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MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT

THE WEATHER IN APRIL 2026

General Weather Conditions: The weather in April was normal in terms of temperature and extremely wet in terms of precipitation. Unstable weather conditions occurred during the periods 1-11, 16-20, 26 and 28-30 of the month and caused rain, thunderstorms with hail and strong winds. The average temperature was about 0.25 °C above normal for the month and the average monthly precipitation was 54.7mm or 183% of normal.

Severe Weather conditions: On the 1st-2nd of the month, the barometric low "ERMINIO" affected the whole Cyprus, leaving behind quite beneficial precipitation. Eight small dams overflowed. **On the 3rd-4th of the month, one of the strongest and most extreme dust episodes we have faced in the last 10 years affected the whole island.** Hourly dust concentration values measured at 07:00 am on the 3rd of the month reached 1167.7 µg/m³ in Nicosia and 2047.0 µg/m³ in Agia Marina Xyliatou, up to almost 42 times above the permitted limit. The dust values far exceeded 50µg/m³ in all areas of Cyprus, i.e. the limit value referred to the average daily value, but were considerably lower than those of Nicosia and Agia Marina Xyliatou. Visibility was also temporarily limited to a large extent due to the high concentration of dust. The intense dust wave that covered Cyprus, came from Libya-North Africa and due to the severity of the episode, work, planned activities and events in open spaces (such as excursions, sports, etc.) were postponed. On the 5th-7th and 11th of the month, torrential rains caused water accumulation on roads and limited visibility, thus adversely affecting the road network, mainly on highways in all provinces. The first half of April recorded satisfactory performance - the precipitation was beneficial for the dams. On the 17th-18th of the month, torrential rains and hail occurred in various areas of Cyprus, causing forest fires caused by lightning, which were extinguished. On the 18-20th of the month, the rains and hail continued but also a new episode of dust. Heavy concentrations prevailed, that reached up to 15 times above the limit (Nicosia 709.4, Limassol 589.5, Larnaca 696.3, Paphos 260.6, Agia Marina Xyliatou, 398.7, Zygi 695.5, Paralimni at 630.7 µg/m³). These weather conditions caused problems on the road network as, combined with the fog, visibility in the morning hours was quite limited as well as health problems that led some of our fellow citizens to the hospital throughout Cyprus. On the 28th of the month, torrential rains and heavy hail covered the Troodos mountain range in white and other mountainous villages, mainly in the Limassol and Nicosia districts. A tornado formed in Nicosia, in Aglatzia, without causing any damage on the 28th of the month.

Precipitation (normal period: 1961-1990): The average precipitation in April was 54.7mm or 183% of normal. Monthly precipitation generally ranged between 95% (Tseri, Athalassa) and 389% (Avdelero) of normal.

Hail occurred on the 4th (Troodos, Agios Theodoros, Stavrovouni, Strovolos), and on the 28th (Prodomos, Pedoulas, Moutoullas, Amiantos, Agios Theodoros, Palaichori, and Kalo Chorio) of the month.

Total rainfall during the period October 2025 - April 2026 was approximately 522.7mm or 112% of normal. Total rainfall generally ranged between 76% (Akrotiri) and 149% (Kambos) of normal.

Temperature (normal period: 1981-2010): The average temperature for the month was 0.25 °C above normal. The average daily temperatures were below normal on most days (18 days) of the month while on the remaining days they were slightly above or close to normal. Somewhat low maximum daily temperatures for the month were recorded during the period 11-12 of the month mainly inland and in the mountains. Maximum temperatures in Athalassa exceeded 24 °C in 12 cases, in Larnaca they exceeded 23°C in 16 cases, in Paphos they exceeded 22 °C in 10 cases, while in Prodomos they exceeded 15 °C in 13 cases. Most stations recorded their highest maximum temperature during the period 15-16 of the month and their lowest minimum temperature on the 1st, during the periods 3-5 and 11 of the month.

No air or ground frost occurred.

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	21	-1	21	0	20	0	11	-2	-1
6--10	22	-1	22	1	20	0	13	-1	0
11--15	23	-2	23	0	21	-1	16	-1	-1
16--20	24	0	25	2	24	2	15	-1	1
21--25	25	0	24	0	22	0	17	1	0
26-30	29	2	26	2	24	2	19	1	2
MONTH	23.9	-0.5	23.4	0.7	21.9	0.4	14.9	-0.6	0.0

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	11	1	13	3	3	-2	0
6--10	8	-1	10	0	14	3	4	-2	0
11--15	8	-3	10	-2	13	1	5	-2	-1
16--20	13	3	16	4	16	4	8	1	3
21--25	10	-1	12	0	13	1	7	-1	0
26-30	13	1	15	2	14	2	8	0	1
MONTH	10.2	-0.2	12.5	0.7	13.8	2.3	5.7	-0.9	0.5

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	29.7	28	27.8	16	30.4	26	23.7	15
LOWEST MINIMUM	5.5	5	8.0	11	11.0	1	2.1	3, 4