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MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT

THE WEATHER IN MAY 2026

General Weather conditions: The weather in May was normal in terms of temperature and extremely wet in terms of precipitation. Unstable weather conditions occurred during the periods 1-6, 14, 19-26, 28-29 and 31 of the month and caused local showers, thunderstorms and gale winds in several areas of Cyprus, as well as snowfall in Troodos. The average temperature for the month was 0.85 °C below normal and the average monthly precipitation was 46.7mm or 238% of normal.

Severe Weather conditions: On the 3rd and early morning on the 4th of the month, torrential rains, thunderstorms and gale winds occurred in various areas throughout Cyprus. The phenomena had a greater impact, especially in mountainous areas. The bad weather caused problems both in the road network and in citizens' homes, such as flooding and other damage from moving objects such as roofs, etc. On the 3rd of the month, snowfall occurred in Troodos, and in fact enough that the mountain was covered in white, something quite rare for the month of May for Cyprus! (Previous years with snow in May since 1987 were 2/5/1987, 17/5/92, 6/5/95 and 3/5/2026). On the 20th of the month, rain, thunderstorms and strong winds affected various areas, mainly inland and mountainous areas. Due to strong winds, a fire was caused in the community of Analiotia by branches coming into contact with power lines, but it was quickly brought under control, while in Germasogeia a tree was uprooted and fell on parked vehicles. On the 23-25th of the month, torrential rains and thunderstorms caused floods, landslides and, by extension, problems on the road network in the district of Larnaca and Nicosia (Nicosia center, Tseri, Strovolos, Lakatamia, Archangelos, Aglantzia, Latsia, Geri, Engomi, Agios Dometios, Lympia, Rizoelia). In Flasou-Nicosia, a fire broke out due to a lightning strike, near the Solea dam, but due to the timely intervention of the forest firefighters, its spread was prevented. On the 28th of the month, heavy rainfall was recorded on the Nicosia - Larnaca highway, in the Lympia - Rizoelia area. On the 29th of the month, due to strong winds, a tree fell and crushed a parked vehicle in Nicosia. On the 31st of the month, heavy rainfall and lightning occurred in areas of the interior and over the mountains, causing power outages in various areas of mountainous Nicosia and Limassol. A large number of fires were recorded throughout Cyprus this month, and although most were quickly brought under control, they nevertheless caused damage.

Precipitation (normal period: 1961-1990): According to preliminary calculations, the average rainfall in May was 46.7mm or 238% of normal. The monthly rainfall was above normal in all areas and ranged from 110% (Frenaros) to 531% (Akrotiri) of normal.

The total precipitation during the period October 2025–May 2026 was approximately 569.4mm or 117% of normal and ranged between 81% (Akrotiri) and 157% (Kambos) of normal.

Hail was recorded on the 3rd (Kalopanagiotis, Agros), 23rd (Makedonitissa, Archangelos, Strovolos, Lakatameia, Mammari-Denia area), 24th (Athienou, Pedoulas) of the month.

Snowfall occurred on the 3rd of the month in Troodos.

Temperature (normal period: 1981-2010): The average temperature for the month was 0.85°C below normal. The average daily temperatures were below normal on most days of the month (19), while during the rest of the month they were above or around normal. Considerably lower than normal daily temperatures were recorded during the period 3-5 of the month, where the maximum temperatures in the interior and in the mountains ranged up to 6-9°C and 9-13°C respectively above normal. The maximum temperatures in Athalassa exceeded 30°C on 11 occasions, in Larnaca they exceeded 26°C on 17 occasions, in Paphos they exceeded 25°C on 3 occasions, while in Prodromos they exceeded 20°C on 14 occasions. The most representative stations recorded their highest maximum temperature on the 11th, 12th and 13th of the month and the lowest minimum temperature on the 4th and 6th-7th of the month.

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	22	-5	22	-2	21	-2	11	-7	-4
6--10	28	0	26	1	24	0	14	-5	-1
11--15	31	1	28	1	24	0	21	1	1
16--20	29	-1	28	1	24	-1	20	-1	-1
21--25	27	-4	26	-1	24	-1	16	-6	-3
26-31	30	-1	28	0	25	-1	21	-2	-1
MONTH	28.0	-1.6	26.3	-0.1	23.6	-0.9	17.3	-3.1	-1.4

MEAN DAILY MINIMUM									
STATION	ATHALASSA		LARNAKA AIRPORT		PAFOS AIRPORT		PRODROMOS		MEAN DEV.
DATES	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	ACTUAL	DEV.	
1--5	10	-2	14	0	13	0	4	-4	-2
6--10	13	-1	14	0	14	0	8	-2	-1
11--15	14	0	16	0	17	2	11	1	1
16--20	17	1	17	1	17	2	10	-1	1
21--25	14	-2	16	-1	17	1	8	-4	-1
26-31	17	0	18	0	18	2	11	-2	0
MONTH	14.1	-0.7	15.7	0.1	16.0	1.3	8.8	-2.0	-0.3

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	32.9	12	30.8	13	25.4	12	24.6	11
LOWEST MINIMUM	7.9	7	11.0	7	11.5	6	0.2	4