

Average High Temperatures in California

January 2010 Monthly Normals

*statewide/local values interpolated with IDW
from NOAA weather station data*

WINTER IN CALIFORNIA MAP

COLDEST CITIES

1. Mammoth Lakes - 40.563° F
2. Susanville - 41.001° F
3. Truckee - 41.816° F
4. South Lake Tahoe - 42.976° F
5. Montague - 45.315° F
6. Mount Shasta - 45.395° F
7. Yreka - 45.704° F
8. Big Bear Lake - 48.717° F
9. Shasta Lake - 52.879° F
10. Orange Cove - 53.558° F

HOTTEST CITIES

1. Indio - 71.315° F
2. Coachella - 71.276° F
3. Placentia - 70.718° F
4. La Quinta - 70.383° F
5. El Centro - 70.327° F
6. Calexico - 70.031° F
7. Imperial - 70.000° F
8. Brawley - 69.768° F
9. Montebello - 69.758° F
10. Orange - 69.557° F

MAJOR CITIES

- LA - Los Angeles - 66.356° F
SF - San Francisco - 56.867° F
SD - San Diego - 66.496° F
Sac - Sacramento - 54.079° F
SJ - San Jose - 58.065° F
SB - Santa Barbara - 64.355° F
PS - Palm Springs - 67.535° F
SBd - San Bernardino - 64.071° F

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US Census Bureau Tiger/LINE Places database
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SUMMER IN CALIFORNIA MAP

COLDEST CITIES

1. Eureka - 64.823° F
2. Arcata - 66.336° F
3. Half Moon Bay - 67.201° F
4. Monterey - 67.622° F
5. Sand City - 68.412° F
6. Pacific Grove - 68.593° F
7. Del Rey Oaks - 68.662° F
8. Daly City - 68.750° F
9. Seaside - 68.810° F
10. Morro Bay - 69.514° F

HOTTEST CITIES

1. Blythe - 107.413° F
2. Needles - 106.742° F
3. Imperial - 106.229° F
4. Indio - 106.200° F
5. Coachella - 106.139° F
6. El Centro - 105.963° F
7. Cathedral City - 105.653° F
8. Brawley - 105.617° F
9. Calexico - 105.593° F
10. La Quinta - 105.365° F

MAJOR CITIES

- LA - Los Angeles - 84.850° F
SF - San Francisco - 70.990° F
SD - San Diego - 80.030° F
Sac - Sacramento - 91.823° F
SJ - San Jose - 81.618° F
SB - Santa Barbara - 76.006° F
PS - Palm Springs - 103.050° F
SBd - San Bernardino - 93.927° F

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SUMMER IN CALIFORNIA MAP - TECHNICAL ADDENDUM

COLDEST CITIES

1. Eureka - 65.139° F
2. Daly City - 67.129° F
3. Monterey - 67.918° F
4. Sand City - 68.955° F
5. Pacific Grove - 68.156° F
6. Arcata - 68.237° F
7. Seaside - 68.751° F
8. San Francisco - 68.867° F
9. Fortuna - 68.989° F
10. Del Rey Oaks - 69.293° F

HOTTEST CITIES

1. Blythe - 107.335° F
2. Indio - 106.328° F
3. Imperial - 106.223° F
4. Coachella - 106.199° F
5. El Centro - 106.046° F
6. Needles - 105.998° F
7. La Quinta - 105.897° F
8. Cathedral City - 105.769° F
9. Indian Wells - 105.593° F
10. Brawley - 105.583° F

MAJOR CITIES

- LA - Los Angeles - 85.883° F (+1.0)
SF - San Francisco - 68.868° F (-2.1)
SD - San Diego - 80.301° F (+0.3)
Sac - Sacramento - 91.592° F (-0.3)
SJ - San Jose - 81.812° F (+0.2)
SB - Santa Barbara - 75.730° F (-2.5)
PS - Palm Springs - 101.982° F (-1.1)
SBd - San Bernardino - 92.456° F (-1.5)

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Unit 1 - Interpolation, Technical Addendum

The main maps depicting average high temperatures across California were created with Inverse Distance Weighting interpolation. This method produced statistical error that tended towards overestimation rather than underestimation.

The same data from the summer month of August was interpolated once more with Empirical Bayesian Kriging to produce the third map for the technical addendum. This method produced a surface or raster that expanded the coverage of higher temperature areas in the dataset. Several hot regions from the IDW map have been expanded and connected to others in the EBK map. Additionally, some of the spots around individual weather stations have been smoothed into larger areas of consistent temperature. This refinement is especially visible in the central valley as well as California's central coast.

The ranking of hottest and coldest cities in California was only slightly reordered from this alternate interpolation method, though values of a city's estimate may have changed by up to three degrees. California's major cities' temperatures are appended in this third map with their approximate change in degrees from the IDW's estimates.