

**A Preliminary Review of 2021 Weather and Climate Data for the State of Arkansas**  
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**Temperatures...**

Taking a very preliminary look at the year 2021 for the state of Arkansas, the average temperature was comparable to the last several years. It will take some time for final rankings to come in, but for the year, preliminarily it looks as though this tied 2019 and several other years for about the 15th warmest on record. Temperatures varied considerably across the state. The annual range for individual stations across the state, that is the difference between the highest and lowest officially recorded temperature, was 122 degrees, from a low of -20 in February in the Fayetteville area to a high temperature of 102 at several locations in central and southern Arkansas Mid to late August and early September.

During the year, the coldest officially recorded temperature was -20 degrees, which was the coldest temperature recorded in the state in ten years, and most recently tied Jan. 20, 1985 for the 8th coldest temperature ever officially recorded in the state of Arkansas.

Considering departures from normal, January, March, June, August, September, October, and December were positive (warmer than average), while February, April, May, July, and November were negative (colder than average). The most anomalous warmth, by far, was in December, and the most anomalous cold was in February.

Going by the simple monthly averages, though, the warmest month was August, and the coldest month was February.

## State of Arkansas 2021 Annual Extremes from Official Reporting Stations

Parameter	Value/ Amount	Date (s)	Location (s)
Hottest Temperature	102	Sep. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arkadelphia 2 N, Nimrod Dam
		Sep. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Hot Springs Airport, Camden Airport, Arkadelphia Airport
		Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Mountain Dam
		Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Morrilton
		Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Camden Airport
Coldest Temperature	-20	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fayetteville Drake Field
Highest Daily Rainfall	9.97"	Jun. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Rohwer 2 NNE
Highest Monthly Rainfall	20.70"	June	Rohwer 2 NNE
Highest Annual Rainfall	71.50"	Cane Creek State Park	
Lowest Monthly Rainfall	0.00"	September	Kingston 5 NW
Lowest Annual Rainfall	35.69"	Omaha 2 S	
Highest Daily Snowfall	14.2"	Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Arkadelphia 8.5 ESE
Highest Monthly Snowfall	20.7"	February	Harrison 10.6 SW
Highest Annual Snowfall	31.2"		Harrison 10.6 SW
Greatest Snow Depth	18"	Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pine Bluff, Hope 3 NE, Keo, Benton 10.9 WSW



## State of Arkansas 2021 Temperature Averages

Month	Avg. Temp	Departure from Normal	Coldest Since	Warmest Since	Rank (Warmest/Coldest)
January	41.3	+2.0	2019		39 <sup>th</sup> Warmest (tied 1986, 1949)
February	34.6	-8.5	1978		7 <sup>th</sup> Coldest
March	55.1	+3.8	2019		26 <sup>th</sup> Warmest
April	58.3	-2.2	2018		20 <sup>th</sup> Coldest
May	66.7	-2.0	1997		22 <sup>nd</sup> Coldest
June	76.8	+0.3		2018	54 <sup>th</sup> Warmest
July	79.2	-1.1	2019		37 <sup>th</sup> Coldest
August	80.6	+1.3		2011	41 <sup>st</sup> Warmest
September	74.3	+1.5		2019	42 <sup>nd</sup> Warmest
October	65.4	+3.6		2016	13 <sup>th</sup> Warmest
November	49.3	-0.6	2019		60 <sup>th</sup> Coldest
December	52.4	+10.9		1984	***WARMEST***
Annual*	61.2	+0.8		2019	15 <sup>th</sup> Warmest (tied 2019, 2018, 2010, 2001, 1941, 1900)

\*Statewide temperature averages are tabulated for the period 1895 to Present. Final rankings could end up slightly different (especially annual).

## State of Arkansas 2021 Daily Temperature Extremes by Month

Month	Highest	Locations	Date (s)	Lowest	Locations	Date (s)
<b>Jan</b>	77	Camden Harrell Field	25 <sup>th</sup>	12	Ravenden	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Feb</b>	78	Texarkana Airport	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>-20</b>	<b>Fayetteville Drake Field</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>
		Booneville RAWS	23 <sup>rd</sup>			
<b>Mar</b>	87	Silver Hill RAWS	27 <sup>th</sup>	16	Lead Hill	7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Apr</b>	88	Crossett 2 SSE	13 <sup>th</sup>	24	Evening Shade 1 NNE	3 <sup>rd</sup>
					Kingston 2 S, Batesville 8 WNW, Ravenden	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>May</b>	93	Wynne	28 <sup>th</sup>	36	Siloam Springs	5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Jun</b>	100	Texarkana Airport	13 <sup>th</sup>	44	Evening Shade 1 NNE	1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Jul</b>	101	Crossett 2 SSE, Morrilton, Pocahontas	31 <sup>st</sup>	54	Batesville 8 WNW	4 <sup>th</sup>
		Pine Bluff	30 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>Aug</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>Blue Mountain Dam</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	56	Evening Shade 1 NNE	5 <sup>th</sup>
		<b>Morrilton</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>			
		<b>Camden Airport</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>			
<b>Sep</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>Arkadelphia, Nimrod Dam</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	41	Fayetteville Drake Field	23 <sup>rd</sup>
		<b>Arkadelphia Airport, Camden Airport, Hot Springs Airport</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>			
<b>Oct</b>	95	Fort Smith	9 <sup>th</sup>	33	Arkadelphia Airport	31 <sup>st</sup>

<b>Nov</b>	82	Crossett 2 SSE	18 <sup>th</sup>	20	Batesville 8 WNW	26 <sup>th</sup>
		Texarkana Airport	17 <sup>th</sup>		Arkadelphia Airport, Gilbert, Fayetteville Drake Field	19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Dec</b>	83	Silver Hill RAWS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	19	Flippin, Silver Hill RAWS	20 <sup>th</sup>
					Gilbert, Batesville 8 WNW	12 <sup>th</sup>

### Rainfall...

Overall, wet weather wasn't as prevalent this year, and the state's rainfall was much closer to average compared to the last four years. The departure from normal was less than an inch, and even though the departure was positive, it was still the smallest since 2017. Considering the departure from normal (again, the difference between the actual and average totals), the driest month was November (2.17 inches below average), and the wettest month was May (1.61 inches above average). When we consider actual monthly totals, though, September was driest, but May remained the wettest.

<b>State of Arkansas 2021 Rainfall Averages</b>					
<b>Month</b>	<b>Avg. Rain</b>	<b>Departure from Normal</b>	<b>Wettest Since</b>	<b>Driest Since</b>	<b>Rank</b>
<b>January</b>	4.21	+0.17		2018	53 <sup>rd</sup> Wettest
<b>February</b>	3.38	-0.34		2017	60 <sup>th</sup> Wettest
<b>March</b>	6.22	+1.45		2019	23 <sup>rd</sup> Wettest
<b>April</b>	5.62	+0.58		2018	42 <sup>nd</sup> Wettest
<b>May</b>	6.76	+1.61	2020		31 <sup>st</sup> Wettest
<b>June</b>	4.90	+0.82	2019		38 <sup>th</sup> Wettest
<b>July</b>	4.72	+1.01	2019		35 <sup>th</sup> Wettest

<b>August</b>	3.10	-0.28		2015	59 <sup>th</sup> Driest
<b>September</b>	1.89	-1.70		2017	26 <sup>th</sup> Driest
<b>October</b>	4.29	+0.83		2017	45 <sup>th</sup> Driest
<b>November</b>	2.12	-2.17	2019		23 <sup>rd</sup> Driest
<b>December</b>	3.47	-0.90		2019	44 <sup>th</sup> Driest
<b>Annual*</b>	50.68	+1.07		2017	50 <sup>th</sup> Wettest

\*Statewide rainfall averages are tabulated for the period 1895 to Present. Final rankings could end up slightly different (especially annual).

### State of Arkansas 2021 Daily Rainfall Extremes by Month

Month	Highest	Locations	Date (s)
<b>Jan</b>	4.51"	Fouke 3.7 ESE	7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Feb</b>	3.88"	Newport Airport	28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Mar</b>	4.28"	Hot Springs 1 NNE	1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Apr</b>	7.17"	Rogers 2.4 SSW	29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>May</b>	5.15"	Mena 12.9 NW	26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Jun</b>	<b>9.97"</b>	<b>Rohwer 2 NNE</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Jul</b>	6.55"	Rohwer 2 NNE	17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Aug</b>	4.39"	Riverdale 4.2 E	19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Sep</b>	4.23"	Evening Shade 1 NNE	30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Oct</b>	8.15"	North Little Rock 2.0 ENE	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Nov</b>	1.98"	Houston 5.0 S	11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Dec</b>	4.48"	Bella Vista 0.6 WSW Busch 0.4 E	18 <sup>th</sup>

## State of Arkansas 2021 Monthly Rainfall Extremes

Month	Highest	Locations	Lowest	Locations
Jan	10.99"	Hopper 1 E	1.16"	Omaha 2 S
Feb	9.34"	Portland	0.36"	Gentry 5.6 ENE
Mar	12.35"	Helena	1.12"	Kingston 5 NW
Apr	12.03"	Ozone	1.79"	Kingston 5 NW
May	17.44"	Mena 12.9 NW	1.38"	Flippin
Jun	<b>20.78"</b>	<b>Rohwer 2 NNE</b>	1.33"	Blytheville Airport
Jul	11.14"	Kelso 5 NW	0.21"	Kingston 5 NW
Aug	7.19"	Moro Bay	0.35"	Rye Hill 1.1 E
Sep	7.81"	Portland	<b>0.00"</b>	<b>Kingston 5 NW</b>
Oct	12.67"	Bella Vista 0.6 WSW	0.80"	Arkadelphia 2 N
Nov	3.90"	Houston 5.0 S	0.13"	Walnut Ridge
Dec	8.26"	Heber Springs 5.5 SE	1.13"	Gilbert





## **Snowfall...**

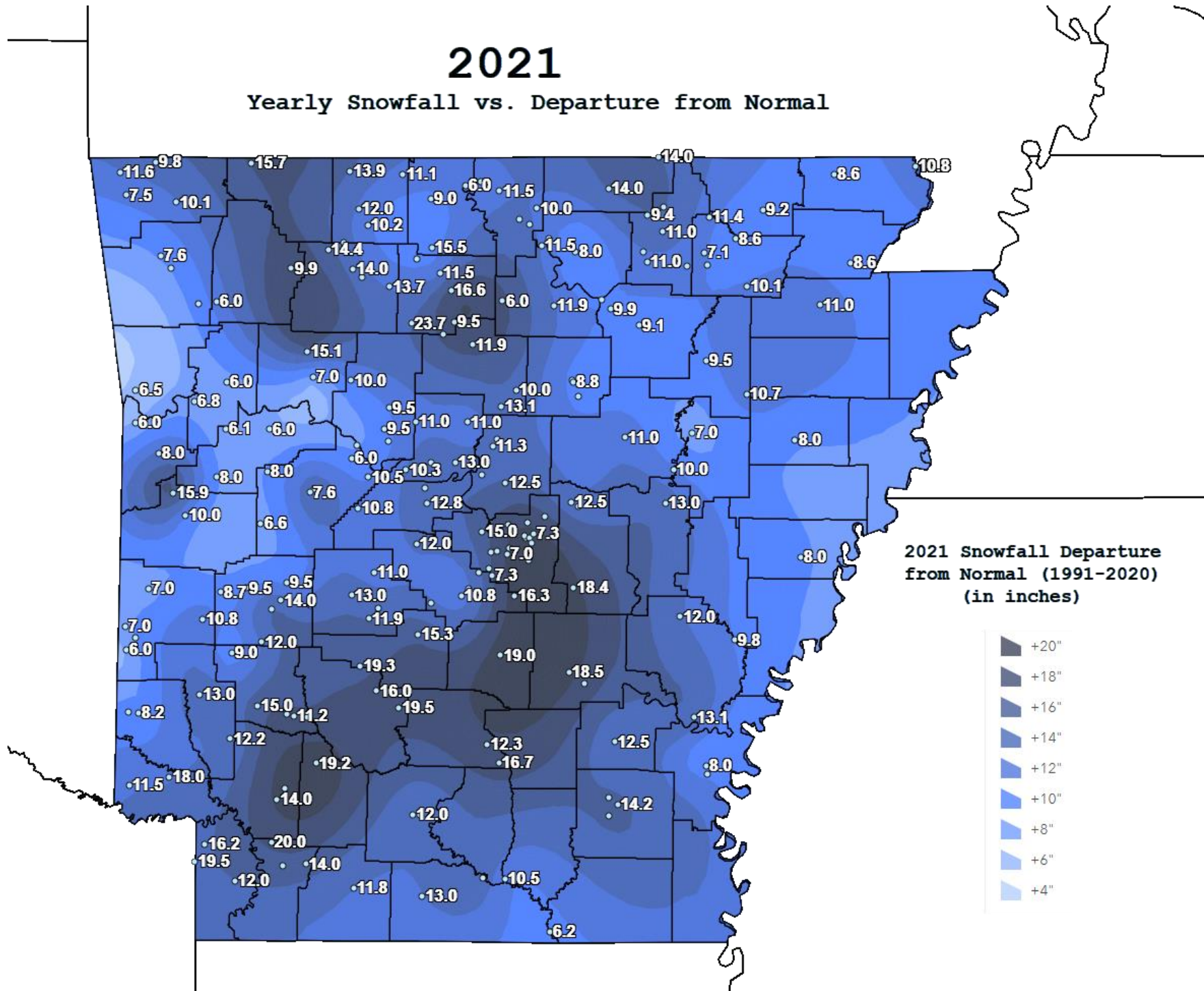
Snow fell in January, February, March, April, and December. With the exception of December, it was measurable in all the other months. There were several winter storms with minor impacts over portions of northwest Arkansas during the first week of January. The most significant accumulations of winter precipitation were in the higher elevations. Another minor winter storm produced one to three inches of snow over southeast Arkansas during the second week of January. A late-season storm produced light snow accumulations in the higher terrain of the Ozarks on April 20-21. However, by far, the most significant and impactful winter storms during the year ended up being in February. In the space of six days, two major heavy snow storms affected Arkansas from February 14-20. Total accumulations from both storms were record-breakers in many locations around the state. Total amounts from both storms ranged from less than six inches in portions of the far north, west and southeast to over 15 inches from southwest through central Arkansas. Between the two storms, record cold set in, with widespread lows below zero in much of the state. It was during that time that the Little Rock metro area not only recorded its coldest temperatures in 32 years but also the area's latest below zero temperature since official records began.

## State of Arkansas 2021 Daily and Monthly Snowfall Extremes

Month	Daily			Monthly		Depth		
	Highest	Locations	Dates	Highest	Locations	Highest	Locations	Dates
<b>Jan</b>	6.5"	Witts Spring	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.0"	Harrison 10.6 SW	7"	Witts Spring	7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Feb</b>	<b>14.2"</b>	<b>Arkadelphia 8.5 ESE</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>20.7"</b>	<b>Harrison 10.6 SW</b>	<b>18"</b>	<b>Benton 10.9 WSW, Hope 3 NE, Keo, Pine Bluff</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Mar</b>	0.5"	Harrison 10.6 SW	18 <sup>th</sup>	0.5"	Harrison 10.6 SW	Trace	Compton, Pea Ridge 0.2 WSW	18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Apr</b>	2.9"	Omaha 2 S	21 <sup>st</sup>	2.9"	Omaha 2 S	3	Holiday Island 1.3 SSW	21 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Dec</b>	Trace	Hardy 8.0 SSW	31 <sup>st</sup>	Trace	Antoine 1 SW, Hardy 8.0 SSW, Magnolia, Nashville			
		Antoine 1 SW, Magnolia, Nashville	21 <sup>st</sup>					

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## Yearly Snowfall vs. Departure from Normal



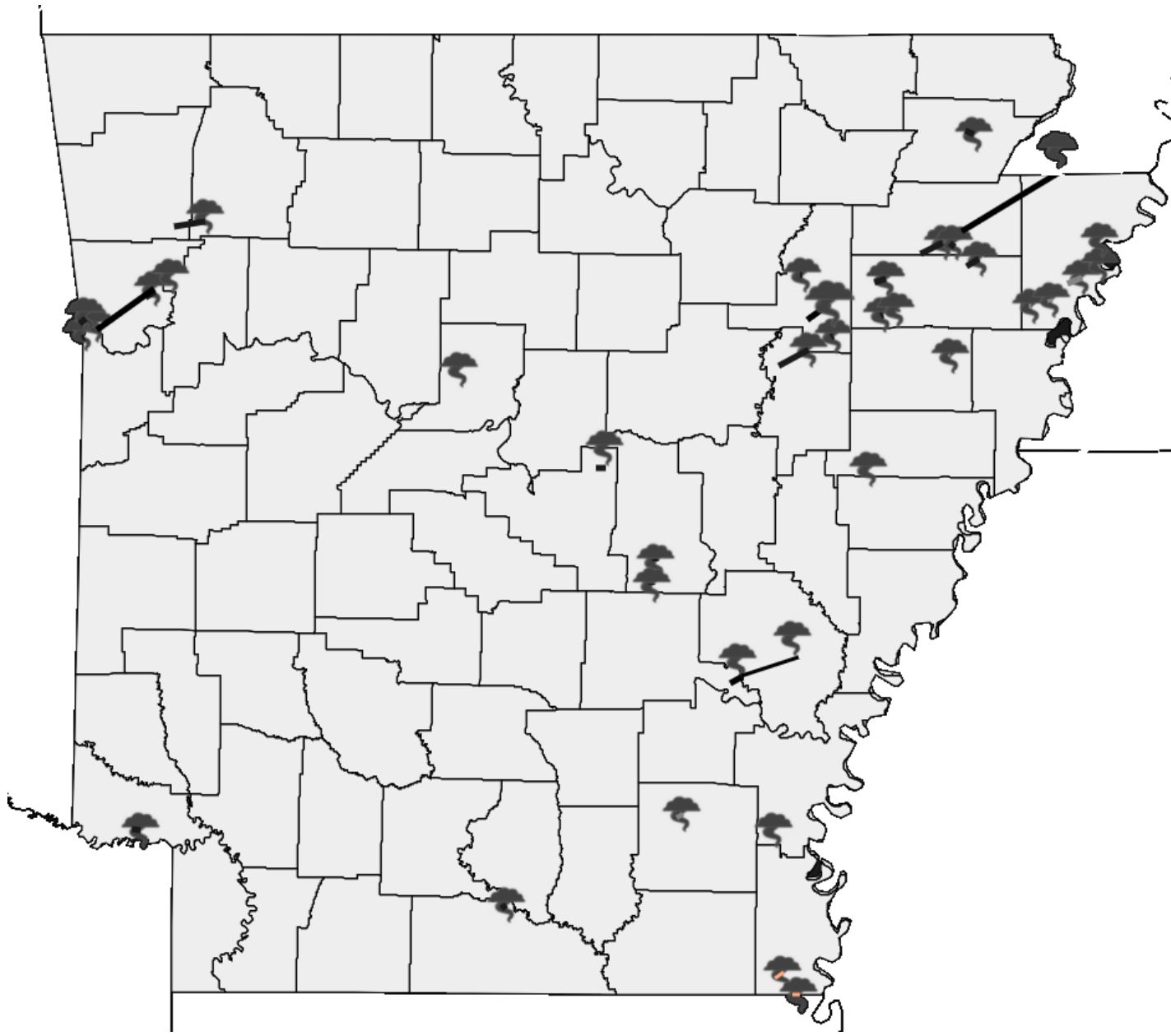
## Tornadoes . . .

There were 35 tornadoes during the year, which is just one below the 1991-2020 annual average of 37. In most instances, the events were minor and produced one to four short-lived paths within the state's boundaries. The notable exceptions were March 27th (7 tornadoes) and, most infamously, the Quad State Tornado Outbreak of December 10th (12 tornadoes). Not surprisingly, the most significant tornado occurred with the Quad State outbreak of December 10th, as a long-tracked tornado began northeast of Bay in Craighead County and tore about a 30-mile path through Craighead and Mississippi Counties before moving into the Missouri Bootheel, crossing the Mississippi River and finally lifting in western Tennessee. In Arkansas, one person was killed and at least five people were injured in a nursing home in Monette, and one person was killed in a store in Leachville.

No.	Date	Rating	Began	Ended	Length (miles)	Counties/Parishes Affected
<b>1</b>	Mar. 17	EF0	0.9 SE McGehee		<b>0.1</b>	Desha
<b>2</b>	Mar. 27	EF0	0.5 WNW Chelford	0.4 NNE Chelford	<b>0.7</b>	Mississippi
<b>3</b>	Mar. 27	EF0	2.5 W Bassett	1.6 WNW Bassett	<b>1.1</b>	Mississippi
<b>4</b>	Mar. 27	EF0	5.9 NW Parkin	6.0 NNW Parkin	<b>0.5</b>	Cross
<b>5</b>	Mar. 27	EF1	0.8 S Marie	3.5 ENE Marie	<b>3.9</b>	Mississippi
<b>6</b>	Mar. 27	EF1	3.3 SSE Osceola	6.2 SW Ashport	<b>4.9</b>	Mississippi
<b>7</b>	Mar. 27	EF2	0.3 SW Reydell	4.6 SE DeWitt	<b>18.6</b>	Jefferson-Arkansas
<b>8</b>	Mar. 27	EF2	2.7 NNW Monticello	3.2 N Monticello	<b>1.6</b>	Drew
<b>9</b>	Apr. 7	EF1	6.0 WSW Kilbourn	6.6 S Eudora	<b>9.3</b>	West Carroll LA-Chicot
<b>10</b>	Apr. 7	EF0	6.9 SW Eudora	5.0 WSW Eudora	<b>2.7</b>	Chicot
<b>11</b>	Apr. 9	EF1	6.0 SW Ashdown	5.0 SW Ashdown	<b>2.4</b>	Little River
<b>12</b>	May 3	EF1	4.2 SE Muldrow OK	4.5 SE Mountainburg	<b>28.8</b>	Sequoia Ok-Crawford

<b>13</b>	May 3	EF1	1.0 E Muldrow OK	3.5 W Rena OK	<b>10.3</b>	Sequoia Ok-Crawford
<b>14</b>	May 3	EF1	4.0 NNW Dyer	5.6 NNE Dyer	<b>2.7</b>	Crawford
<b>15</b>	May 4	EF0	2.1 NW Oak Grove	1.1 NNE of Oak Grove	<b>2.2</b>	Greene
<b>16</b>	May 9	EF0	4.2 WSW Palestine	3.8 SW Palestine	<b>0.6</b>	Saint Francis
<b>17</b>	May 18	EF0	0.8 SSE Oppelo		<b>0.1</b>	Conway
<b>18</b>	Jun. 2	EF0	0.9 NW Luxora		<b>0.1</b>	Mississippi
<b>19</b>	Jun. 7	EFU	3.0 W Calion	2.0 WNW Calion	<b>1.6</b>	Union
<b>20</b>	Jun. 9	EFU	1.2 W Blakemore		<b>0.4</b>	Lonoke
<b>21</b>	Jun. 9	EF0	3.0 ESE England		<b>0.3</b>	Lonoke
<b>22</b>	Oct. 15	EF1	4.0 SSE Wyola	3.1 W Combs	<b>7.8</b>	Washington-Madison
<b>23</b>	Oct. 15	EF0	4.0 NE Gibson	5.0 N Jacksonville	<b>2.5</b>	Pulaski
<b>24</b>	Dec. 10	EFU	2.0 N Weldon	2.0 SSW Amagon	<b>6.7</b>	Jackson
<b>25</b>	Dec. 10	EF0	2.2 WSW Weiner	0.9 E Weiner	<b>2.9</b>	Poinsett
<b>26</b>	Dec. 10	EF1	2.7 WSW Cary	3.5 E Cary	<b>6.2</b>	Craighead
<b>27</b>	Dec. 10	EF0	2.0 WSW Bay	1.1 WNW Bay	<b>1.2</b>	Craighead
<b>28</b>	Dec. 10	EF4	2.9 NNE Bay	2.6 ENE Samburg	<b>80.3</b>	Craighead-Mississippi-Dunklin MO-Pemiscott MO-Lake TN-Obion TN
<b>29</b>	Dec. 10	EF1	1.0 S Diaz	1.0 SSE Diaz	<b>0.5</b>	Jackson
<b>30</b>	Dec. 10	EF1	1.0 N Augusta	2.0 S Tupelo	<b>8.6</b>	Woodruff-Jackson
<b>31</b>	Dec. 10	EF1	2.0 SSW Beedevil	1.0 SSW Beedeville	<b>0.5</b>	Jackson
<b>32</b>	Dec. 10	EF1	1.6 NNE Cash	5.9 NE Cash	<b>4.7</b>	Craighead

<b>33</b>	Dec. 10	EF0	4.0 ESE Fisher	4.0 E Fisher	<b>0.5</b>	Poinsett
<b>34</b>	Dec. 10	EF0	7.0 ENE Fisher		<b>0.2</b>	Poinsett
<b>35</b>	Dec. 10	EF2	1.3 SW Trumann	2.3 NE Trumann	<b>3.6</b>	Poinsett





## Significant Weather Events During the Year...

January...

**Jan. 1** - Higher elevations of the Ozarks saw 1/4 to 1/2 inches of ice accumulation from freezing rain. Around Compton, in Newton County, accumulations were heavy enough to break a few tree branches.

**Jan. 2** - Light sleet and snow fell over portions of western, central and northern Arkansas. Accumulations were primarily noted in the higher elevations of the Ouachitas and Ozarks, and around Harrison, but amounts were generally half an inch or less.

**Jan. 6-7** - Heavy snow fell in the higher elevations of the Ozarks, and in portions of the Ouachita Mountains. Most areas below 1,000 feet only saw rain or trace amounts. However, amounts of five to seven inches fell in portions of Newton and Searcy County. The highest reported totals were 7.0 inches at Lurton and Mount Judea.

**Jan. 10-11** - One to three inches of snow fell over southern and southeast Arkansas. The highest reported totals were around Monticello and Warren, where up to 3.5 inches fell.

**Jan. 27** - Snow fell in the early morning hours, with mostly one to two inch amounts in the Ozarks and north central Arkansas.

February...

**Feb. 6** - Two to three inches of snow fell in the higher elevations of the Ozarks and Ouachitas, mainly in areas above 1,500 feet.

**Feb. 10-11** - Freezing rain occurred in a large part of the state, with accruals between one quarter and one-half inch, primarily over southeast Arkansas.

**Feb. 14-20** - Two major heavy snowstorms affected Arkansas. This produced record snowfall and snow depth in places. Between the two storms, record cold set in, with lows below zero in most of the state. With the first storm, a fine, dry and powdery snow fell, with the heaviest amounts centered just west of the I-30 corridor from southwest into north central Arkansas. The heaviest snow ranged from 8"-12". Very cold Arctic air moved in behind the system, with widespread below zero temperatures in much of the state. In the Little Rock metro area, temperatures were the coldest recorded since 1989. Most places recorded their coldest readings on the morning of the 16th. The next round of heavy snow came primarily during the 17th-18th, with amounts of 10"-15" or more common from southwest into central Arkansas. In a few places, more than 20" fell. Due to these

storms, February 2021 ended up the snowiest month on record at several locations in central Arkansas

**Feb. 16-17** - Record cold was seen across the state, with temperatures in most areas below zero. In fact, the only areas that stayed above zero were generally from El Dorado to near Pine Bluff to Marianna and southeastward. The coldest reading was at Fayetteville Drake Field, with a low of -20. This most recently tied January 20, 1985 at Deer for the 8th coldest temperature ever officially recorded in the state, and most recently tied February 2, 1951 at Norfork Dam for the 7th coldest on record in the month of February. All-time record low temperatures were set at Murfreesboro (-13), Beedeville (-7), Little Rock AFB (-6), Stuttgart Airport (-4), and Hot Springs Airport (-3). All-time February record lows were set at numerous other locations, such as Murfreesboro (-13) and Waldron (-12).

**Feb. 28-Mar. 1** - Heavy rain fell over southwest into east central Arkansas, with flash flooding noted around Arkadelphia, Malvern, Sheridan, Pine Bluff, and Stephens. The heaviest rain fell around Star City, Hot Springs, with totals of four to six inches.

March...

**Mar. 12-15** - Three to six inches of rain fell over northern and northwest Arkansas. As a result, minor flooding occurred on the Cache, Black, and White Rivers.

**Mar. 17-18** - Isolated severe thunderstorms occurred in portions of western and southeast Arkansas. A brief tornado struck southeast of McGehee, but did no appreciable damage.

**Mar. 25** - A severe thunderstorm produced half dollar size hail between Donaldson and Lono in southern Hot Spring County.

**Mar. 27** - Severe thunderstorms occurred in central and southeast Arkansas. Baseball to softball sized hail fell in portions of Clark and Lonoke County, breaking windows in a few places. Tornadoes hit from Reydell (Jefferson County) to near DeWitt (Arkansas County) and near Monticello.

**Mar. 31** - An isolated severe storm produced 1.75" diameter hail near Monticello.

April...

**Apr. 7** - Strong to severe storms produced penny to quarter sized hail in portions of central Arkansas. Power lines were blown down near Moreland in Pope County. An empty semi truck was blown over on Highway 65B in Clinton, with damage to one building in the same area.

**Apr. 9-10** - Severe thunderstorms produced spotty damage in various parts of the state. Trees were blown down in Ouachita, Calhoun, Desha, Bradley and Fulton Counties, and trees and power lines were blown down in Baxter County. Lightning struck a house near England resulting in a total loss of the structure.

**Apr. 20-21** - A strong cold front moved through the state. Light snow fell behind it, with accumulations of one to nearly three inches mainly in the higher elevations of the Ozarks. Much colder air moved in, and several locations recorded their latest freezes on the morning of the 21st, including Sheridan, North Little Rock, Conway, and Morrilton.

**Apr. 23-24** - Heavy rain fell in much of the southern half of Arkansas, with the highest totals around three inches, centered mainly along the I-30 corridor. Storms blew trees down in Ouachita County and Bradley County. Several buildings sustained damage.

**Apr. 27-29** - Three to five inches of rain fell over much of the northwest half of Arkansas over a two-day period. This caused flash flooding in Marion County, southwest of Clinton, and near Lamar. Several roads were flooded, and there were water rescues in Johnson County. The Buffalo and Spring Rivers rose rapidly. At Hardy, a campground was flooded, with a recreational vehicle swept away. The campground and nearby neighborhoods were evacuated.

May...

**May 3-4** - Severe thunderstorms produced wind damage from southwest into northeast Arkansas. Wind damage was widespread in Walnut Ridge and around Pocahontas. A 71 MPH wind gust was clocked at Hot Springs.

**May 9** - Severe thunderstorms produced nickel sized to half dollar sized hail in portions of Faulkner, Pike, Calhoun, and Ouachita Counties.

**May 18** - Severe thunderstorms produced wind damage in Montgomery, Clark, Pope and Saline Counties. A brief tornado occurred in Conway county near Oppelo. Heavy rain caused flash flooding in Benton, Bryant, Conway, and Vilonia.

**May 25** - Heavy rain caused street flooding in Mena, near Rover, and in Waldron.

June...

**Jun. 7** - Severe thunderstorms blew down trees and power lines in portions of Clark, Ouachita, and Lincoln Counties. Roofs were damaged near Cummins, and in Jefferson County near Sorrells.

**Jun. 8-10** - Repeated rounds of showers and thunderstorms caused severe flash flooding in southeast Arkansas. Many roads were flooded, especially in Desha and Drew Counties. At Rohwer in Desha County, nearly 20 inches of rain fell in two days. At one point, it was estimated that every street in Dumas had standing water on it.

**Jun. 9** - A brief, weak tornado hit southeast of England in Lonoke County. Trees were blown down at Cave City in Sharp County as a severe thunderstorm passed through.

**Jun. 11** - An isolated severe thunderstorm blew down multiple trees in Baxter County.

**Jun. 22** - In most areas of the state, low temperatures were in the 50s, with the coldest readings at Marshall and Mammoth Spring as both locations fell to 50 degrees.

July...

**Jul. 1** - Heavy rain produced localized flash flooding at Heber Springs.

**Jul. 3** - Low temperatures fell into the 50s and 60s around the state as unseasonably cool weather prevailed after a cold front.

**Jul. 9** - Heavy rain fell at Batesville Airport, with over two inches of rain in less than one hour, and 1.13 inches of rain in 20 minutes.

**Jul. 16-19** - Heavy rain fell from western into southeast Arkansas. Flash flooding was reported in and around Ozark and around Rohwer in Desha County. At Rohwer, record rain fell again, with over six inches of rain in 24 hours. The 17th ended up being the wettest July day on record in over 60 years of records at Rohwer.

**Jul. 30** - Pine Bluff recorded its first 100-degree day in nearly six years, setting the city's all-time record of 2,183 days without a 100-degree reading.

**Jul. 31** - An isolated severe storm produced wind damage at Ash Flat.

August...

**Aug. 13** - Isolated severe storms downed trees in portions of Marion and Pulaski Counties.

**Aug. 19** - Two to four inches of rain fell in portions of northeast Arkansas, and in isolated portions of the western Arkansas River Valley.

September...

**Sep. 1** - Little Rock recorded its first 100-degree reading in three years. Isolated strong afternoon thunderstorms downed trees in portions of Dallas and Saline Counties.

**Sep. 21** - Severe thunderstorms blew down trees, limbs and power lines near Pine Bluff and

Star City. 1.75" diameter hail fell from a severe thunderstorm northwest of Killin in Drew County.

October...

**Oct. 2** - Repeated rounds of heavy rainfall lead to flash flooding in the Little Rock metro area. The northern portion of Pulaski County was hardest hit, especially Sherwood and North Little Rock. Four to six inches of rain fell, most of it within a few hours. Several vehicles were flooded and there were a few water rescues reported. North Little Rock recorded its wettest calendar day in nearly 33 years.

**Oct. 13-15** - Heavy rain fell over northwest Arkansas, with totals of four to nearly seven inches around the Fayetteville and Fort Smith areas.

**Oct. 15** - An EF1 tornado hit in Washington and Madison Counties, downing trees and destroying a mobile home.

**Oct. 16** - A weak tornado hit northern Pulaski County producing a 2.5 mile damage path and dissipating North of Little Rock Air Force Base.

**Oct. 24** - A severe thunderstorm produced quarter sized hail at Omaha in Boone County and 70 MPH winds near Viola in Fulton County.

**Oct. 28** - Strong gradient winds produced gusts of 35 to 45 MPH over portions of western Arkansas.

November...

**Nov. 10** - A strong storm blew a mobile home off its foundation and damaged the roof of a neighboring house in Cleburne County near Ida.

**Nov. 21** - A severe thunderstorm produced hail to 1.25" in diameter at Diaz and Jacksonport.

December...

**Dec. 10-11** - Very warm weather prevailed, with highs in most areas in the 70s to lower 80s. Severe thunderstorms produced wind damage and hail, primarily near and to the east of the I-30 and Highway 67 corridor. Large hail to half dollar size fell at Blevins and Ward. A significant tornado outbreak began in northeast Arkansas during the early evening hours. In the space of three hours, 12 tornadoes tore paths across Jackson, Woodruff, Poinsett, Craighead, and Mississippi Counties. The strongest tornado was rated EF4 and tore an 80-mile path (nearly 30 miles in Arkansas). The tornado began northeast of Bay

in Craighead County and lifted after tearing through the Missouri Bootheel and crossing the Mississippi River into Tennessee. In Arkansas, two people were killed. This particular parent storm ended up producing a swath of destruction and several more tornadoes well into Tennessee and Kentucky.

**Dec. 24-31** - Weeks of anomalously warm weather culminated in about a week of record-breaking high temperatures and warmest low temperatures in a large portion of the state. Christmas generally marked the hottest day, with maximum temperatures in the mid to upper 70s in much of Arkansas, with lower 80s noted in several cities and towns in southern, southwest and central Arkansas. At many locations, it was the warmest Christmas in 66 years, and one of the warmest ever recorded. A strong cold front finally broke the warm pattern just beyond the end of the month.