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# State of Pakistan Climate in 2023

## 1. Pakistan Climate highlights in 2023

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- The Extremely Sever Cyclonic Storm "Biparjoy" was the first cyclonic storm originated in the Arabian Sea in the year 2023.
- Biparjoy has been the longest duration cyclone over the Arabian Sea with 13 days and 3 hours lifetime and covered about 2500 km translational distance.
- Annual rainfall during the year 2023 was slightly above normal with national total rainfall being +16% of the average.
- Annual rainfall was above average over Balochistan (+29%), Sindh (+50 %) and Punjab (+30) while below normal over KP (-11 %), AJK (-12 %) and GB (-10 %).

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- The annual rainfall of 2023 over Sindh & Punjab were significantly high and it ranked as the 16<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> wettest year respectively since 1961.
- The country witnessed one of the record-breaking seasonal (AMJ) 2023 rainfall (+92%), which stood 3<sup>rd</sup> heaviest seasonal rainfall since 1961.
- National monsoon (JAS) & post-monsoon (OND) seasons were near average while winter (JFM) was below average.
- Annual 2023 national mean temperature, for Pakistan, as a whole, was 0.51 °C above average.
- Positive phases of Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) and El Niño developed during June-September 2023.



Figure 1. Significant climate events

Region	Rank (of 63)	Normal (mm)	Average (mm)	Departure (percent)	Comment
Pakistan	42	297.6	344.1	16	22 <sup>nd</sup> highest (record 526.9 mm in 2022)
Azad Jammu & Kashmir	16	939.4	827.9	-12	48 <sup>th</sup> highest (record 1198.3 mm in 1992)
Balochistan	48	159.9	206.8	29	6 <sup>th</sup> highest (record 409.4 mm in 2022)
Gilgit Baltistan	27	193.6	174.4	-10	37 <sup>th</sup> highest (record 392.3 mm in 1996)
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	17	684.2	610.5	-11	47 <sup>th</sup> highest (record 995.9 mm in 2015)
Punjab	52	387.0	503.3	30	12 <sup>th</sup> highest (record 642.3 mm in 2015)
Sindh	48	171.9	257.8	50	16 <sup>th</sup> highest (record 741.6 mm in 2022)

#### Table 1: Annual area-weighted rainfall-2023 of Pakistan and sub-regions

Rank ranges from 1 (lowest) to 63 (highest).

#### Table 2: Annual area-averaged mean temperature-2023 Pakistan and sub-regions

Region	Rank (of 63)	Normal (°C)	Average (°C)	Anomaly (°C)	Comment
Pakistan	46	22.80	23.31	0.51	18 <sup>th</sup> highest (record 23.95°C in 2002)
Azad Jammu & Kashmir	57	16.22	17.01	0.80	7 <sup>th</sup> highest (record 17.43°C in 2001)
Balochistan	49	23.11	23.70	0.59	15 <sup>th</sup> highest (record 24.99°C in 2002)
Gilgit Baltistan	49	14.22	14.69	0.47	15 <sup>th</sup> highest (record 15.30°C in 1971)
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	44	19.60	20.07	0.48	20 <sup>th</sup> highest (record 20.54°C in 2016)
Punjab	35	24.55	24.73	0.18	29 <sup>th</sup> highest (record 25.62°C in 1970)
Sindh	47	26.58	27.25	0.67	17 <sup>th</sup> highest (record 27.89°C in 2018)

Rank ranges from 1 (lowest) to 63 (highest).



Figure 2: Monthly mean Temperature (left) and rainfall in 2023 verses corresponding averages.

## 3. Synoptic Features of 2023

Four westerly waves/western disturbances (WD) from 6-9, 10-13, 18-25 and 28-30 January approached Balochistan and spread over the country that resulted in widespread rain and snowfall across most parts of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Punjab, Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) &

Kashmir. In February two WDs affected the central and upper parts of the country during 8-10 Feb and the last week of the month while southern parts remained under dry continental air during the month. March saw three WDs, from 8-11, 14-25 and 28-31 March that yielded widespread rainthunderstorms and heavy hailstorms across most parts of the country. In the month April, four WDs entered the country during 1-6, 7-13, 21-23 & 25-30 April, which yielded widespread dustthunderstorm, rain and few hailstorms in most parts of the country. May witnessed four back-toback WDs during 1-9, 14-19, 21-23 & 25-31 May across most parts of the country that resulted moderate/ heavy rain accompanied with severe dust-thunder/hailstorms. June 2023 brought a most significant event, the formation of tropical cyclone (BIPARJOY) over the southeast Arabian Sea on 7 June. The TC BIPARJOY tracked along north-northwest direction from 7-14 June and gradually attained the intensity of an Extremely Severe Cyclone Storm (ESCS). Recurving Northeast on 15 June, it made landfall at Indian Port, Jakhau, southeast of Keti Bandar, Sindh on 16 June as a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (VSCS) with maximum sustained winds of 120 Km/h and producing widespread heavy rains in Southeast Sindh. With seasonal/heat-low been located over west-northwest Balochistan, the moist currents from the Arabian Sea started penetrating into eastern parts of the country that caused pre-monsoon rains.

July's significant synoptic feature was the monsoon onset. From 2<sup>nd</sup> July, strong monsoon currents started penetrating into central and upper parts of the country till 10 July and from 11-16, 17-20, 21-26 and 27- end July which resulted in widespread very heavy/very heavy rainfall. August experienced a break monsoon feature when monsoon trough remained stuck near the foothills of Himalaya, which ultimately confined the monsoon currents only to north/ northeastern Pakistan. On the other hand, the heat-low prevailed invariably over north-northwest Balochistan. During September 1-19, the heat-low remained centred around north-northwest Balochistan and monsoon currents penetrated into southern and upper parts of the country from 20 - 24 September, which resulted in widespread rain/thundershowers over most parts of the country. The monsoon withdrew from the country on 26 September followed by the dry-continental air entrance in Balochistan and southern Sindh that caused a heatwave like conditions in Karachi and other southern districts of Sindh during 28-30 September. In October, two low-pressure areas formed over central Balochistan and eastern Sindh from 15-21 Oct that resulted some rain/thundershowers. November usually experiences the dry continental airflow. However, a westerly trough existed from 4-11 & 17-18 Nov yielding some moderate rainfall in KP, Punjab, GB, and Kashmir. During the last week, another westerly system approached southwest Balochistan resulting in isolated very heavy rainfall in South Balochistan. The dry continental air and dense fog remained the predominant features during December except two mild WDs entered the west Balochistan from 15-16 & 22-24 Dec, spread over most parts of the country and caused some light rainfall in west Balochistan, Northern areas of Punjab, KP, GB, Kashmir, and upper Sindh.

#### 4. Rainfall: Above average annual rainfall

The national total rainfall for the years 2023 was 16% above the long-period average of 1961-2010 with 344.1 mm (average is 297.6 mm). Annual rainfall was so over Balochistan (+29%), Sindh (+50 %) and Punjab (+30) while below normal over KP (-11 %), AJK (-12 %) and GB (-10 %), (Figs. 3 & 4). It was significantly high in Sindh & Punjab and ranked record 16<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> wettest year respectively since 1961 (Table-1).



Figure 3: Pakistan spatial distribution of 2023 annual rainfall, actual (left) and departure (right)

The year 2023 started with deficient rainfall (-21% deviation) with January 2023 happened to be a below-average rainy month for Pakistan with only 14.9 mm area-weighted rain against 18.9 mm average rainfall in the month. The deficient trend persisted rather aggravated through the February with -77% deviation, the February 2023 was largely deficient-rain month for Pakistan with only 5.6 mm area-weighted rain against 24.9 mm average rainfall and ranked fifth driest February during past 63 years. The situation was more or less similar on a regional scale. March saw a sigh of relief from persistent drier months. With +42% deviation, March 2023 was largely above-average rainfall. On a regional scale with largely above-average rainfall, Balochistan (47.50/+132%) witnessed the 8<sup>th</sup> wettest March, Punjab (57.00mm/+104%) the 10<sup>th</sup> wettest March and Sindh (7.80mm/68%) the 11<sup>th</sup> wettest March during the past 63 years. In a sharp contrast, for GB (6.90mm/-74%) it ranked the 11<sup>th</sup> driest March, AJK (41.30mm/-59%) the 10<sup>th</sup> driest March since 1961 and KP (73.10mm/-21%) too faced with deficient month.

April 2023 with 12.5% rainfall was slightly above average for Pakistan as a whole. On a regional scale, extreme above-average rainfall occurred in Sindh (9.50/+205.2%) and ranked 7<sup>th</sup> wettest April during past 63 years. During May 2023, Pakistan experienced four moderate to heavy rainfall events accompanied with severe dust-hailstorms. May 2023 rainfall with 127% was largely above average for Pakistan as a whole and stands 2<sup>nd</sup> wettest May on record (the record is 34.30 mm in 1987). The situation remained similar on regional scale too i.e. extremely above-average rainfall occurred in Punjab with 58.20 mm/+273% and ranked as the wettest ever May during past 63 years (record being 43.30 mm in 1987). Balochistan with 21.30 mm/+255.60% (record being 27.30 mm in 1987) and Sindh with 13.10 mm/+348% (record being 58.70 mm in 1999) both have had the 2<sup>nd</sup> wettest May during past 63 years. June 2023 rainfall was largely above average (160%) for Pakistan as a whole and stands 2<sup>nd</sup> wettest June on record (the record being 88.10 mm in 2007). The situation was so on regional scale; largely above-average rainfall in Balochistan with 27.20 mm/+199% (record is 114.00 mm in 2007) and Sindh with 49.60 mm/+385% (record is 51.60 mm in 1964) both recording the 3<sup>rd</sup> wettest June during past 63 years. For Punjab with 80.10 mm/+172% (record is 93.60 mm in 2007), it ranked as the 4<sup>th</sup> wettest June, KP with 67.90 mm/+89% (record is 82.90 mm in 2008) the 7<sup>th</sup> wettest June, AJK with 93.50 mm/+48% (record

is 172.40 mm in 1971) the 8<sup>th</sup> wettest June during past 63 years. The GB was the only region that witnessed nearly average rainfall with 11.70 mm/+9%. One of significant feature of this month was tropical cyclone formation in the North Arabian Sea. TC *Biparjoy* formed over southeast Arabian Sea on 6 June and made landfall between Keti Bandar, Sindh and Gujarat (India) on evening of 16 June as a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm with maximum sustained winds of 120 Kts/h. It also caused severe heatwave like conditions over Karachi and other districts of lower Sindh for 4 days, 09-12 June, culminating into a dust-thunderstorms and widespread heavy rains in Southeast Sindh with light/moderate rainfall in Karachi during 13- 17 June 2023.



July 2023 rainfall was largely above average (70%) for Pakistan as a whole and stands as the 9th wettest July on record (the record being 177.80 mm in 2022) July during past 63 years respectively. A similar situation prevailed on a regional scale too. GB recorded largely above average (44.30 mm/+233%) saw the wettest ever July (record was 44.20 mm in 1993), for Balochistan with 62.70 mm/+111% (record is 163.30 mm in 2022) and Sindh 146.0 mm/+143% (record is 245.40 mm in 2022) the month ranked 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> wettest respectively. Punjab with 152.80 mm/+47%, AJK with 27.70 mm/+31% and KP with 127.30 mm/+19% also observed above normal rainfall. August 2023 rainfall was largely below average (-66%) for Pakistan and stands 2<sup>nd</sup> driest August on record (the driest ever being in 1993 with 16.40 mm). The situation was similar on regional scale too; for Balochistan with 2.40 mm (-89%), it stands the driest ever (past driest being 3.5mm in 1963), for Punjab with 39.2mm (-58%) & KP with 50.40mm (-51%) both happened to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> driest August (driest ever being 28.7mm & 41.1mm respectively in 1993). Sindh with 0.90mm (-98%) recorded the 6<sup>th</sup> driest August during the past 63 years. September 2023 rainfall was near average, -7% for Pakistan as a whole.

October 2023 rainfall was above average with 16.1mm (+102%) for Pakistan as a whole and stands 9<sup>th</sup> highest rainfall in October (record is 52.7mm in 1997). On regional scale: Punjab with 27.1mm (+234%) observed the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest October rainfall (record is 83.1mm in 1997); Balochistan with 9.8mm (+230%) observed the 7<sup>th</sup> highest (record is 51.8mm in 1997), GB with 15.3mm (+96%) observed the 8<sup>th</sup> highest October rainfall (record is 97.8mm 1987) and AJK with 49.4mm (+59%) too experienced excessively above average rainfall during the month. In contrast, Sindh with only 1.4mm (-67%) was the only region having excessively below average rainfall. November 2023 rainfall was excessively above average, with 9.6mm mm (+87%), for Pakistan as a whole. On

regional scale: Punjab with 11.4mm (+173%) observed the 7<sup>th</sup> highest November rainfall (record is 22.5mm in 1982), Balochistan with 8.1mm (+214%) also observed the 7<sup>th</sup> highest (record is 25.8mm in 2019) and Sindh with 4.1mm (+156%) observed the 8<sup>th</sup> highest (record is 25.9mm in 2019), while, KP with 20.6mm (+17%) recoded slightly above average rainfall. December 2023 rainfall was excessively below average, with only 1.1mm (-92%), for Pakistan as a whole and stands 6<sup>th</sup> driest December during past 63 years (driest ever being 0.0mm in 1999). A similar situation prevailed over the regions with Sindh recorded no rain accept traces at Jacobabad, Punjab with only 0.2mm (-98%) observed the 9<sup>th</sup> driest December (driest ever being 0.0mm in 3 different years) and GB with only 0.3mm (-97%) also observed the 4<sup>th</sup> driest December rainfall (driest ever is 0.0mm in 1999.



Figure 5: Pakistan annual rainfall time-series over 63-years (1961-2023). The black line indicates the 7-year moving average, positioned over middle year of the each 7-year block. The red straight line shows the national annual long-term (1961-2010) average. The black dotted line shows a trend over the period.

#### 5. Temperature: Another warmest year of Pakistan

The annual national mean temperature for 2023, for Pakistan as a whole, was 0.51 °C above the 1961–1990 average, placing it as 18<sup>th</sup> warmest year on record during past sixty-three years (Table 2). The 2023 mean annual maximum temperature at country-level was 30.23 °C being 0.53 °C warmer than average of 29.69 °C and was so in all regions of the country (Fig. 8). The mean annual minimum temperature was 16.36 °C, being 1.02 °C warmer than the country average of 15.34 °C being fourth warmest on record. It was so at sub-regional basis as well with Sindh being first and AJK & Balochistan the eighth warmest minimum on record. The annual minimum temperature over Punjab was also above average, placing the province in upper ten warmer years (Fig. 9).

January 2023 was -1.25 °C cooler than average with national mean monthly temperature of 9.98 °C against the average 11.24 °C. February 2023 was +3.55 °C warmer than average with national mean monthly being 17.16 °C against the average 13.60 °C and ranked as the 2<sup>nd</sup> warmest February during past 63 years (record is 17.79 °C in 2006). March 2023 was also warmer than average by +1.63 °C with national mean monthly being 20.49 °C against the average 18.86 °C and ranked as the 13<sup>th</sup> warmest March during past 63 years (record is 22.92 °C in 2022). April

2023 was -0.26 °C slightly cooler than average with national mean monthly being 24.28 °C against the average 24.54 °C. May 2023 was also cooler than average by -0.71 °C with national mean monthly temperature being 28.23 °C against the average 28.94 °C. June 2023 too happened to be -0.72 °C cooler than average with national mean monthly temperature being 31.26 °C against the average of 31.98 °C.



Figure 6: Pakistan spatial distribution of 2023 annual mean temperature, actual (left) and anomaly (right)

July 2023 was -0.52 °C, cooler than average with national mean monthly temperature being 30.70 °C against the average of 31.22 °C. August 2023 was 0.19°C, warmer than average with national mean monthly temperature being 30.44°C against the average of 30.25 °C. September 2023 was 1.12 °C, warmer than average with national mean monthly temperature being 29.10°C against the average of 27.98 °C and stands 4<sup>th</sup> warmest mean temperature during past 63 years (the record is



Figure 7: Pakistan annual mean temperature anomalies (with 1961-1990 the base period) over 1961-2023. The black solid line indicates 7-year moving average with average positioned over middle year of each 7-year block. The black dotted line shows the trend over the period.

29.79 in 2019). So was the situation in all regions; AJK with  $24.32^{\circ}$ C (+1.89°C) observed the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest monthly mean (the record being 24.43°C in 2019), KP with 27.02 °C (+1.21°C) observed the 5<sup>th</sup> highest mean (the record being 27.61°C in 1961), Punjab with 31.14°C (+1.13°C) observed the 4<sup>th</sup> highest mean (the record being 31.57°C in 1961), Sindh with 31.50 °C (+1.06°C) observed the 6<sup>th</sup> highest mean (the record being 32.39°C in 2021), Balochistan with 29.01°C (+1.10 °C) and GB with 22.38 (+0.85 °C) all exhibited warmer than average temperatures. October 2023 was 1.00 °C, warmer than average with national mean monthly temperature being 24.59°C against the average of 23.59 °C. So was the situation in the regions; Balochistan with 24.99 (+1.65), Sindh with 29.64°C (+1.61°C) observed the 5<sup>th</sup> highest monthly mean (the record being 29.87°C in 2017). November 2023 remained 1.24 °C warmer than average with national mean monthly temperature being 19.10°C against the average of 17.87 °C and ranks as 8<sup>th</sup> warmest November (record is 19.87 °C in 2011). December 2023 remained 1.59 °C, warmer than average with national mean monthly temperature being 14.35°C against the average of 12.77 °C and ranks as 6<sup>th</sup> warmest December (record is 15.64 °C in 2016).



Figure 8: Pakistan spatial distribution of 2023 annual maximum temperature, actual (left) and anomaly (right)



Figure 9: Pakistan spatial distribution of 2023 annual minimum temperature, actual (left) and anomaly (right)

#### 6. Tropical Cyclones BIPARJOY

Biparjoy has been the longest duration cyclone over the Arabian Sea with 13 days and 3 hours lifetime and covered about 2500km translational distance (Depression-to-Depression stage) with minimum estimated central pressure 958 hPa and maximum sustained surface wind 180 km/h.



Figure 10: Observed Track of TC BIPARJOY

Figure 11. Satellite image of VSCS-Biparjoy at landfall.

Initially, a low-pressure area formed over the southeast Arabian Sea about 1550 km south of Karachi in the evening of 5 June, strengthened into a Depression on early morning of 6 June. Due to favorable environmental conditions the depression further intensified into a Cyclonic Storm, CS (and named *Biparjoy*) on the evening of 6 June. The CS Biparjoy further intensified into a Severe Cyclonic Storm (SCS) during early morning of 7 June and into a Very Sever Cyclonic Storm (VSCS) over the same region around noon of 7 June with estimated central pressure drop to 983 hPa and maximum sustained surface wind to 130km/h. From 7 – 11 June the intensity was same as VSCS followed by an Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm (ESCS) in the early morning of 11 June with estimated central pressure drop to 960 hPa and maximum sustained surface wind 220km/h at a distance of 760 km south of Karachi (Figs. 10 &11). For at least 40 hours Biparjoy maintained its strength as ESCS then weakened into VSCS in the night of 12 June with estimated central pressure 470 km south of Karachi.

Biparjoy started landfalling as a VSCS by the evening of 15 June and crossed adjoining Pakistan-India Border near Latitude 23.3°N & Longitude 68.5°E at a distance of 135km from Keti Bandar, Pakistan. Making landfall, the system weakened into a Severe Cyclonic Storm (SCS), further into Cyclonic Storm (CS) by the morning of 16 June and moved further northeastwards. The CS further weakened into a depression by 17 June over Tharparker and adjoining southeast Rajasthan (India) and moved further eastwards.

#### 7. Extreme, record breaking and Strong winds events of 2023

Observations show an increase in the intensity of heavy rainfall and extreme temperature events in Pakistan that occurred on timescales of month and a day. Number of extreme records broken during 2023. New records of heavy rainfall events on daily and monthly timescales have set in 2023 (Tables 3 & 4). Twenty-seven stations' record of lowest maximum temperature and eighteen stations' record of highest maximum temperatures have broken Tables 5 & 6). Sizable number of extreme night temperature records have also broken (Tables 7 & 8). Strong winds reported (speed  $\geq$  30knots) during the year 2023 have been listed in Table 9.

s			Γ	lew Record	OI	d Record	No of
No	STATION	Month	Value	Date	Value	Date	years examined.
1	Bannu	Mar-2023	57.0	25/03/2023	30.0	04/03/1999	25
2	Mithi	Mar-2023	20.0	22/03/2023	12.8	12/03/2007	20
3	Sakrand	Mar-2023	15.0	19/03/2023	8.0	06/03/2020	9
4	Thatta	Mar-2023	9.0	24/03/2023	7.8	02/03/2013	20
5	Khanpur	May-2023	28.0	16/05/2023	27.0	18/05/2014	70
6	Mirpurkhas	May-2023	3.5	30/05/2023	0.0		20
7	Mithi	May-2023	24.0	30/05/2023	16.6	28/05/2005	20
8	Multan	May-2023	42.3	29/05/2023	40.0	28/05/2002	70
9	Quetta Sh. Manda	May-2023	40.0	01/05/2023	18.0	25/05/2003	27
10	Rahim Yar Khan	May-2023	23.5	30/05/2023	7.2	10/05/2014	22
11	Tandojam	May-2023	5.0	31/05/2023	4.0	07/05/2010	16
12	Lahore Airport	Jun-2023	226.0	26/06/2023	98.0	29/06/2011	70
13	Lahore City	Jun-2023	161.8	26/06/2023	125.5	18/06/1894	143
14	Mithi	Jun-2023	165.0	17/06/2023	42.0	20/06/2021	20
15	Padidan	Jun-2023	65.0	28/06/2023	60.4	13/06/2013	83
16	Zhob	Jun-2023	40.0	27/06/2023	37.0	27/06/2006	70
17	Mirpurkhas	Jul-2023	72.0	24/07/2023	61.0	24/07/2009	20
18	Padidan	Jul-2023	163.6	26/07/2023	138.0	31/07/1992	83
19	Sibi	Jul-2023	127.0	26/07/2023	88.9	25/07/1969	98
20	Sukkur	Jul-2023	90.0	25/07/2023	64.0	26/07/2015	27
21	Barkhan	Nov-2023	31.0	07/11/2023	23.0	07/11/2013	57
22	Islamabad ZeroPoint	Nov-2023	43.9	10/11/2023	40.5	20/11/1992	41
23	Mianwali	Nov-2023	47.0	10/11/2023	25.4	08/11/1979	62
24	Mirpurkhas	Nov-2023	3.0	26/11/2023	1.0	02/11/2019	20
25	Pasni	Nov-2023	94.0	26/11/2023	76.0	22/11/2019	63
26	Rawalpindi	Nov-2023	83.0	10/11/2023	79.7	16/11/1982	70
27	Sibi	2023	127.0	26/07/2023	109.2	11/03/1949	98

Table 3. New highest 24-hours rainfall (mm) records

S	STATION		Ν	lew Record	OI	d Record	No of
No	STATION	Month	Value	Date	Value	Date	years examined.
1	Lahore Airport	2023	1794.0	2023	1243.5	2013	70
2	Lahore City	2023	1314.7	2023	1232.5	1997	143
3	Mithi	Mar-2023	20.0	Mar-2023	12.8	Mar-2007	20
4	Sakrand	Mar-2023	16.0	Mar-2023	11.0	Mar-2020	9
5	Thatta	Mar-2023	9.0	Mar-2023	7.8	Mar-2013	20
6	Bahawalnagar	May-2023	125.0	May-2023	113.3	May-1993	61
7	Khanpur	May-2023	49.0	May-2023	37.8	May-2014	70
8	Mirpurkhas	May-2023	3.5	May-2023	0.0		20
9	Mithi	May-2023	32.2	May-2023	16.6	May-2005	20
10	Multan	May-2023	72.5	May-2023	66.7	May-2014	70
11	Quetta Sh. Manda	May-2023	63.0	May-2023	38.0	May-2005	27
12	Rahim Yar Khan	May-2023	27.3	May-2023	10.2	May-2014	22
13	Tandojam	May-2023	5.0	May-2023	4.0	May-2010	16
14	Chhor	Jun-2023	124.3	Jun-2023	112.2	Jun-1978	86
15	Dera Ismail Khan	Jun-2023	113.0	Jun-2023	100.4	Jun-2013	143
16	Jehlum	Jun-2023	190.1	Jun-2023	184.8	Jun-2008	76
17	Lahore Airport	Jun-2023	392.5	Jun-2023	224.1	Jun-2011	70
18	Lahore City	Jun-2023	291.1	Jun-2023	208.6	Jun-1996	143
19	Mithi	Jun-2023	209.0	Jun-2023	58.2	Jun-2007	20
20	Zhob	Jun-2023	87.0	Jun-2023	77.0	Jun-2007	70
21	Astore	Jul-2023	93.6	Jul-2023	89.3	Jul-1978	63
22	Lahore Airport	Jul-2023	668.7	Jul-2023	665.4	Jul-1980	70
23	Mirpurkhas	Jul-2023	133.0	Jul-2023	125.0	Jul-2022	20
24	Sibi	Jul-2023	241.0	Jul-2023	159.0	Jul-2022	98
25	Cherat	Oct-2023	112.0	Oct-2023	111.8	Oct-1931	93
26	Risalpur	Oct-2023	123.0	Oct-2023	117.0	Oct-2004	71
27	Barkhan	Nov-2023	36.0	Nov-2023	27.0	Nov-2019	57
28	Mianwali	Nov-2023	47.0	Nov-2023	36.7	Nov-1979	57
29	Mirpurkhas	Nov-2023	4.0	Nov-2023	1.0	Nov-2019	20
30	Pasni	Nov-2023	94.0	Nov-2023	79.0	Nov-2019	63

Table 4. New wettest month/year rainfall (mm) records

Table 5. New highest maximum temperatures (°C) records

S		_	ſ	New Record	OI	No of	
No	STATION	Month	Value	Date	Value	Date	years examined.
1	Balakot	Feb-2023	27.0	24/02/2023	27.0	25/02/2016	67
2	Barkhan	Feb-2023	30.5	(15&17)/02/2023	28.9	11/02/1993	57
3	Bunji	Feb-2023	21.7	19/02/2023	21.5	11/02/1993	63
4	Gilgit	Feb-2023	22.0	(18&19)/02/2023	22.0	22/02/2021	63

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5	Kalat	Feb-2023	26.0	16/02/2023	25.0	16/02/2004	128
6	Khanpur	Feb-2023	34.0	24/02/2023	34.0	28/02/1960	70
7	Mithi	Feb-2023	40.0	16/02/2023	38.5	19/02/2017	20
8	Thatta	Feb-2023	36.5	27/02/2023	36.0	27/02/2009	20
9	Bunji	Jun-2023	43.3	24/06/2023	43.3	30/06/2022	63
10	Gilgit	Jun-2023	43.5	24/06/2023	43.5	(03)/06/1990	63
11	Zhob	Jun-2023	43.0	25/06/2023	43.0	11/06/2021	69
12	Bannu	Sep-2023	41.5	15/09/2023	41.0	14/09/2018	25
13	Garhi Dupatta	Sep-2023	38.5	02/09/2023	38.0	(03)/09/2019	63
14	Islamabad Zero Point	Sep-2023	37.2	(04&15)/09/2023	37.2	13/09/2019	41
15	Mithi	Sep-2023	42.5	(07&08)/09/2023	42.0	22/09/2018	20
16	Quetta Sh. Manda	Sep-2023	38.5	12/09/2023	38.0	09/09/2021	27
17	Barkhan	Oct-2023	37.0	06/10/2023	37.0	01/10/2009	57
1	Zhob	Oct-2023	36.0	06/10/2023	36.0	01/10/2016	63

Table 5. New highest maximum temperatures (°C) records

# Table 6. New lowest maximum temperatures (°C) records

S	S STATION	Month		New Record	OI	No of	
No	STATION	Month	Value	Date	Value	Date	examined.
1	Chitral	Jan-2023	0.6	25/01/2023	1.0	29/01/1977	59
2	Drosh	Jan-2023	1.0	25/01/2023	1.0	08/01/2008	63
3	Gawadar	Jan-2023	17.5	14/01/2023	18.0	16/01/2020	22
4	Turbat	Jan-2023	14.0	14/01/2023	14.5	21/01/2009	27
5	Bahawalpur City	May-2023	26.2	02/05/2023	26.8	0705/1998	63
6	Dadu	May-2023	33.0	30/05/2023	33.5	04/05/2005	20
7	Rahim Yar Khan	May-2023	31.5	30/05/2023	32.7	14/05/2014	22
8	Bannu	Jun-2023	26.0	02/06/2023	26.2	30/06/2007	25
9	Cherat	Jun-2023	16.0	02/06/2023	16.7	09/06/1988	63
10	Faisalabad	Jun-2023	25.0	02/06/2023	27.5	30/06/2018	63
11	Garhi Dupatta	Jun-2023	15.5	01/06/2023	19.5	22/06/2022	63
12	Islamabad Zero Point	Jun-2023	23.0	(01&02)/06/2023	23.0	22/06/2022	41
13	Jehlum	Jun-2023	23.0	02/06/2023	25.4	22/06/2022	63
14	Kotli	Jun-2023	20.6	01/06/2023	21.9	22/06/2022	63
15	Lahore Airport	Jun-2023	24.3	01/06/2023	26.2	17/06/2006	63
16	Lahore City	Jun-2023	25.4	01/06/2023	25.8	15/06/2013	63
17	Mithi	Jun-2023	27.0	17/06/2023	29.8	27/06/2007	20
18	Mizaffarabad	Jun-2023	19.5	02/06/2023	20.0	22/06/2022	63
19	Murree	Jun-2023	11.7	01/06/2023	12.0	22/06/2022	63
20	Peshawar	Jun-2023	23.5	02/06/2023	23.5	05/06/2010	63
21	Rawalpindi	Jun-2023	22.5	02/06/2023	23.0	22/06/2022	63
22	Sialkot	Jun-2023	23.0	01/06/2023	24.0	22/06/2017	63

23	Lahore Airport	Jul-2023	25.0	05/07/2023	25.0	18/07/1978	63
24	Shorekot (Rafiqui)	Jul-2023	27.0	23/07/2023	27.0	12/07/1976	63
25	Pasni	Nov-2023	21.5	25/11/2023	22.2	25/11/1963	63
26	Chitral	2023	0.6	25/01/2023	1.0	29/01/1977	59
27	Turbat	2023	14.0	14/01/2023	14.5	21/01/2009	27

Table 6. New lowest maximum temperatures (°C) records

## Table 7. New highest minimum temperatures (°C) records

S	S STATION		Ν	lew Record	OI	No of	
No	STATION	Month	Value	Date	Value	Date	years examined.
1	Balakot	Feb-2023	12.8	20/02/2023	12.7	16/02/1999	63
2	Gilgit	Feb-2023	10.6	20/02/2023	8.9	16/02/1993	63
3	Jacobabad	Feb-2023	18.0	(26&28)/02/2023	17.5	26/02/2021	63
4	Larkana	Feb-2023	19.8	27/02/2023	19.0	28/02/2009	38
5	Rohri	Feb-2023	19.5	28/02/2023	19.5	22/02/2006	63
6	Quetta Samungli	Jun-2023	26.0	(24&25)/06/2023	25.7	22/06/1986	63
7	Astore	Sep-2023	18.3	18/09/2023	18.3	08/09/1970	63
8	D.I.KHAN(City)	Sep-2023	29.0	(01&02)/09/2023	29.0	01/09/2007	63
9	Dalbandin	Sep-2023	29.0	(01&03)/09/2023	28.3	05/09/1983	63
10	Jehlum	Sep-2023	29.5	14/09/2023	29.2	07/09/2021	63
11	Kotli	Sep-2023	27.4	(13-15)/09/2023	27.0	05/09/2019	63
12	Peshawar	Sep-2023	28.5	(01&02)/09/2023	28.5	25/09/2021	63
13	Bahawalnagar	Nov-2023	20.5	01/11/2023	19.7	02/11/2001	63
14	D.I.KHAN(City)	Nov-2023	20.5	01/11/2023	20.0	01/11/2019	65
15	Dadu	Nov-2023	22.0	(01-03)/11/2023	21.8	01/11/2018	22
16	Faisalabad	Nov-2023	20.5	02/11/2023	19.3	02/11/2018	65
17	Larkana	Nov-2023	22.5	01/11/2023	22.5	02/11/2022	38
18	Rahim Yar Khan	Nov-2023	19.9	07/11/2023	19.5	05/11/2011	24
19	Mianwali	Dec-2023	12.5	02/12/2023	12.5	10/12/2018	64
20	Peshawar	Dec-2023	12.0	(23&24)/12/2023	12.0	08/12/2020	65
21	Jacobabad	2023	33.0	18/06/2023	33.0	21/06/2016	63

Table 8. New lowest minimum temperatures (°C) records

S No	STATION	Month	r	New Record	OI	No of	
			Value	Date	Value	Date	examined.
1	Nokkundi	Jan-2023	-10.0	14/01/2023	-10.0	04/01/1934	91
2	Saidu Sharif	Jan-2023	-4.0	(18&19)/01/2023	-3.0	27/01/2008	50
3	Saidu Sharif	May-2023	5.5	26/05/2023	7.0	09/05/1998	50
4	Bahawalnagar	Jun-2023	17.5	01/06/2023	18.3	12/06/1985	61
5	Lahore Airport	Jun-2023	17.5	26/06/2023	18.0	17/06/2011	70

6	Lasbella	Jun-2023	18.0	11/06/2023	18.0	03/06/1935	63
7	Multan	Jun-2023	19.5	01/06/2023	19.5	03/06/1998	70
8	Chilas	Jul-2023	12.0	07/07/2023	15.0	23/07/2010	63
9	Islamabad Zero Point	Jul-2023	18.0	09/07/2023	18.0	11/07/2019	41
10	Nookundi	2023	-10.0	14/01/2023	-10.0	09/02/1974	91
11	Saidu Sharif	2023	-4.0	(18&19)/01/2023	-3.0	27/01/2008	50

Table 8. New lowest minimum temperatures (°C) records

## Table 9: Strong winds reported (speed 30 knots or stronger) during the year 2023

Date	Station	Max Wind Knots	Date	Station	Max Wind Knots	Date	Station	Max Wind Knots
26-May	Bahawalnagar	40	17-May	Jhang	44	04-Sep	Mangla	35
31-May	Bahawalnagar	40	04-Sep	Jhelum	30	16-Jun	Mithi	30
01-Jun	Bahawalnagar	40	17-May	Joharabad	50	31-Jul	Moin Jo Daro	30
11-Jun	Bahawalnagar	60	11-Jun	Joharabad	50	15-Mar	Multan AP	34
25-Jul	Bahawalnagar	34	22-Sep	Joharabad	37	16-Mar	Multan AP	34
26-Jul	Bahawalnagar	30	09-Nov	Joharabad	37	21-Mar	Multan AP	30
17-Apr	Bahawalpur AP	30	04-May	Kasur	45	04-Apr	Multan AP	45
04-May	Bahawalpur AP	30	26-Jun	Kasur	45	05-Apr	Multan AP	45
15-May	Bahawalpur AP	40	14-Oct	Kasur	45	18-Apr	Multan AP	30
17-May	Bahawalpur AP	32	17-May	Khanewal	38	27-Apr	Multan AP	30
01-Jun	Bahawalpur AP	34	29-May	Khanewal	42	01-May	Multan AP	30
04-Jun	Bahawalpur AP	46	01-Jun	Khanewal	36	04-May	Multan AP	30
07-Jun	Bahawalpur AP	36	17-May	Kot Addu	30	16-May	Multan AP	54
11-Jun	Bahawalpur AP	44	11-Jun	Kot Addu	35	17-May	Multan AP	54
02-Jul	Bahawalpur AP	46	29-Aug	Kot Addu	30	27-May	Multan AP	32
03-Jul	Bahawalpur AP	55	29-May	Kotli	35	28-May	Multan AP	32
04-Jul	Bahawalpur AP	36	15-Mar	Lahore AP	35	29-May	Multan AP	35
06-Jul	Bahawalpur AP	40	16-Mar	Lahore AP	40	31-May	Multan AP	30
19-Jul	Bahawalpur AP	35	29-Mar	Lahore AP	30	03-Jun	Multan AP	38
22-Jul	Bahawalpur AP	33	31-Mar	Lahore AP	30	06-Jun	Multan AP	36
05-Apr	Bahawalpur City	35	05-Apr	Lahore AP	48	07-Jun	Multan AP	36
17-Apr	Bahawalpur City	32	18-Apr	Lahore AP	50	27-Aug	Multan AP	50
04-May	Bahawalpur City	36	22-Apr	Lahore AP	35	26-Jun	Narowal	40
15-May	Bahawalpur City	36	29-Apr	Lahore AP	35	03-Jun	Padidan	30
17-May	Bahawalpur City	30	04-May	Lahore AP	55	13-May	Peshawar AP	40
28-May	Bahawalpur City	44	06-May	Lahore AP	55	29-May	Peshawar AP	30
04-Jun	Bahawalpur City	42	07-May	Lahore AP	30	02-Sep	Peshawar AP	35
11-Jun	Bahawalpur City	42	08-May	Lahore AP	30	04-Sep	Peshawar AP	32
03-Jul	Bahawalpur City	34	13-May	Lahore AP	40	22-Mar	Peshawar BKIAP	30
07-Jul	Bahawalpur City	36	16-May	Lahore AP	30	20-Apr	Peshawar BKIAP	42

Date	Station	Max Wind Knots	Date	Station	Max Wind Knots	Date	Station	Max Wind Knots
28-Jul	Bahawalpur City	35	23-May	Lahore AP	55	13-May	Peshawar BKIAP	40
18-Jun	Bannu	46	25-May	Lahore AP	45	15-May	Peshawar BKIAP	30
22-Jul	Bannu	34	26-May	Lahore AP	45	17-May	Peshawar BKIAP	42
17-May	Bhakkar	30	28-May	Lahore AP	42	29-May	Peshawar BKIAP	30
22-Apr	Cherat	30	07-Jun	Lahore AP	52	11-Jun	Peshawar BKIAP	35
12-Sep	Cherat	30	10-Jun	Lahore AP	40	20-Apr	Peshawar City	40
27-Jun	Chhor	40	11-Jun	Lahore AP	60	13-May	Peshawar City	40
27-Jul	Chhor	32	15-Jun	Lahore AP	55	26-Jun	Peshawar City	30
01-Jun	D.G.Khan	54	19-Jun	Lahore AP	60	09-Feb	Quetta Samungli	30
06-Jul	D.G.Khan	30	26-Jun	Lahore AP	70	18-Mar	Quetta Samungli	30
29-Jul	D.I.Khan(AP)	30	30-Jun	Lahore AP	30	26-Apr	Quetta Samungli	32
22-Sep	D.I.Khan(AP)	40	02-Aug	Lahore AP	55	15-Jun	Quetta Samungli	30
01-Jun	D.I.Khan(City)	30	05-Aug	Lahore AP	30	16-Jun	Quetta Samungli	34
28-Jul	D.I.Khan(City)	36	07-Aug	Lahore AP	30	25-Jun	Quetta Samungli	30
29-Aug	D.I.Khan(City)	41	10-Aug	Lahore AP	32	13-May	Rawalpindi	30
05-Apr	Faisalabad	34	11-Aug	Lahore AP	35	29-May	Rawalpindi	30
10-Jun	Faisalabad	30	26-Aug	Lahore AP	47	10-Jun	Rawalpindi	35
31-Jul	Faisalabad	30	28-Aug	Lahore AP	40	14-Jun	Rawalpindi	35
09-Nov	Faisalabad	31	17-Sep	Lahore AP	40	30-Jun	Rawalpindi	30
09-Oct	Gujranwala	40	22-Sep	Lahore AP	50	04-Sep	Rawalpindi	38
06-Aug	Hyderabad	30	14-Oct	Lahore AP	50	29-Sep	Rawalpindi	38
07-Aug	Hyderabad	30	04-May	Lahore City	42	17-May	Sahiwal	32
02-May	Islamabad AP	30	06-May	Lahore City	36	29-May	Sialkot AP	35
04-May	Islamabad AP	37	17-May	Lahore City	45	19-Jun	Sialkot AP	35
06-May	Islamabad AP	45	23-May	Lahore City	35	03-Aug	Sialkot AP	35
13-May	Islamabad AP	34	11-Jun	Lahore City	42	15-Aug	Sialkot AP	35
23-May	Islamabad AP	34	26-Jun	Lahore City	55	04-Sep	Sialkot AP	30
11-Jun	Islamabad AP	41	02-Aug	Lahore City	32	15-Jun	Thatta	32
14-Jun	Islamabad AP	32	26-Aug	Lahore City	32	12-Aug	Thatta	30
24-Jun	Islamabad AP	35	28-Aug	Lahore City	36	23-May	Toba Tek Singh	32
30-Jun	Islamabad AP	34	27-Jun	Larkana	34	09-Oct	Toba Tek Singh	32
07-Aug	Islamabad AP	40	17-May	Layyah	30	19-Mar	Turbat	35
15-Aug	Islamabad AP	30	11-Jun	Layyah	40	01-Apr	Turbat	30
09-Sep	Islamabad AP	33	17-May	Mandibahauddin	32	27-Apr	Turbat	60
29-Sep	Islamabad AP	30	19-Jun	Mandibahauddin	30	13-Jun	Turbat	30
09-Oct	Islamabad AP	36	24-Mar	Mangla	45	14-Jun	Turbat	30
16-Oct	Islamabad AP	31	23-May	Mangla	44	28-Jun	Turbat	30
17-May	Islamabad ZP	30	24-May	Mangla	43	27-Aug	Turbat	30

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Date	Station	Max Wind Knots	Date	Station	Max Wind Knots	Date	Station	Max Wind Knots
11-Aug	Islamabad ZP	40	06-Jun	Mangla	39	30-Oct	Turbat	40
04-Sep	Islamabad ZP	45	14-Aug	Mangla	30			
22-Sep	Islamabad ZP	35	19-Aug	Mangla	30			

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