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# Total Seasonal Rainfall (Precipitation)

## Downtown Los Angeles (USC Campus) 1877-2021



Rainfall at the Getty Center. Photo courtesy of MonicaVolpin & [Pixabay.com](#).



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**NOTE:** When most weather reporting sources cite weather in Los Angeles (without specifying where, exactly, in Los Angeles), these numbers are typically for the Downtown Los Angeles weather station (actually located on the USC campus).

This last rainfall season (2020-2021) was the [seventh driest season for Los Angeles](#) since rainfall records began being kept in 1877.

 [Downtown LA Rainfall Chart, 1887-2020](#)

Downtown Los Angeles historical seasonal rainfall chart, 1877-2020.  
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In July 1999, for the start of the 1999-2000 rain season, **the Downtown Los Angeles weather station was relocated** from the upper level of a two-story parking structure at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) building to a ground-level, park-like setting on the University of Southern California (USC) campus. This was the first time that the downtown station was located outside the city center of Los Angeles. The move was part of a nationwide effort by the



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National Weather Service to locate all weather stations at ground-level with more natural surroundings. The USC location is almost four miles closer to the coast and about 90 feet lower in elevation than the former DWP location. The relocation naturally drew [some concern by meteorologists](#), regarding the continuity of overall historic weather data trends for Downtown Los Angeles station.



**Overall average for seasons 1877 through 2020: 14.67 inches\***

Season (July 1- June 30)	Total Inches of Rainfall	Inches Above/Below (+/-) Overall Season Average*
2021-2022	See <a href="#">month-by-month numbers as season unfolds</a> .	
2020-2021	5.82	-8.85
2019-2020	14.86	+0.19
2018-2019	18.82	+4.15
2017-2018	4.79	-9.88
2016-2017	19.00	+4.33
2015-2016	9.65	-5.02
2014-2015	8.52	-6.15
2013-2014	6.08	-8.59
2012-2013	5.85	-8.82
2011-2012	8.69	-5.98
2010-2011	20.20	+5.53
2009-2010	16.36	+1.69
2008-2009	9.08	-5.59
2007-2008	13.53	-1.14

Season (July 1- June 30)	Total Inches of Rainfall	Inches Above/Below (+/-) Overall Season Average*
2006-2007	3.21	-11.46
2005-2006	13.19	-1.48
2004-2005	37.25	+22.58
2003-2004	9.24	-5.43
2002-2003	16.49	+1.82
2001-2002	4.42	-10.25
2000-2001	17.94	+3.27
1999-2000	11.57	-3.10
1998-1999	9.09	-5.58
1997-1998	31.01	+16.34
1996-1997	12.40	-2.27
1995-1996	12.46	-2.21
1994-1995	24.35	+9.68
1993-1994	8.11	-6.56
1992-1993	27.36	+12.69
1991-1992	21.00	+6.33
1990-1991	11.47	-3.20
1989-1990	7.35	-7.32
1988-1989	8.08	-6.59
1987-1988	12.48	-2.19
1986-1987	7.66	-7.01

Season (July 1- June 30)	Total Inches of Rainfall	Inches Above/Below (+/-) Overall Season Average*
1985-1986	17.86	+3.19
1984-1985	12.82	-1.85
1983-1984	10.43	-4.24
1982-1983	31.25	+16.58
1981-1982	10.71	-3.96
1980-1981	8.98	-5.69
1979-1980	26.98	+12.31
1978-1979	19.67	+5.00
1977-1978	33.44	+18.77
1976-1977	12.31	-2.36
1975-1976	7.22	-7.45
1974-1975	14.35	-0.32
1973-1974	14.92	+0.25
1972-1973	21.26	+6.59
1971-1972	7.17	-7.50
1970-1971	12.32	-2.35
1969-1970	7.77	-6.90
1968-1969	27.47	+12.80
1967-1968	16.58	+1.91
1966-1967	22.00	+7.33
1965-1966	20.44	+5.77

Season (July 1- June 30)	Total Inches of Rainfall	Inches Above/Below (+/-) Overall Season Average*
1964-1965	13.69	-0.98
1963-1964	7.93	-6.74
1962-1963	8.38	-6.29
1961-1962	18.79	+4.12
1960-1961	4.85	-9.82
1959-1960	8.18	-6.49
1958-1959	5.58	-9.09
1957-1958	21.13	+6.46
1956-1957	9.54	-5.13
1955-1956	16.00	+1.33
1954-1955	11.94	-2.73
1953-1954	11.99	-2.68
1952-1953	9.46	-5.21
1951-1952	26.21	+11.54
1950-1951	8.21	-6.46
1949-1950	10.60	-4.07
1948-1949	7.99	-6.68
1947-1948	7.22	-7.45
1946-1947	12.61	-2.06
1945-1946	12.13	-2.54
1944-1945	11.58	-3.09

Season (July 1- June 30)	Total Inches of Rainfall	Inches Above/Below (+/-) Overall Season Average*
1943-1944	19.21	+4.54
1942-1943	19.17	+4.50
1941-1942	11.18	-3.49
1940-1941	32.76 <sup>†</sup>	+18.09
1939-1940	18.96	+4.29
1938-1939	13.06 <sup>†</sup>	-1.61
1937-1938	23.43	+8.76
1936-1937	22.41	+7.74
1935-1936	12.07	-2.60
1934-1935	21.66	+6.99
1933-1934	14.55	-0.12
1932-1933	11.84	-2.83
1931-1932	16.95	+2.28
1930-1931	12.53	-2.14
1929-1930	12.50	-2.17
1928-1929	12.66	-2.01
1927-1928	9.77	-4.90
1926-1927	17.44 <sup>†</sup>	+2.77
1925-1926	17.56	+2.89
1924-1925	7.38 <sup>†</sup>	-7.29
1923-1924	6.67	-8.00

Season (July 1- June 30)	Total Inches of Rainfall	Inches Above/Below (+/-) Overall Season Average*
1922-1923	9.59	-5.08
1921-1922	19.66	+4.99
1920-1921	13.71	-0.96
1919-1920	12.52	-2.15
1918-1919	8.58	-6.09
1917-1918	13.86	-0.81
1916-1917	15.26	+0.59
1915-1916	19.92	+5.25
1914-1915	17.05	+2.38
1913-1914	23.65	+8.98
1912-1913	13.42	-1.25
1911-1912	11.60	-3.07
1910-1911	16.18	+1.51
1909-1910	12.63	-2.04
1908-1909	19.18	+4.51
1907-1908	11.72	-2.95
1906-1907	19.30	+4.63
1905-1906	18.65	+3.98
1904-1905	19.52	+4.85
1903-1904	8.72	-5.95
1902-1903	19.32	+4.65



Season (July 1- June 30)	Total Inches of Rainfall	Inches Above/Below (+/-) Overall Season Average*
1901-1902	10.60	-4.07
1900-1901	16.29	+1.62
1899-1900	7.91	-6.76
1898-1899	5.59	-9.08
1897-1898	7.06	-7.61
1896-1897	16.86	+2.19
1895-1896	8.51	-6.16
1894-1895	16.11	+1.44
1893-1894	6.73	-7.94
1892-1893	26.28	+11.61
1891-1892	11.85	-2.82
1890-1891	13.36	-1.31
1889-1890	34.84	+20.17
1888-1889	19.28	+4.61
1887-1888	13.87	-0.80
1886-1887	14.05	-0.62
1885-1886	22.31	+7.64
1884-1885	9.21	-5.46
1883-1884	38.18	+23.51
1882-1883	12.11	-2.56
1881-1882	10.40	-4.27

Season (July 1-June 30)	Total Inches of Rainfall	Inches Above/Below (+/-) Overall Season Average*
1880-1881	13.13	-1.54
1879-1880	20.34	+5.67
1878-1879	11.35	-3.32
1877-1878	21.26	+6.59

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\* Average as calculated over all years of available rainfall data. Keep in mind that a few seasons of high rainfall skew the average upwards. The current "normal" or average seasonal precipitation for this station, [updated on May 4, 2021](#), is 14.25 inches, based upon the 30-year average for 1991 through 2020.

† One or more months during the season was missing data for five or more days.

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