

DATA SET DESCRIPTION

Climatological monthly means of precipitation totals covering the period 1961-1990 (Monthly Normals) for stations worldwide

Version qcV001

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INTENT OF THE DATASET

The climatological monthly means of the period 1961-1990 are provided for stations all over the world. The data originates from the WMO publication No 847 "Climatological Normals (CLINO) for the Period 1961-1990", publications of the National Meteorological Services, or from section 2 of the routinely disseminated monthly CLIMAT reports of the National Meteorological Services. The climatological normals serve for climatological and climate related applications.

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DATA DESCRIPTION

Spatial coverage global

Temporal coverage 01.01.1961 - 31.12.1990

Temporal resolution monthly

Format(s) For every parameter exists a data file, which includes the twelve monthly means for every station. To identify the station numbers use the station list: https://opendata.dwd.de/climate_environment/CDC/help/stations_list_CLIMAT_data.txt

Parameters The multi-annual mean of monthly total precipitation is given for each calendar month of the year. Each row is for a different station.

Station	WMO station-ID
Jan	mean total precipitation in mm January
Feb	mean total precipitation in mm February
Mrz	mean total precipitation in mm March
Apr	mean total precipitation in mm April
Mai	mean total precipitation in mm May
Jun	mean total precipitation in mm June
Jul	mean total precipitation in mm July

Aug	mean total precipitation in mm August
Sep	mean total precipitation in mm September
Okt	mean total precipitation in mm October
Nov	mean total precipitation in mm November
Dez	mean total precipitation in mm December

Uncertainties Known factors of uncertainty: (1) differences in used instrumentation, (2) Changes in station location, (3) changes in measuring devices.

Quality information not available

DATA ORIGIN

Mostly: Climatological Normals (CLINO) for the Period 1961-1990; WMO – No. 847, World Meteorological Organization 1996

VALIDATION AND UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATE

Data in the WMO publication can contain errors. The normals are checked with publications of National Met. Services

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information about the recent location of the stations is included in the stations_list_CLIMAT_data.txt.

REFERENCES

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REVISION HISTORY

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