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# HOUSTON, TX

G BUSH INTCNTL APT/HOU APT (IAH)  
 Lat: 29°59' N Long: 95°21' W Elev (Ground): 118 Feet  
 Time Zone: CENTRAL WBAN: 12960 ISSN #:0198-5094

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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		0600 LST	1200 LST	2400 LST	2400 LST	AVERAGE STATION	AVERAGE SEA LEVEL	RESULTANT SPEED	RES DIR	AVERAGE SPEED	MAXIMUM						
																			5-SEC		2-MIN				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
01	56	35	46	-11	37	42	19	0	MIFG	0		0.0	0.00	30.20	30.32	1.6	09	3.0	10	10	9	10	01		
02	66	44	55	-1	42	48	10	0		0		0.0	0.00	30.10	30.22	1.3	36	3.2	12	34	8	35	02		
03	60	42	51	-5	44	48	14	0	RA	0		0.0	0.02	30.05	30.17	1.8	11	2.9	12	12	10	12	03		
04	63	53	58	2	49	53	7	0		0		0.0	0.00	29.97	30.09	4.1	09	5.0	18	13	15	13	04		
05	75	58	67	11	64	65	0	2	RA BR	0		0.0	0.02	29.81	29.92	5.4	16	6.8	20	16	16	17	05		
06	75	60	68	13	68	69	0	3	TSRA RA BR	0		0.0	0.98	29.75	29.87	3.3	19	6.6	37*	28	26	30	06		
07	71	50	61	6	48	54	4	0		0		0.0	0.00	29.90	30.01	3.3	32	4.4	18	36	15	34	07		
08	69	49	59	4	55	57	6	0		0		0.0	0.00	29.86	29.98	2.4	08	5.0	17	14	14	15	08		
09	79	53	66	11	49	57	0	1		0		0.0	0.00	29.74	29.86	6.4	26	6.8	25	26	17	26	09		
10	69	50	60	5	36	49	5	0		0		0.0	0.00	29.96	30.08	8.4	31	9.1	29	33	23	33	10		
11	68	45	57	3	35	46	8	0	HZ	0		0.0	0.00	30.02	30.14	1.7	30	4.9	16	36	14	36	11		
12	79*	45	62	8	53	57	3	0		0		0.0	0.00	29.88	29.99	5.1	21	5.9	28	21	21	21	12		
13	64	46	55	1	35	47	10	0		0		0.0	0.00	30.20	30.32	13.3	36	13.5	29	01	25	36	13		
14	54	33	44	-10	23	36	21	0		0		0.0	0.00	30.49	30.61	9.0	36	9.2	28	01	21	36	14		
15	55	28	42	-12	32	38	23	0		0		0.0	0.00	30.36	30.48	8.1	10	9.1	18	13	14	09	15		
16	51	43	47	-6	44	46	18	0	RA BR	0		0.0	0.46	30.21	30.33	9.6	03	10.5	23	04	21	04	16		
17	61	46	54	1	45	49	11	0		0		0.0	0.00	30.22	30.34	6.6	36	7.4	17	01	14	01	17		
18	67	39	53	0	38	46	12	0	BR	0		0.0	0.00	30.13	30.25	4.7	29	5.1	18	34	15	33	18		
19	65	38	52	-1	32	43	13	0		0		0.0	0.00	30.22	30.34	5.3	35	5.8	22	36	18	01	19		
20	71	38	55	2	42	50	10	0		0		0.0	0.00	30.00	30.11	9.2	19	9.5	26	23	20	21	20		
21	71	54	63	10	59	60	2	0	RA BR	0		0.0	0.26	29.77	29.88	6.3	15	6.5	18	14	16	13	21		
22	61	35	48	-5	46	47	17	0	RA FG+ BR	0		0.0	0.17	29.78	29.89	10.9	33	11.2	30	33	25	34	22		
23	43	31	37	-16	24	31	28	0		0		0.0	0.00	30.17	30.28	11.2	36	11.8	32	01	26*	35	23		
24	37	31	34*	-18	18	28	31	0	SN	0		T	0.02	30.19	30.31	12.8	36	13.0	24	36	21	01	24		
25	49	32	41	-11	21	32	24	0		0		0.0	0.00	30.12	30.24	3.2	33	4.5	14	33	13	32	25		
26	59	28*	44	-8	28	36	21	0		0		0.0	0.00	30.23	30.34	1.6	18	2.3	12	14	10	14	26		
27	61	30	46	-6	37	42	19	0		0		0.0	0.00	30.34	30.46	4.3	12	5.0	21	15	15	12	27		
28	68	41	55	3	49	52	10	0	BR	0		0.0	0.00	30.26	30.37	8.2	13	8.4	23	13	20	14	28		
29	72	49	61	9	57	59	4	0	RA BR	0		0.0	T	30.16	30.28	6.1	13	6.4	20	14	17	14	29		
30	75	57	66	14	61	63	0	1	RA BR	0		0.0	0.02	30.05	30.16	7.1	14	7.9	21	19	17	17	30		
31	76	62	69*	17	63	65	0	4	RA FG BR	0		0.0	T	30.05	30.16	8.6	13	9.0	20	14	17	13	31		
64.2 43.4 53.8 ■■										43.0 48.9 11.3 0.4		< MONTHLY AVERAGES TOTALS->		T	1.95	30.07	30.19	1.4	02	7.1	<- MONTHLY AVERAGES				
- .4 0.6 0.1 ■■										<-----DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL----->					-1.74	SUNSHINE, CLOUD, & VISIBILITY TABLES ON PAGE 3									
DEGREE DAYS									GREATEST 24-HR PRECIPITATION: 0.98 DATE :06				SEA LEVEL PRESSURE				DATE		TIME						
MONTHLY TOTAL DEPARTURE									GREATEST 24-HR SNOWFALL: T DATE :24				MAXIMUM				: 30.69		14 0953						
SEASON TO DATE TOTAL DEPARTURE									GREATEST SNOW DEPTH: 0 DATE :				MINIMUM				: 29.73		06 1753						
HEATING: 350			-17			474			-120			NUMBER OF DAYS WITH		MAXIMUM TEMP ≥ 90: 0		MINIMUM TEMP ≤ 32: 6		PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01 INCH : 8							
COOLING: 11			-14			3297			404			MAXIMUM TEMP ≤ 32 : 0		MINIMUM TEMP ≤ 0 : 0		PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10 INCH : 4									
												THUNDERSTORMS : 1		HEAVY FOG : 1		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)	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													01												01			0.00	
02													02												02			0.00	
03													03					0.02	T						03			0.02	
04													04												04			0.00	
05				T	T	T	0.01	T	0.01	T			05			T						T	T		05			0.02	
06													06	0.18	0.20	0.14		T	T			T			06			0.98	
07													07												07			0.00	
08													08												08			0.00	
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23													23												23			0.00	
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26													26												26			0.00	
27													27												27			0.00	
28													28												28			0.00	
29													29	T			T								29			T	
30													30												30			0.02	
31		T	T										31												31			T	

## MAXIMUM SHORT DURATION PRECIPITATION (See Note)

Time Period (Minutes)	5	10	15	20	30	45	60	80	100	120	150	180
Precipitation (Inches)	.21	.26	.26	.27	.30	.36	.42	.47	.57	.64	.68	.80
Ending Date	21	21	21	06	06	06	06	06	06	06	06	06
Ending Time (Hour/Min)	1125	1128	1128	1151	1155	1212	1230	1244	1310	1331	1401	1427

Date and time are not entered for TRACE amounts.

Note : 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 1971–2000

### 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	PL Ice Pellets	HZ Haze	SQ Squalls
PR Partial	RA Rain	PY Spray	SS Sandstorm
SH Shower(s)	SG Snow Grains	SA Sand	GL Glaze
TS Thunderstorm	SN Snow	VA Volcanic Ash	
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 to saturation at constant pressure by evaporation of water into it.

Snow Depth, Snowfall, and Sunshine data may come from nearby sites that the National Weather Service deems Climatologically representative of this site.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES:

DATE	SUNSHINE		CLOUDINESS (OKTAS)				VISIBILITY (MILES)		RESERVED
	TOTAL MINUTES	PERCENT POSSIBLE	SR–SS		MN–MN		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
			CEILOMETER	SATELLITE	CEILOMETER	SATELLITE			
01							10.00	10.00	
02							10.00	10.00	
03							10.00	10.00	
04							10.00	10.00	
05							.13	10.00	
06							.75	10.00	
07							10.00	10.00	
08							10.00	10.00	
09							9.00	10.00	
10							10.00	10.00	
11							6.00	10.00	
12							9.00	10.00	
13							10.00	10.00	
14							10.00	10.00	
15							10.00	10.00	
16							2.00	10.00	
17							8.00	10.00	
18							4.00	10.00	
19							10.00	10.00	
20							10.00	10.00	
21							2.00	10.00	
22							.00	10.00	
23							10.00	10.00	
24							1.00	10.00	
25							10.00	10.00	
26							10.00	10.00	
27							10.00	10.00	
28							6.00	10.00	
29							2.00	10.00	
30							2.00	10.00	
31							.25	10.00	
<b>MONTHLY AVGS</b>							7.08	10.00	
<b>SUNSHINE (MINUTES)</b>									
Total:      Possible: Percent Possible:									
<b>NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:</b>									
<b>SKY CONDITION</b>									
CLR   PTLY CLDY   CLOUDY   MISSING 31									
<b>MINIMUM VISIBILITY (MILES)</b>									
<=0.25   <=3.0   >=7.0 3                      7                      19									





# OBSERVATIONS AT 3-HOURLY INTERVALS

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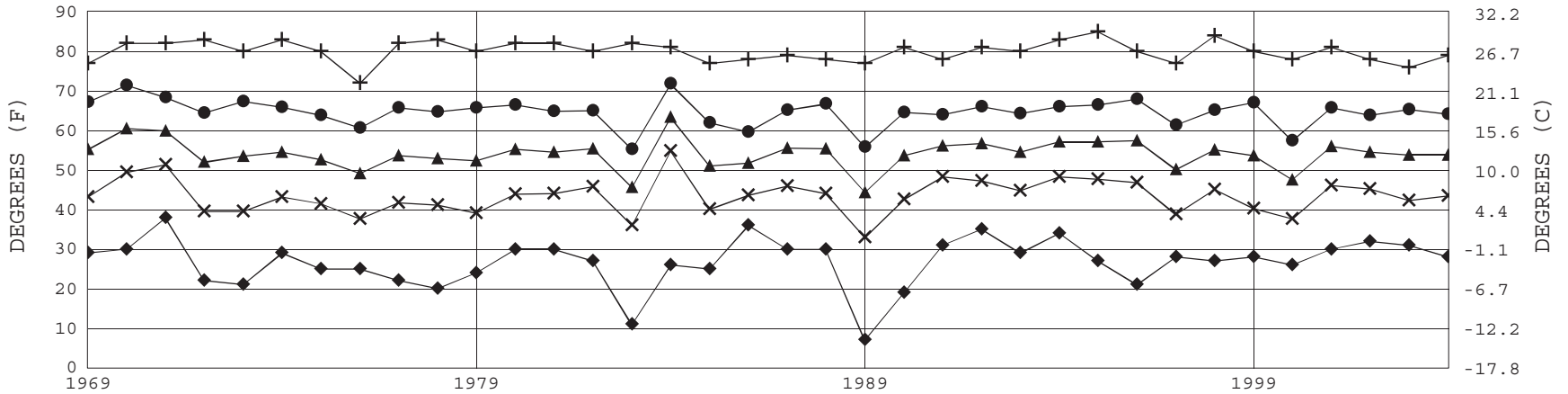
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HOUR (LST)	SATELLITE		WEATHER	TEMPERATURE °F				WIND		PRESSURE (INCHES, HG)		HOUR (LST)	SATELLITE		WEATHER	TEMPERATURE °F				WIND		PRESSURE (INCHES, HG)			
	SKY COVER	CEILING 100'S OF FT		OBSERVATION TIME (LST)	EFF CLD AMT Oktas	VISIBILITY (MILES)	DRY BULB	DEW POINT	WET BULB	RELATIVE HUMIDITY (PCT)	SPEED (MPH)		DIRECTION TENS OF DEG	STATION		SEA LEVEL	OBSERVATION TIME (LST)	EFF CLD AMT Oktas	VISIBILITY (MILES)	DRY BULB	DEW POINT	WET BULB	RELATIVE HUMIDITY (PCT)	SPEED (MPH)	DIRECTION TENS OF DEG
SUNRISE: 0715 DEC 25 SUNSET: 1729												SUNRISE: 0717 DEC 31 SUNSET: 1733													
03	OVC	080		10.00	35	19	30	52	7	34	30.11	30.23	03	OVC	090		7.00	63	62	62	97	5	11	30.02	30.14
06	OVC	250		10.00	34	19	29	54	9	32	30.08	30.21	06	OVC	070		6.00	63	62	62	97	5	10	30.02	30.14
09	OVC	250		10.00	34	20	29	56	7	32	30.18	30.31	09	OVC	070		1.50	64	63	63	96	8	14	30.07	30.19
12	BKN	250		10.00	39	19	32	45	3	VR	30.15	30.27	12	BKN	080		10.00	74	63	67	69	12	16	30.07	30.19
15	SCT	NC		10.00	47	16	36	29	3	VR	30.04	30.16	15	OVC	080		10.00	73	64	67	74	10	11	30.02	30.14
18	CLR	NC		10.00	40	24	34	53	0	00	30.06	30.18	18	SCT	NC		10.00	68	63	65	84	14	13	30.03	30.15
21	CLR	NC		10.00	34	28	32	79	0	00	30.13	30.25	21	OVC	002		0.25	65	64	64	97	9	13	30.05	30.17
24	CLR	NC		10.00	33	28	31	82	0	00	30.16	30.28	24	VV	002		0.25	64	63	63	96	10	10	30.06	30.18
SUNRISE: 0716 DEC 26 SUNSET: 1729												3-HOURLY OBSERVATION NOTES													
03	CLR	NC		10.00	31	27	29	85	0	00	30.14	30.26	Sky Cover is the amount of the sky obscured. CLR or SKC = 0, FEW = 1/8-2/8, SCT = 3/8-4/8, BKN = 5/8-7/8, OVC = 8/8, VV = Vertical Visibility = 8/8.												
06	CLR	NC		10.00	29	27	28	92	0	00	30.16	30.28	Ceiling is reported in hundreds of feet above ground level for clouds at or below 12,000 feet.												
09	CLR	NC		10.00	38	30	35	73	0	00	30.23	30.35	NC= No ceiling detected.												
12	CLR	NC		10.00	52	27	42	38	0	00	30.24	30.36	& = Original observation contained additional weather elements.												
15	CLR	NC		10.00	58	23	43	26	5	VR	30.21	30.33	See page 3 for additional notes.												
18	FEW	NC		10.00	50	31	42	48	7	15	30.23	30.35													
21	CLR	NC		10.00	45	31	39	58	7	19	30.29	30.41													
24	CLR	NC		10.00	37	31	35	79	0	00	30.31	30.43													
SUNRISE: 0716 DEC 27 SUNSET: 1730												SUMMARY BY HOUR													
03	CLR	NC		10.00	35	32	34	89	0	00	30.30	30.42	AVERAGES												
06	FEW	NC		10.00	33	30	32	89	0	00	30.31	30.43	RESULTANT WIND (MPH)												
09	FEW	NC		10.00	42	36	39	79	5	04	30.39	30.51	HOUR (LST)												
12	FEW	NC		10.00	57	38	48	49	6	11	30.38	30.50	CEILOMETER												
15	FEW	NC		10.00	60	42	51	52	12	13	30.32	30.44	EFF CLD AMT												
18	SCT	NC		10.00	50	41	46	71	7	13	30.32	30.44	DRY BULB												
21	SCT	NC		10.00	48	40	44	74	7	13	30.34	30.46	DEW POINT												
24	SCT	NC		10.00	44	39	42	83	3	12	30.33	30.45	WET BULB												
SUNRISE: 0716 DEC 28 SUNSET: 1730												RELATIVE HUMIDITY													
03	BKN	250		10.00	43	40	42	89	5	10	30.30	30.42	PRESSURE (INCHES, HG)												
06	SCT	NC		10.00	44	41	43	89	5	11	30.28	30.40	STATION												
09	SCT	NC		10.00	52	47	49	83	6	09	30.29	30.41	SEA LEVEL												
12	SCT	NC		10.00	65	53	58	66	14	13	30.28	30.40	VISIBILITY (MILES)												
15	BKN	060		10.00	66	54	59	65	16	14	30.20	30.32	WIND SPEED (MPH)												
18	BKN	055		10.00	61	55	58	81	9	14	30.20	30.32	SPEED												
21	BKN	037		10.00	57	55	56	93	5	12	30.21	30.34	DIRECTION												
24	BKN	250		6.00 BR	53	52	52	96	0	00	30.22	30.33													
SUNRISE: 0717 DEC 29 SUNSET: 1731																									
03	BKN	030		4.00 BR	51	51	51	100	5	09	30.18	30.29													
06	BKN	250		4.00 BR	51	51	51	100	3	05	30.17	30.29													
09	OVC	036		2.00 BR	60	59	59	96	5	15	30.21	30.33													
12	OVC	060		10.00	69	61	64	76	9	15	30.20	30.32													
15	OVC	049		10.00	69	62	65	78	14	15	30.12	30.24													
18	BKN	090		10.00	64	60	62	87	8	12	30.11	30.22													
21	BKN	250		9.00	61	60	60	97	6	13	30.13	30.25													
24	BKN	250		3.00 BR	61	59	60	93	7	14	30.11	30.23													
SUNRISE: 0717 DEC 30 SUNSET: 1732																									
03	BKN	090		3.00 BR	60	59	59	96	6	15	30.07	30.19													
06	OVC	050		5.00 BR	61	59	60	93	7	13	30.04	30.16													
09	OVC	022		2.00 BR	63	61	62	93	10	13	30.09	30.20													
12	BKN	250		8.00	70	64	66	82	8	13	30.07	30.19													
15	OVC	080		10.00	75	59	65	58	14	18	29.99	30.10													
18	OVC	120		10.00	71	62	66	73	8	15	30.00	30.11													
21	OVC	250		8.00	65	63	64	93	7	11	30.03	30.14													
24	OVC	070		7.00	63	61	62	93	6	10	30.04	30.16													

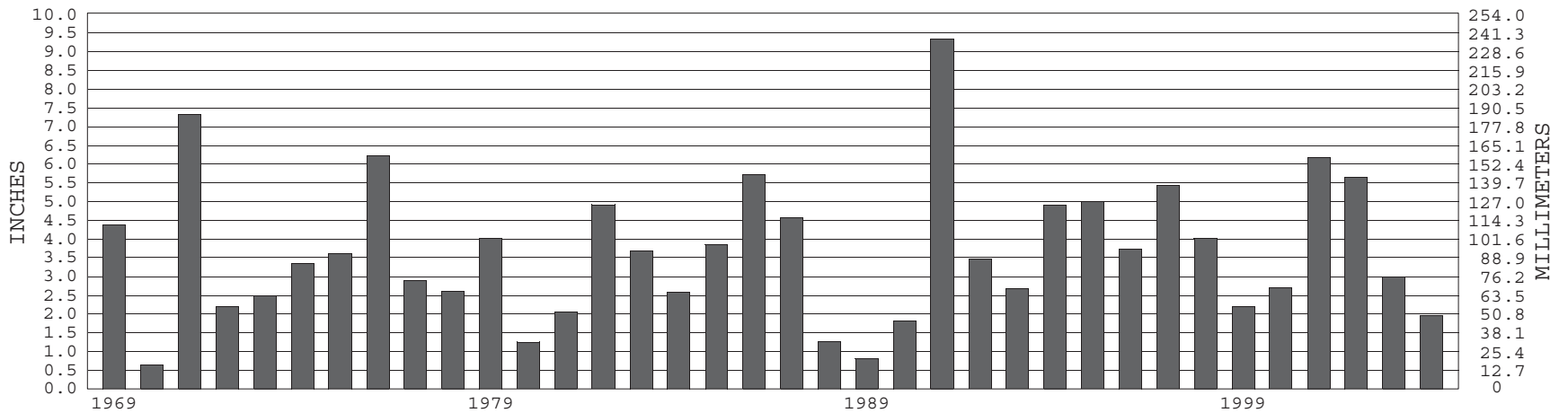
### HOUSTON, TX DECEMBER TEMPERATURES



+ Extreme Max.      ● Mean Max.      ▲ Mean      × Mean Min.      ◆ Extreme Min.

Long-Term (1969-2004) Mean: 54.1      1971-2000 Normal: 53.7

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Long-Term (1969-2004) Mean Monthly Total: 3.68

1971-2000 Normal: 3.69



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