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MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT

THE WEATHER IN MARCH 2026

General Weather Conditions: The weather in March was normal for the season in terms of temperature and extremely wet in terms of precipitation. Unstable weather conditions prevailed on the 1st, and during the periods 6-7, 13-16 and 18-31 of the month, causing rain, local thunderstorms, hail and in the Troodos snowfall. The average temperature was about 0.05 °C above normal for the month and the average precipitation was 112.5mm or 182% of normal.

Severe Weather conditions: On the 7th of the month, snowfall occurred in the Troodos Mountains at dawn. On the 14th-15th of the month, severe weather events of rain, thunderstorms and strong winds occurred in various areas of the island. In Pentakomo, roof damage was recorded due to the strong winds, which knocked down photovoltaic panels and detached tiles. The bad weather also hit the occupied territories, causing problems and much material damage to roads and the football stadium. On the 15th of the month, strong and at times gale winds, whose gusts reached up to 9 Beaufort, and heavy rainfall, swept the entire island, resulting in serious problems, mainly material damage, in several areas in all provinces; such as falling and moving trees, falling trees on vehicles, moving objects such as tanks, solar panels and signs as well as roofs of temporary premises being torn off. In the Larnaca and Famagusta districts, damage and problems occurred in many cases due to the strong winds and rough seas. Boats were swept away while anchored in the sea and sank. There was also damage to beaches, crops and greenhouses in the Famagusta district. The strong winds in Larnaca swept away boats of the Fisheries Department, where one collided with the breakwaters of the Naval Base in Mari. The Department of Fisheries also declared large losses of sea bass and sea bream populations after the bad weather caused serious damage to fish farming equipment in Liopetri. An old commercial vessel sank in the port of Larnaca. In general, the strong winds that reached speeds of up to 9 Beaufort caused serious destruction and extensive damage to agricultural properties, public spaces, commercial buildings and residences, mainly in the districts of Larnaca and Famagusta. Heavy snowfall occurred in Troodos. The Argaka dam overflowed due to the heavy rainfall. Problems also occurred in the electricity supply and the road network due to the intense phenomena. On the 19th-21st of the month, strong thunderstorms and heavy hail in various areas of the island caused landslides, mainly in several mountainous and semi-mountainous areas. Snowfall was also recorded in Troodos. Mountainous and semi-mountainous areas were covered in "white" hail, while problems were experienced in vehicle traffic. Very intense hail was recorded in the Louvara-Gerassa area and landslides were caused in the Louvara-Kalo Chorio area. Serious problems on central roads of Limassol were caused by the rapid flow of the Germasogeia River, after the torrential rains and heavy hail that occurred in the city and province, affecting drivers negatively. The parking area of the Germasogeia River turned into "Venice" where parked cars were flooded. Due to heavy rainfall and water accumulation in various places, mainly on the Limassol-Paphos motorway and in many areas of Limassol, the roads became dangerous. Heavy rainfall that occurred on the 21st-23rd of the month in the areas along the Limassol-Paphos motorway affected traffic on the motorway, as well as on the wider road network. There was a lot of snowfall in Troodos, which affected traffic in the higher mountains. On the 26th-28th of the month, heavy rains again occurred and dams overflowed. The March precipitation was very beneficial for Cyprus due to the drought. A record inflow of water into the dams was recorded. Several dams overflowed due to the prolonged precipitation in March. **March 2026 was the tenth wettest March recorded since 1901.**

Precipitation (normal period: 1961-1990): According to preliminary estimates, the average precipitation in March was 112.5mm or 182% of normal. Monthly precipitation was above normal and generally ranged between 104% (Kiti) and 328% (Ypsonas) of normal.

Snowfall occurred on the 6th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 29th (Troodos) of the month (Troodos).

Hail occurred on the 18th (Troodos, Agros), 19th (Troodos, Agros, Agios Theodoros), 20th (Alethriko, Palaichori), 29th (Agios Theodoros). Total precipitation during the period October 2025 - March 2026 was approximately 468.4mm or 107% of normal. Overall, total rainfall was between 73% (Akrotiri) and 155% (Kampos) of normal.

Temperature (normal period: 1981-2010): The mean air temperature for the month was approximately 0.05 °C above normal for the month. The average daily temperatures in the interior, on the south-eastern coast and in the mountains were above or around normal on 13 days of the month, while on the remaining 18 they were below normal. On the west coast the average daily temperatures were above normal on most days of the month. The maximum temperatures in Athalassa, Larnaca and Paphos exceeded 19°C on 16, 24 and 19 occasions respectively, while in Prodromos they exceeded 10 °C on 10 occasions. Most stations recorded their highest maximum temperature on the 14th, the 28th-29th and 31st of the month and their lowest minimum temperature on the 1st-2nd and 8th of the month. Air and ground frost occurred in 4 and 5 cases respectively in the mountains, while ground frost occurred in 8 cases in the interior and 1 case on the southeastern coast. No frost was observed on the western and eastern coasts.

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.

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FIVE - DAY TEMPERATURES AND DEVIATIONS FROM NORMAL (° C)

PRELIMINARY DATA

Table 1

MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM									
STATION	ATHALASSA		LARNAKA AIRPORT		PAFOS AIRPORT		PRODROMOS		MEAN DEV.
DATES	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	
1--5	18	-1	19	1	19	1	9	-1	0
6--10	18	0	20	1	19	1	8	-1	0
11--15	18	0	20	1	21	3	9	0	1
16--20	20	1	21	1	20	2	10	0	1
21--25	18	-2	19	-1	18	-1	6	-4	-2
26-31	20	-1	22	1	20	0	11	-3	-1
MONTH	18.7	-0.6	20.1	0.8	19.5	0.9	8.9	-1.5	-0.1

MEAN DAILY MINIMUM									
STATION	ATHALASSA		LARNAKA AIRPORT		PAFOS AIRPORT		PRODROMOS		MEAN DEV.
DATES	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	
1--5	4	-3	7	-2	8	-1	0	-3	-2
6--10	5	-2	9	0	9	0	0	-2	-1
11--15	8	1	11	3	11	2	2	0	1
16--20	8	2	12	4	12	4	3	1	3
21--25	6	-1	10	1	11	2	1	-2	0
26-31	8	0	9	0	13	3	2	-2	0
MONTH	6.5	-0.5	9.6	1.1	10.6	1.6	1.4	-1.4	0.2

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	21.8	31	22.4	29	23.9	14	14.7	28
LOWEST MINIMUM	2.9	8	5.7	1	6.6	1, 2	-2.1	1