Monthly and Annual Rainfall for Ireland, 1711-1977

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1. Introduction

A table of monthly and annual rainfall for Ireland, 1711 to 1977 is given at the end of this paper. The years 1881 to 1977 have been compiled mainly from published official records, and are added for completeness to the series for the years 1711 to 1880, which has been derived from individual station records, some of them published. This early series may be regarded as an initial essay on the earlier rainfall climate of Ireland.

2. Reduction of the data

2.1 Analysis of monthly falls

In any year, monthly and annual rainfalls for a given station in a region are usually expressed as percentages of the annual average rainfall (AAR) for a normal period. Table 1 shows an example of the analysis, for 5 Irish stations for 1839, with AAR for the normal period 1792-1839.

Table 1. Monthly and annual rainfall for 1839, as percentage of AAR for the normal period 1792-1839.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Belfast	7.8	7.2	8.9	4.2	2.7	10.4	11.7	11.2	16.1	11.3	11.9	10.5	114
Markree	9.5	7.2	7.6	5.9	2.4	7.4	5.4	8.6	14.6	6.9	9.6	4.9	90
Cork	4.4	9.2	8.7	7.1	0.3	9.8	17.2	7.6	11.3	12.5	9.7	17.1	115
Dublin	8.2	4.7	7.8	4.0	2.7	7.2	19.6	14.0	19.3	12.6	13.1	10.7	124
Armagh	2.1	3.7	5.1	4.2	2.1	12.3	12.2	10.9	14.3	17.3	9.3	14.6	108
Mean	6.4	6.4	7.6	5.1	2.0	9.4	13.2	10.5	15.1	12.1	10.7	11.5	110
Internal percentages	5.8	5.8	6.9	4.6	1.8	8.6	12.0	9.6	13.7	11.0	9.7	10.5	100

The sum of the mean monthly percentages of AAR is identical with the mean of the annual percentages of AAR. This result can be summarised by noting the annual percentage of AAR, 110 percent, and by recording the mean monthly percentages as internal percentages of the annual fall, as in the last line of Table 2.

Very nearly the same results are obtained by meaning the internal percentages for each station. These are shown in Table 2.

Table 2.   Monthly falls for 1839 as internal percentages of the annual fall for each station

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Mean
Belfast	6.8	6.3	7.8	3.7	2.4	10.3	9.8	14.1	9.9	10.4	9.2		100
Markree	10.6	8.0	8.4	6.6	2.7	6.0	9.6	16.2	7.7	10.7	5.4		100
Cork	3.8	8.0	7.6	6.2	0.3	8.5	15.0	6.6	9.8	8.4	14.9		100
Dublin	6.6	3.8	6.3	3.2	2.2	5.8	15.8	11.3	15.6	10.2	10.6	8.6	100
Armagh	1.9	3.4	4.7	3.9	1.9	11.4	11.3	10.1	13.2	16.0	8.6	13.5	100
Mean	5.9	5.9	7.0	4.7	1.9	8.6	11.7	9.5	13.8	10.9	9.7	10.3	100

There are several advantages in this procedure:

(1)   If monthly falls are processed in this way, year by year, only the annual falls remain to be analysed, and full attention can be given to the difficulties caused for example by unrepresentative changes at a given station, e.g. changes in site or exposure or gauge etc, none of which are likely to affect materially the internal percentages in any year.

(2)   Stations which have only a few years of record, even a single year, can be processed at once in the internal percentage analysis, leaving the estimation of AAR for the station to the time when annual falls are analysed.

(3)   The annual rainfall analysis may show that a station record must be regarded (usually for one or other of the causes in (1)) as comprising two or more discontinuous periods each with appropriate AAR. In this case the analysis of annual rainfall is best done by regarding these periods as being from different stations at the same location; but once again this does not affect the internal percentage analysis.

Glasspoole (1931) used the internal percentage method in producing his well-known regional series for England and Wales, 1727 to 1931. Glasspoole (1924) also gave monthly and annual values for Scotland and Ireland for 1881 to 1924; and also produced the series of annual percentage maps (normal period 1881-1915) for the British Isles for 1868 to 1923, published in 1926 by the Royal Meteorological Society.

2.2   Analysis of annual falls

The first step in the analysis is to take a period of 20 to 50 years, half of it overlapping with the Glasspoole series for Ireland, 1881-1924; and to continue this overlapping back to earliest records. The periods taken may be varied according to the rate of change of stations, with the longer period taken as optimum.

In the (50 year) period, a first estimate of AAR for a station may be taken as the arithmetic mean of the available annual falls, and the individual years recorded as percentages of this AAR. The mean of the station percentage values for a given year is taken as the estimate of the

regional percentage of AAR for that year. Returning now to an individual station, a new estimate of AAR can be obtained from each year with data, using the regional percentage for that year; then the mean for all data years gives the next estimate of AAR.

Three iterations of these two computational steps will give final estimates of (1) Station AAR (2) Station annual percentages of AAR (3) Regional annual percentages of AAR.

3.

The station annual percentages are mapped for each year, or an equivalent computer analysis performed, e.g. as in the U.K. Flood Studies Report (Vol II, Jenkinson and Jackson, 1975). This will show up discontinuities or other errors. Stations with discontinuities are best treated as two (or more) different records, and individual errors amended by the usual elementary methods. The whole process is now repeated.

A similar analysis is done for each overlapping period, and the regional annual percentages combined into a long series which was then further calibrated against relevant established series, e.g. Glasspoole's England and Wales series. The individual station records may also be combined into long series, with missing observations, and annual maps drawn.

These methods were used to produce the final Ireland series of annual falls, and these were expressed as percentages of AAR for 1826-1975. But the nature of the data necessitated other forms of analysis, and these will be discussed in a general account of the data used in different periods.

An account of the data used

3.1 Derry, 1711-1725. Dixon (1959) analysed the weather diary of Thomas Neve, kept at Ballyneill, County Derry, and published monthly and annual totals, together with days of reported precipitation. These have been processed to give internal percentages for each year; but it has been found impossible to calibrate the annual falls, and annual days of precipitation were used in their place to represent the year to year variation of annual rainfall.

3.2 Crosby, 1711-15, 1718-27. Nicholas Blundell's Diurnal (1968, 1970, 1972) includes for the years 1710 to 1727 monthly and annual weather summaries, mainly for London or Flanders for the years 1716 and 1717, but otherwise at Crosby, near Liverpool.

In view of the strong correlations between Ireland rainfall and that of (1) NW England (2) SW Scotland, especially with eastern and northern Ireland respectively, it has been the practice in compiling the Ireland series, in the period before 1840 when data were relatively scarce, to include regional values for both NW England and SW Scotland as single stations in the Ireland analysis. This applies to the period 1792-1839 for SW Scotland, and 1757-1839 for NW England; but the Crosby data were also used as a NW England series for 1711-15, 18-27. The Crosby data were analysed in the same way as the Dublin weather summaries published by Rutty (see section 3.4).

3.3 Castle Dobbs, Antrim, 1726-27. M.S. monthly and annual falls available in the Meteorological Office. An internal monthly analysis was made. The annual falls were not used.

3.4 Dublin, 1716-65. Rutty (1770) published a chronological history of the weather in Dublin for 1716-65, including brief monthly and seasonal weather

Table 3. Frequencies of rankings of December rainfall, Dublin, December 1716-65

summaries. The summaries were read completely through twice, to become familiar with his expressions. Then they were assessed, giving for each month a ranking for rainfall on a scale 1 (exceptionally dry) to 9 (exceptionally wet); these were made to accord with the corresponding seasonal summaries. This analysis was destroyed, and the assessment done again, and also destroyed. A third assessment was taken as final. For the month of December the frequencies of rankings are given in Table 3.

Table 3. Frequencies of rankings of December rainfall, Dublin, December 1716-65

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Frequency	0	2	8	9	8	15	6	1	1	50

A comparable period of 50 years was sought, and 1840-89 was chosen. Internal percentage falls for each month were ranked. For December, these are given in Table 4.

Table 4. Correspondence of Dublin rankings for December 1716-65 with rankings of internal percentages for Ireland, December 1840-89

Dublin ranks	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Frequencies	2	8	9	8	15	6	1	1
Ranked percentages (as per mille)	32	37	63	83	100	132	182	187
	36	43	65	89	103	136		
		51	66	91	105	139		
		53	68	93	108	145		
		54	71	96	108	157		
		55	74	96	109	172		
		61	75	97	111			
		61	82	99	112			
			83		113			
					113			
					114			
					117			
					119			
					120			
					128			
Mean percentage	3.4	5.2	7.2	9.3	11.2	14.7	18.2	18.7

These values were then used, as percentage of AAR, for each December ranking; and other months were treated in the same way. This ensured that the mean annual percentage of AAR for the 50 years 1716-65 was 100; and the mean percentage of AAR for the 50 years 1716-65 was 100; and the mean percentage of

that the block of estimated annual rainfalls would need only minor re-calibration in the final annual rainfall analysis. The assessments for 1723 and 1756 are given in Table 5.

Table 5. Dublin, assessed percentages of AAR for 1716-65

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
1723	8.8	9.0	6.5	5.8	2.1	3.4	4.6	2.3	4.6	12.3	7.2	71.3
1756	14.0	6.8	6.5	14.3	11.0	13.1	9.3	13.2	8.6	14.2	5.1	5.2	121.3

The whole set of monthly and annual percentages were processed to give internal percentages for each year; and the annual percentages were put as a station data set for the analysis of annual falls.

Referring now to the Crosby data (3.3 above), the same procedure was adopted, but for the rankings the months were grouped into six pairs, January and February, and so on; and the Ireland internal percentage set for the same years were used in the comparison procedures.

3.5   NW England, 1757-1839. Only actual rainfall data were used, and all MS data in the possession of the Meteorological Office were re-assessed and analysed as in 2.1 and 2.2. The regional set was used as a single Ireland station for the period 1757-1839. For the period 1766-1791 it was in fact the only series to represent Ireland.

3.6   Scotland, 1757-1977. All MS data of monthly and annual falls for the period up to 1870 were gathered together and re-assessed by the methods of 2.1 and 2.2, and for completeness combined with the (enlarged) Glasspoole series for the years 1868 onwards. For the period before 1870 however, regional analyses were due for SW Scotland, N Scotland and E Scotland, and the SW Scotland series for 1792-1839 was used as a single Ireland station.

The series described in 3.5 and 3.6 will be given in a subsequent publication.

3.7   Irish stations, 1792-1839. Dixon (1953) gives Dublin annual rainfall, and the monthly data are either given in the references quoted by Dixon or are available as MS data in the Meteorological Office. Observations are available for somewhere in the city of Dublin for the whole of this period; and in addition monthly and annual falls are available for: Castlecomer, Kilkenny, 1813-30; Malahide, 1823-24; Derry, 1795-1801; Belfast, 1814-15, 1818 onwards; Armagh, 1836 onwards; Cork, 1825-32, 1836 onwards; Markree, 1833 onwards.

3.8   From 1840 the number of stations increases, rapidly from 1845 onwards, all available as MS data. Monthly and annual station falls for 1840-1880 were processed as in 2.2 to give internal percentages, to add on to Glasspoole's data from 1881 onwards. The annual falls up to 1899 were analysed as in 2.3, and additional analyses were done to establish the ratio of AAR 1870-99 to the Glasspoole AAR 1881-1915.

3.9   1881-1939 for monthly internal percentages   1900-1939 for annual percentages: from Glasspoole's data to 1924, with continuation in British Rainfall.

3.10   1940-48. Annual rainfall maps (with percentage isopleths) are available in British Rainfall for 1940-45, and in the annual publications of the Irish Meteorological Service for 1946-48. A grid of 16 points over Ireland gave values of AAR. The internal percentages for 1940-48 were got from the data of the ten long-period stations available from 1845 onwards; Markree, Valentia, Shannon, Birr, Dublin, Cork, Waterford, Armagh, Londonderry, Belfast. These data for 1940-48 were made available from the study of Tabony (1979).

3.11   1949-77. The series was readily compiled from the monthly and annual series published by the Irish Meteorological Service, taking due account of updating of normal periods.

4.   Further data

4.1   The British Rainfall series for Ireland terminated in 1939. The Ireland series published by the Irish Meteorological Service began, so far as is known to the authors, in 1949. The makeshift series given by the authors for 1940-48 will be of use until it is replaced by an official Irish series.

4.2   Dixon (1953) refers to Irish weather diaries for 1716-34 and 1786-1810. Perhaps an analysis of these can be made as for the Rutty and Blundell weather summaries.

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Monthly rainfall for each year is given as per mille of the rainfall for the year. Annual rainfall is given as per cent of Avr. 1826–1975. The number of stations used is given for each year up to 1880.

Year	N	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
11	2	15	67	111	78	61	61	43	84	68	118	190	104	101.0
12	2	34	25	67	82	48	82	85	89	144	140	44	104	115.9
13	2	99	109	62	48	72	163	130	40	42	142	82	110	90.9
14	2	48	91	31	64	30	78	30	130	42	83	102	82	81.8
15	2	100	55	61	108	132	85	170	90	75	129	52	93	90.9
16	2	17	53	36	70	123	51	98	86	102	138	93	100	116.4
17	2	100	74	75	75	80	75	72	64	138	66	52	74	96.8
18	2	66	80	75	74	72	64	94	185	66	127	117	88	91.6
19	3	118	144	57	72	70	71	134	36	127	117	91	91	88.7
20	3	75	70	85	52	160	59	83	73	59	58	174	174	112.6
21	3	86	52	64	116	64	94	90	97	100	98	131	131	105.2
22	3	63	40	81	42	21	77	128	70	41	86	46	101	79.9
23	3	106	89	89	57	51	82	104	110	53	100	101	91	113.2
24	3	110	159	70	78	74	42	86	53	84	74	131	139	110.0
25	3	93	70	75	90	90	83	55	58	74	90	139	163	102.0
26	3	108	76	39	56	67	92	67	91	42	145	90	90	107.9
27	3	84	90	78	79	100	108	80	69	75	139	101	91	110.2
28	2	103	44	90	58	58	80	69	68	102	106	91	78	103.1
29	1	123	105	46	30	19	50	44	96	80	126	49	102	111.3
30	1	109	86	83	105	105	32	88	72	80	108	142	160	102.3
31	1	105	107	72	51	56	40	55	90	99	116	146	133	94.9
32	1	61	106	63	38	63	75	83	67	70	85	90	83	123.4
33	1	100	47	77	51	98	116	62	73	67	79	73	111	105.1
34	1	47	106	32	91	97	38	38	79	101	92	142	142	112.1
35	1	80	61	54	55	38	45	45	105	85	98	56	90	104.0
36	1	92	72	67	70	100	97	38	110	92	78	90	93	83.1
37	1	135	94	82	85	90	20	48	38	70	116	91	99	102.4
38	1	117	115	84	74	62	72	96	87	83	125	78	117	118.4
39	1	135	57	54	55	92	86	108	69	94	70	49	133	103.4
40	1	80	86	43	34	90	75	79	94	92	78	91	90	71.9
41	1	45	61	62	32	27	47	83	92	80	116	84	93	87.1
42	1	133	68	34	62	53	86	86	70	97	79	73	108	76.4
43	1	131	64	35	28	69	74	114	104	104	137	79	99	93.7
44	1	148	77	31	93	98	65	87	86	111	115	131	106	105.0
45	1	65	95	68	55	36	36	73	70	76	161	115	55	105.0
46	1	113	68	90	57	41	88	129	129	143	91	104	50	92.6
47	1	110	48	44	52	128	88	143	130	130	112	108	91	100.5
48	1	183	38	93	44	22	96	130	23	140	75	32	120	75.6
49	1	83	89	59	45	85	75	63	97	92	70	60	62	82.5
1750	1	165	57	104	70	111	156	156	140	71	122	61	61	83.9

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Year	N	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
1751	1	97	64	90	55	61	18	138	103	128	83	95	68	104·9
52	1	114	48	45	25	109	89	145	131	103	65	75	51	99·8
53	1	100	115	93	57	96	76	90	103	50	64	50	109	101·7
54	1	143	70	67	59	67	154	106	78	52	68	52	95	56·5
55	1	115	56	95	110	83	80	95	84	121	59	50	109	111·0
56	1	29	32	74	54	91	108	77	109	71	109	95	100	117·9
57	2	63	38	124	73	48	45	104	102	38	42	43	73	101·5
58	2	88	85	73	67	59	49	168	168	63	78	80	118	82·6
59	2	85	84	22	29	49	115	100	63	139	139	90	68	106·6
60	2	26	22	39	78	70	82	50	117	84	147	111	117	81·2
61	2	93	85	99	59	49	95	36	89	105	164	89	39	92·4
62	2	40	81	45	46	46	82	62	105	147	164	56	90	113·5
63	2	164	39	111	123	24	30	120	81	164	227	92	111	106·3
64	2	130	61	28	88	132	16	137	101	227	144	67	89	135·
65	2	08	83	28	21	142	141	28	91	101	164	56	39	83·6
66	2	28	109	91	59	63	100	95	136	78	112	53	56	83·6
67	—	48	137	36	36	59	59	180	136	77	175	67	67	98·5
68	—	28	71	28	36	53	128	115	58	23	90	69	53	130·2
69	—	35	43	64	60	60	144	76	93	97	90	112	120	93·6
70	—	37	36	39	38	57	133	70	128	206	80	119	103	108·1
71	—	73	43	444	444	59	16	95	70	165	192	72	83	107·4
72	—	73	99	23	38	63	142	180	70	148	53	137	47	110·4
73	—	81	87	69	58	100	92	95	90	165	125	100	60	91·1
74	—	112	74	53	76	59	42	39	70	41	66	62	55	115·5
75	—	76	99	23	66	125	39	137	128	138	142	92	64	95·9
76	—	46	60	47	30	76	73	125	118	118	67	91	95	95·4
77	—	67	34	65	74	66	108	108	50	50	101	49	99	11·0
78	—	19	33	61	33	81	109	146	42	66	170	128	128	97·0
79	—	39	80	24	68	79	80	154	35	144	139	84	141	81·8
80	—	66	60	70	110	77	60	178	35	178	144	95	95	90·2
81	—	60	109	17	69	60	108	72	135	102	158	119	76	112·7
82	—	95	24	64	49	117	71	159	159	122	93	82	47	100·5
83	1	97	80	53	15	104	98	87	130	137	82	35	47	95·4
84	—	86	52	58	93	79	154	119	119	144	65	83	65	86·8
85	—	72	24	19	26	26	40	35	218	140	19	114	76	83·4
86	—	93	33	37	26	86	73	86	135	135	137	86	107	103·6
87	—	23	66	74	39	46	62	153	153	102	47	97	110	87·6
88	1	97	92	82	74	53	113	28	119	117	76	61	26	112·6
89	1	72	94	24	52	29	23	28	23	91	122	80	119	103·6
1790	1	93	32	21	35	74	93	126	94	101	69	100	162	97·7

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Year	N	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
91	1	135	82	44	80	54	29	97	109	42	96	126	109	102.9
92	3	67	66	78	91	80	46	84	128	119	90	39	112	121.0
93	3	79	127	72	62	42	72	118	78	78	72	93	98	86.5
94	2	39	103	52	88	48	26	60	118	78	183	63	92	114.4
95	2	65	94	78	83	26	82	83	90	15	125	98	57	101.4
96	3	137	80	33	45	145	93	144	75	90	107	93	93	83.3
97	3	59	20	64	54	92	66	74	203	61	61	105	55	96.4
98	4	116	104	36	70	38	49	90	132	118	94	123	91	91.5
99	3	63	50	78	145	55	51	165	74	127	93	57	75	91.7
1800	3	136	48	52	130	78	43	146	144	102	106	94	75	98.1
01	3	111	76	85	111	65	28	28	22	109	96	129	106	94.0
02	3	62	84	43	26	25	26	29	29	129	135	55	96	77.5
03	3	72	91	64	66	78	71	38	32	58	55	57	91	76.0
04	3	138	30	110	51	88	78	160	67	137	124	78	171	106.2
05	3	121	81	81	38	66	55	72	110	43	36	128	144	84.2
06	3	114	73	39	32	103	34	146	97	101	140	89	67	100.5
07	3	62	70	23	46	80	58	132	92	76	43	28	72	107.2
08	3	70	54	35	57	66	51	51	117	32	137	103	67	75.0
09	3	109	85	17	72	111	62	122	147	144	137	84	121	107.7
10	3	71	56	88	57	26	42	51	174	73	66	155	100	92.6
11	3	64	107	66	44	72	49	107	104	42	48	60	104	107.6
12	3	155	123	82	38	48	77	76	78	75	140	103	108	95.8
13	3	28	135	43	57	112	48	83	38	37	137	84	51	78.0
14	4	81	54	42	96	90	55	73	72	101	158	155	178	96.0
15	4	47	87	107	57	92	73	51	95	37	147	181	104	78.0
16	4	63	37	59	38	89	79	140	78	126	130	80	76	103.4
17	4	77	100	77	08	53	95	142	141	117	39	55	117	107.8
18	5	126	70	128	113	42	57	31	57	101	108	126	110	111.1
19	5	139	106	45	60	83	90	65	129	72	97	92	107	105.3
20	5	76	41	80	100	145	69	52	89	114	98	72	108	89.5
21	5	53	16	108	60	55	30	51	92	89	94	144	162	100.8
22	5	44	93	106	74	108	38	165	90	46	130	141	48	107.1
23	6	70	81	73	55	20	77	144	99	75	75	45	157	108.2
24	6	71	52	73	57	86	10	86	58	89	189	153	119	93.9
25	5	84	47	64	51	20	71	20	102	82	162	127	120	94.9
26	5	87	181	68	53	86	87	86	113	123	88	86	94	82.1
27	5	75	40	148	73	87	63	126	98	67	58	62	163	97.3
28	5	103	83	68	93	57	10	98	187	53	88	98	131	112.9
29	5	42	61	51	114	44	74	112	85	85	59	64	58	90.6
1830	5	140	72	68	79	80	61	105	81	130	63	120	101	92.7

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yr	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
31	40	81	97	38	19	63	75	66	75	130	143	104	104·2
32	49	59	84	69	44	99	114	75	119	173	152	88	88·3
33	44	21	30	60	41	61	44	42	134	178	62	107	107·4
34	44	118	97	60	44	109	101	87	137	87	77	93	93·7
35	44	182	65	14	45	35	78	102	125	56	62	102	102·0
36	6	75	80	27	96	100	76	101	114	56	122	102	102·1
37	7	63	105	51	08	76	54	72	116	87	79	95	95·7
38	7	52	36	64	46	62	69	57	102	110	98	106	106·5
39	6	68	83	23	54	94	116	101	82	139	122	84	84·8
40	7	66	13	45	91	96	111	96	162	110	91	96	96·2
41	7	146	87	31	62	78	103	111	57	127	98	87	87·2
42	6	64	79	50	20	75	117	96	85	58	79	91	91·7
43	9	90	62	17	118	78	130	110	90	133	100	75	95·5
44	7	94	94	104	99	78	79	85	144	53	132	109	109·5
45	12	83	62	41	61	109	80	73	42	102	94	100	100·0
46	13	110	84	43	108	98	51	113	62	114	98	87	87·1
47	12	106	53	86	52	46	83	115	65	151	110	122	91·2
48	12	122	79	82	32	18	75	67	132	102	102	79	91·7
49	13	42	31	96	76	83	96	132	121	132	94	98	109·6
50	13	55	136	136	64	59	67	67	57	94	87	91	95·5
51	16	87	35	75	42	100	91	88	121	116	66	111	100·4
52	16	111	94	51	72	133	48	86	70	54	43	108	126·1
53	17	196	74	80	31	69	108	79	39	167	57	90	94·3
54	19	125	38	78	111	128	125	65	64	100	81	113	83·5
55	17	161	68	15	128	100	108	123	56	133	58	97	79·5
56	20	150	30	44	99	84	60	96	103	80	65	72	88·7
57	19	20	33	80	130	63	67	67	88	91	68	89	89·3
58	19	108	100	129	62	90	80	83	83	89	65	88	88·6
59	19	63	54	143	82	39	91	70	91	132	114	113	67·5
60	18	89	96	113	78	42	92	132	48	70	68	74	89·5
61	18	141	77	45	88	150	132	148	132	73	90	61	109·2
62	28	67	101	31	13	82	143	122	132	110	73	90	113·7
63	31	85	101	85	83	78	63	63	55	69	68	61	88·3
64	36	134	88	43	55	80	24	109	106	173	65	83	96·8
65	36	107	81	54	83	91	36	68	120	113	82	84	84·4
66	48	86	94	49	54	82	67	120	113	124	128	114	104·4
67	53	50	68	31	100	150	132	18	48	128	114	109	109·5
68	53	106	68	23	83	82	95	111	68	132	78	103	103·8
66	58	82	90	59	38	91	41	95	120	68	30	103	94·4
67	59	136	90	37	91	23	83	41	77	132	32	77	103·5
67	59	105	97	99	117	32	103	95	68	68	68	68	94·9
68	59	67	97	61	58	40	90	32	90	74	90	54	98·8
69	59	104	88	66	102	28	133	49	144	146	132	172	104·9
69	59	136	72	66	103	28	47	39	47	90	132	98	98·8
1870	60	111	75	39	82	342	64	88	64	222	69	83	86·3

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1871	60	114	92	59	106	21	74	142	69	83	97	67	71	97.8
72	66	109	84	66	53	43	80	48	84	90	101	103	139	127.4
73	69	152	38	92	33	35	46	153	125	111	71	32	32	93.5
74	66	78	70	51	61	61	125	76	160	133	109	63	93	96.7
75	62	143	43	36	27	58	41	74	73	136	150	182	96	102.1
76	65	142	109	90	16	40	86	42	121	104	96	89	102	109.2
77	60	134	59	67	67	16	43	88	73	58	116	61	89	122.0
78	56	95	61	46	69	130	132	100	58	92	104	30	61	94.2
79	55	83	101	57	61	70	143	121	92	44	122	117	94	78.0
80	56	39	94	86	97	32	85	148	122	82	42	30	102	78.3
81		32	113	84	44	57	113	54	48	48	82	124	116	102.4
82		62	73	72	87	55	77	116	66	66	88	130	130	116.2
83		136	125	40	51	64	36	96	69	69	93	109	94	108.2
84		140	127	100	40	70	33	93	64	105	87	93	87	90.4
85		93	117	56	43	94	25	91	62	70	94	55	55	94.9
86		96	74	88	81	53	55	110	87	73	93	87	109	90.5
87		125	64	70	57	71	77	88	106	106	90	94	117	109.4
88		75	26	59	74	104	118	132	81	29	56	109	128	96.5
89		89	39	89	80	68	22	63	148	84	137	61	51	71.5
90		54	81	50	61	75	79	72	71	15	61	137	119	100.9
91		135	60	27	42	68	57	85	75	62	115	97	94	96.4
92		68	69	32	32	61	60	77	84	101	93	70	69	96.8
93		103	124	56	95	52	66	96	52	79	134	134	157	93.5
94		128	104	95	52	72	57	137	137	134	91	91	142	100.9
95		106	24	95	35	11	53	145	58	103	115	97	94	92.8
96		46	51	125	89	42	100	52	124	100	57	36	161	96.4
97		52	65	125	95	80	71	58	105	36	74	105	109	112.1
98		73	83	35	42	77	36	121	85	75	112	115	91	95.4
99		120	88	46	90	66	56	62	70	50	85	181	181	98.2
1900		101	79	20	57	102	63	63	106	41	118	134	113	113.2
01		112	44	82	78	46	70	90	161	44	94	89	119	94.6
02		81	87	69	75	76	67	35	80	76	75	142	76	90.9
03		121	81	132	35	49	46	92	69	80	115	59	58	122.6
04		115	127	71	63	66	63	46	70	88	118	134	113	113.2
05		90	60	152	77	101	50	62	86	55	52	118	87	88.0
06		142	90	70	56	101	62	92	157	36	133	75	94	91.9
07		43	66	83	23	66	107	66	34	55	36	91	120	97.9
08		93	71	109	66	71	48	92	92	145	152	68	118	94.9
09		90	153	97	122	60	60	39	39	64	159	51	120	91.9
1910		97	131	60	57	59	99	157	154	134	96	96	103	107.2

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Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
711	52	86	58	62	51	65	87	63	60	108	130	178	94.9
12	98	89	117	31	36	120	91	109	81	81	77	122	106.8
13	135	42	104	94	64	25	36	93	101	104	83	104	104.8
14	124	135	113	42	94	23	25	101	46	110	104	108	106.8
15	102	128	31	46	102	118	72	58	58	83	83	159	100.8
16	70	105	45	41	46	53	101	72	142	109	110	83	106.8
17	59	110	50	33	28	27	70	74	55	142	123	128	112.7
18	128	65	87	55	102	37	85	83	40	72	109	100	100.6
19	128	55	91	51	33	57	60	34	78	106	95	192	90.6
20	122	65	86	83	77	56	45	62	44	105	76	91	105.1
21	131	45	110	32	86	52	34	52	93	78	83	130	120.6
22	120	148	58	63	63	74	86	66	79	100	85	82	97.9
23	79	120	59	80	51	50	52	90	93	92	69	87	97.7
24	116	35	90	68	42	56	62	128	129	124	87	130	120.6
25	48	27	37	19	84	57	91	113	116	116	136	149	124.6
26	127	101	100	32	30	100	81	102	83	83	111	82	106.8
27	48	20	43	42	39	81	79	28	35	111	69	81	98.6
28	127	63	31	65	40	63	86	112	110	92	85	130	97.6
29	111	81	57	42	94	52	88	72	90	133	136	166	114.2
30	111	77	63	83	102	54	72	90	51	116	169	166	109.6
31	125	06	52	93	40	41	76	64	44	92	64	72	93.9
32	116	06	103	86	93	83	91	73	61	83	63	76.1
33	112	08	81	66	61	43	49	105	165	117	42	103.8
34	112	109	42	76	30	128	28	73	165	115	61	96.9
35	44	106	62	46	36	75	151	100	165	132	81	103.8
36	131	71	85	69	51	48	110	42	67	67	99	118	101.8
37	156	125	41	65	79	85	110	70	93	60	56	77	115.7
38	115	45	81	48	33	57	72	72	63	152	133	100	99.8
39	121	94	81	89	37	111	76	49	56	76	191	83	99.8
40	82	108	83	89	35	97	111	19	63	150	83	105.2
41	95	110	97	50	75	79	97	105	36	97	105	86.5
42	95	39	94	59	109	26	79	102	36	97	65	103.2
43	144	54	94	53	102	11	92	125	113	66	125	103.9
44	160	34	29	62	82	58	93	115	82	118	77	112	100.9
45	102	96	15	44	62	93	77	21	89	124	147	98.2
46	84	73	39	28	48	81	93	130	128	103	31	113.0
47	107	61	46	86	48	111	119	135	70	58	110	112.2
48	104	61	135	95	102	75	89	21	52	60	113	86.2
49	77	73	59	74	57	80	93	82	76	76	157	96.9
1950	60	127	48	68	26	56	29	69	95	137	61	81	111.7

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Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
51	99	81	75	44	44	48	57	102	97	47	170	136	108.7
52	151	32	67	66	71	70	34	99	142	142	81	123	86.0
53	45	56	24	64	64	36	126	64	126	94	118	101	85.0
54	54	68	39	79	77	140	75	52	110	143	113	118	116.6
55	116	93	86	26	55	55	20	52	86	65	88	105	89.2
56	118	31	92	71	46	129	75	67	127	57	33	140	104.5
57	130	79	49	29	54	67	115	104	162	69	55	137	105.6
58	123	89	87	25	93	40	67	33	115	118	88	92	122.1
59	80	30	52	61	47	59	102	35	91	123	76	97	101.4
60	88	67	81	82	55	89	60	84	103	91	132	108	125.1
61	150	94	27	114	42	90	92	42	94	113	72	80	93.1
62	133	48	80	67	73	75	70	68	82	52	61	107	97.3
63	28	56	135	70	74	68	72	100	135	124	160	146	113.8
64	49	09	103	73	82	75	70	97	82	106	74	143	101.4
65	123	132	78	71	74	90	78	110	68	58	59	101	116.5
66	89	102	47	116	124	27	68	89	123	111	66	66	113.8
67	76	30	56	33	57	60	34	73	129	167	69	101	105.2
68	186	61	72	64	57	75	44	128	69	59	112	138	105.2
69	110	115	52	74	32	53	82	72	106	86	125	123	82.7
70	116	75	71	90	62	93	83	104	105	105	135	62	79.4
71	131	91	80	94	104	68	62	47	73	61	131	122	103.1
72	101	83	35	48	99	40	73	90	106	65	135	110	94.9
73	180	94	40	31	75	36	87	49	130	54	83	87	109.3
74	195	49	49	75	28	24	72	49	150	130	105	85	85.6
75	117	61	96	31	99	49	52	112	113	162	91	103	93.8
76	90	133	89	74	23	53	41	79	61	147	108	102	108.0
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