

## Data Update to the Actuaries Climate Index

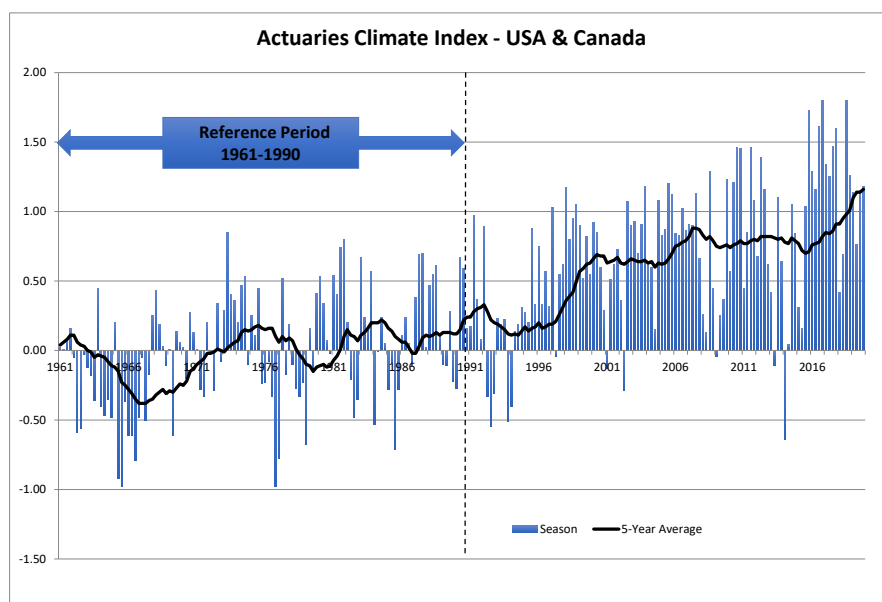
*Index's data updated through fall 2019 including 2019 drought and sea level values*

Washington, D.C., Arlington, VA, Schaumburg, IL, and Ottawa, ON (May 27, 2020)—The [Actuaries Climate Index](#) has been updated with new quarterly data, revisions to initial data for previous periods, and annually updated values for the index's drought and sea level components.

“The Actuaries Climate Index has been updated with data through fall 2019, providing the latest objective measures of how key climate and sea level components in Canada and the United States are deviating from historical norms,” says Doug Collins, chair of the Climate Index Working Group. “This update reflects 2019 values for drought and sea level for the first time.”

The Actuaries Climate Index is a measure of long-term changes across an array of observed weather extremes and sea level in Canada and the United States, expressed in units of difference (standard deviations) from the mean for a 30-year reference period from 1961 to 1990.

This release also includes revised data for previous seasons that have slightly lowered the index values for recent periods; however, the Actuaries Climate Index's five-year moving average continues its long upward trend, standing at 1.16 as of fall 2019.





The Actuaries Climate Index is based on analysis of seasonal data from neutral, scientific sources for six index components collected since 1961. The index measures changes in extremes of high and low temperatures, high winds, heavy precipitation, and drought, as well as changes in sea level, for the United States and Canada combined and by region. Combining six components over a five-year measurement period, the index's moving average smooths out monthly and seasonal fluctuations for a meaningful measurement of long-term climate trends.

The index, sponsored by the American Academy of Actuaries, the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, the Casualty Actuarial Society, and the Society of Actuaries, is designed to provide actuaries, public policymakers, and the general public with objective data about changes in the frequency of extreme climate events over recent decades.

Updated values are posted quarterly on [ActuariesClimateIndex.org](https://www.actuariesclimateindex.org) as data for each meteorological season become available.

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