

**MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW - ARMIDALE NSW**  
**MAY 2026**

May 2026 was an unusually mild, cloudy and wet month.

A number of low pressure troughs over New South Wales during the month lead to mostly cloudy days and higher than normal rainfall.

The rainfall total of 71.2 millimetres was 28 mm higher than the average, and was the wettest month so far for 2026. Most of the rain fell in the last week of the month with the highest daily fall being 28.8 mm on the 29th.

Daytime maximum temperatures were a little higher than normal, and due to the numerous cloudy nights overnight minimums were also well above the long term average which reduced the number of frosts to just four for the month. Temperatures reached 20.0C on seven days with the warmest being 24.4C on the 4th - see details below.

There were no thunderstorms or hail, winds were predominantly from the east and were a little stronger than normal for this time of year.

***Noteworthy events:***

**4th** - The maximum temperature of 24.4C was the highest for the month of May since 8th May 2016 when 24.8C was recorded. The unusually warm conditions were caused by north-westerly winds drawing warm air into New South Wales ahead of a cold front and trough which passed through the region early on the 5th.

**27th-29th** - Rain event - A low pressure trough moved across eastern New South Wales on the 27th, and formed into a low pressure system over the north-east of the state on the 28th before moving out to sea on the 29th. This system brought much needed rain to widespread areas of the state with 37.8 mm recorded at the Armidale city weather station over the three days. This was Armidale's highest rainfall from any individual rain event since mid-December 2025. Armidale airport recorded 40.8 mm over the same period.

***MAY 2026 STATISTICS*** (long term averages in brackets)

Rainfall: 71.2 mm (42.7 mm)

Rain days: 16 (8)

2026 rainfall total Jan to May: 200.2 mm (348.8 mm)

Average maximum temp: 17.8 C (16.4 C)

Average minimum temp: 7.3 C (3.1 C)

Highest maximum temp: 24.4 C on the 24th

Lowest maximum temp: 12.7 C on the 30th

Highest minimum temp: 13.0 C on the 19th

Lowest minimum temp: -2.6 C on the 9th

Fine sunny days: 4 (15)

Ideal weather days: 2 (4)

Days with thunderstorms: 0 (0.6)

Days with frosts: 4 (13) light: 1, moderate: 3

Days with fogs: 3 (5)

Wind direction at airport at 3pm & number of days: E: 12, W: 7, SE: 4, N: 3, SW: 2, NW: 2, NE: 1

Average daily pan evaporation: 1.5 mm (1.6 mm)

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