

## Temperature Statement for Antigua – May 2013



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### Cool May...

The island experienced well below normal temperature during May with a mean daily temperature of 26.5°C. May 30 was the warmest day with 27.5°C, and May 1 was the coolest with 24.4°C. There was no heat or cold wave during the month; however, there were 19 cool days, one warm night and five cool nights. Further, the temperature for March to May (MAM) was also below normal.

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

Period	Temperature (°C)			Description (1981 – 2010)	Temperature (°C) Record (1971 – 2013)			
	Previous Month(s)	Actual	Normal (1981 – 2010)		Max	Year	Min	Year
1(May)	26.5	27.2	- 0.7	Well below normal	28.3	1998	26.1	1971
3(Apr – May)	25.9	26.3	- 0.4	Below normal	27.4	1998	25.2	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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