

Bowling Green, Kentucky

Decoration Day/Memorial Day Weather

(Because observations have been taken at several different locations in Bowling Green over the years,
data presented here may differ from data presented elsewhere.)

Wettest: 2.41" May 27, 1991

Warmest Temperature: 98° (97°) May 30, 1911

Warmest Daily Average Temperature: 83.0° May 30, 1953

Coldest Temperature: 40° May 30, 1947

Coldest Daily Average Temperature: 54.0° May 30, 1947

Year	Precipitation	High Temp	Low Temp
1880	1.49		
1881	0		
1882	0		
1883	0	72	58
1884			
1885			
1886	0		68
1887			60
1888		82	63
1889	2.00		
1890	0	86	
1891	0		
1892	0	88	
1893	0.02		
1894	T	73	55
1895	1.39	93	70
1896	0	79	56
1897	0	80	50
1898	0.90	83	60
1899	T	81	62
1900	0.76	84	68
1901	0	73	45
1902	0.12	70	50
1903	0.72	85	60
1904	0.69	93 (78)	63
1905	0	88 (78)	66
1906	0	80 (90)	50
1907	0.04	76 (77)	58
1908	0	92 (85)	65
1909	0	92 (83)	62
1910	0.28	88 (80)	53
1911	0	98 (97)	64

Year	Precipitation	High Temp	Low Temp
1912	T	79 (77)	58
1913	0	92 (94)	61
1914	0	96 (94)	65
1915	0.03	69 (70)	52
1916	2.00	97 (78)	61
1917	0	81 (80)	53
1918	T	94 (96)	67
1919	0	93	66
1920	0	91	60
1921		93	63
1922	0	85	55
1923	0.30	85	63
1924	0.22	79	49
1925	0	87	57
1926	0	87	67
1927	0	92	66
1928	T	85	53
1929	0	96	67
1930	0.02	73	42
1931	0.06	88	60
1932	0	86	45
1933	0.60	82	55
1934	0	91	54
1935	T	85	63
1936	0	83	52
1937	0	94	65
1938	0.20	75	64
1939	0	89	64
1940	0	74	53
1941	0.05	92	72
1942	0	92	66
1943	T	84	62
1944	0	92	69
1945	0	80	58
1946	0	82	53
1947	0	68	40
1948	0	84	57
1949	0.12	75	59
1950	0.85	80	59
1951	0	88	57
1952	0	80	46
1953	0	92	74
1954	0	86	52
1955	0	71	49
1956	0	89	64

1957	0	85	59
Year	Precipitation	High Temp	Low Temp
1958	0	85	47
1959	T	80	65
1960	0	81	58
1961	0	75	52
1962	0.63	75	65
1963	0	80	55
1964	T	72	47
1965	0	81	48
1966	0	72	50
1967	0.94	78	63
1968	0	75	52
1969	0	93	61
1970	0.04	78	64
1971	0	80	49
1972	0	83	63
1973	0	71	59
1974	0	77	49
1975	0	89	63
1976	0.66	82	65
1977	0	91	65
1978	0	91	68
1979	0	79	57
1980	0	81	59
1981	0.68	80	64
1982	0.38	84	64
1983	T	68	51
1984	0	76	55
1985	0.63	86	64
1986	0.76	69	65
1987	0.03	81	65
1988	0	89	57
1989	0	89	62
1990	0.89	69	57
1991	2.41	80	68
1992	T	67	51
1993	0.04	69	51
1994	T	82	61
1995	0.26	82	63
1996	0		
1997	0.32		
1998	0.78	84	63
1999	0.16	76	68
2000	0	74	53
2001	0	77	55

Year	Precipitation	High Temp	Low Temp
2002	0	84	57
2003	0	71	52
2004	0.28	82	62
2005	0	81	52
2006	0	90	63
2007	0	89	62
2008	0.90	77	66
2009	T	81	67
2010	0.01	83	66
2011	0	93	65
2012	0	93	70
2013	0	87	56
2014	0.05	86	61
2015	0.35	75	63
2016	0	89	65
2017	0	84	64
2018	0.28	86	69
2019	0	89	68
2020	0.03	90	66
2021	0	78	47
2022	0	89	62
2023	0	83	55
2024	0.06	83	63

*When there is both a value with parentheses and a value without parentheses, the value given without parentheses is the time shifted value. In other words, this is the value written down by the observer on the day the observation was taken. The value, especially in the case of High Temp, may have actually occurred on the previous day. The value given in the parentheses is the value “corrected” for time shifting, as determined by work done by then State Climatologist Glen Conner and his students at Western Kentucky University. This value is likely the value that actually happened on the date listed (but was written down on the co-op form on the following day at the morning observation time). If only one value is listed in this table, that means the time shifted value and un-time-shifted value are the same, or an un-time-shifted value is not available (WKU did not work with snowfall or snow depth, and time shift correcting was only done from 1893 to 1931).

**Memorial Day began in 1868 as Decoration Day. It became a federal holiday in 1938. Memorial Day was observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970. In 1971 it shifted to always falling on the last Monday in May.