

Still No 100 Degree Temperatures At Oklahoma City or Tulsa

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NORMAN, OK - It's the middle of July, and neither the Oklahoma City nor the Tulsa National Weather Service stations have observed temperatures that exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit this year. How rare is that? Well, it's below the long-term average, but this scenario is not breathtakingly rare. At both stations, a 100-degree day has occurred by July 17 in about 60 percent of the years since World War Two. This year falls in that other, more pleasant, 40 percent.

But the 100-degree mark is far from being safe this summer. Of those years that make it to today's date without ringing the 100-degree bell, about two-thirds will eventually top 100 degrees.

At both stations, the final week of July is the "break-even" time. Historically, if the 100-degree mark has not occurred by July 24th in Tulsa or July 26th in Oklahoma City, there is a 50-50 chance that Oklahoma will make it through the summer without breaking the century mark in these two cities.

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