

## Narrative Summary – January 2021

The average temperature for January 2021 was much warmer than normal at 37.9°F, which was 4.6° above normal (33.3°F). The warmest January (1953) averaged 42.5°F, while the coldest (1950) averaged 12.1°F.

The following daily temperature records were established during January 2021.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Old Record</u>	<u>Year</u>
12	High Maximum	59	59	1953 (Tied)
13	High Maximum	62	61	1994

Precipitation for January 2021 totaled 0.70 inches, 69% of normal (1.01 inches). The wettest January (1970) received 2.47 inches, and the driest (1977) received 0.08 inch. Snowfall for January 2021 totaled 2.6 inches, compared to a normal of 5.0 inches, and a record maximum of 23.4 inches (1950). Snowfall for the 2020-2021 season through January is 5.7 inches, compared to a normal of 10.9 inches.

The average wind speed for January 2021 was 6.8 miles per hour (mph), which was 0.5 mph above normal (6.3 mph). The windiest January (1972) averaged 10.3 mph, while the January with the lightest winds (1985) averaged 2.9 mph. The peak gust for January 2021 was from the SW at 59 mph on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The record wind gust for January was 80 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.