

## Narrative Summary – April 2017

April 2017 was colder than normal, averaging 52.2°F, 1.3° below normal (53.5°F). The warmest April (2016) averaged 61.0°F. The coldest April (1955) averaged 47.5°F. No daily temperature records were established during April 2017.

Precipitation for April 2017 totaled 0.98 inches, 178% of normal (0.55 inches). This makes April 2017 the sixth wettest April on record. The wettest April (2003) received 2.23 inches, while the driest (1999 and earlier years) received only a trace. Total precipitation for 2017 (through April) is 4.98 inches, 180% of normal (2.76 inches). This makes 2017 the third wettest on record for a January through April time period.

The average wind speed for April 2017 was 10.0 miles per hour (mph), 1.5 miles per hour above normal (8.5 mph). The windiest April (1959 and 1972) averaged 11.1 mph, while the April with the lightest winds (2004) averaged 7.2 mph. The peak gust for April 2017 was from the southwest at 61 mph on April 7. This is the fourth highest peak gust on record for April. The record wind gust for April was 73 mph in 1972.

The monthly climatological data summaries, as well as other information, are available on the Internet.

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**Note:** The data in this summary pertains specifically to the Hanford Meteorology Station (HMS), which is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Richland, WA. No attempt should be made to infer meteorological conditions at other locations from these data.