

Seasonal Assessment – Winter 2025

The following represents a provisional assessment of the weather experienced across the UK during Winter 2025 (December 2024, January and February 2025) and how it compares with the 1991 to 2020 average.

Winter has been milder than average overall with unsettled conditions as low-pressure systems brought rain, wind and wintry showers across the country and two named storms affected the UK. Storm Darragh (6-8th Dec) brought heavy rain and severe gales, especially to coasts of Wales and southwest England. Following the storm, high pressure brought calmer and colder conditions, particularly in Scotland where frost and freezing fog occurred. The month ended overcast, drizzly and mild with a tropical maritime airmass. January started colder than average, with an Arctic maritime airmass bringing wintry showers. More settled, colder weather arrived with high pressure mid-month seeing widespread frosts and freezing fog, changing to warmer than average until Storm Éowyn arrived on the 24th, with destructive winds to northwestern parts of the UK. January ended with heavy rain and strong winds over southern England and Wales. The first two weeks of February saw mainly settled conditions, overcast and with below average temperatures. Scotland saw some snow and freezing rain on the 18th, before the blocking high to the east started moving away. The second half of the month was dominated by low pressure. Frontal systems brought heavy rain to much of the country, and coastal gales in northern areas. Temperatures rose to above average as the cold easterly regime shifted to milder westerly conditions. Frontal systems brought heavy rain to Wales and western parts of England and Scotland on the 23rd, leading to some flooding. The end of the month saw building high pressure, settled conditions and widespread frost.

Temperatures for winter overall were slightly above average with a provisional UK mean temperature of 4.62°C (0.53°C above the long-term average). This was the fifth warmest December on record for the UK, while January was colder than average and February slightly above average. All four countries saw mean winter temperatures above average, although Wales and Northern Ireland were slightly warmer than England and Scotland. The UK provisionally recorded 308.0mm of rain, 89% of the 1991-2020 average, rainfall totals were below average for all regions. It was a duller than average winter with the UK experiencing 153 hours of sunshine overall (94% of the 1991-2020 average, although Scotland and Northern Ireland did see sunshine duration slightly above average (104% and 103% respectively) with particularly high totals in northwest Scotland.

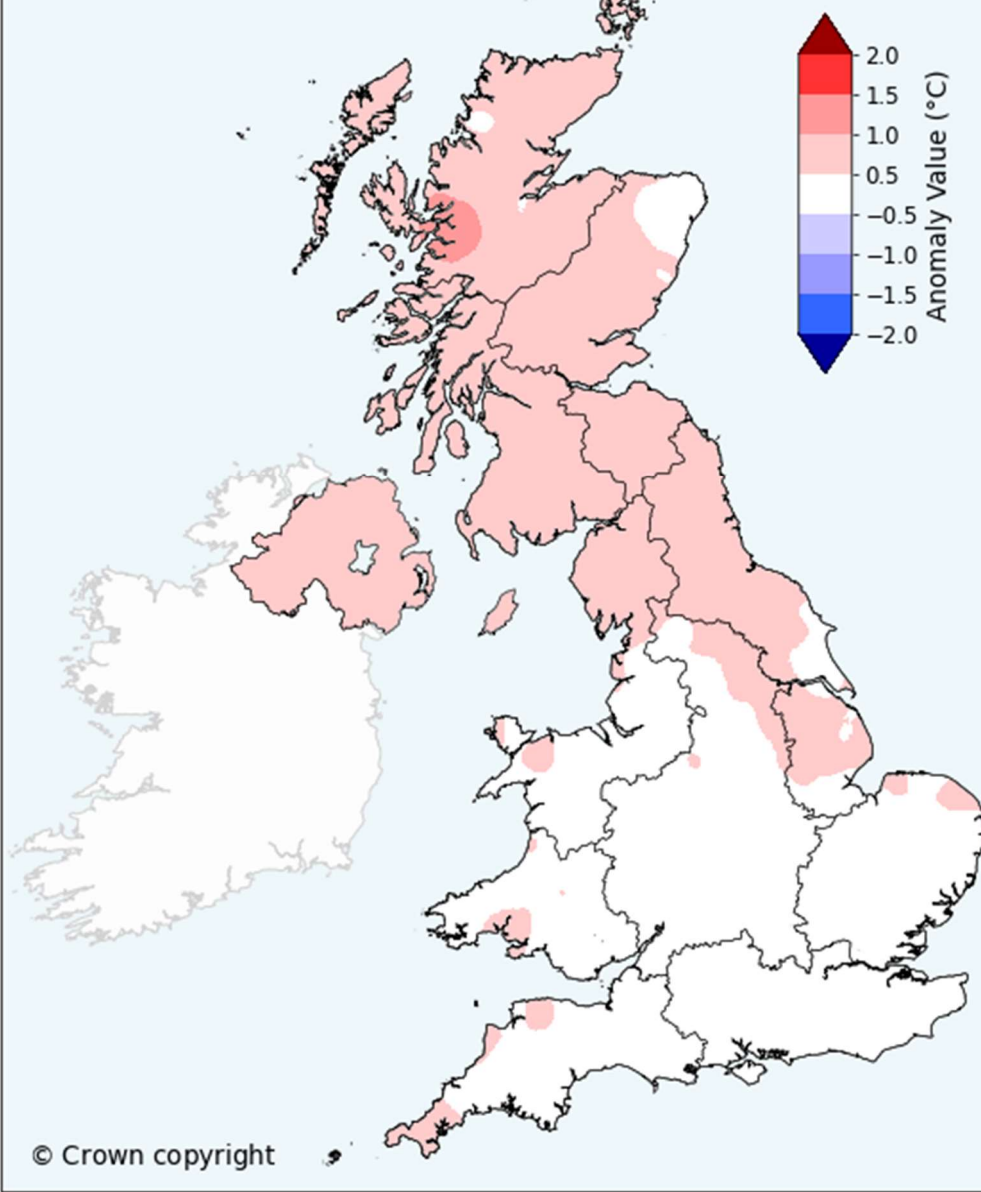
UK statistical summary		
Mean temperature	Rainfall	Sunshine
The provisional mean value for winter is 4.62°C, which is 0.53° above the 1991-2020 average.	The provisional total for winter is 308.0 mm, which is 89% of the 1991-2020 average.	The provisional total for December and January is 153.0 hours, which is 94% of the 1991-2020 average.

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Mean Temperature

1991-2020 Anomaly

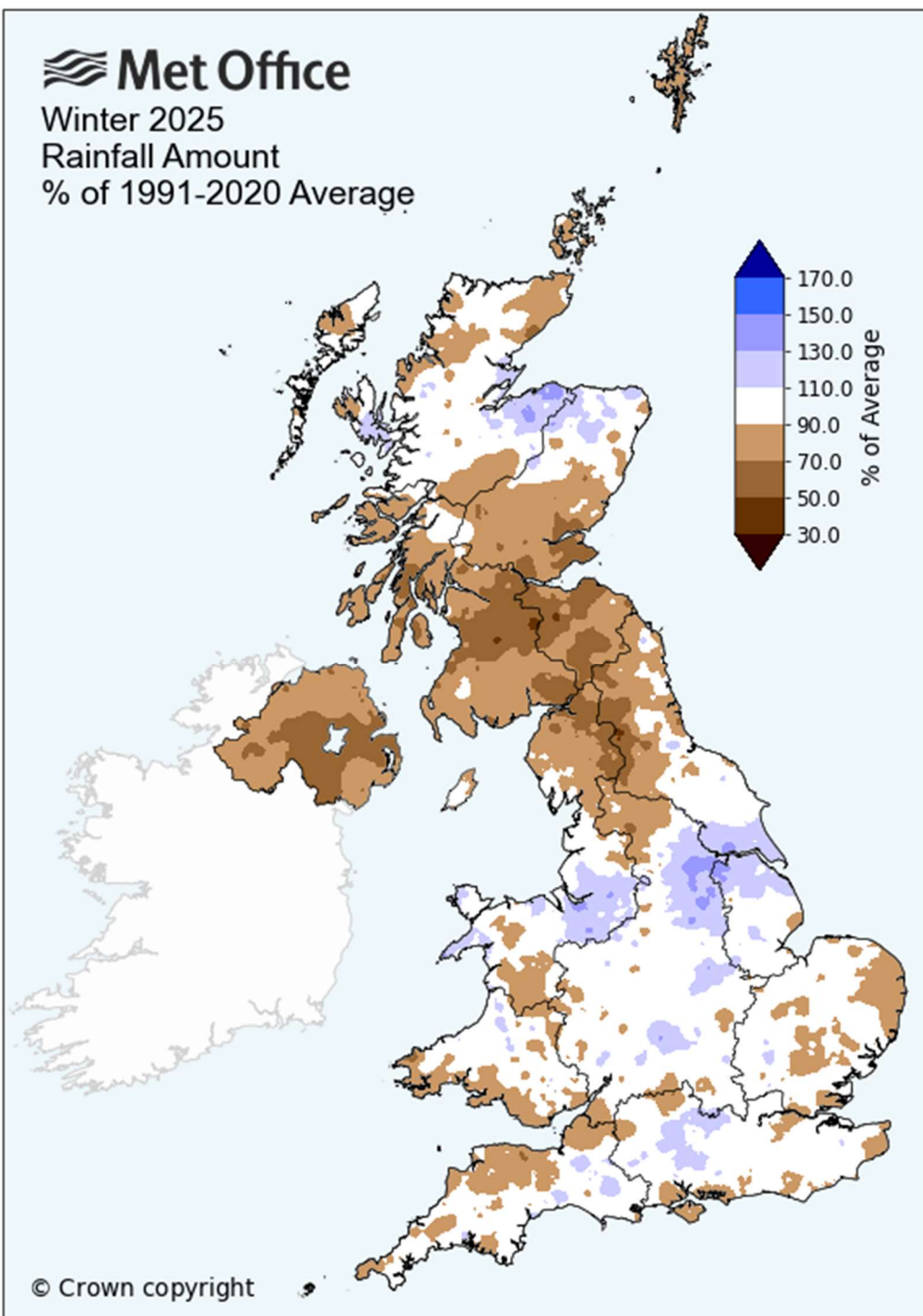


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Rainfall Amount

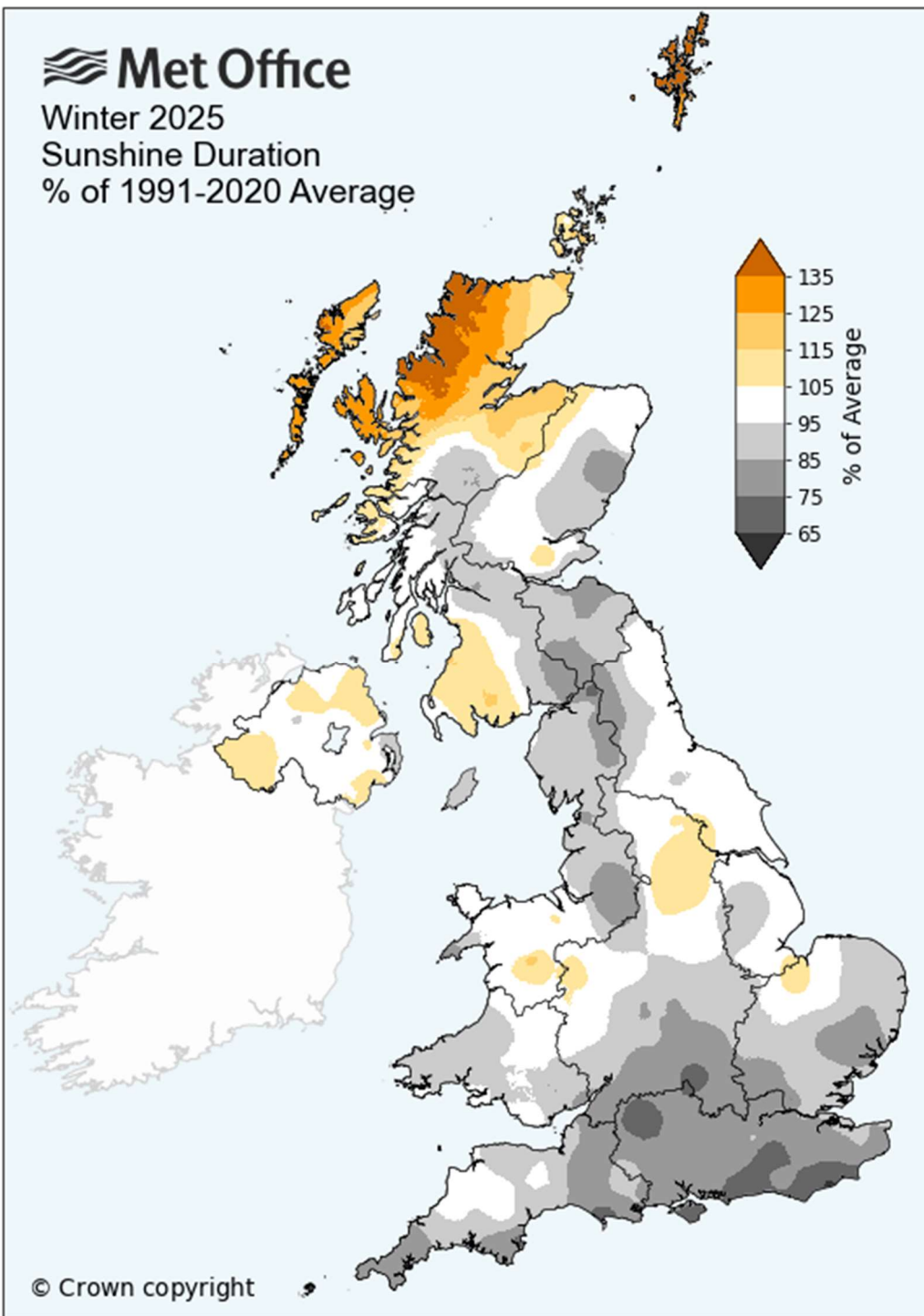
% of 1991-2020 Average



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Sunshine Duration

% of 1991-2020 Average



Mean Temperature - Winter 2025 - UK

