



# DECEMBER 2005

## LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA

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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

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	DIR	2-MIN		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	70	50	60	3	46	53	5	0		0	0.0	0.00	29.98	30.09	6.4	36	7.5	22	03	18	01	01	
02	67	42	55	-1	48	52	10	0	BR	0	0.0	0.00	29.93	30.04	7.7	12	9.8	21	14	18	14	02	
03	83*	67	75*	19	66	69	0	10		0	0.0	0.00	29.76	29.87	8.6	20	9.3	28	21	22	22	03	
04	78	49	64	8	55	59	1	0	RA BR	0	0.0	0.40	29.82	29.94	4.8	32	8.0	21	34	17	34	04	
05	58	40	49	-7	30	41	16	0		0	0.0	0.00	30.08	30.20	10.7	35	11.1	29	01	21	01	05	
06	58	32	45	-10	30	39	20	0		0	0.0	0.00	30.12	30.24	6.6	11	7.8	18	13	15	15	06	
07	53	37	45	-10	38	44	20	0	RA DZ BR	0	0.0	0.01	30.07	30.19	8.4	03	11.2	23	33	18	33	07	
08	37	31*	34*	-21	27	31	31	0	RA DZ HZ	0	0.0	T	30.29	30.41	14.5	34	14.7	31	34	24	34	08	
09	48	33	41	-14	23	34	24	0		0	0.0	0.00	30.29	30.41	6.7	02	7.8	18	01	15	01	09	
10	55	39	47	-8	39	44	18	0	RA BR	0	0.0	T	30.07	30.19	1.1	31	1.5	8	33	8	33	10	
11	65	37	51	-3	32	42	14	0		0	0.0	0.00	30.08	30.20	3.5	34	4.4	14	36	12	01	11	
12	69	41	55	1	36	45	10	0		0	0.0	0.00	30.02	30.14	0.8	20	1.9	8	19	7	19	12	
13	70	39	55	1	47	52	10	0	BR	0	0.0	0.00	29.94	30.06	6.2	14	6.7	22	14	18	14	13	
14	69	47	58	4	56	58	7	0	TSRA RA FG+ BR	0	0.0	5.64	29.75	29.86	5.8	31	12.4	35*	30	29*	29	14	
15	60	41	51	-3	30	41	14	0		0	0.0	0.00	29.99	30.10	9.9	34	10.3	24	03	21	01	15	
16	50	38	44	-9	27	38	21	0	RA	0	0.0	0.01	30.05	30.17	8.1	07	8.7	21	12	17	08	16	
17	48	39	44	-9	40	41	21	0	RA BR	0	0.0	0.31	30.13	30.25	9.8	04	10.6	21	09	17	08	17	
18	55	37	46	-7	35	41	19	0		0	0.0	0.00	30.32	30.44	6.3	36	6.5	18	01	15	36	18	
19	58	36	47	-6	32	40	18	0		0	0.0	0.00	30.34	30.46	5.8	04	7.3	23	01	21	01	19	
20	49	38	44	-9	35	40	21	0	RA	0	0.0	T	30.25	30.37	6.1	06	7.5	15	08	10	06	20	
21	57	38	48	-5	37	42	17	0	BR	0	0.0	0.00	30.26	30.38	2.3	36	3.5	12	36	9	36	21	
22	59	34	47	-6	38	42	18	0	MIFG BR	0	0.0	0.00	30.18	30.30	3.3	13	4.7	18	12	15	12	22	
23	74	39	57	4	50	53	8	0	BR	0	0.0	0.00	29.91	30.02	6.3	16	6.6	22	17	17	16	23	
24	71	54	63	11	44	55	2	0		0	0.0	0.00	29.77	29.89	9.9	29	12.2	31	30	24	31	24	
25	69	44	57	5	34	45	8	0		0	0.0	0.00	29.91	30.03	6.5	29	6.9	26	29	21	30	25	
26	78	39	59	7	46	52	6	0		0	0.0	0.00	29.93	30.04	5.4	19	5.9	20	19	16	19	26	
27	79	58	69	17	61	64	0	4	BR	0	0.0	0.00	29.78	29.90	8.9	20	9.3	30	22	22	22	27	
28	73	48	61	9	45	53	4	0	FG+ MIFG BR	0	0.0	0.00	29.77	29.89	4.1	30	5.1	16	30	13	32	28	
29	72	41	57	5	41	48	8	0		0	0.0	0.00	29.75	29.86	4.3	14	5.2	18	14	16	14	29	
30	77	52	65	13	56	59	0	0	FG BR	0	0.0	0.00	29.71	29.83	3.8	25	5.1	24	25	16	25	30	
31	76	45	61	9	52	56	4	0	BR	0	0.0	0.00	29.76	29.87	2.9	17	5.5	17	18	13	18	31	

64.0	42.1	53.1	■ ■	41.2	47.5	12.1	0.5	< MONTHLY AVERAGES	TOTALS->	0.0	6.37	30.00	30.12	1.6	01	7.6	<- MONTHLY AVERAGES
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- .6	- .7	- .6	■ ■	->-----DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL-----<								2.68	SUNSHINE, CLOUD, & VISIBILITY TABLES ON PAGE 3					
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<b>DEGREE DAYS</b>								GREATEST 24-HR PRECIPITATION: 5.64 DATE: 14				SEA LEVEL PRESSURE DATE TIME			
MONTHLY TOTAL DEPARTURE				SEASON TO DATE TOTAL DEPARTURE				GREATEST 24-HR SNOWFALL: 0.0 DATE:				MAXIMUM MINIMUM			
HEATING: 375 8				549 -45				GREATEST SNOW DEPTH: 0 DATE:				: 30.55 19 0953			
COOLING: 14 -11				3292 399				NUMBER OF DAYS WITH =>		MAXIMUM TEMP ≥ 90: 0		MINIMUM TEMP ≤ 32: 2		PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.01 INCH: 5	
								MAXIMUM TEMP ≤ 32: 0		MINIMUM TEMP ≤ 0: 0		PRECIPITATION ≥ 0.10 INCH: 3			
								THUNDERSTORMS: 1		HEAVY FOG: 2		SNOWFALL ≥ 1.0 INCH: 0			

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# 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												03		0.00		
04											T		04				0.10	T	0.30	T					04		0.40		
05													05												05		0.00		
06													06												06		0.00		
07												T	07		T	T	T	T	T	0.01	T	T	T		07		0.01		
08	T			T	T	T	T	T	T				08											T	08		T		
09													09												09		0.00		
10													10	T	T	T									10		T		
11													11												11		0.00		
12													12												12		0.00		
13													13												13		0.00		
14			T	T					0.04	0.78	1.48	0.65	14	1.04	1.22	0.13	0.22	T	T	T	0.06	0.02		14		5.64			
15													15												15		0.00		
16													16										T	T	16		0.01		
17	T	0.02	0.02	T	0.04	0.02	T	0.05	0.09	0.04	0.03	T	17											T	17		0.31		
18													18												18		0.00		
19													19			T	T	T							19		0.00		
20													20												20		T		
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27													27												27		0.00		
28													28												28		0.00		
29													29												29		0.00		
30													30												30		0.00		
31													31												31		0.00		

### MAXIMUM SHORT DURATION PRECIPITATION (See Note)

Time Period (Minutes)	5	10	15	20	30	45	60	80	100	120	150	180
Precipitation (Inches)	.45	.76	1.07	1.24	1.51	2.01	2.15	2.22	2.48	2.69	2.96	3.93
Ending Date	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Ending Time (Hour/Min)	1257	1257	1257	1301	1315	1320	1324	1329	1105	1108	1303	1317

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							4.00	10.00	
03							7.00	10.00	
04							6.00	10.00	
05							10.00	10.00	
06							10.00	10.00	
07							5.00	10.00	
08							5.00	10.00	
09							10.00	10.00	
10							4.00	10.00	
11							8.00	10.00	
12							10.00	10.00	
13							6.00	10.00	
14							.50	10.00	
15							10.00	10.00	
16							10.00	10.00	
17							5.00	10.00	
18							10.00	10.00	
19							10.00	10.00	
20							10.00	10.00	
21							6.00	10.00	
22							5.00	10.00	
23							5.00	10.00	
24							10.00	10.00	
25							10.00	10.00	
26							10.00	10.00	
27							6.00	10.00	
28							.25	10.00	
29							10.00	10.00	
30							.75	10.00	
31							3.00	10.00	
<b>MONTHLY AVGS</b>							6.98	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 1                      4                      16									





# OBSERVATIONS AT 3-HOURLY INTERVALS

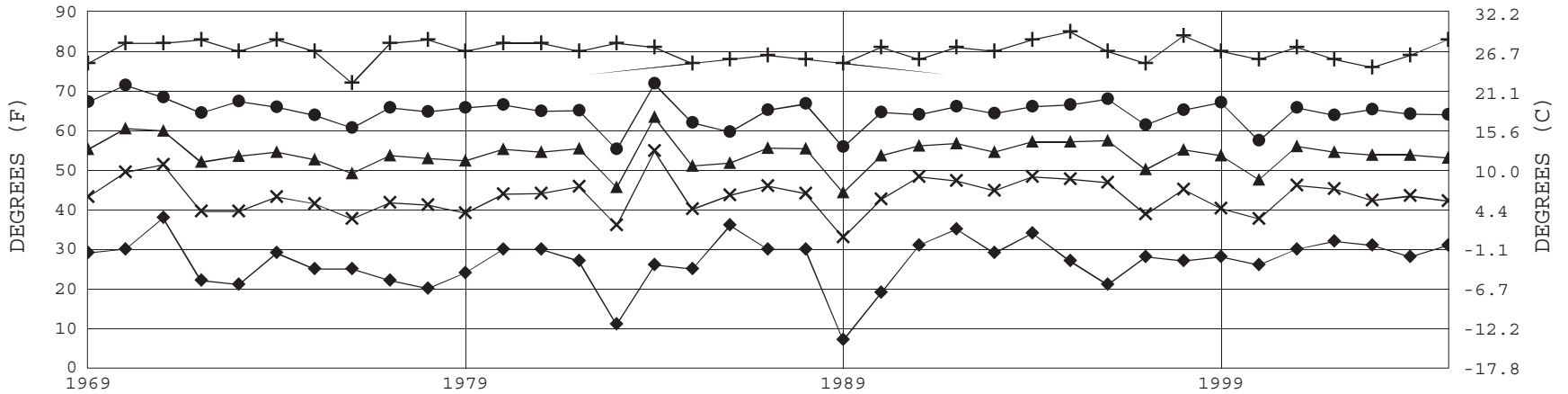
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HOUR (LST)	SKY COVER		CEILING 100'S OF FT	SATELLITE		VISIBILITY (MILES)	WEATHER	TEMPERATURE °F				WIND		PRESSURE (INCHES, HG)		HOUR (LST)	SKY COVER		CEILING 100'S OF FT	SATELLITE		VISIBILITY (MILES)	WEATHER	TEMPERATURE °F				WIND		PRESSURE (INCHES, HG)	
	DRY BULB	DEW POINT		WET BULB	RELATIVE HUMIDITY (PCT)			SPEED (MPH)	DIRECTION TENS OF DEG	STATION	SEA LEVEL	DRY BULB	DEW POINT	WET BULB	RELATIVE HUMIDITY (PCT)		SPEED (MPH)	DIRECTION TENS OF DEG		STATION	SEA LEVEL										
SUNRISE: 0715 DEC 25								SUNSET: 1729								SUNRISE: 0717 DEC 31								SUNSET: 1732							
03	CLR	NC				10.00		49	32	42	52	7	27	29.87	29.99	03	CLR	NC				10.00		51	41	46	69	3	32	29.77	29.89
06	CLR	NC				10.00		46	32	40	58	6	28	29.89	30.01	06	CLR	NC				10.00		46	40	43	79	3	36	29.79	29.91
09	FEW	NC				10.00		51	34	43	52	10	28	29.96	30.08	09	FEW	NC				10.00		54	44	49	69	5	04	29.82	29.94
12	FEW	NC				10.00		63	33	49	33	13	30	29.94	30.06	12	FEW	NC				8.00		69	55	61	61	8	17	29.79	29.91
15	FEW	NC				10.00		68	32	51	26	12	30	29.88	30.00	15	FEW	NC				9.00		75	58	65	55	8	20	29.72	29.83
18	FEW	NC				10.00		58	36	48	44	5	26	29.90	30.02	18	FEW	NC				10.00		67	58	62	73	3	18	29.70	29.82
21	CLR	NC				10.00		44	37	41	76	0	00	29.92	30.04	21	CLR	NC				3.00	BR	63	61	62	93	8	17	29.71	29.83
24	CLR	NC				10.00		45	37	41	74	0	00	29.94	30.06	24	OVC	004				3.00	BR	65	63	64	93	9	18	29.70	29.82
SUNRISE: 0715 DEC 26								SUNSET: 1729								<b>3-HOURLY OBSERVATION NOTES</b>															
03	CLR	NC				10.00		42	37	40	82	0	00	29.94	30.06	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		40	36	38	86	0	00	29.94	30.06	Ceiling is reported in hundreds of feet above ground level for clouds at or below 12,000 feet.															
09	FEW	NC				10.00		53	43	48	69	0	00	30.00	30.12	NC= No ceiling detected.															
12	FEW	NC				10.00		72	49	59	44	8	20	29.97	30.09	& = Original observation contained additional weather elements.															
15	FEW	NC				10.00		77	44	59	31	13	19	29.88	30.00	See page 3 for additional notes.															
18	FEW	NC				10.00		69	50	58	51	10	17	29.86	29.98																
21	CLR	NC				10.00		64	57	60	78	8	18	29.89	30.01																
24	FEW	NC				10.00		63	59	61	87	8	18	29.88	30.00																
SUNRISE: 0716 DEC 27								SUNSET: 1730								<b>SUMMARY BY HOUR</b>															
03	FEW	NC				10.00		63	59	61	87	7	17	29.85	29.97	AVERAGES															
06	BKN	028				10.00		60	58	59	93	7	17	29.84	29.96	HOUR (LST)    CEILOMETER    EFF CLD AMT    DRY BULB    DEW POINT    WET BULB    RELATIVE HUMIDITY    PRESSURE (INCHES, HG)    VISIBILITY (MILES)    WIND SPEED (MPH)    RESULTANT WIND (MPH)															
09	BKN	028				10.00		66	61	63	84	9	20	29.86	29.98	STATION    SEA LEVEL    VISIBILITY (MILES)    WIND SPEED (MPH)    SPEED    DIRECTION															
12	BKN	026				10.00		73	61	66	66	12	21	29.81	29.93																
15	BKN	037				10.00		76	60	66	58	16	22	29.71	29.83																
18	BKN	140				10.00		72	61	65	69	9	21	29.69	29.80																
21	FEW	NC				10.00		67	63	64	87	8	22	29.71	29.83																
24	SCT	NC				6.00	BR	64	62	63	93	8	23	29.73	29.85																
SUNRISE: 0716 DEC 28								SUNSET: 1730																							
03	OVC	002				0.75	BR	60	59	59	96	5	25	29.73	29.85																
06	OVC	001				0.25	FG	54	53	53	97	3	22	29.76	29.87																
09	FEW	NC				10.00		57	47	52	69	6	28	29.84	29.96																
12	BKN	250				10.00		67	37	52	33	8	35	29.80	29.92																
15	BKN	250				10.00		72	39	55	30	5	30	29.73	29.85																
18	BKN	250				10.00		65	40	52	40	3	32	29.75	29.87																
21	BKN	250				10.00		55	40	48	57	5	29	29.78	29.90																
24	FEW	NC				10.00		51	40	46	66	5	VR	29.78	29.90																
SUNRISE: 0716 DEC 29								SUNSET: 1731																							
03	FEW	NC				10.00		45	39	42	80	0	00	29.77	29.89																
06	FEW	NC				10.00		45	40	43	83	3	22	29.77	29.89																
09	CLR	NC				10.00		53	42	48	66	0	00	29.80	29.92																
12	FEW	NC				10.00		68	38	53	33	6	12	29.78	29.90																
15	BKN	250				10.00		71	37	54	29	12	15	29.70	29.82																
18	BKN	250				10.00		61	37	49	41	12	14	29.70	29.82																
21	CLR	NC				10.00		54	46	50	75	5	14	29.70	29.82																
24	SCT	NC				10.00		53	50	51	89	3	13	29.69	29.81																
SUNRISE: 0717 DEC 30								SUNSET: 1732																							
03	BKN	250				8.00		58	56	57	93	0	00	29.66	29.78																
06	BKN	250				6.00	BR	59	57	58	93	0	00	29.68	29.80																
09	BKN	250				3.00	BR	63	61	62	93	3	26	29.72	29.83																
12	OVC	022				10.00		73	62	66	69	14	22	29.71	29.83																
15	OVC	250				10.00		74	60	65	62	9	26	29.67	29.79																
18	BKN	250				8.00		67	57	61	71	3	28	29.71	29.83																
21	CLR	NC				10.00		63	49	55	60	6	31	29.76	29.88																
24	FEW	NC				10.00		54	43	49	67	3	32	29.77	29.88																

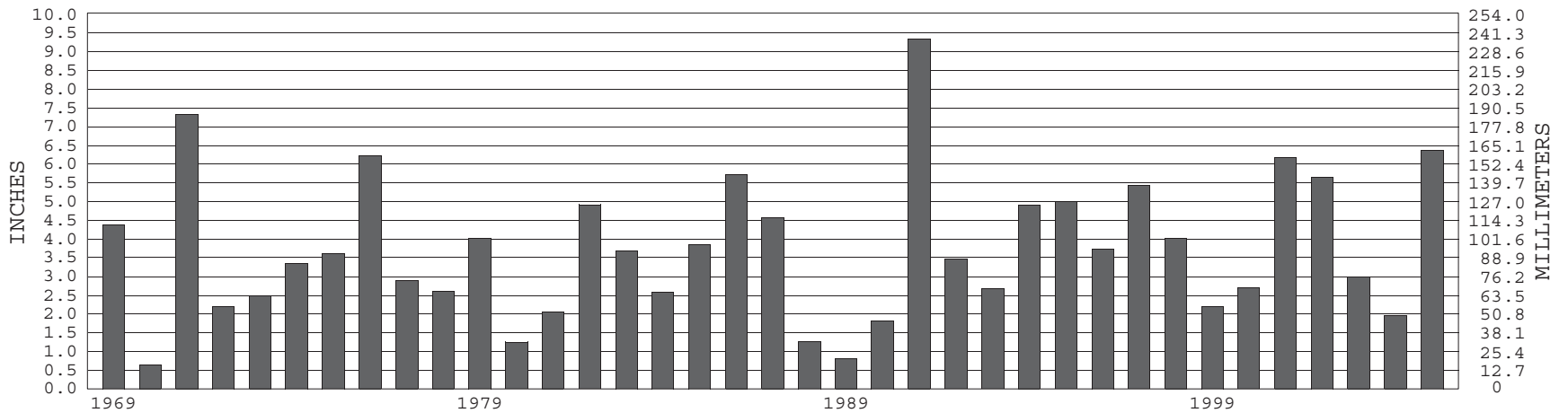
### HOUSTON, TX DECEMBER TEMPERATURES



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

Long-Term (1969-2005) Mean: 54.0      1971-2000 Normal: 53.7

### HOUSTON, TX DECEMBER PRECIPITATION



Long-Term (1969-2005) Mean Monthly Total: 3.75

1971-2000 Normal: 3.69



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