

Weather and Road Transport in Bosnia

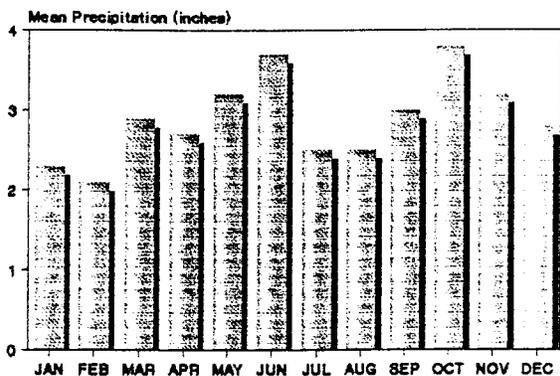
The rugged nature of Bosnia's terrain and its location along the margin of the hot and wet Mediterranean climatic region and the colder, dryer Continental climatic region produce highly variable weather patterns.

- o Winters are generally cold--extremely so in many enclosed basins and at higher elevations. Mean daily minimum temperatures approach freezing in mid-November and tend to remain at or below this level throughout March. At Sarajevo, Winter temperatures average in the mid-twenties Fahrenheit (-4° Celsius) but can reach as low as -22° F (-30° C).
- o Snow generally begins to fall throughout the region in October and November and remains through April in the central highlands. First snows have been reported at Bjelasnica--in the mountains to the southwest of Sarajevo--as early as July.

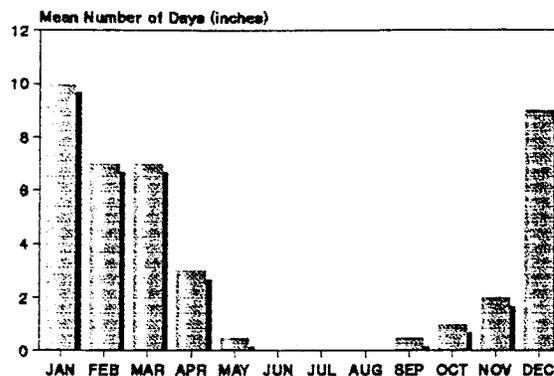
As Winter approaches, inclement weather will increasingly stress road transport--making some roads impassible.

- o Inclement weather in Bosnia--snow and rain--will inhibit movement along secondary roads and along roads which run through higher mountain passes. Several routes currently being used by UNHCR and ICRC to convoy supplies from Split to Sarajevo will become treacherous in Winter. [redacted] the route from Split to Sarajevo will be impassable during the winter months--beginning mid-October--and even now cannot accommodate the volume of traffic required to meet needs.
- o Primary routes and other hard surfaced roads that wind through mountain and river valleys will generally remain passable year-round.
- o Operation of Bosnia's rail lines--which generally parallel major roads--will remain largely unaffected by inclement weather, though ice and snow on tracks could make steep grades more difficult. [redacted]

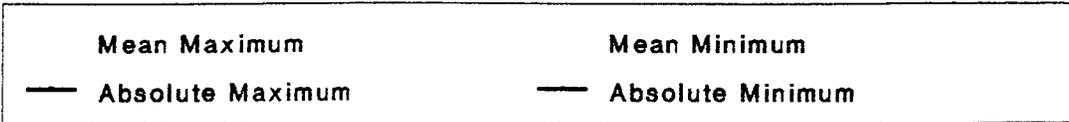
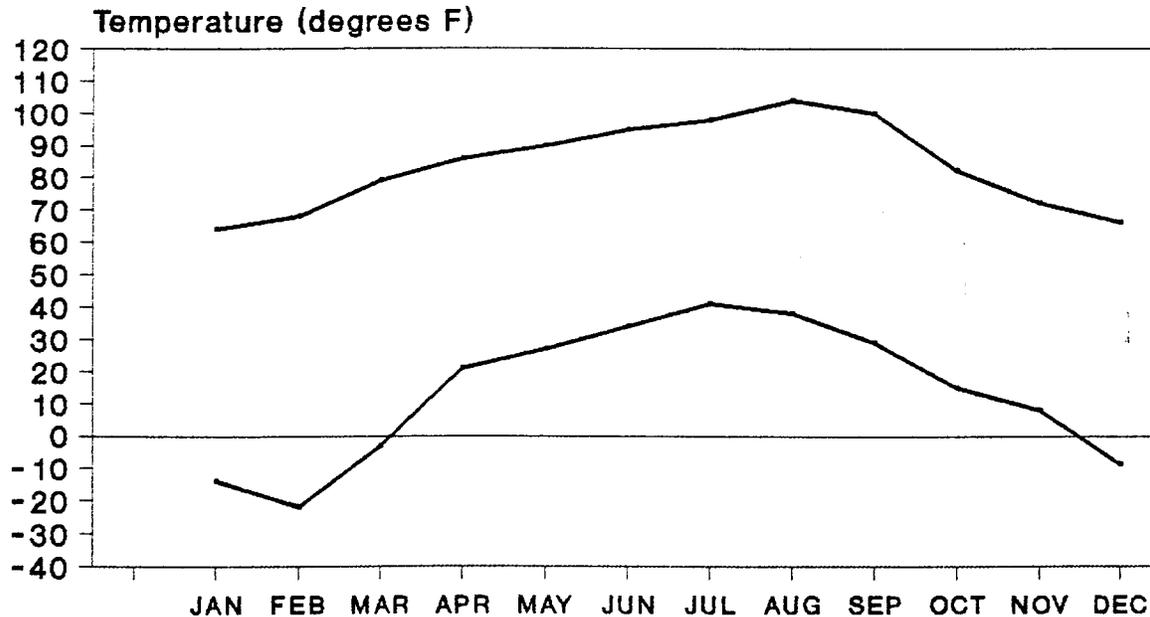
Sarajevo: Precipitation



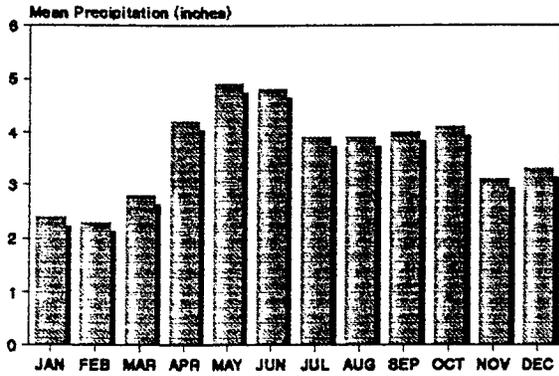
Sarajevo: Snowfall



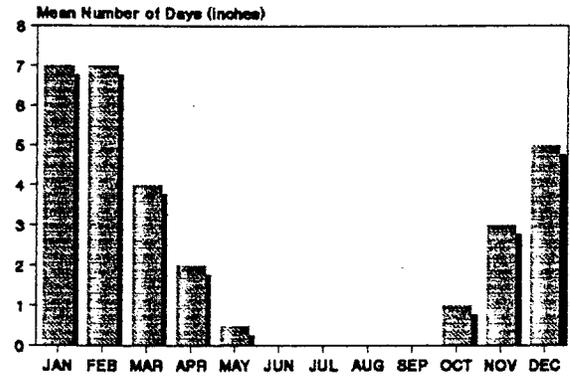
Sarajevo: Temperature



Banja Luka: Precipitation

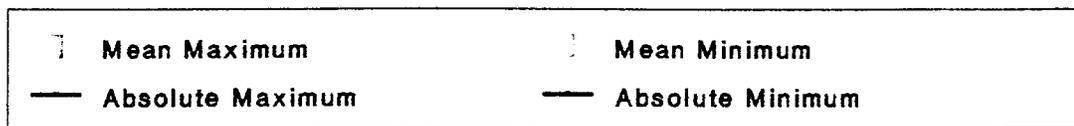
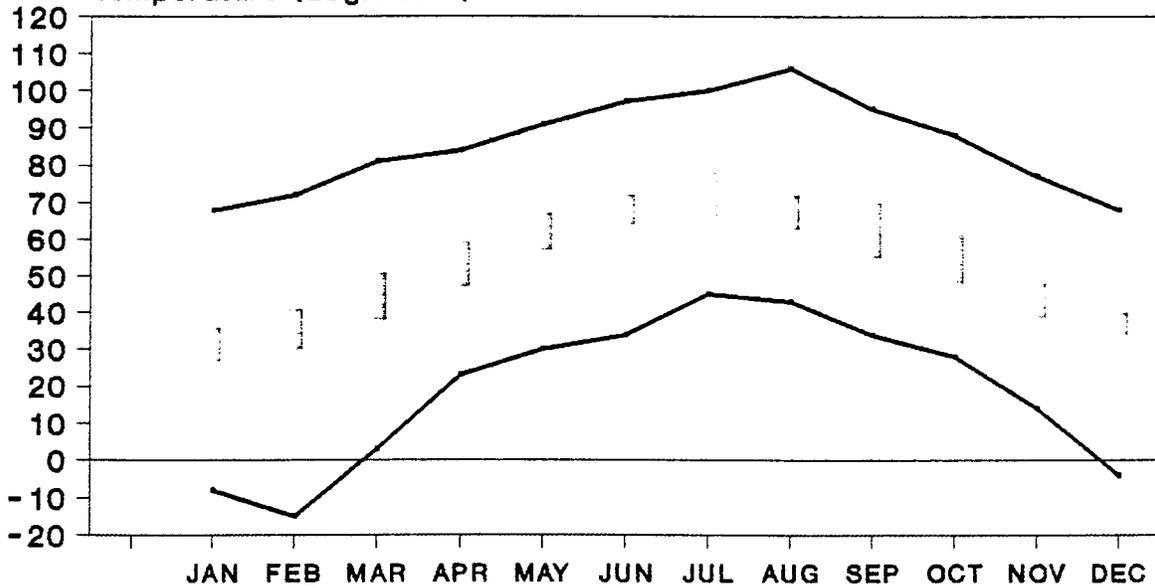


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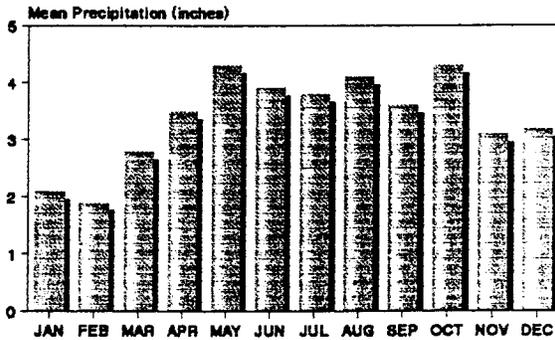


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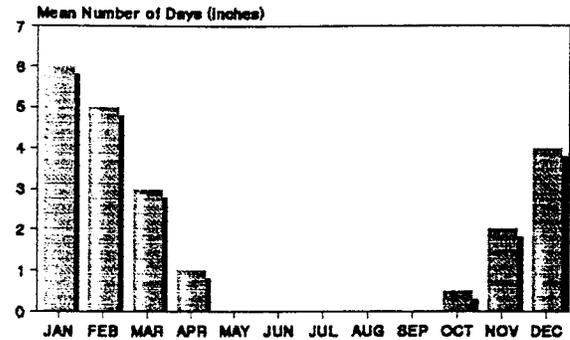
Temperature (degrees F)



Tuzla, Bosnia and Hercegovina
Precipitation



Tuzla, Bosnia and Hercegovina:
Snowfall



Tuzla, Bosnia and Hercegovina: Temperature

