



# Memorial Day Extremes

*Memorial Day has been celebrated in the United States since 1868 when it was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial Day was then observed on May 30<sup>th</sup> each year until 1971. Memorial Day has since then been observed on the last Monday of May after the National Holiday Act of 1971 was passed by congress. This Act was passed to allow for a three day holiday weekend each year for Memorial Day.*

*We found the dates that Memorial Day has been observed each year. We then researched the data for each Memorial Day, and found the warmest maximum temperatures, Coldest minimum temperatures, and the wettest days for Grand Rapids, Muskegon, and Lansing. Period of record for Grand Rapids is 1897-2013, period of record for Lansing is 1868-2013, and period of record for Muskegon is 1897-2013, since records do not go back to 1868 for all locations.*



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## Grand Rapids

Period of Record 1897-2013

**Warmest High Temperature**

1. 92° - 5/30/1919
2. 91° - 5/28/2012, 5/29/2006 and 5/29/1978

**Coldest High Temperature**

1. 48° - 5/30/1910
2. 60° - 5/29/1995 and 5/27/2013

**Warmest Low Temperature**

1. 68° - 5/27/1991
2. 67° - 5/29/2006
3. 66° - 5/30/1942 and 5/30/1937

**Coldest Low Temperature**

1. 31° - 5/25/1992
2. 34° - 5/30/1965
3. 35° - 5/27/1974, 5/30/1945 and 5/30/1930

**Wettest**

1. 1.82" - 5/28/1984
2. 0.42" - 5/31/1982
3. 0.40" - 5/29/1989

*Lists top three for each category. (T)= tie for that position. If (t) for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place will not be listed.*



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## Lansing

Period of Record 1868-2013

**Warmest High Temperature**

1. 95° - 5/30/1895
2. 93° - 5/30/1874
3. 92° - 5/28/2012

**Coldest High Temperature**

1. 41° - 5/30/1889
2. 49° - 5/30/1894
3. 53° - 5/30/1983

**Warmest Low Temperature**

1. 69° - 5/27/1991
2. 67° - 5/29/2006 and 5/30/1895

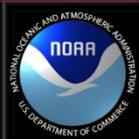
**Coldest Low Temperature**

1. 29° - 5/25/1992
2. 31° - 5/30/1965 and 5/30/1873

**Wettest**

1. 1.91" - 5/28/1943
2. 0.99" - 5/31/1981
3. 0.81" - 5/29/1984

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## Muskegon

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**Warmest High Temperature**

1. 89° - 5/28/2012
2. 87° - 5/29/2006
3. 85° - 5/30/1988, 5/30/1944

**Coldest High Temperature**

1. 47° - 5/30/1897
2. 48° - 5/30/1983
3. 50° - 5/30/1910

**Warmest Low Temperature**

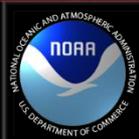
1. 70° - 5/29/2006
2. 68° - 5/30/1970
3. 65° - 5/30/1962

**Coldest Low Temperature**

1. 32° - 5/25/1992
2. 33° - 5/30/1945
3. 34° - 5/30/1961

**Wettest**

1. 1.04" - 5/29/1989
2. 1.04" - 5/28/1984
3. 0.86" - 5/31/1999



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