

## Narrative Summary – February 2020

February 2020 was warmer than normal, averaging 41.3°F, which is 3.1°F above normal (38.2°F). The warmest February (2015) averaged 45.3°F, while the coldest February (2019) averaged 24.8°F.

There were no daily temperatures records established during February 2020.

Precipitation for February 2020 totaled 0.09 inches, which is 13% of normal (0.70 inch). The wettest February (1961) received 2.10 inches, while the driest February (1967 and 1988) received only a trace amount. Snowfall for February 2020 totaled only a trace, compared to a normal of 2.3 inches. The snowiest February (2019) received 25.3 inches.

The average wind speed for February 2020 was 8.6 miles per hour (mph), which was 1.7 mph above normal (6.9 mph). There were nine days in February 2020 with gusts to 40 mph or more. This is the second most for February. The windiest February (1999) averaged 11.1 mph, while the least windy February (1963) averaged 4.6 mph. The peak gust for February 2020 was from the WSW at 51 mph on February 23.

The 2019-20 winter season (December through February) was warmer than normal, averaging 38.1°F, which is 3.7°F above normal (34.3°F). The warmest winter season (1966-67) averaged 40.6°F, while the coldest (1948-49) averaged 24.2°F. Winter season precipitation (December through February) totaled 1.63 inches, which is 57% of normal (2.84 inches). The wettest winter season (1996-97) received 5.45 inches, while the driest (1946-47) received 0.70 inches. Snowfall for the 2019-20 season through February is 1.8 inches, which is 12% of normal (14.8) inches. This makes the 2019-20 season the fifth “least” snowiest on record. The snowiest season (1992-93) had 56.1 inches, while the least snowiest season (1957-58) had 0.3 inches.

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.