

Online Orders for Certified Climate Data

What is Certified Data? Most states require all records that are to be submitted as evidence in a court of law to be authenticated in some way. To comply with this requirement, the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) offers certification of the data maintained in our archives.

Charges: The charge is based upon the number of pages to be certified. For certification of 40 pages or less, the online charge is \$54.00, for >40 pages and <=80 pages the charge is \$108.00, etc. The online cost is discounted by about 15% compared to ordering the same certifications offline by telephone.

Delivery: Certified data is ordered online but delivery of certified paper copies is still by regular mail. Your certified order will be sent by your indicated shipping method and normally takes 5-7 business days.

How to Order Online:

1. Go to the NCDC homepage <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov>
2. Choose Most Popular Products <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/mpp.html>
3. Choose Most Requested
4. Select the products you need and add each product to your Online Shopping Cart
5. Checkout and pay for your data order via credit card
6. Preview the data ordered and click on the button: Order Certified Copies of Data Contained in this Order
7. Follow the instructions to place a second order to certify your data. You will only be charged once for data. The second order is for the certification fee. **IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that the specific data you require is available by accessing the data links **BEFORE** you order certified copies of these data.



Advantages of Ordering Online

- 1) Less expensive than ordering over the telephone
- 2) Examine your data immediately before having the data certified to ensure you get exactly the data you need
- 3) You can place your order 7 days a week and 24 hours a day

For more detailed information about certification of NCDC data, please read the free publication Environmental Information Summaries (EIS) C-1, Weather Records in Private Litigation. The document is available on the web at:

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/documentlibrary/pdf/eis/C-1.pdf>