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## Average High Temperatures in California **August 2010 Monthly Normals**

statewide/local values interpolated with EBK\* from NOAA weather station data SUMMER IN CALIFORNIA MAP - TECHNICAL ADDENDUM

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## 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

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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.