



# APRIL 2003

## LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA

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# CHICAGO, IL

OHARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ORD)  
 Lat: 41° 59' N Long: 87° 54' W Elev (Ground): 655 Feet  
 Time Zone: CENTRAL WBAN: 94846 ISSN #: 0198-1854

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CHICAGO, IL

DATE	TEMPERATURE °F							DEG DAYS BASE 65°		WEATHER	SNOW/ICE ON GND(IN)		PRECIPITATION (INCHES)		PRESSURE (INCHES OF HG)		WIND SPEED = MPH DIR = TENS OF DEGREES								DATE																																																																																																																																																										
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DEGREE DAYS										GREATEST 24-HR PRECIPITATION: 2.22 DATE:30										GREATEST 24-HR SNOWFALL: 3.0 DATE:07										GREATEST SNOW DEPTH: 2 DATE:07										MAXIMUM SEA LEVEL PRESSURE DATE TIME																																																																																																																																											
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# HOURLY PRECIPITATION

(WATER EQUIVALENT IN INCHES)

## CHICAGO, IL

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WBAN # 94846

DATE	FOR HOUR (LST) ENDING AT												DATE	FOR HOUR (LST) ENDING AT												DATE	Sum if Different (See Note)	2400 LST	
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### MAXIMUM SHORT DURATION PRECIPITATION (See Note)

Time Period (Minutes)	5	10	15	20	30	45	60	80	100	120	150	180
Precipitation (Inches)	.19	.36	.44	.47	.53	.63	.70	.94	1.08	1.18	1.27	1.29
Ending Date	30	04	04	04	04	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Ending Time (Hour/Min)	2151	1542	1546	1548	1546	2216	2226	2256	2310	2331	2356	2358

Date and time are not entered for TRACE amounts.

Note : The sum of the hourly totals is given when it differs from the daily total. 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.

## 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 1971–2000

### WEATHER NOTATIONS

QUALIFIER	WEATHER PHENOMENA		
	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 Unknown Precipitation		

Intensity (as indicated on pages 4 to 6):  
'+' = Heavy    ' ' = Moderate    '- ' = Light

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Ceilorometer (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:

ERRATA –Mar LCD 2003– Please change max temp. day 12 to 42.

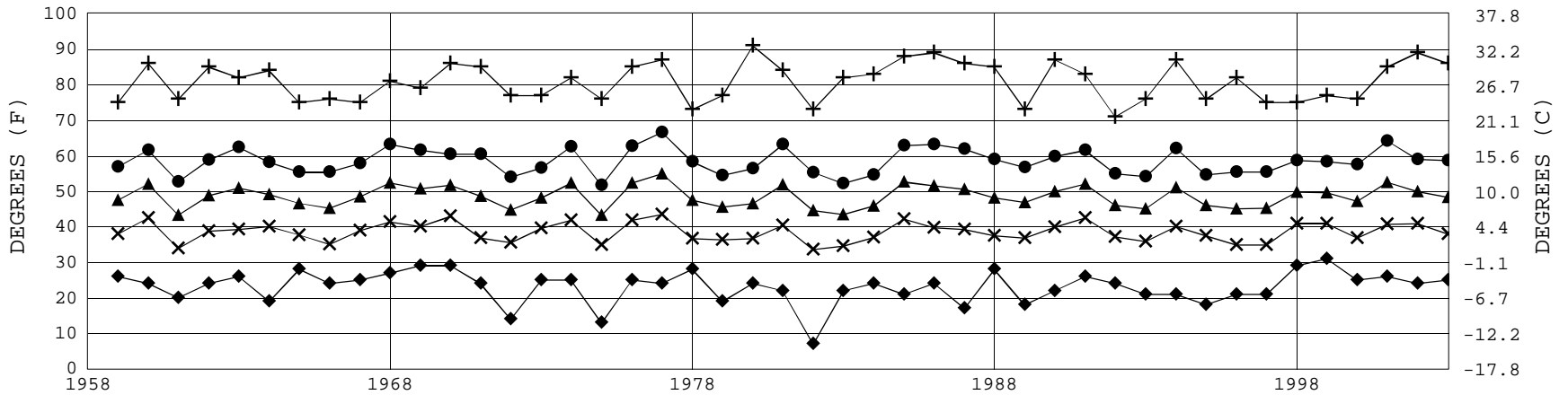
DATE	SUNSHINE		CLOUDINESS (OKTAS)				VISIBILITY (MILES)		RESERVED
	TOTAL MINUTES	PERCENT POSSIBLE	SR–SS		MN–MN		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
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<b>MONTHLY AVGS</b>							7.49	9.83	
<b>SUNSHINE (MINUTES)</b>									
Total:                      Possible: Percent Possible:									
<b>NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:</b>									
<b>SKY CONDITION</b>									
CLR   PTLY CLDY   CLOUDY   MISSING 30									
<b>MINIMUM VISIBILITY (MILES)</b>									
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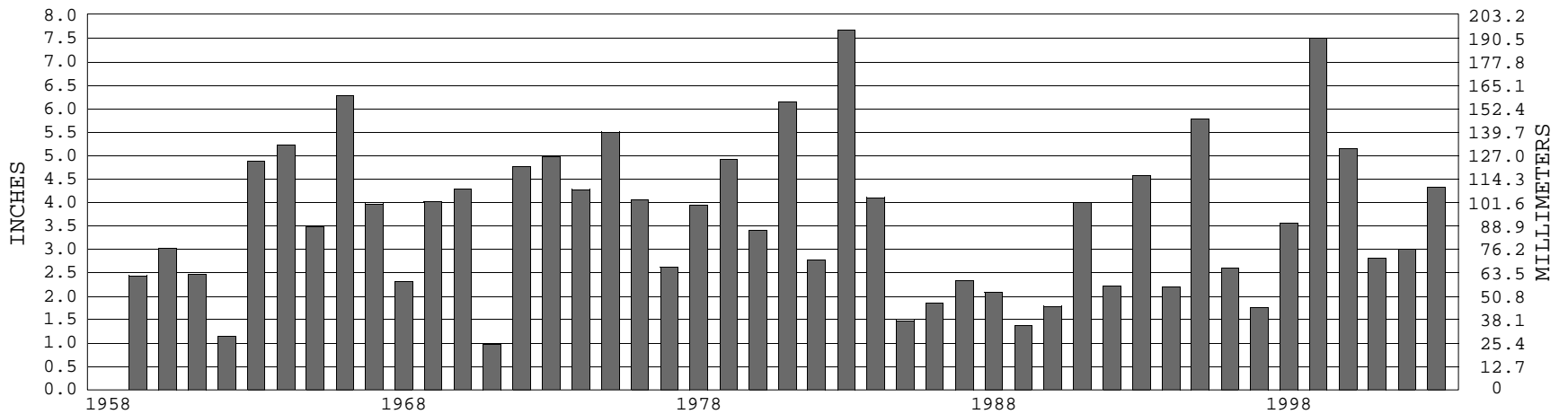
### CHICAGO, IL APRIL TEMPERATURES



+ Extreme Max.      ● Mean Max.      ▲ Mean      × Mean Min.      ◆ Extreme Min.

Long-Term (1958-2003) Mean: 47.5      1961-1990 Normal: 47.8

### CHICAGO, IL APRIL PRECIPITATION



Long-Term (1958-2003) Mean Monthly Total: 3.57

1961-1990 Normal: 3.68



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