

April 2000 - Record rainfall

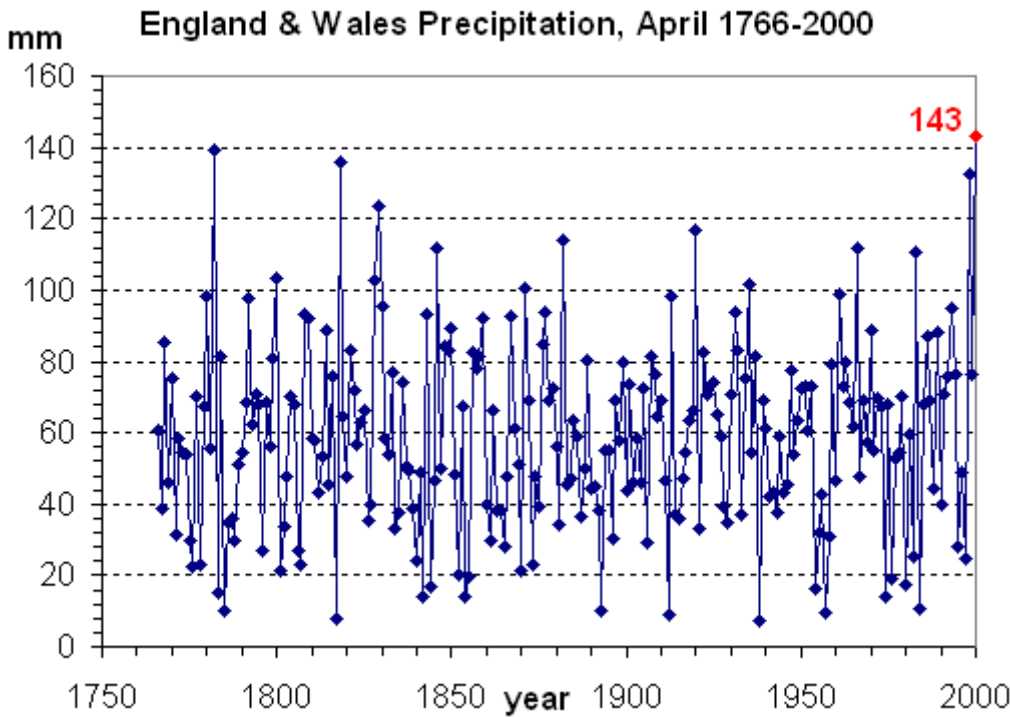
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Introduction

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According to the England and Wales precipitation series (an index which begins in 1766) the total was 143 mm (using best available data/estimates on 2 May 2000) making it the wettest April since records began. Previous highest April totals were in 1782 (139 mm), 1818 (136 mm) and 1998 (133 mm). The chart below shows the series April 1766-2000.



April rain records have been broken at the following Met Office sites:

	Total (mm)	Prev wettest April (mm)	Records began
Edinburgh	110.0	84.0 (1947)	1939
Lossiemouth (Morayshire)	113.3	71.5 (1977)	1951
London	113.8	100.6 (1993)	1940
Cranwell (Lincs)	113.8	94.4 (1998)	1921
Birmingham (Edgbaston)	143.4	124.9 (1961)	1897
Northolt (Middlesex)	118.6	98.7 (1983)	1948
Nottingham (Watnall)	119.4	114.9 (1989)	1941
Waddington (Lincs)	124.2	90.7 (1983)	1946
Kinloss (Morayshire)	128.7	96.0 (1998)	1951
Aberdeen	130.0	116.0 (1998)	1951
Cottesmore (Rutland)	134.9	118.1 (1998)	1961
Leeming (N Yorks)	137.4	107.1 (1983)	1945
High Wycombe (Bucks)	140.1	121.3 (1998)	1996
Dishforth (N Yorks)	142.5	106.4 (1993)	1992
Brize Norton (Oxon)	145.6	108.0 (1998)	1968
Odiham (Hants)	158.1	102.2 (1963)	1963
Bournemouth	150.6	101.7 (1966)	1951
Cardiff	151.0	144.0 (1920)	1904
Bristol	153.1	113.5 (1961)	1937
Bracknell (Berks)	160.8	106.0 (1983)	1963
Southampton	173.4	127.3 (1856)	1856

The information is based upon provisional, unquality-controlled data, from a small sample of the full network of rain gauges.

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