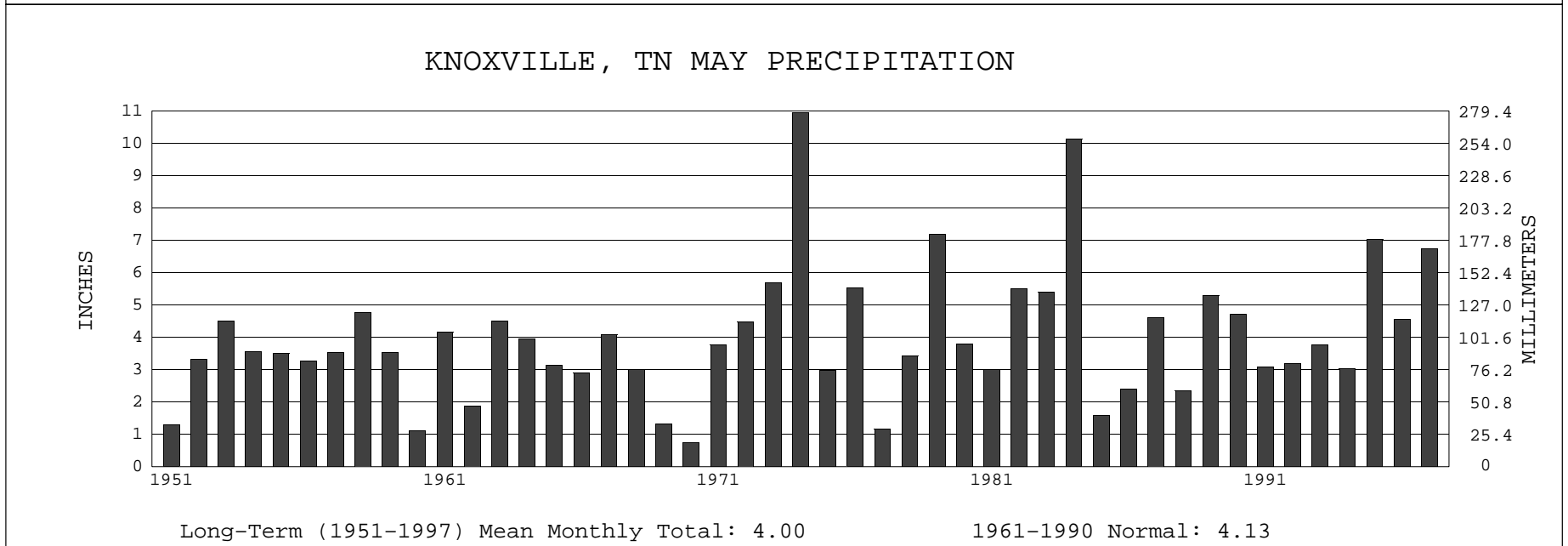
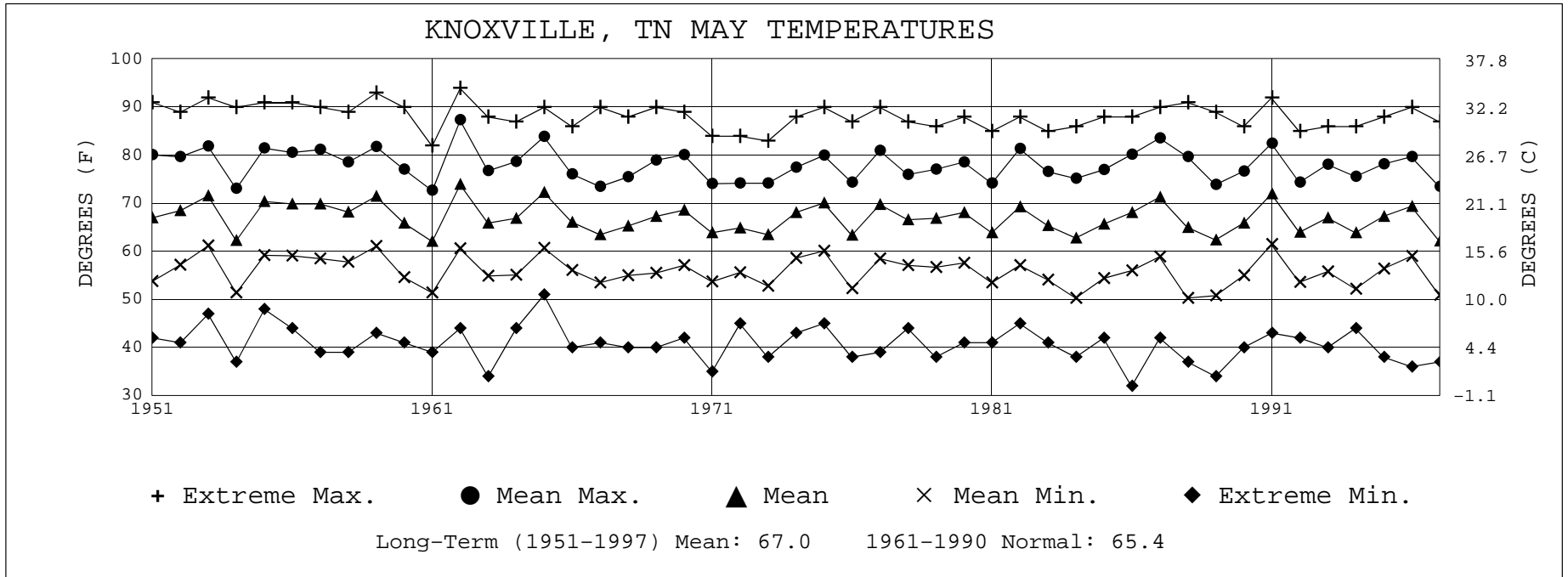
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HOUR (LST)	≤ 12K FEET		SATELLITE		WEATHER	TEMPERATURE °F				WIND		PRESSURE (INCHES, HG)		HOUR (LST)	≤ 12K FEET		SATELLITE		WEATHER	TEMPERATURE °F				WIND		PRESSURE (INCHES, HG)									
	SKY COVER	CEILING 100'S OF FT	OBSERVATION TIME (LST)	EFF CLD AMT Oktas		VISIBILITY (MILES)	DRY BULB	DEW POINT	WET BULB	RELATIVE HUMIDITY (PCT)	SPEED (MPH)	DIRECTION TENS OF DEG	STATION		SEA LEVEL	SKY COVER	CEILING 100'S OF FT	OBSERVATION TIME (LST)		EFF CLD AMT Oktas	VISIBILITY (MILES)	DRY BULB	DEW POINT	WET BULB	RELATIVE HUMIDITY (PCT)	SPEED (MPH)	DIRECTION TENS OF DEG	STATION	SEA LEVEL						
SUNRISE: 0524						MAY 25						SUNSET: 1941						SUNRISE: 0521						MAY 31						SUNSET: 1946					
01	OVC	100			6.00	HZ	69	64	66	84	0	00	28.90	29.92	01	OVC	060			1.00	BR	64	63	63	96	3	07	28.96	29.98						
04	OVC	032			4.00	-RA BR	67	64	65	91	14	21	28.89	29.91	04	OVC	002			1.00	BR	63	63	63	100	3	08	28.92	29.94						
07	BKN	037			6.00	BR	66	64	65	93	3	28	28.86	29.87	07	OVC	001			1.25	BR	63	63	63	100	6	06	28.90	29.93						
10	OVC	031			1.75	RA BR	69	67	68	93	6	21	28.84	29.85	10	FEW	NC			10.00		71	63	66	76	0	00	28.87	29.89						
13	OVC	031			10.00		74	67	69	79	17	24	28.80	29.81	13	OVC	060			10.00		77	60	66	56	12	20	28.82	29.83						
16	OVC	021			10.00		75	67	70	76	17	21	28.75	29.76	16	SCT	NC			10.00		79	59	66	50	14	17	28.72	29.72						
19	OVC	032			9.00		69	66	67	90	15	22	28.75	29.77	19	OVC	065			10.00	-RA	70	65	67	84	12	28	28.68	29.70						
22	OVC	050			3.00	-RA BR	68	67	67	96	12	23	28.79	29.80	22	OVC	020			3.00	RA BR	67	65	66	93	0	00	28.67	29.68						
SUNRISE: 0524						MAY 26						SUNSET: 1942						3-HOURLY OBSERVATION NOTES																	
Sky Cover is the amount of the sky obscured. CLR = 0, FEW = 1/8-2/8, SCT = 3/8-4/8, BKN = 5/8-7/8, OVC = 8/8, VV = Vertical Visibility = 8/8. Ceiling is reported in hundreds of feet above ground level for clouds at or below 12,000 feet. NC = No ceiling detected. & = Original observation contained additional weather elements. See page 3 for additional notes.																																			
01	OVC	070			4.00	BR	68	66	67	93	10	23	28.78	29.79																					
04	OVC	009			5.00	BR	67	65	66	93	9	23	28.78	29.79																					
07	BKN	007			3.00	BR	68	66	67	93	9	22	28.79	29.80																					
10	BKN	030			8.00		74	68	70	82	10	24	28.84	29.85																					
13	BKN	055			10.00		76	67	70	74	3	21	28.84	29.85																					
16	BKN	100			10.00		75	69	71	82	5	26	28.80	29.81																					
19	OVC	055			9.00		74	69	71	85	3	25	28.81	29.82																					
22	SCT	NC			4.00	BR	69	68	68	96	5	23	28.84	29.85																					
SUNRISE: 0523						MAY 27						SUNSET: 1943																							
01	BKN	120			6.00	BR	69	67	68	93	3	24	28.84	29.85																					
04	FEW	NC			2.00	BR	68	67	67	96	0	00	28.84	29.85																					
07	OVC	001			1.50	BR	69	67	68	93	6	01	28.88	29.90																					
10	OVC	006			3.00	BR	70	67	68	90	7	06	28.92	29.94																					
13	BKN	034			8.00		73	68	70	84	7	04	28.91	29.93																					
16	OVC	024			10.00		65	63	64	93	7	07	28.94	29.96																					
19	OVC	008			3.00	-RA BR	63	61	62	93	13	05	29.00	30.02																					
22	OVC	030			3.00	-RA BR	62	60	61	93	3	01	29.04	30.07																					
SUNRISE: 0523						MAY 28						SUNSET: 1944																							
01	OVC	018			3.00	BR	59	58	58	96	6	06	29.06	30.09																					
04	OVC	012			2.00	-RA BR	58	57	57	97	6	06	29.09	30.12																					
07	OVC	050			3.00	BR	58	56	57	93	5	06	29.14	30.17																					
10	OVC	048			10.00		63	58	60	84	5	VR	29.15	30.18																					
13	BKN	080			10.00		67	59	62	76	12	03	29.11	30.14																					
16	OVC	045			10.00		66	54	59	65	8	25	29.12	30.15																					
19	OVC	048			5.00	-RA BR	60	58	59	93	0	00	29.12	30.16																					
22	OVC	005			2.50	-RA BR	57	54	55	90	5	07	29.16	30.19																					
SUNRISE: 0522						MAY 29						SUNSET: 1944																							
01	OVC	035			5.00	-RA BR	55	54	54	96	0	00	29.15	30.18																					
04	OVC	003			7.00		55	54	54	96	5	35	29.14	30.17																					
07	OVC	012			2.50	BR	54	53	53	97	6	02	29.16	30.19																					
10	OVC	007			8.00		57	54	55	90	6	02	29.15	30.19																					
13	OVC	011			4.00	-RA	58	56	57	93	3	01	29.14	30.18																					
16	OVC	012			5.00	-RA BR	61	58	59	90	3	06	29.12	30.16																					
19	OVC	011			8.00		61	59	60	93	5	09	29.12	30.16																					
22	OVC	009			7.00	-RA	60	59	59	96	0	00	29.15	30.19																					
SUNRISE: 0522						MAY 30						SUNSET: 1945																							
01	OVC	029			5.00	BR	60	59	59	96	0	00	29.13	30.16																					
04	OVC	007			5.00	BR	60	59	59	96	5	03	29.11	30.14																					
07	OVC	026			2.00	BR	61	59	60	93	3	07	29.13	30.16																					
10	OVC	008			8.00		64	60	62	87	7	06	29.14	30.17																					
13	OVC	030			10.00		69	62	65	78	0	00	29.09	30.11																					
16	OVC	019			10.00		70	64	66	82	6	36	29.04	30.07																					
19	OVC	046			4.00	-RA BR	66	65	65	96	5	08	29.02	30.05																					
22	BKN	046			8.00		64	63	63	96	0	00	29.02	30.05																					





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