



Climate & Urban Systems Partnership

Philadelphia Mean Annual Changes

a. Temperature

Baseline (1971 - 2000) 55.3 °F	Low Estimate (10 th Percentile)	Middle Range (25 th to 75 th Percentile)	High Estimate (90 th Percentile)
2020s	+ 1.5 °F	+ 2.1 to 2.9 °F	+ 3.3 °F
2050s	+ 3.1 °F	+ 4.0 to 5.7 °F	+ 6.7 °F
2080s	+ 3.8 °F	+ 5.0 to 8.6 °F	+ 9.9 °F

b. Precipitation

Baseline (1971 - 2000) 42.1 inches	Low Estimate (10 th Percentile)	Middle Range (25 th to 75 th Percentile)	High Estimate (90 th Percentile)
2020s	- 1 percent	+ 2 to + 11 percent	+ 14 percent
2050s	+ 2 percent	+ 4 to + 13 percent	+ 18 percent
2080s	+ 3 percent	+ 6 to + 17 percent	+ 25 percent

Based on 33 GCMs and two Representative Concentration Pathways. Baseline data are for the 1971 to 2000 base period and are from the NOAA National Climatic Data Center (NCDC). Shown are the low-estimate (10th percentile), middle range (25th percentile to 75th percentile), and high-estimate (90th percentile).

c. Sea Level Rise

	Low-estimate (10 th percentile)	Middle Range (25 th to 75 th percentile)	High-estimate (90 th percentile)
2020s	2 in	4 to 8 in	10 in
2050s	8 in	10 to 20 in	29 in
2080s	12 in	17 to 36 in	54 in

Projections are based on a 6-component approach that incorporates both local and global factors. The model-based components are from 24 GCMs and two Representative Concentration Pathways. Shown are the low-estimate (10th percentile), middle range (25th percentile to 75th percentile), and high-estimate (90th percentile). Projections are relative to the 2000-2004 base period.

Philadelphia Extreme Events

a. 2020s

	Low Estimate (10th Percentile)	Middle Range (25th to 75th Percentile)	High Estimate (90th Percentile)
Number of days per year with maximum temperature at or above over 90°F (26 days)	33	36 to 43	47
Number of days per year with minimum temperature at or below 32 °F (87 days)	62	64 to 71	74
Number of days per year with rainfall at or above 1 inch (11 days)	10	11 to 13	14
Number of days per year with rainfall at or above 2 inches (2 days)	2	2 to 3	3
Numbers of heat waves per year (3 heat waves)	4	5 to 6	6
Average heat wave duration (in days) (5 days)	5	5 to 5	6

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b. 2050s

	Low Estimate (10th Percentile)	Middle Range (25th to 75th Percentile)	High Estimate (90th Percentile)
Number of days per year with maximum temperature at or above over 90°F (26 days)	42	51 to 65	74
Number of days per year with minimum temperature at or below 32°F (87 days)	44	49 to 59	66
Number of days per year with rainfall at or above 1 inch (11 days)	11	11 to 13	14
Number of days per year with rainfall at or above 2 inches (2 days)	2	2 to 3	3
Numbers of heat waves per year (3 heat waves)	6	7 to 8	9
Average heat wave duration (in days) (5 days)	5	6 to 7	7

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c. 2080s

	Low Estimate (10th Percentile)	Middle Range (25th to 75th Percentile)	High Estimate (90th Percentile)
Number of days per year with maximum temperature at or above over 90°F (26 days)	51	60 to 93	104
Number of days per year with minimum temperature at or below 32°F (87 days)	30	34 to 53	63
Number of days per year with rainfall at or above 1 inch (11 days)	11	12 to 14	16
Number of days per year with rainfall at or above 2 inches (2 days)	2	2 to 3	4
Numbers of heat waves per year (3 heat waves)	6	8 to 9	9
Average heat wave duration (in days) (5 days)	6	6 to 9	11

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