

Temperature Statement for Antigua – March 2013



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Below normal temperature for March

The island experienced below normal temperature during March with a mean daily temperature of 25.3°C; however, it was the highest in three years. The warmest day was March 22 with 26.6°C, and the coldest was March 1 with 23.6°C. There was no heat or cold wave during the month; however, March had one cool day, one warm night and one cool night. Further, the temperature for January to March (JFM) was also near normal.

Based on various models, trends, climatology and subjective input, above normal temperatures are mostly likely for April and AMJ.

Period	Temperature (°C)			Description (1981 – 2010)	Temperature (°C) Record (1971 – 2013)			
	Previous Month(s)	Actual	Normal (1981 – 2010)		Max	Year	Min	Year
1(Mar)	25.3	25.6	- 0.3	Below normal	26.9	2010	24.0	1976
3(Jan – Mar)	25.3	25.4	- 0.1	Near normal	26.3	1998	23.9	1976

Table 1: Temperature (°C) over the past year.

Temperature Description

The following definitions are being used based on the 1981 to 2010 temperature dataset:

- **Well Below normal:** Temperature values in the lowest 10% of the dataset
- **Below Normal:** Temperature values in the lowest 33.3% of the dataset
- **Near Normal:** Temperature values in the middle 33.3% of the dataset
- **Above Normal:** Temperature values in the highest 33.3% of the dataset
- **Well Above Normal:** Temperature values in the highest 10% of the dataset
- **Heat Wave:** At least 6 consecutive days with the maximum temperature in the top 10% of the dataset.
- **Cold Wave:** At least 6 consecutive days with the minimum temperature in the lowest 10% of the dataset.

This statement is most valid for the V. C. Bird International Airport and surroundings.

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