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RECORD HIGHEST TEMPERATURES BY STATE
(Thru December 2000)

State	Temp. °F.	Date	Station	Elevation Feet
Alabama	112	Sep. 5, 1925	Centerville	345
Alaska	100	Jun. 27, 1915	Fort Yukon	est. 420
Arizona	128	Jun. 29, 1994	Lake Havasu City	505
Arkansas	120	Aug. 10, 1936	Ozark	396
California	134	Jul. 10, 1913	Greenland Ranch	-178
Colorado	118	Jul. 11, 1888	Bennett	5,484
Connecticut	106	Jul. 15, 1995	Danbury	450
Delaware	110	Jul. 21, 1930	Millsboro	20
Florida	109	Jun. 29, 1931	Monticello	207
Georgia	112	Aug. 20, 1983	Greenville	860
Hawaii	100	Apr. 27, 1931	Pahala	850
Idaho	118	Jul. 28, 1934	Orofino	1,027
Illinois	117	Jul. 14, 1954	East St. Louis	410
Indiana	116	Jul. 14, 1936	Collegeville	672
Iowa	118	Jul. 20, 1934	Keokuk	614
Kansas	121	Jul. 24, 1936*	Alton (near)	1,651
Kentucky	114	Jul. 28, 1930	Greensburg	581
Louisiana	114	Aug. 10, 1936	Plain Dealing	268
Maine	105	Jul. 10, 1911*	North Bridgton	450
Maryland	109	Jul. 10, 1936*	Cumberland & Frederick	623; 325
Massachusetts	107	Aug. 2, 1975	New Bedford & Chester	120; 640
Michigan	112	Jul. 13, 1936	Mio	963
Minnesota	114	Jul. 6, 1936*	Moorhead	904
Mississippi	115	Jul. 29, 1930	Holly Springs	600
Missouri	118	Jul. 14, 1954*	Warsaw & Union	705; 560
Montana	117	Jul. 5, 1937	Medicine Lake	1,950
Nebraska	118	Jul. 24, 1936*	Minden	2,169
Nevada	125	Jun. 29, 1994*	Laughlin	605
New Hampshire	106	Jul. 4, 1911	Nashua	125
New Jersey	110	Jul. 10, 1936	Runyon	18
New Mexico	122	Jun. 27, 1994	Waste Isolat. Pilot Plt	3,418
New York	108	Jul. 22, 1926	Troy	35
North Carolina	110	Aug. 21, 1983	Fayetteville	213
North Dakota	121	Jul. 6, 1936	Steele	1,857
Ohio	113	Jul. 21, 1934*	Gallipolis (near)	673
Oklahoma	120	Jun. 27, 1994*	Tipton	1,350
Oregon	119	Aug. 10, 1898*	Pendleton	1,074
Pennsylvania	111	Jul. 10, 1936*	Phoenixville	100
Rhode Island	104	Aug. 2, 1975	Providence	51
South Carolina	111	Jun. 28, 1954*	Camden	170
South Dakota	120	Jul. 5, 1936	Gannvalley	1,750
Tennessee	113	Aug. 9, 1930*	Perryville	377
Texas	120	Jun. 28, 1994*	Monahans	2,660
Utah	117	Jul. 5, 1985	Saint George	2,880
Vermont	105	Jul. 4, 1911	Vernon	310
Virginia	110	Jul. 15, 1954	Balcony Falls	725
Washington	118	Aug. 5, 1961*	Ice Harbor Dam	475
West Virginia	112	Jul. 10, 1936*	Martinsburg	435
Wisconsin	114	Jul. 13, 1936	Wisconsin Dells	900
Wyoming	115	Aug. 8, 1983	Basin	3,500

*Also on earlier dates at the same time or other places.

RECORD LOWEST TEMPERATURES BY STATE
(Thru December 2000)

State	Temp. °F.	Date	Station	Elevation Feet
Alabama	-27	Jan. 30, 1966	New Market	760
Alaska	-80	Jan. 23, 1971	Prospect Creek Camp	1,100
Arizona	-40	Jan. 7, 1971	Hawley Lake	8,180
Arkansas	-29	Feb. 13, 1905	Pond	1,250
California	-45	Jan. 20, 1937	Boca	5,532
Colorado	-61	Feb. 1, 1985	Maybell	5,920
Connecticut	-32	Jan. 22, 1961*	Coventry	480
Delaware	-17	Jan. 17, 1893	Millsboro	20
Florida	- 2	Feb. 13, 1899	Tallahassee	193
Georgia	-17	Jan. 27, 1940	CCC Camp F-16	est. 1,000
Hawaii	12	May 17, 1979	Mauna Kea Obs 111.2	13,770
Idaho	-60	Jan. 18, 1943	Island Park Dam	6,285
Illinois	-36	Jan. 5, 1999	Congerville	635
Indiana	-36	Jan. 19, 1994	New Whiteland	785
Iowa	-47	Feb. 3, 1996*	Elkader	770
Kansas	-40	Feb. 13, 1905	Lebanon	1,812
Kentucky	-37	Jan. 19, 1994	Shelbyville	730
Louisiana	-16	Feb. 13, 1899	Minden	194
Maine	-48	Jan. 19, 1925	Van Buren	510
Maryland	-40	Jan. 13, 1912	Oakland	2,461
Massachusetts	-35	Jan. 12, 1981	Chester	640
Michigan	-51	Feb. 9, 1934	Vanderbilt	785
Minnesota	-60	Feb. 2, 1996	Tower	1,460
Mississippi	-19	Jan. 30, 1966	Corinth	420
Missouri	-40	Feb. 13, 1905	Warsaw	700
Montana	-70	Jan. 20, 1954	Rogers Pass	5,470
Nebraska	-47	Dec. 22, 1989*	Oshkosh	3,379
Nevada	-50	Jan. 8, 1937	San Jacinto	5,200
New Hampshire	-47	Jan. 29, 1934	Mt Washington	6,262
New Jersey	-34	Jan 5, 1904	River Vale	70
New Mexico	-50	Feb. 1, 1951	Gavilan	7,350
New York	-52	Feb. 18, 1979*	Old Forge	1,720
North Carolina	-34	Jan. 21, 1985	Mt. Mitchell	6,525
North Dakota	-60	Feb. 15, 1936	Parshall	1,929
Ohio	-39	Feb. 10, 1899	Milligan	800
Oklahoma	-27	Jan. 18, 1930*	Watts	958
Oregon	-54	Feb. 10, 1933*	Seneca	4,700
Pennsylvania	-42	Jan. 5, 1904	Smethport	est. 1,500
Rhode Island	-25	Feb. 5, 1996	Greene	425
South Carolina	-19	Jan. 21, 1985	Caesars Head	3,115
South Dakota	-58	Feb. 17, 1936	McIntosh	2,277
Tennessee	-32	Dec. 30, 1917	Mountain City	2,471
Texas	-23	Feb. 8, 1933*	Seminole	3,275
Utah	-69	Feb. 1, 1985	Peter's Sink	8,092
Vermont	-50	Dec. 30, 1933	Bloomfield	915
Virginia	-30	Jan. 22, 1985	Mtn. Lake Bio. Stn.	3,870
Washington	-48	Dec. 30, 1968	Mazama & Winthrop	2,120; 1,755
West Virginia	-37	Dec. 30, 1917	Lewisburg	2,200
Wisconsin	-55	Feb. 4, 1996	Couderay	1,300
Wyoming	-66	Feb. 9, 1933	Riverside R.S.	6,500

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