

Regional Climate Summary

May 2018

The headline for this May was increased drought and hot weather throughout the region. The Permian Basin and upper Trans-Pecos were much warmer than normal with many days in a row exceeding 100°F. Both Midland and Seminole, TX recorded their hottest May and many other locations were in the top five for warmth. Rainfall was hit-and-miss due to most storms remaining isolated. Severe hail over one inch and winds over 60 mph occurred in the eastern Permian Basin and Big Bend Region on the 16th-17th and on the 22nd in southeast New Mexico and far west Texas. Damage to homes and vehicles was reported.

Midland Int'l Airport May Statistics:

- Warmest Day: 107°F on the 30th
- Coldest Night: 52°F on the 5th
- Average Temperature: 82.1°F
- Precipitation Total: 0.68" (Normal: 1.74")
- Highest Wind Gust: 51 mph on the 2nd

| May | Precip Ranking | Temp Ranking |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Alpine (1930-2018) | (1.73") 25 th Wettest | (76.4°F) 3 rd Warmest |
| Carlsbad (1950-2018) | (0.12") 7 th Driest | (76.8°F) 4 th Warmest |
| Chisos Basin (1943-2018) | (1.53") Not Significant | (75.7°F) 2 nd Warmest |
| Fort Stockton (1940-2018) | (0.50") 22 nd Driest | (80.8°F) 2 nd Warmest |
| Hobbs (1940-2018) | (0.09") 11 th Driest | (76.2°F) 4 th Warmest |
| Midland (1930-2018) | (0.68") 23 rd Driest | (82.1°F) 1 st Warmest |
| Seminole (1930-2018) | (0.63") 20 th Driest | (77.5°F) 1 st Warmest |

