

FREEZE-FREE PERIODS AT WASHINGTON, DC
First and Last Dates with Temperatures ≤32°, by Season
 Temperatures in °F.

Period of Record: 1872-Present

YEAR	LAST SEASONAL OCCURRENCE		FIRST SEASONAL OCCURRENCE		DAYS BETWEEN FREEZE DATES
	DATE	TEMPERATURE	DATE	TEMPERATURE	
1872	4/17/1872	31	11/10/1872	31	206
1873	3/28/1873	27	10/30/1873	26	215
1874	4/29/1874	30	10/15/1874	32	168
1875	4/22/1875	30	10/14/1875	32	174
1876	4/10/1876	31	10/12/1876	32	184
1877	4/15/1877	32	11/04/1877	32	202
1878	3/26/1878	25	10/29/1878	30	216
1879	4/08/1879	32	10/26/1879	28	200
1880	4/12/1880	28	10/19/1880	30	189
1881	4/07/1881	29	11/16/1881	28	222
1882	4/12/1882	27	11/06/1882	30	207
1883	4/25/1883	32	11/13/1883	30	201
1884	4/09/1884	32	10/26/1884	32	199
1885	4/14/1885	30	11/01/1885	32	200
1886	3/24/1886	29	11/08/1886	29	228
1887	4/20/1887	32	10/16/1887	31	178
1888	4/13/1888	32	11/18/1888	32	218
1889	4/06/1889	32	11/06/1889	31	213
1890	4/06/1890	31	10/31/1890	30	207
1891	4/13/1891	26	10/29/1891	30	198
1892	4/12/1892	31	10/31/1892	30	201
1893	3/30/1893	28	10/31/1893	26	214
1894	4/09/1894	32	11/12/1894	27	216
1895	3/29/1895	31	10/10/1895	30	194
1896	4/09/1896	28	10/25/1896	32	198
1897	4/20/1897	29	11/13/1897	32	206
1898	4/07/1898	31	10/28/1898	30	203
1899	4/11/1899	30	10/22/1899	32	193
1900	4/10/1900	30	11/9/1900	32	212
1901	3/18/1901	29	10/26/1901	32	221
1902	4/4/1902	32	10/30/1902	30	208
1903	4/5/1903	26	11/7/1903	28	215
1904	4/20/1904	28	10/28/1904	30	190
1905	4/19/1905	29	11/2/1905	31	196
1906	4/3/1906	27	10/12/1906	31	191
1907	4/7/1907	32	10/22/1907	32	197
1908	4/5/1908	29	11/1/1908	32	209
1909	4/12/1909	32	10/20/1909	32	190
1910	3/18/1910	31	10/30/1910	31	225
1911	4/10/1911	31	11/2/1911	32	205
1912	4/4/1912	31	11/3/1912	30	212
1913	4/8/1913	32	11/1/1913	32	206
1914	4/10/1914	29	11/7/1914	30	210
1915	4/3/1915	32	11/16/1915	31	226
1916	4/9/1916	32	11/15/1916	28	219
1917	4/14/1917	31	10/31/1917	26	199
1918	4/12/1918	32	11/3/1918	32	204
1919	4/2/1919	24	11/10/1919	31	221
1920	4/10/1920	31	11/12/1920	28	215
1921	4/11/1921	31	11/10/1921	32	212
1922	3/23/1922	27	11/22/1922	30	243
1923	4/15/1923	32	11/2/1923	28	200
1924	4/3/1924	30	11/16/1924	31	226
1925	4/21/1925	32	10/28/1925	32	189
1926	4/20/1926	29	10/28/1926	32	190

1927	3/25/1927	31	11/7/1927	29	226
1928	4/18/1928	30	10/30/1928	32	194
1929	3/11/1929	27	11/10/1929	32	243
1930	3/23/1930	26	10/21/1930	31	211
1931	3/21/1931	30	11/7/1931	30	230
1932	3/16/1932	20	11/13/1932	30	241
1933	3/30/1933	32	10/26/1933	31	209
1934	3/29/1934	31	11/3/1934	32	218
1935	4/16/1935	30	11/23/1935	29	220
1936	4/8/1936	30	10/27/1936	31	201
1937	3/28/1937	30	10/25/1937	31	210
1938	3/11/1938	26	11/24/1938	23	257
1939	4/13/1939	31	11/4/1939	31	204
1940	4/14/1940	30	10/21/1940	32	189
1941	3/31/1941	31	11/11/1941	32	224
1942	3/30/1942	32	10/28/1942	31	211
1943	4/16/1943	31	11/14/1943	32	211
1944	4/6/1944	32	11/13/1944	31	220
1945	3/5/1945	32	11/5/1945	32	244
1946	3/12/1946	30	11/16/1946	32	248
1947	3/31/1947	32	11/13/1947	32	226
1948	3/29/1948	30	12/1/1948	30	246
1949	3/20/1949	30	11/6/1949	31	230
1950	4/15/1950	32	11/12/1950	30	210
1951	3/27/1951	30	11/3/1951	31	220
1952	3/25/1952	32	10/21/1952	30	209
1953	3/11/1953	31	11/6/1953	30	239
1954	4/4/1954	28	11/1/1954	31	210
1955	3/29/1955	30	11/18/1955	32	233
1956	4/21/1956	32	11/19/1956	32	211
1957	3/11/1957	32	11/11/1957	30	244
1958	3/20/1958	32	11/27/1958	32	251
1959	3/29/1959	29	11/8/1959	32	223
1960	3/27/1960	31	11/7/1960	31	224
1961	4/3/1961	32	11/11/1961	31	221
1962	4/4/1962	32	10/27/1962	30	205
1963	3/23/1963	31	11/13/1963	32	234
1964	4/5/1964	32	10/24/1964	32	201
1965	4/5/1965	32	10/29/1965	30	206
1966	3/29/1966	27	11/4/1966	30	219
1967	4/12/1967	32	11/6/1967	26	207
1968	3/15/1968	30	10/31/1968	32	229
1969	4/1/1969	27	10/24/1969	29	205
1970	3/30/1970	26	11/17/1970	31	231
1971	3/31/1971	30	11/8/1971	29	221
1972	4/9/1972	28	10/20/1972	31	193
1973	4/14/1973	32	11/7/1973	31	206
1974	3/26/1974	26	10/21/1974	30	208
1975	3/27/1975	29	12/3/1975	31	250
1976	4/12/1976	32	10/28/1976	31	198
1977	4/9/1977	32	11/14/1977	31	218
1978	3/18/1978	32	12/10/1978	25	266
1979	3/16/1979	25	11/30/1979	28	258
1980	3/13/1980	32	12/14/1980	29	275
1981	3/20/1981	28	11/23/1981	32	247
1982	4/8/1982	29	11/6/1982	30	211
1983	3/30/1983	29	12/2/1983	29	246
1984	3/24/1984	32	11/20/1984	28	240
1985	4/10/1985	29	12/2/1985	28	235
1986	3/23/1986	30	11/13/1986	27	234
1987	4/1/1987	29	11/11/1987	29	223

1988	3/23/1988	32	11/25/1988	32	246
1989	3/20/1989	32	11/18/1989	32	242
1990	4/13/1990	32	11/19/1990	29	219
1991	3/31/1991	32	11/4/1991	31	217
1992	4/4/1992	31	10/20/1992	32	198
1993	3/20/1993	29	11/2/1993	31	226
1994	3/18/1994	31	11/24/1994	29	250
1995	4/5/1995	30	11/5/1995	32	213
1996	3/23/1996	32	11/12/1996	32	233
1997	4/10/1997	28	11/16/1997	31	219
1998	3/25/1998	31	11/5/1998	31	224
1999	3/23/1999	32	11/18/1999	31	239
2000	3/19/2000	32	11/16/2000	30	241
2001	3/28/2001	28	12/22/2001	29	268
2002	4/7/2002	32	11/27/2002	31	233
2003	4/1/2003	32	11/10/2003	31	222
2004	4/5/2004	31	12/4/2004	30	242
2005	3/18/2005	31	11/17/2005	31	243
2006	3/23/2006	32	11/4/2006	29	225
2007	4/9/2007	31	11/24/2007	30	228
2008	3/9/2008	29	11/18/2008	31	253
2009	3/24/2009	28	12/6/2009	30	256
2010	2/27/2010	31	11/29/2010	32	274
2011	3/28/2011	31	12/10/2011	32	256
2012	3/6/2012	29	11/26/2012	32	264
2013	4/4/2013	31	11/13/2013	32	222
2014	3/27/2014	27	11/15/2014	32	232
2015	3/29/2015	28	11/23/2015	32	238
2016	4/10/2016	31	11/23/2016	32	226
2017	3/23/2017	30	11/10/2017	32	231
2018	3/21/2018	32	11/11/2018	31	234
2019	3/8/2019	32	11/9/2019	30	245
2020	3/1/2020	26	11/19/2020	32	262
2021	4/2/2021	31	11/23/2021	32	234
2022	3/29/2022	25	11/18/2022	30	233
2023	3/20/2023	30	11/28/2023	28	252
2024	3/21/2024	32	11/30/2024	30	253
2025	3/3/2025	30	11/11/2025	31	252
YEAR	DATE	TEMPERATURE	DATE	TEMPERATURE	DAYS BETWEEN FREEZE DATES
	LAST SEASONAL OCCURRENCE		FIRST SEASONAL OCCURRENCE		

Data through 12/12/2025, Updated 12/12/2025

DATA SOURCE: Applied Climate and Information System (ACIS): <https://scacis.rcc-acis.org/>
National Weather Service - Baltimore/Washington: <https://www.weather.gov/lwx/>

STATISTICS: Average Freeze-Free Days: 220.8
Average Last Spring Freeze Date: April 1st
Average First Autumn Freeze Date: November 9th
Latest Spring Freeze: 4/29/1874 with 30°
Earliest Autumn Freeze: 10/10/1895 with 30°
Earliest Last Spring Freeze: 2/27/2010 with 31°
Latest First Autumn Freeze: 12/22/2001 with 29°
Shortest Freeze-Free Period: 168 days in 1874
Longest Freeze-Free Period: 275 days in 1980

NOTES: 1) This data for Washington, DC includes the downtown locations (1/1872-6/1945), then Washington National Airport (8/1945-Present). The weather instrument siting between the former downtown location vs. airport location likely contain temperature differences between the two but the National Weather Service/National Centers for Environmental Information's official long-term historical record for Washington, DC is maintained in this record.

2) Maximum Number of Days of a Freeze-Free Period is shown in **bold red**, Minimum in **bold blue**.

3) Background with this color is Earliest Spring and Autumn Freeze dates.

4) Background with this color is Latest Spring and Autumn Freeze dates.

5) Prior to the National Weather Service being established with its official instrument and siting standards, data was collected within the District boundaries. In 1851, a 32° reading was recorded on May 5, 1851 but is not included in the official data, above.