

# The weather in Norway

Climatological monthly overview  
August 2024

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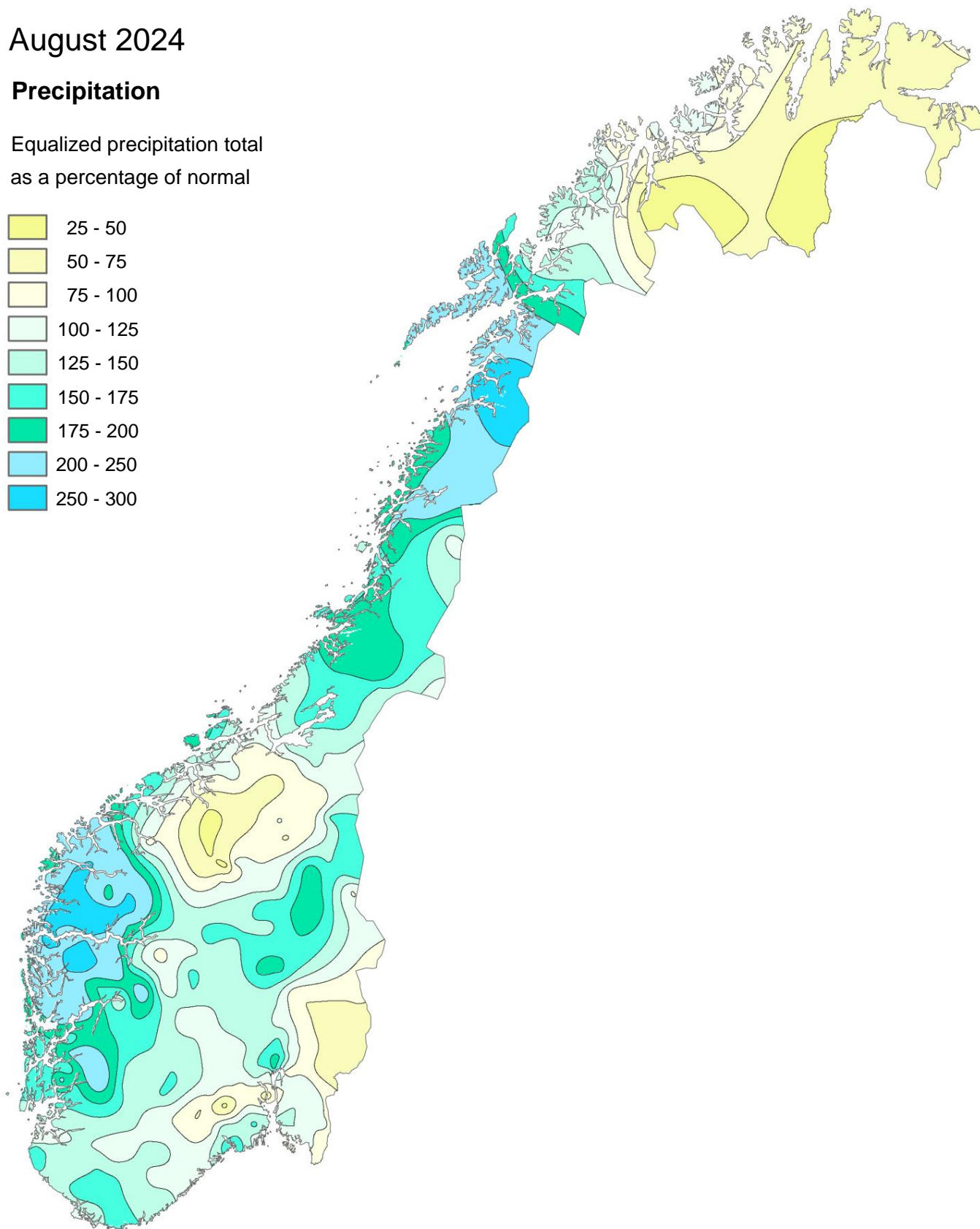
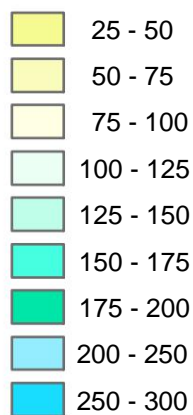
Bø in Vesterålen on August 6. Photo: Jan-Helge Andersen

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## Precipitation

Equalized precipitation total  
as a percentage of normal



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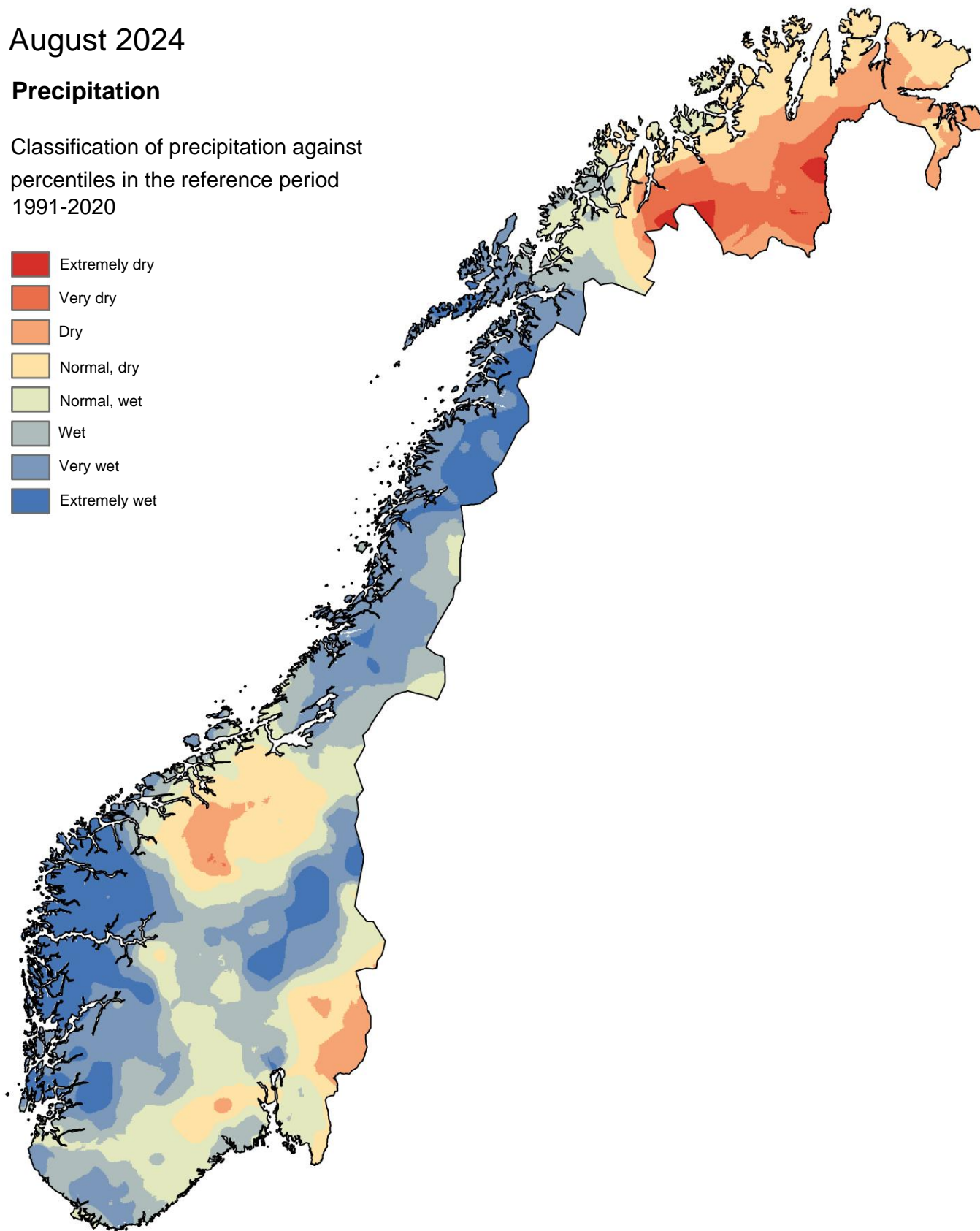
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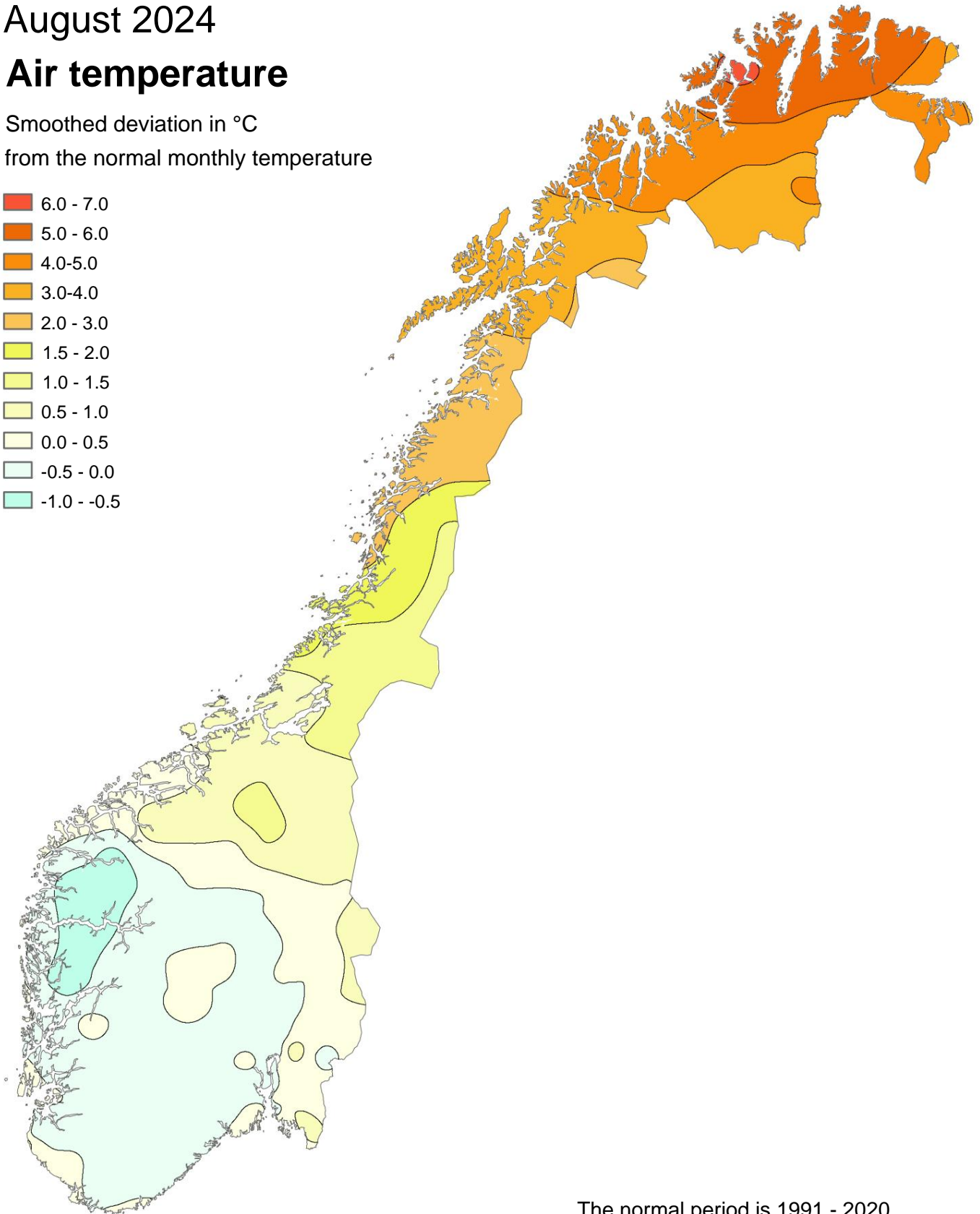
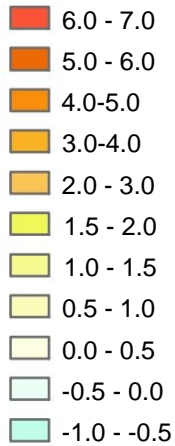
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## Air temperature

Smoothed deviation in °C  
from the normal monthly temperature



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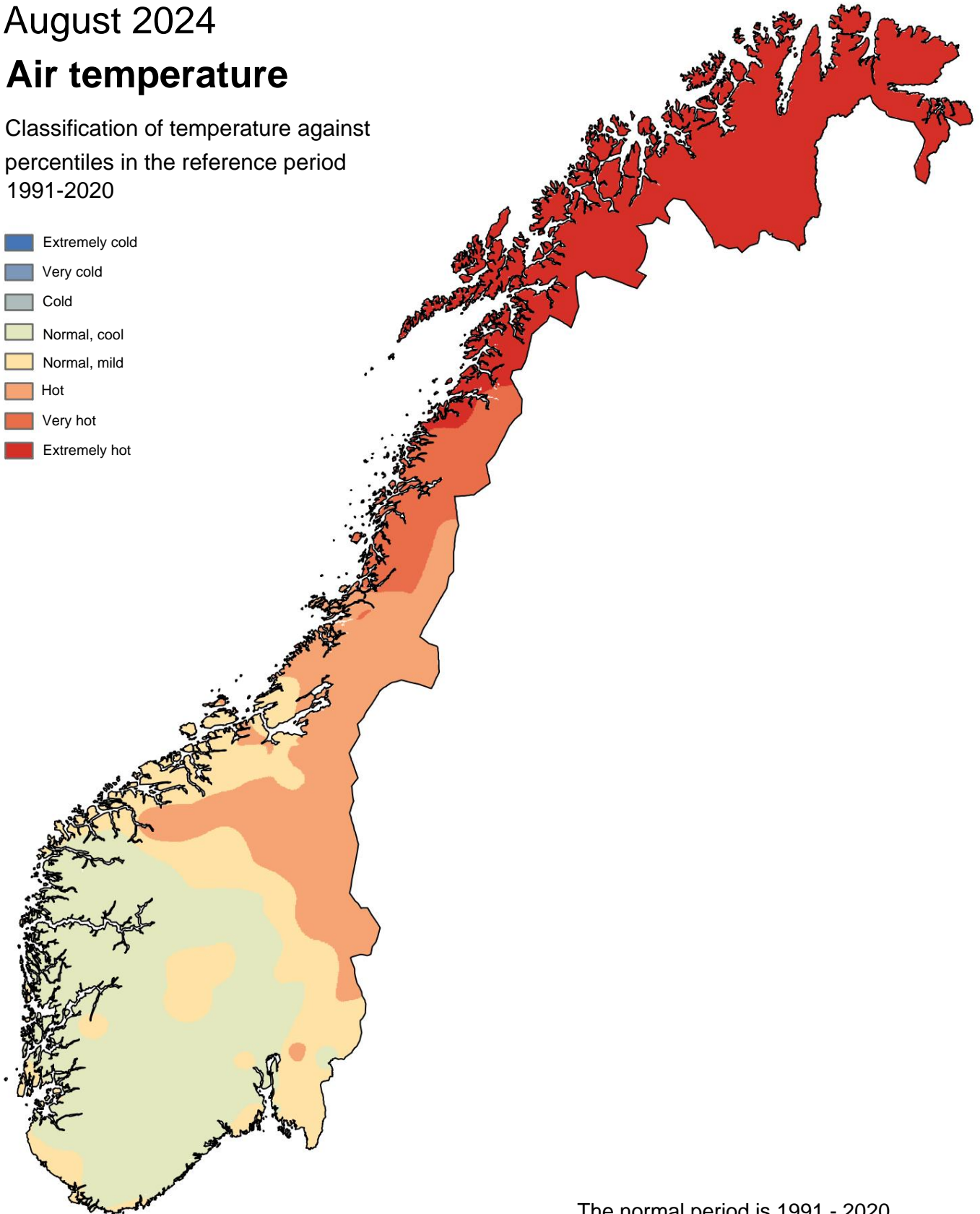
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## Air temperature

Classification of temperature against percentiles in the reference period 1991-2020

- Extremely cold
- Very cold
- Cold
- Normal, cool
- Normal, mild
- Hot
- Very hot
- Extremely hot



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## August 2024: record hot in Troms and Finnmark, record wet in Western Norway

*The classification of precipitation in southern Norway in August varied between "Extremely wet" in large parts of Western Norway, but also smaller areas in the north of Eastern Norway, to "Dry" in parts of Møre and Romsdal and the East Afjelske. In Northern Norway, the month varied from "Extremely wet" areas in Nordland to "Extremely dry" areas in the interior of Troms and Finnmark. For the whole country seen as a whole, 30% more rainfall than normal was recorded. In northern Norway, August was "Extremely warm" in Finnmark, Troms and the northern part of Nordland, and mostly "Very warm" otherwise. In southern Norway, the month was mainly on the cold side of normal, but in parts of Møre and Romsdal, Trøndelag and north-eastern areas of østafjells, the month was "Warm". The national temperature was 1.5 °C above normal.*

### Air temperature

In northern Norway, August was "Extremely warm" in Finnmark, Troms and the northern part of Nordland, and mostly "Very warm" otherwise. In southern Norway, the month was mainly on the cold side of normal, but in parts of Møre and Romsdal, Trøndelag and north-eastern areas of østafjells, the month was "Warm". The national temperature was 1.5 °C above normal, and the month is the 7th warmest August month recorded in a series of measurements going back to 1901. The warmest is 2002 with a deviation of 2.8 °C above normal, while 1907 is coldest with 3.3 °C below normal. The deviations in August this year ranged from 4-6 °C above normal at a number of weather stations in Finnmark and Troms, to around 1 °C below normal at a couple of stations in Vestland.

The hottest stations were

- 27500 Færder lighthouse (Vestfold) 17.6 °C (0.1 °C above normal)
- 17000 Strømtangen lighthouse (Fredrikstad, Østfold) 17.5 °C (0.2 °C above normal)
- 29950 Svenner lighthouse (Larvik, Vestfold) 17.3 °C (0.2 °C above normal)

The coldest stations were

- 15270 Juvvasshøe (Lom, Innlandet, 1894 masl) and 31970 Gaustatoppen (Tinn, Telemark, 1804 masl) 4.3 °C (equal to normal and 0.3 °C below normal, respectively)
- 15262 Juvflye - Mimisbrunn climate park (Lom, Innlandet, 1844 m above sea level) 4.7 °C (0.1 °C below normal)
- 55425 Spørteggbu (Luster, Vestland, 1566 m above sea level) 5.0 °C (0.4 °C below normal)

The highest maximum temperature was 28.5 °C, and was recorded on the 14th at 69100 Værnes (Stjørdal, Trøndelag).

The lowest minimum temperature was -2.1 °C, and was recorded on the 1st at 54710 Filefjell - Kyrkjestølane (Vang, Innlandet).

The two counties of Troms and Finnmark recorded the warmest month of August, respectively 3.9 °C and 4.7 °C above normal. The old records were respectively 2.4 °C above normal from 1930 and 3.3 °C above normal from 1937. Nordland county recorded the 6th warmest August month with 2.4 °C above normal.

Here, August 1969 is the warmest with 2.9 °C above normal. The region of Northern Norway thus also had the warmest August on record with 3.8 °C above normal. The old record was a deviation of +2.7 °C from 1937.

Around 60 records were set for high monthly temperature, most of them in northern Norway and on Svalbard. Among these, the following stations have at least 50 years of measurements: Bodø (start in 1946), Skrova lighthouse (1931), Andøya (1958), Bardufoss (1941), Tromsø (1920), Torsvåg lighthouse (1934), Nordstraum in Kvænangen (1965), Alta airport (1964), Kautokeino (1889), Fruholmen lighthouse (1954), Banak (1957), Slettnes lighthouse (1925), Cuovddatmohkki (1966), Makkaur lighthouse (1928), Vardø (1829, continuous series since 1840), Kirkenes airport (1957), Bjørnøya (1922), Hopen (1946), Svalbard airport (1975), Ny -Ålesund (1974) and Jan Mayen (1921).

Four records were also set for maximum temperature. See the record table at the back of the report.

### **Precipitation**

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The wettest stations were

- 50865 Gullfjellet (Bergen, Vestland) 757.9 mm (120% more precipitation than normal)
- 52930 Brekke in Sogn (Gulen, Vestland) 635.8 mm (148% more precipitation than normal)
- 56520 Hovlandsdal (Fjaler, Vestland) 632.2 mm (164% more precipitation than normal)

The driest stations were

- 61630 Bjorli (Lesja, Inlandet) 17.0 mm (74% less precipitation than normal)
- 91380 Skibotn II (Storfjord, Troms) 17.6 mm (63% less precipitation than normal)
- 94680 Honningsvåg Airport (Nordkapp, Finnmark) 19.7 mm (no normal yet)

The highest daily rainfall was 89.2 mm, and was recorded on 10 August at 50351 Samnanger II (Vestland).

The region of Vestlandet recorded the second wettest August month with 75% more rainfall than normal, beaten only by 1929 with 85% above normal.

The wettest weather station, Gullfjellet, received the second highest monthly rainfall recorded in Norway in August with 757.9 mm. Lurøy (Nordland) holds the Norwegian record with 829.3 mm from 1983. 757.9 mm is also the largest monthly rainfall measured in August in Western Norway. The old record was 592.8 mm recorded at Basura (Etne) in 2019.

Around 40 records were set for high monthly rainfall and 4 station records for daily rainfall. See the record table at the back of the report.

### **Snow conditions**

The snow map on page 6 expires in the summer season.

# Arctic

## Air temperature

Bjørnøya and Longyear dalen – Central were the warmest stations with an average of 11.1 °C (respectively 5.4 °C above normal and no normal yet). Kongsøya was the coldest with 5.9 °C on average (no normal yet).

Ny-Ålesund had an average temperature of 8.4 °C, which is 3.8 °C above normal. At Hopen, the monthly temperature was 8.0 °C, which is 4.2 °C above normal. Svalbard Airport had an average temperature of 11.0 °C, which is 5.0 °C above normal. Jan Mayen had a monthly temperature of 8.5 °C, which is 2.2 °C above normal.

All five weather stations with long measurement series, Bjørnøya, Hopen, Svalbard Airport, Ny-Ålesund and Jan Mayen set records for the warmest August, and both Bjørnøya and Svalbard Airport exceeded 10 degrees as an average temperature in August for the first time. See the record table at the back of the report.

The month's highest maximum temperature was 22.5 °C, and was measured on 8 August on Bjørnøya. In addition, more than 20 degrees were measured for the first time at Svalbard Airport in August. The lowest minimum temperature was measured at Klauva on 28 August with 0.4 °C.

The daily average temperature of 18.0 °C, which was measured at Svalbard Airport on 11 August, is the highest recorded at a Norwegian Arctic weather station. The station itself held the old record of 17.8 °C from 28 July 2020.

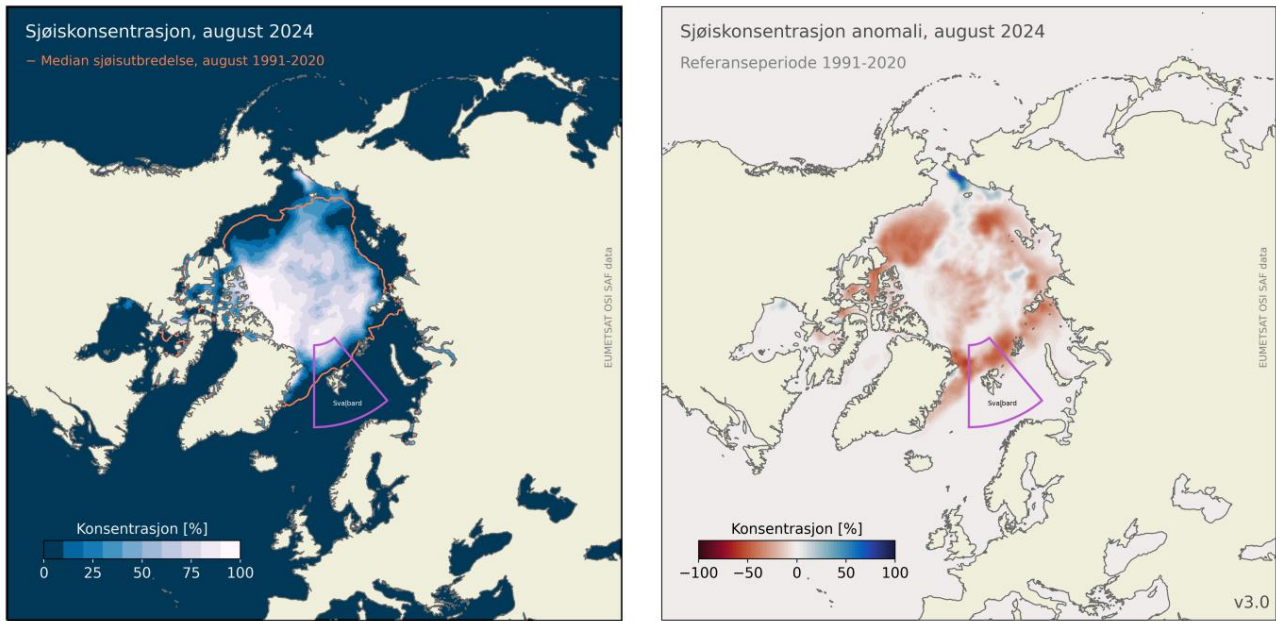
## Precipitation

Hornsund recorded the most precipitation of the arctic stations with 109.0 mm (the station has no normal yet). Jan Mayen received the second most with 98.0 mm (100% more precipitation than normal, that is twice as much as normal). Bjørnøya was the driest with 6.0 mm (81% less precipitation than normal). Hornsund also measured the largest daily rainfall of the Arctic stations with 32.9 mm on 22 August.

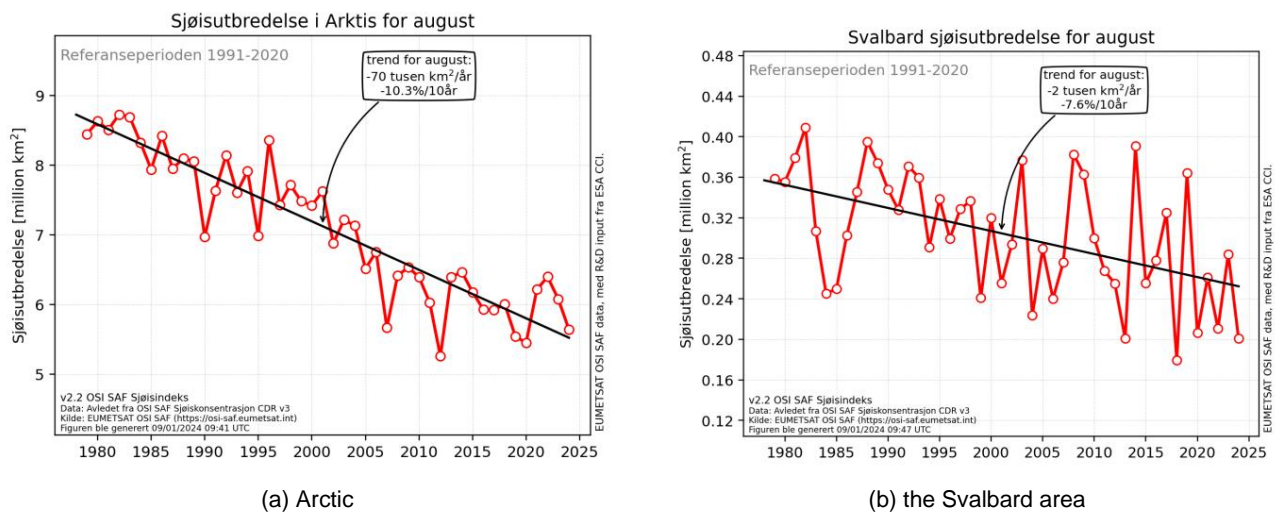


**Sea**

**ice** In August, the extent of sea ice in the Arctic (figure 1) was measured at 5.64 million km<sup>2</sup>, which is the 4th lowest prevalence for August recorded with satellite measurements<sup>1</sup> (figure 2a). Compared to the reference period, this is defined as a very low prevalence. Around Svalbard, the ice extent is now 0.20 million km<sup>2</sup> recorded, which corresponds to a very low extent for August (figure 2b).



**Figure 1:** Left: The sea ice concentration in the Arctic for August 2024, where blue represents open sea and white represents 100% ice cover. The orange contour marks the middle ice extent (median) for the period 1991–2020. Right: Deviation in percentage of the ice concentration from the reference period 1991–2020. Red areas have less ice than normal while blue have more. The purple box indicates the Svalbard region shown in Figure 2b.



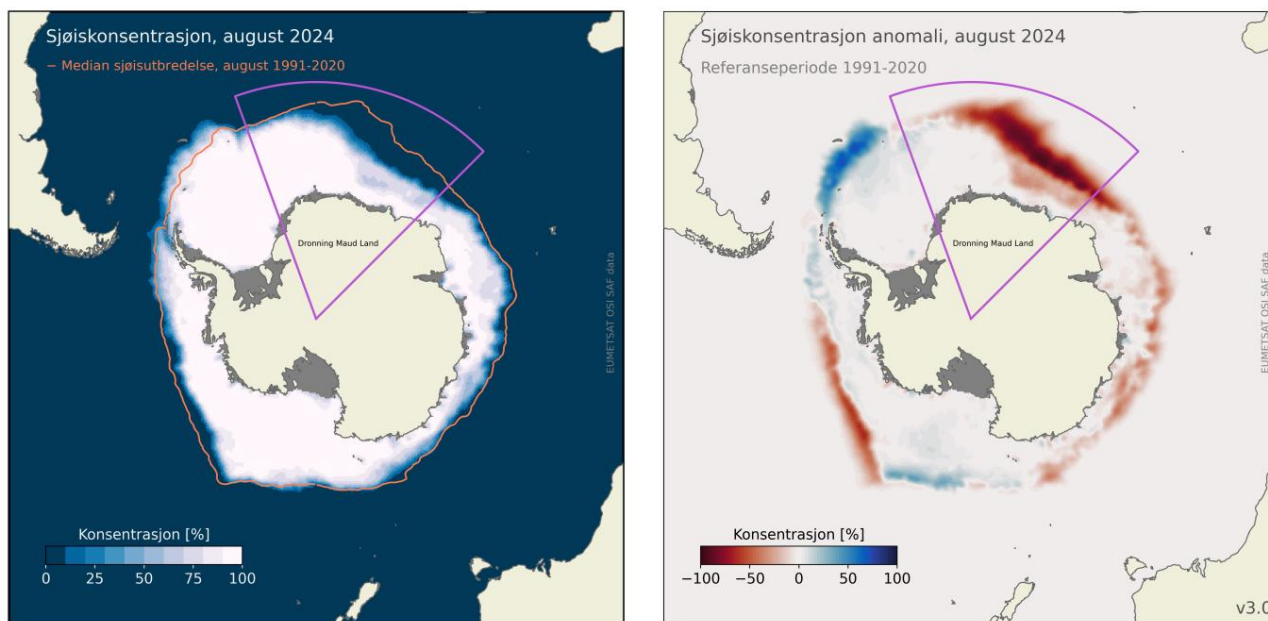
**Figure 2:** Sea ice extent (a) in the Arctic and (b) for the Svalbard area for August in the period 1979–2024. The trend is calculated in relation to the reference period 1991–2020. The Svalbard area is marked on the map in Figure 1.

<sup>1</sup>We have satellite observations of sea ice back to October 1978.

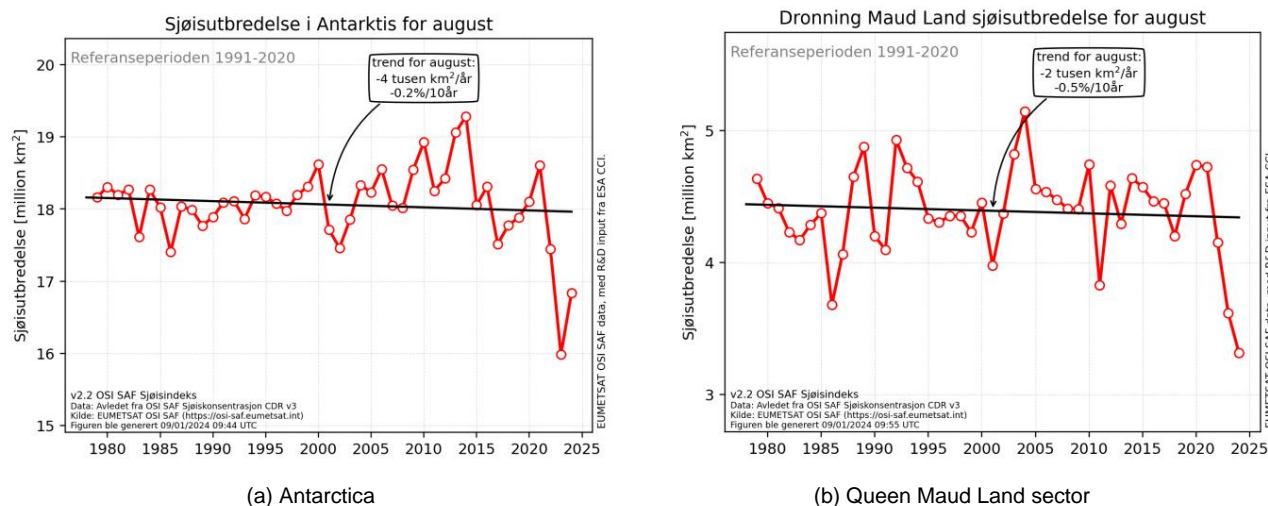
## Antarctica

### Sea

**ice** In the southern hemisphere (figure 3), the sea ice extent for August was measured at 16.84 million km<sup>2</sup>, which is the second lowest extent that has been recorded for August, and defined as extremely low compared to the reference period (figure 4a). In the sea area outside Dronning Maud Land, the ice extent is 3.31 million km<sup>2</sup>, which is a record low prevalence in this area for August (figure 4b).



**Figure 3:** Left: The sea ice concentration in Antarctica for August 2024, where blue represents open sea and white represents 100% ice cover. The orange contour marks the middle ice extent (median) for the period 1991–2020. Right: Deviation in percentage of the ice concentration from the reference period 1991–2020. Red areas have less ice than normal while blue have more. The gray areas towards land represent ice shelves. The purple box indicates the sea area outside Dronning Maud Land shown in Figure 4b.



**Figure 4:** Sea ice extent (a) in Antarctica and (b) for a sector outside Queen Maud Land (b) for August in the period 1979–2024. The trend is calculated in relation to the reference period 1991–2020. The Queen Maud Land sector is marked on the map in Figure 3.

See more updated graphs for sea ice on MET's website about the cryosphere <https://cryo.met.no/nb/sjoe-is-indeks>.

## Records

Data from weather and precipitation stations that report daily, and which have been in operation for fifteen years or more. "Start" indicates the first year of local August measurements. \* means tangent of record.

## Stations with a new August record for 24-hour rainfall

Stnr	Name	Municipality	mm	Date	Start	Previous mm
55820	Fjærland - The Glacier Museum	Sogndal (Westland)	61.4	11	2005	31.08.2019 39.7
56850	Viksdalen in Gaular	Sunnfjord (Westland)	59.6	8	1992	31.08.2019 57.3
82000	Setså	Saltdal (Nordland)	49.9	11	2009	20.08.2018 36.2
99754	Hornsund	Svalbard (Svalbard)	32.9	22	1985	22.08.2004 32.4

## Stations with a new August record for high monthly rainfall

Stnr	Name	Municipality	mm	Start	243.2	Previous etc
25830	Finsevatn	Ulvik (Westland)	2003	219.8	2007	2018 224.6
45870	Fist - Sigmundstad	Hjelmeland (Rogaland)				2017 211.3
46850	Hundseid in Vikedal	Vindafjord (Rogaland)	523.7	1936	432.9	2019 473.7
47820	Eikemo	Etne (Westland)	1961	312.8	2005	2018 428.7
50070	Kvamsøy	Kvam (Westland)	533.4	2006		2019 302.6
50310	Kvamskogen - Jonshøgdi	Kvam (Westland)				2019 427.8
50450	Fana - Stand	Bergen (Westland)	404.9	1896	473.4	1929 367.0
50540	Bergen - Florida 50810	Bergen (Westland)	1949	390.8	2003	2019 399.6
Åsane 51250		Bergen (Westland)	533.2	1944	300.9	2019 374.4
Øvstedal		Voss (Westland)	1999	484.3	1895	1982 397.3
51800	Mjølfjell Uh	Voss (Westland)	443.5	1968	465.2	2019 273.8
52170	Eksingedal	Vaksdal (Westland)	1895	524.2	1950	1982 423.0
52400	Eikanger - Myr	Elves (Westland)	635.8	1939	243.8	2016 365.1
52750	Frozen	Masfjorden (Westland)	1972	195.7	1995	1909 402.0
52860	Tackle	Gulen (Westland)	334.2	1977	291.1	1982 475.7
52930	Brekke in Parish	Gulen (Westland)	1972	311.1	2005	1989 541.0
52990	Ortnevik	Høyanger (Westland)				2018 202.1
53101	Vangsnes	Vik (Westland)				2018 195.3
53160	Jordalen - Nåsen	Voss (Westland)				2019 294.8
55670	Veitastrond	Luster (Westland)				2018 218.2
55820	Fjærland - The Glacier Museum	Sogndal (Westland)				2018 234.4
55930	Balestrand Fire station	Sogndal (Westland)	275.5	1994		2018 228.3
56010	Høyanger works	Høyanger (Westland)	389.8	1981		2018 284.2
56420	Fureneset	Fjaler (Westland)	382.1	1972		2018 337.7
56520	Hovlandsdal	Fjaler (Westland)	632.2	1899		1909 515.2
56780	Sygna	Sunnfjord (Westland)	459.7	1996		2018 305.3
56850	Viksdalen in Gaular Sunnfjord	(Vestland)	444.9	1992		2018 317.3
56960	Haukedal	Sunnfjord (Westland)	481.4	1895		1909 356.0
57480	Botnen in Førde	Sunnfjord (Westland)	506.1	1895		1909 476.9
57660	Eimhjellen	Gloppen (Westland)	537.8	1981		1982 421.0

57810	Svelgen II	Bremanger (Westland)	441.7	1973	1982	383.8	
57850	Daviknes	Bremanger (Westland)	338.0	1990	2009	326.7	
57940	Ålfoten II	Bremanger (Westland)	385.5	1943	1974	278.4	
57990	Gjengedal	Gloppen (Westland)	441.3	1972	1982	385.7	
58070	Sandane	Gloppen (Westland)	212.4	1957	2009	202.9	
58320	Myklebust in Breim	Gloppen (Westland)	280.9	1895	1940	249.9	
58480	Oldedalen	Stryn (Westland)	220.6	1940	2018	208.6	
58780	Nordfjordeid - Nymark	City (Westland)	285.3	1972	1982	230.4	
58900	Stryn - Kroken	Stryn (Westland)	219.7	2002	201.3	2016	190.7
65370	Smøla - Moldstad	Smøla (Møre and Romsdal)	1963		1998	179.7	
82000	Setså	Saltdal (Nordland)	191.3	2009	2018	154.9	

## Stations with a new August record for low monthly rainfall

Stnr	Name	Municipality	mm	Start	Previous mm	mm
16560	Dombås - Nordigard	Dovre (Inland)	29.6	2006	39.2	2015
61630	Bjørli	Lesja (Inland)	17.0	2010	27.9	2019

## Stations with a new August record for high monthly mean temperature

Stnr	Name	Municipality	°C	Start	Previous	°C	
9160	Folldal - Fredheim	Folldal (Inland)	11.6	2010	2019	11.5	
73550	Gartland	Grong (Trøndelag)	14.5*	2008	14.9	2023	14.5
74350	Namsskogan	Namsskogan (Trøndelag)	2007	4.0	2009	14.7	
77425	Majavatn V	Grane (Nordland)	2008	3.7*	2015	13.6	
79764	Hjartåsen	Rana (Nordland)	2009	15.8	2008	2023	13.7
80102	Solvær III	Luroy (Nordland)	15.4	2009	15.3	2015	15.2
80740	Reipå	Meløy (Nordland)	2009	6.0	1953	2023	15.0
82000	Setså	Saltdal (Nordland)	15.6	2005	16.1	2023	14.9
82290	Bodø	Bodø (Nordland)	2004	6.2	1969	15.8	
82410	Holy Week II	Bodø (Nordland)	2008	6.3	1931	2023	15.1
84970	Evenes Airport	Evenes (Nordland)	15.9	2004	15.6	2023	14.9
85040	Root weather	Lødingen (Nordland)	2005	5.0	2023	14.8	
85380	Skrova lighthouse	Vågan (Nordland)	2005	4.8	1934	16.2	
85450	Svolvær Airport	Vågan (Nordland)	2003	5.6	2023	15.6	
85560	Leknes Airport	Vestvågøy (Nordland)	2005	6.1	2023	15.0	
85840	Værøy heliport	Værøy (Nordland)	2003	5.1	1958	2023	14.4
85890	Røst Airport	Voice (Nordland)	15.9	2004	15.9	2023	14.1
86600	Stokmarknes Lh - Skagen Hadsel	(Nordland)	1980	5.7	1941	2023	14.2
86740	Bø i Vesterålen III	Bø (Nordland)	14.3	2010	15.5	2023	14.9
87110	Andøya	Andøy (Nordland)	1995	5.5	1920	2023	13.7
87640	Harstad stadium	Harstad (Troms)	15.3	1965	16.5	2023	14.6
88690	Hekkingen lighthouse	Senja (Troms)	2010	5.3	2010	2023	13.7
89350	Bardufoss	Målselv (Troms)			1950	14.5	
89940	Dividalen II	Målselv (Troms)			2023	13.2	
90400	Tromsø - Holt	Tromsø (Troms)			2023	13.5	
90450	Tromsø	Tromsø (Troms)			1930	14.0	
90490	Tromsø - Langnes	Tromsø (Troms)			2023	13.3	
90720	Måsvik	Tromsø (Troms)			2023	14.0	
90760	The subject	Karlsøy (Troms)			2023	12.7	

90800	Torsvåg lighthouse	Karlsøy (Troms)	15.8	1934	16.7	1934	13.4
91380	Skibotn II	Storfjord (Troms)	2005	4.0		2023	14.4
91430	Rihpojavri	Storfjord (Troms)	2010	6.7		2023	12.4
91740	Sørkjosen Airport	Nordreisa (Troms)	2006	6.7		2023	14.4
92350	Nordstraum in Kvænangen	Kvænangen (Troms)	1965	6.4		2023	14.1
92750	Hasvik Airport	Hasvik (Finnmark)	2006	4.2		2023	13.7
93000	Hasvik - Sluskfjellet	Hasvik (Finnmark)	2008	7.1		2023	11.5
93140	Alta Airport	Alta (Finnmark)	1964	3.9		2023	14.6
93301	Suolovuopmi - Lulit	Kautokeino (Finnmark)	2005	4.5		2023	12.4
93700	Kautokeino	Kautokeino (Finnmark)	1889	6.9		1937	14.3
94280	Hammerfest Airport	Hammerfest (Finnmark)	2004	5.2		2023	13.8
94500	Fruholmen lighthouse	Måsøy (Finnmark)	1954	5.6		2023	12.2
94680	Honningsvåg Airport	North Cape (Finnmark)	2004	6.8		2023	12.8
95350	Banåk	Porsanger (Finnmark)	1957	6.2		2022	14.0
96310	Mehamn Airport	Gamvik (Finnmark)	2004	5.0		2023	13.4
96400	Slettnes lighthouse	Gamvik (Finnmark)	1928	4.9		2022	12.1
97251	Karasjok - Markanjarga	Karasjok (Finnmark)	2004	4.9		2023	13.6
97350	Cuovddatmohkki	Karasjok (Finnmark)	1966	6.2		2023	13.3
98090	Berlevåg Airport	Berlevåg (Finnmark)	2004	5.5	2006	2022	12.7
98360	Båtsfjord - Straumsnesaxla	Båtsfjord (Finnmark)				2023	13.1
98400	Makkaur lighthouse	Båtsfjord (Finnmark)	15.9	1925		1937	13.3
98550	Vardø radio	Vardø (Finnmark)	13.5	1829		1937	12.7
98580	Vardø Airport	Vardø (Finnmark)	13.8	2007		2022	12.5
98790	Vadsø Airport	Vadsø (Finnmark)	14.6	2004		2023	13.4
99370	Kirkenes Airport	Sør-Varanger (Finnmark)	15.9	1957		2023	14.5
99460	Pasvik - Svanvik	Sør-Varanger (Finnmark)	15.9	2009		2023	14.4
99710	Bjørnøya	Svalbard (Svalbard)	11.1	1922		2013	8.2
99720	Hopen	Svalbard (Svalbard)	8.0	1946		2023	5.8
99754	Hornsund	Svalbard (Svalbard)	7.4	2007		2023	6.0
99840	Svalbard Airport	Svalbard (Svalbard)	11.0	1975		2023	8.4
99910	Ny-Ålesund	Svalbard (Svalbard)	8.4	1974		2023	6.4
99935	Karl XII Island	Svalbard (Svalbard)	6.3	2000		2018	3.4
99950	Jan Mayen	Jan Mayen (Jan Mayen)	8.5	1921		1934	7,8

## Stations with new August record for maximum temperature

Stnr	Name	Municipality	°C	Date	Start	Previous °C	
90490	Tromsø - Langnes	Tromsø (Troms)	26.1*	7	1964 02.08.1994	26.1	
99710	Bjørnøya	Svalbard (Svalbard)	22.5	8	1937 07.08.1989	21.5	
99754	Hornsund	Svalbard (Svalbard)	16.2	10	1995 01.08.2015	15.1	
99840	Svalbard Airport	Svalbard (Svalbard)	20.3	11	1975 31.08.1997	18.1	