



# FEBRUARY 2012 LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA

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**RICHMOND, VA**  
**RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (KRIC)**  
 Lat:37° 30'N Long: 77° 19'W Elev (Ground) 164 Feet  
 Time Zone : EASTERN WBAN: 13740 ISSN#: 0198-537X



Date 1	Temperature °F						Deg Days BASE 65°		WEATHER 10	SNOW/ICE ON GND(IN)		PRECIPITATION ON GND(IN)		PRESSURE (INCHES OF HG)		WIND SPEED = MPH DIR = TENS OF DEGREES								Date 24																									
	MAXIMUM 2	MINIMUM 3	AVERAGE 4	DEP FROM NORMAL 5	AVERAGE DEW PT 6	AVERAGE WET BULB 7	HEATING 8	COOLING 9		0700 LST 11	1300 LST 12	2400 LST 13	2400 LST 14	AVERAGE STATION 15	AVERAGE SEA LEVEL 16	RESULTANT SPEED 17	RES DIR 18	AVERAGE SPEED 19	MAXIMUM																														
																			3-SEC		2-MIN																												
20	21	22	23	24																																													
01	72	53	63	26	37	49	2	0	RA BR	0		0.0	0.12	29.91	30.10	11.7	23	11.9	28	22	21	23	01																										
02	63	42	53	16	45	49	12	0	RA DZ BR	0		0.0	0.43	29.86	30.09	5.1	35	7.3	26	33	20	01	02																										
03	54	35	45	8	28	37	20	0		0		0.0	0.00	30.24	30.45	3.5	02	5.3	20	03	15	03	03																										
04	55	33	44	7	36	40	21	0	RA BR	0		0.0	0.06	30.06	30.23	0.5	05	6.4	20	22	16	21	04																										
05	46	29	38	1	33	36	27	0	RA BR HZ	0		0.0	0.06	29.94	30.16	6.5	01	6.7	20	36	15	01	05																										
06	52	25	39	2	28	34	26	0	BR	0		0.0	0.00	30.04	30.22	4.2	22	4.5	17	19	14	23	06																										
07	59	34	47	10	28	38	18	0		0		0.0	0.00	29.95	30.15	0.8	30	3.3	14	28	10	28	07																										
08	44	32	38	0	34	37	27	0	RA BR HZ	0		0.0	0.02	29.99	30.19	5.2	02	6.5	17	32	14	33	08																										
09	49	32	41	3	25	34	24	0	BR	0		0.0	0.00	30.03	30.23	2.4	34	4.6	14	36	10	34	09																										
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12	38	21	30*	-9	6	23	35	0	SN	T		T		29.88	30.11	11.4	31	12.7	44	34	30	34	12																										
13	51	18*	35	-4	13	28	30	0		0		0.0	0.00	29.99	30.18	4.2	21	4.8	17	19	13	25	13																										
14	58	37	48	9	28	39	17	0	RA	0		0.0	T	29.88	30.06	7.9	20	8.5	28	21	22	21	14																										
15	61	38	50	10	31	41	15	0		0		0.0	0.00	29.99	30.21	1.5	32	4.9	18	30	15	31	15																										
16	52	38	45	5	38	41	20	0	RA FG+ FG BR	0		0.0	0.19	30.01	30.17	3.4	16	3.9	20	16	14	17	16																										
17	58	36	47	7	39	43	18	0	FG+ FG BR	0		0.0	0.00	29.86	30.08	2.2	33	3.0	16	01	13	30	17																										
18	61	32	47	7	33	40	18	0	HZ	0		0.0	0.00	29.88	30.06	3.6	19	5.5	24	20	20	20	18																										
19	51	32	42	2	28	35	23	0	RA SN PL FG+ FG BR	0		3.9	0.82	29.82	29.99	10.5	02	11.2	28	04	20	04	19																										
20	44	29	37	-4	28	33	28	0	SN BR	4		0.1	0.04	29.96	30.21	6.9	35	7.4	22	35	17	35	20																										
21	55	23	39	-2	31	36	26	0	BR	3		0.0	0.00	30.01	30.18	5.6	20	5.7	28	22	21	22	21																										
22	67	38	53	12	37	46	12	0	RA BR	0		0.0	0.09	29.61	29.77	7.8	22	9.2	28	20	22	21	22																										
23	72	45	59	17	46	52	6	0	RA	0		0.0	0.06	29.42	29.61	6.7	22	8.4	28	25	22	25	23																										
24	81*	48	65*	23	51	58	0	0	TS TSRA RA BR	0		0.0	0.28	29.31	29.52	12.5	23	16.8	43	31	36	18	24																										
25	50	35	43	1	15	34	22	0		0		0.0	0.00	29.75	30.00	17.5	29	17.9	52*	30	36*	30	25																										
26	49	25	37	-5	17	31	28	0		0		0.0	0.00	30.25	30.45	0.9	22	4.2	16	18	13	18	26																										
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										56.0		33.4		44.7		α		31.1		39.2		19.9		0.0		< MONTHLY AVERAGES   TOTALS >																							
										4.7		2.9		3.8		α		<-----DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL----->										0.46		SUNSHINE, CLOUD, & VISIBILITY TABLES ON PAGE 3																			
<b>DEGREE DAYS</b>										GREATEST 24-HR PRECIPITATION : 0.96 DATE : 29										SEA LEVEL PRESSURE										DATE TIME																			
MONTHLY										GREATEST 24-HR SNOWFALL : 3.9 DATE : 19										MAXIMUM : 30.54										26 0921																			
TOTAL DEPARTURE										GREATEST SNOW DEPTH : 4 DATE : 20										MINIMUM : 29.35										24 1454																			
SEASON TO DATE										NUMBER OF ->										MAXIMUM TEMP >= 90 : 0										MINIMUM TEMP <= 32 : 14										PRECIPITATION >= 0.01 INCH : 13									
HEATING : 578 -97 2390 -659										THUNDERSTORMS : 2										MAXIMUM TEMP <= 32 : 0										MINIMUM TEMP <= 0 : 0										PRECIPITATION >= 0.10 INCH : 6									
COOLING : 0 0 0 -1																																								SNOWFALL >= 1.0 INCH : 1									

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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 of Hourly Data	2400 LST Water Equiv.
	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													01												01	0.12	0.12	
02	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.11	0.08	0.03		T					02												02	0.43	0.43	
03								T		0.09	0.02	T	03												03	0.00	0.00	
04													04			T	0.02	0.02	0.02	T	T	T			04	0.06	0.06	
05			0.03	T	0.02	0.01	T						05												05	0.06	0.06	
06													06												06	0.00	0.00	
07													07												07	0.00	0.00	
08													08		T	0.01	T	0.01	T					08	0.02	0.02		
09													09												09	0.00	0.00	
10													10								T				10	T	T	
11													11				0.03	0.05							11	0.09	0.09	
12	T	T	T	T	0.01	T							12												12	T	T	
13													13												13	0.00	0.00	
14													14												14	T	T	
15													15												15	0.00	0.00	
16													16	T	T	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.01					16	0.19	0.19		
17													17												17	0.00	0.00	
18													18												18	0.00	0.00	
19													19	T	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.09	0.20	0.15	0.07	0.07	0.06	19	0.82	0.82
20	0.03	0.01	T	T									20												20	0.04	0.04	
21													21												21	0.00	0.00	
22													22												22	0.09	0.09	
23	0.04	0.02											23												23	0.06	0.06	
24													24												24	0.28	0.28	
25													25				0.01	0.15	0.12						25	0.00	0.00	
26													26												26	0.00	0.00	
27													27												27	0.00	0.00	
28													28												28	0.00	0.00	
29													29	0.30	T										29	0.96	0.96	

\* Indicates sum of Hourly and Daily disagree.

### MAXIMUM SHORT DURATION PRECIPITATION (See Note)

Time Period (Minutes)	5	10	15	20	30	45	60	80	100	120	150	180
Precipitation (Inches)	0.14	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.26	0.29	0.42	0.51	0.53	0.53	0.54	0.57
Ending Date	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Ending Time (Hr/Min)	1139	1142	1145	1148	1245	1253	1233	1253	1253	1253	1253	1247

Note : The hourly and daily precipitation totals are printed in the last 2 columns and hi-lighted in red when they disagree. 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.

Date and time are not entered for TRACE amounts.

# 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 1981-2010

## WEATHER NOTATIONS

QUALIFIER	WEATHER PHENOMENA		
DESCRIPTOR	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	
PR Partial	RA Rain	PY Spray	SQ Squalls
SH Shower(s)	SG Snow Grains	SA Sand	SS Sandstorm
TS Thunderstorm	SN Snow	VA Volcanic Ash	GL Glaze
VC In the Vicinity	UP Unkown 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:

Station Augmentation-SANDSTON COOP  
Lat/Lon:37.54417/-77.27583 Elevation:165  
Distance:4 MI Dir:E  
Augmented Elements:Temp, Precip, Snow  
Equipment:MMS, SRG, Snowboard

Date	SUNSHINE		CLOUDINESS (OKTAS)				VISIBILITY (MILES)		RESERVED
	TOTAL MINUTES	PERCENT POSSIBLE	SR-SS		MN-MN		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
			Sky Cover	Satellite	Sky Cover	Satellite			
01							4.00	10.00	
02							1.75	10.00	
03							10.00	10.00	
04							3.00	10.00	
05							0.75	10.00	
06							6.00	10.00	
07							10.00	10.00	
08							4.00	10.00	
09							5.00	10.00	
10							7.00	10.00	
11							0.75	10.00	
12							4.00	10.00	
13							10.00	10.00	
14							10.00	10.00	
15							10.00	10.00	
16							0.12	10.00	
17							0.00	10.00	
18							6.00	10.00	
19							0.12	10.00	
20							0.50	10.00	
21							5.00	10.00	
22							3.00	10.00	
23							7.00	10.00	
24							3.00	10.00	
25							10.00	10.00	
26							10.00	10.00	
27							10.00	10.00	
28							3.00	10.00	
29							1.25	10.00	
MONTHLY AVGS							5.01	10.00	
<b>SUNSHINE (Minutes)</b>									
Total : 0					Possible : 18192				
Percent Possible : 0									
<b>NUMBER OF DAYS WITH : SKY CONDITION</b>									
Clear		Partly CLDY			Cloudy			Missing	
<b>MINIMUM VISIBILITY (MILES)</b>									
<= .25			<= 3.0				>= 7.0		
3			12				10		

OBSERVATIONS AT 3-HOURLY INTERVALS

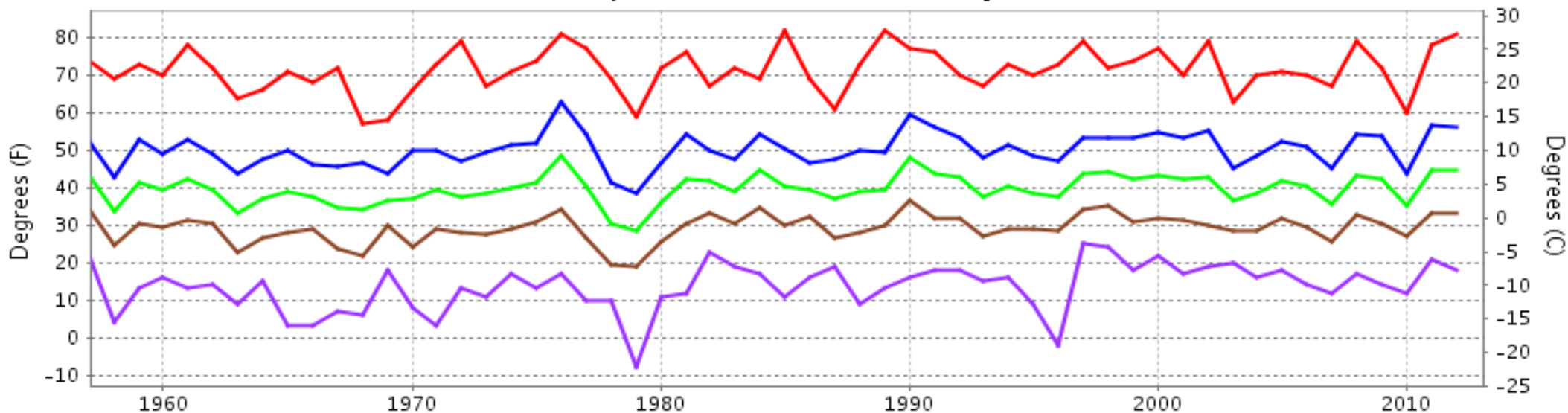
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Table with columns: HOUR (LST), SKY COVER, CEILING 100's of FT., SATELLITE (Observation Time (LST), Eff Cld Amt Oktas), VISIBILITY (MILES), WEATHER, TEMPERATURE (°F) (DRY BULB, DEW POINT, WET BULB), WIND (RELATIVE HUMIDITY (PCT), SPEED (MPH), DIRECTION Tens of Deg), PRESSURE (INCHES, HG) (STATION, SEA LEVEL). Rows are grouped by date (FEB 01 to FEB 12) and time of day (SUNRISE and SUNSET intervals).





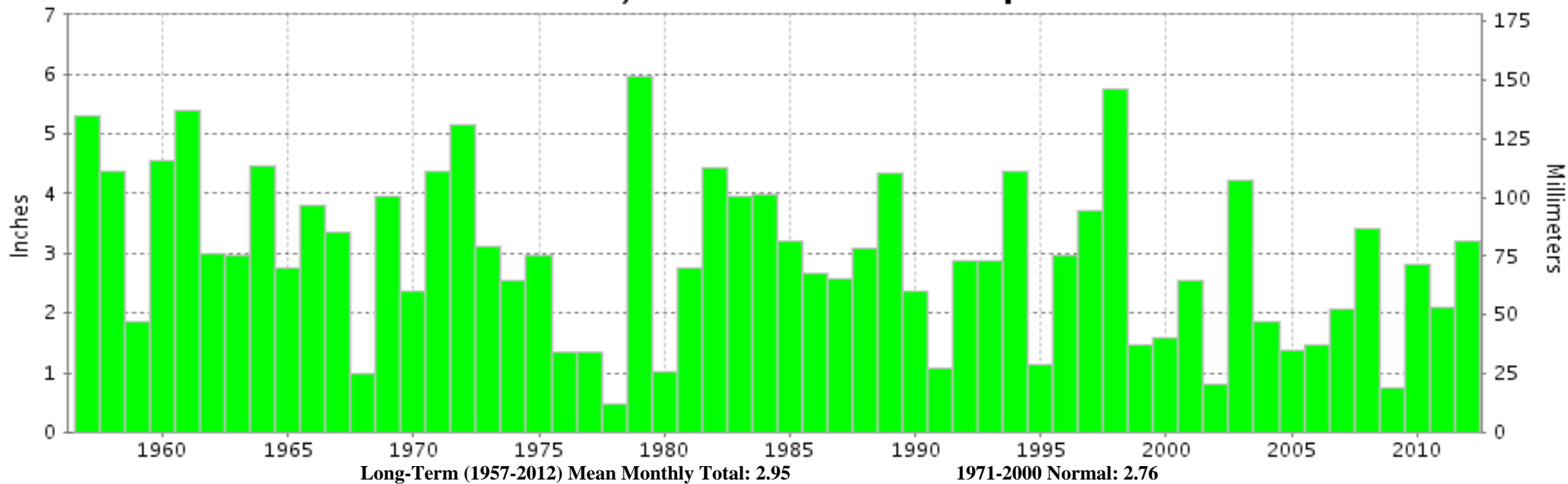
## RICHMOND, VA FEBRUARY Temperatures



— Extreme Max   
 — Mean Max   
 — Mean   
 — Mean Min   
 — Extreme Min

**Long-Term (1957-2012) Mean: 39.7**  
**1971-2000 Normal: 40.9**

## RICHMOND, VA FEBRUARY Precipitation



Long-Term (1957-2012) Mean Monthly Total: 2.95

1971-2000 Normal: 2.76



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