

UK warm, dry and sunny year - 2003

The information below uses data from the final network. 2003 values are compared with previous years, using the areal series back to 1961.

General regions map



Districts map



General Regions - 2003

Regions	Mean Temperature	Rainfall	Sunshine
UK	Warmest in series with 9.51, previous warmest 9.48 in 2002.	3rd driest in series with 901.5 mm, driest 1964 with 894.1 mm.	2nd sunniest in series with 1587.4 hours, sunniest 1995 with 1588.5 hours.
England	4th warmest in series with 10.27, warmest 1990 with 10.33.	4th driest in series with 675.4 mm, driest 1964 with 645.2 mm.	Sunniest in series with 1746.9 hours, previous sunniest 1995 with 1729.7 hours.
Wales	7th warmest in series with 9.63, warmest 1990 with 9.79.	5th driest in series with 1139.0 mm, driest 1964 with 1084.6 mm.	4th sunniest in series with 1534.7 hours, sunniest 1995 with 1596.6 hours.
Scotland	Warmest in series with 8.24, previous warmest 8.07 in 1997.	4th driest in series with 1206.5 mm, driest 1972 with 1154.0 mm.	2nd sunniest in series with 1379.0 hours, sunniest 1995 with 1381.3 hours.
Northern Ireland	Joint 2nd warmest in series with 9.41, warmest 9.53 in 1997.	4th driest in series with 936.4 mm, driest 1975 with 851.3 mm.	6th sunniest in series with 1348.8 hours, sunniest 1975 with 1469.2 hours.
England & Wales	4th warmest in series with 10.19, warmest 1990 with 10.25.	5th driest in series with 739.1 mm, driest 1964 with 705.5 mm.	Sunniest in series with 1717.8 hours, previous sunniest 1995 with 1711.4 hours.

District Regions - 2003

Regions	Mean Temperature	Rainfall	Sunshine
Scotland N	Warmest in series with 8.03, previous warmest 2002 with 7.82.	9th driest in series with 1368.0 mm, driest 1963 with 1164.4 mm.	Sunniest in series with 1272.8 hours, previous sunniest 1995 with 1242.6 hours.
Scotland E	Warmest in series with 8.06, previous warmest 1997 with 7.91.	3rd driest in series with 841.8 mm, driest 1973 with 778.4 mm.	Sunniest in series with 1477.1 hours, previous sunniest 1995 with 1467.2 hours.
Scotland W	Warmest in series with 8.71, previous warmest 1997 with 8.64.	5th driest in series with 1383.8 mm, driest 1969 with 1252.7 mm.	4th sunniest in series with 1417.4 hours, sunniest 1995 with 1471.1 hours.
England E & NE	Joint warmest in series with 9.60, also 9.60 in 1990.	7th driest in series with 616.4 mm, driest 1964 with 543.9 mm.	Sunniest in series with 1727.0 hours, previous sunniest 1989 with 1665.3 hours.
England NW & Wales N	4th warmest in series with 9.50, warmest 1990 with 9.55.	8th driest in series with 1073.1 mm, driest 1971 with 999.0 mm.	3rd sunniest in series with 1577.8 hours, sunniest 1995 with 1590.2 hours.
Midlands	4th warmest in series with 10.14, warmest 1990 with 10.22.	4th driest in series with 613.8 mm, driest 1964 with 583.1 mm.	2nd sunniest in series with 1685.2 hours, sunniest 1995 with 1694.2 hours.
East Anglia	4th warmest in series with 10.79, warmest 2002 with 10.94.	8th driest in series with 517.4 mm, driest 1996 with 460.9 mm.	Sunniest in series with 1865.3 hours, previous sunniest 1990 with 1828.8 hours.
England SW & Wales S	6th warmest in series with 10.34, warmest 1989 with 10.47.	4th driest in series with 957.4 mm, driest 1964 with 911.3 mm.	4th sunniest in series with 1644.9 hours, sunniest 1995 with 1710.0 hours.
England SE & Central S	5th warmest in series with 10.90, warmest 2002 with 11.08.	4th driest in series with 641.1 mm, driest 1973 with 559.0 mm.	2nd sunniest in series with 1885.7 hours, sunniest 1990 with 1899.6 hours.

