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MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT

THE WEATHER IN DECEMBER 2025

General Weather Conditions: The weather in January was relatively warm and relatively dry. Unstable weather conditions prevailed on the 1st, 5-11th, 14-16th, 21-28th and 30-31st of the month and caused rain, thunderstorms and some snow in Troodos. The average temperature was about 1.4 °C above normal and the average precipitation was 122.8mm or 116% of normal.

Severe Weather conditions: On the 5th-11th of the month, the barometric system "Byron" affected the whole of Cyprus with intense weather phenomena, but the Paphos district and mainly Polis Chrysochous, faced particular flooding problems due to the heavy rainfall. Human lives were also at risk. From the evening of the 5th of the month, thunderstorms with showers, lightning, hail and strong winds were the characteristic of the weather. From the heavy rainfall, the roads became rivers, landslides occurred and premises and basements were flooded with the phenomena much more intense in the Paphos district. Floods were also observed in Limassol, while lower intensity rainfall were recorded in Larnaca and Nicosia. The bad weather caused power outages in almost all the districts. A tornado hit Tala, causing damage from trees that were uprooted and fell on properties. On the 6th of the month, 2 waterspouts were observed in Kato Paphos. In addition to the heavy rains that occurred in various areas of Cyprus, on the 7th of the month, snowfall was recorded in the higher mountains early in the morning. Due to the weather conditions, landslides of rocks and lumps of soil occurred on roads in the mountainous Limassol and Nicosia, resulting in local traffic disruptions. "Vyronas" brought considerable rain to the island. The Paphos district recorded the highest rainfall. **The Polis Chrysochous station recorded a daily rainfall of 113.1mm, which is the second highest daily rainfall for the month of December since 1916, when this station began operating.** On the 9th and 10th of the month, the bad weather also affected the occupied areas very badly, causing many disasters, where dams overflowed, roads, houses and premises were flooded and 1 human life was lost. Schools in the occupied areas did not operate on the 10th of the month due to the bad weather. In the occupied areas, the situation was declared dramatic, due to Byron aftermath. On the 9th of the month, basements and roads in Deryneia and Protaras flooded, and 10 trees were uprooted by the strong winds that blew during the night in the Pernera area in Protaras and Paralimni. Floods and landslides also occurred in the districts of Larnaca and Nicosia. On the 21st of the month, in the Paphos district, heavy hail filled and "whitened" the roads and yards of houses with walnut-sized hail, while heavy rainfall caused flooding on roads and properties. The bad weather caused many problems with electricity supply. Several waterspouts have been observed in the Paphos-Limassol maritime area, while a water turbine in the Amathus area in Limassol came ashore before dissipating. On the 24th and in the morning of the 25th of the month, heavy rains affected various areas of Cyprus, with the most problems due to flooding, mainly in the Famagusta district. On the 30th-31st of the month, heavy rainfall caused flooding and landslides on roads in the Paphos district and in the mountainous areas. Strong winds also caused damage again in the Paphos district. On the 5th, 6th, 10th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st of the month, high-intensity winds blew, with gusts reaching 20-29 m/s in various areas (storm to severe/violent storm).

Precipitation (normal period: 1961-1990): According to preliminary estimates the average precipitation for January was 122.8mm or 116% of normal. The monthly precipitation generally ranged between 65% (Omodos and Saitas) and 324% (Vyzakia) of normal.

Hail occurred on the 5th (Kalopanagiotis, Pedoulas), 10th (Nicosia), 21st (Geroskipou, Chloraka, Ktima, Agios Theodoros Agrou) and 30th (Troodos) of the month.

Snowfall occurred on the 16th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 31st (Troodos) of the month.

Total precipitation during the period October 2025 - December 2025 was approximately 159.2mm or 83% of normal. Total rainfall ranged between 45% (Saitas) and 167% (Vyzakia) of normal.

Temperature (normal period: 1981-2010): The average temperature of the month was approximately 1.4 °C above normal. The average daily temperatures were above or around normal throughout the month, except for 28-30 which were lower, while inland and in the mountainous areas they were lower

also on the 7-10th of the month. Maximum temperatures in Athalassa exceeded 17 °C on 26 occasions, in Larnaca and Paphos they exceeded 18 °C on 26 and 27 occasions respectively, while in Prodromos they exceeded 8 °C on 19 occasions. Most stations recorded their highest maximum temperature on the 28th and 30th of the month and their lowest minimum temperature on the 5th of the month.

Ground and air frost occurred on 3 and 4 occasions respectively in the mountainous areas, while in the semi-mountainous areas 2 cases of ground frost were recorded. Inland, 1 case of ground frost was recorded. There was no frost on the coastal areas.

The 5-day averages of air temperature and their deviations from normal at various places are shown in Table 1 and the extreme temperatures are shown in Table 2.

DECEMBER 2025									
FIVE-DAY TEMPERATURES AND DEVIATIONS FROM NORMAL (° C)									
PRELIMINARY DATA									
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM									
STATION	ATHALASSA		LARNAKA AIRPORT		PAFOS AIRPORT		PRODROMOS		MEAN DEV.
DATES	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	
1--5	22	3	24	4	23	3	12	2	3
6--10	17	-2	20	0	20	0	7	-2	-1
11--15	18	1	20	2	21	2	9	0	1
16--20	19	2	21	3	20	2	9	2	2
21--25	18	2	20	2	21	3	10	3	3
26--31	16	0	19	1	18	0	7	-1	0
MONTH	18.2	0.8	20.6	2.0	20.4	1.5	8.9	0.6	1.2
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM									
STATION	ATHALASSA		LARNAKA AIRPORT		PAFOS AIRPORT		PRODROMOS		MEAN DEV.
DATES	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	
1--5	9	1	13	3	14	4	5	1	2
6--10	10	2	13	3	14	3	4	1	2
11--15	8	1	11	2	11	1	3	0	1
16--20	8	2	10	2	10	1	3	0	1
21--25	10	3	13	4	13	3	4	2	3
26--31	6	0	9	0	11	2	1	-1	0
MONTH	8.6	1.6	11.6	2.4	12.0	2.0	3.1	0.5	1.6
Normal Period for Temperature: 1981 - 2010									
Table 2									
EXTREME TEMPERATURES									
STATION	ATHALASSA		LARNAKA AIRPORT		PAFOS AIRPORT		PRODROMOS		
TEMPERAT.	(° C)	DATE	(° C)	DATE	(° C)	DATE	(° C)	DATE	
HIGHEST MAXIMUM	23.0	5	24.4	5	24.4	5	15.3	5	
LOWEST MINIMUM	0.8	30	4.0	30	6.0	28	-2.2	28	