

Metadata

Dataset	
Title	Mean monthly and mean annual rainfall data (base climatological data sets)
Custodian	
Custodian	Bureau of Meteorology
Jurisdiction	Australia
Description	
Abstract	Mean monthly and mean annual rainfall grids. The grids show the rainfall values across Australia in the form of two-dimensional array data. The mean data are based on the standard 30-year period 1961-1990. See LINEAGE below for more information.
Search Word(s)	Gridded, spline, analyses, climatology, rainfall, 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	-9.975
South Bounding Latitude	-44.00
East Bounding Longitude	112.00
West Bounding Longitude	154.025
Data Currency	
Beginning Date	1961
Ending Date	1990
Dataset Status	
Progress	Completed
Maintenance and Update frequency	Ongoing
Access	
Stored Data Format	Arc/Info grids – all Australia
Available Format Type	ASCII row major, Arc/Info grid Interchange (.e00), Shapefiles.

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Data Quality	
Lineage	Gridded data were generated using the ANU (Australian National University) 3-D Spline (surface fitting algorithm). The resolution of the data is 0.025 degrees (approximately 2.5km) - as part of the 3-D analysis process a 0.025 degree resolution digital elevation model (DEM) was used. Approximately 6000 stations were used in the analysis. All input station data underwent a high degree of quality control before analysis, and conform to WMO (World Meteorological Organisation) standards for data quality.
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 (metadata) on observing stations please contact us.
Logical Consistency	Not applicable
Completeness	No missing data
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