

## Metadata

<b>Dataset</b>	
Title	Average monthly and average annual heating and cooling degree days data (base climatological datasets)
<b>Custodian</b>	
Custodian	Bureau of Meteorology
Jurisdiction	Australia
<b>Description</b>	
Abstract	Average monthly and annual heating and cooling degree days grids. The grids show the heating and cooling degree day values across Australia in the form of two-dimensional array data. The data is based on the standard 30-year period 1961-1990. See LINEAGE below for more information.
Search Word(s)	Gridded, spline, analyses, climatology, heating, cooling, meteorology
Geographic Extent Names(s)	Australia
General Category	Gridded climatological data
General Custodian Jurisdiction	Australian Government Australia
Geographic Extent Polygon	Not applicable
Geographic Bounding Box	See below
North Bounding Latitude	-8.950
South Bounding Latitude	-45.050
East Bounding Longitude	160.050
West Bounding Longitude	109.950
<b>Data Currency</b>	
Beginning Date	1961
Ending Date	1990
<b>Dataset Status</b>	
Progress	Completed
Maintenance and Update frequency	Ongoing
<b>Access</b>	
Stored Data Format	Arc/Info grids – all Australia
Available Format Type	ASCII row major, Arc/Info grid Interchange (.e00), Shapefiles.

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<b>Data Quality</b>	
Lineage	<p>The Heating Degree Days (HDD) and Cooling Degree Days (CDD) were based on daily temperature observations with each month having at least 25 records and no less than 15 years of data between 1961-1990.</p> <p>HDD and CDD are based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the average daily temperature ((maximum daily temperature + minimum daily temperature) / 2).</li> <li>• the difference between the average temperature and the BASE temperature. The BASE values used in this case are 18 degrees (C) for heating and 24 degrees (C) for cooling.</li> </ul> <p>The gridded data were generated using the ANU (Australian National University) 2-D Spline (surface fitting algorithm). The grid point resolution of the data is 0.1 degrees (approximately 10km).</p> <p>Approximately 350 stations were used in the analysis. All input station data underwent standard quality control before analysis.</p>
Positional Accuracy	The observational (station) data on which the analyses were based have an associated accuracy of the order of 0.01 degrees (approximately 1km) or better.
Attribute Accuracy	Grid point data are post processed. For more information please contact us.
Logical Consistency	Not applicable
Completeness	No missing data
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Additional Metadata	Additional information available on request (see contact above).

