

IOWA RIVER BASIN
05459500 WINNEBAGO RIVER AT MASON CITY, IOWA

LOCATION.--Lat 43°09'54", long 93°11'33" referenced to North American Datum of 1927, in NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 sec.03, T.96 N., R.20 W., Cerro Gordo County, IA, Hydrologic Unit 07080203, on right bank 650 ft upstream from bridge on 13th Street in Mason City, 0.1 mi downstream from Calmus Creek, 1.0 mi upstream from Willow Creek, and 20.2 mi upstream from mouth.

DRAINAGE AREA.--526 mi².

PERIOD OF RECORD.--Discharge records from October 1932 to current year. Prior to January 1933, monthly mean discharge published in WSP 1308. Prior to October 1959, published as "Lime Creek at Mason City."

GAGE.--Water-stage recorder and concrete control. Datum of gage is 1,069.59 ft above National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929. Prior to October 15, 1934, non-recording gage at datum 6.47 ft lower; October 15 to November 6, 1934, non-recording gage at different datum; November 7, 1934, to March 22, 1935, non-recording gage at same datum.

A summary of all available data for this streamgage is provided through the USGS National Water Information System web interface (NWISWeb). The following link provides access to current/historical observations, daily data, daily statistics, monthly statistics, annual statistics, peak streamflow, field measurements, field/lab water-quality samples, and the latest water-year summaries. Data can be filtered by parameter and/or dates, and can be output in various tabular and graphical formats.

http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/inventory/?site_no=05459500

The USGS WaterWatch Toolkit is available at:

http://waterwatch.usgs.gov/?id=ww_toolkit

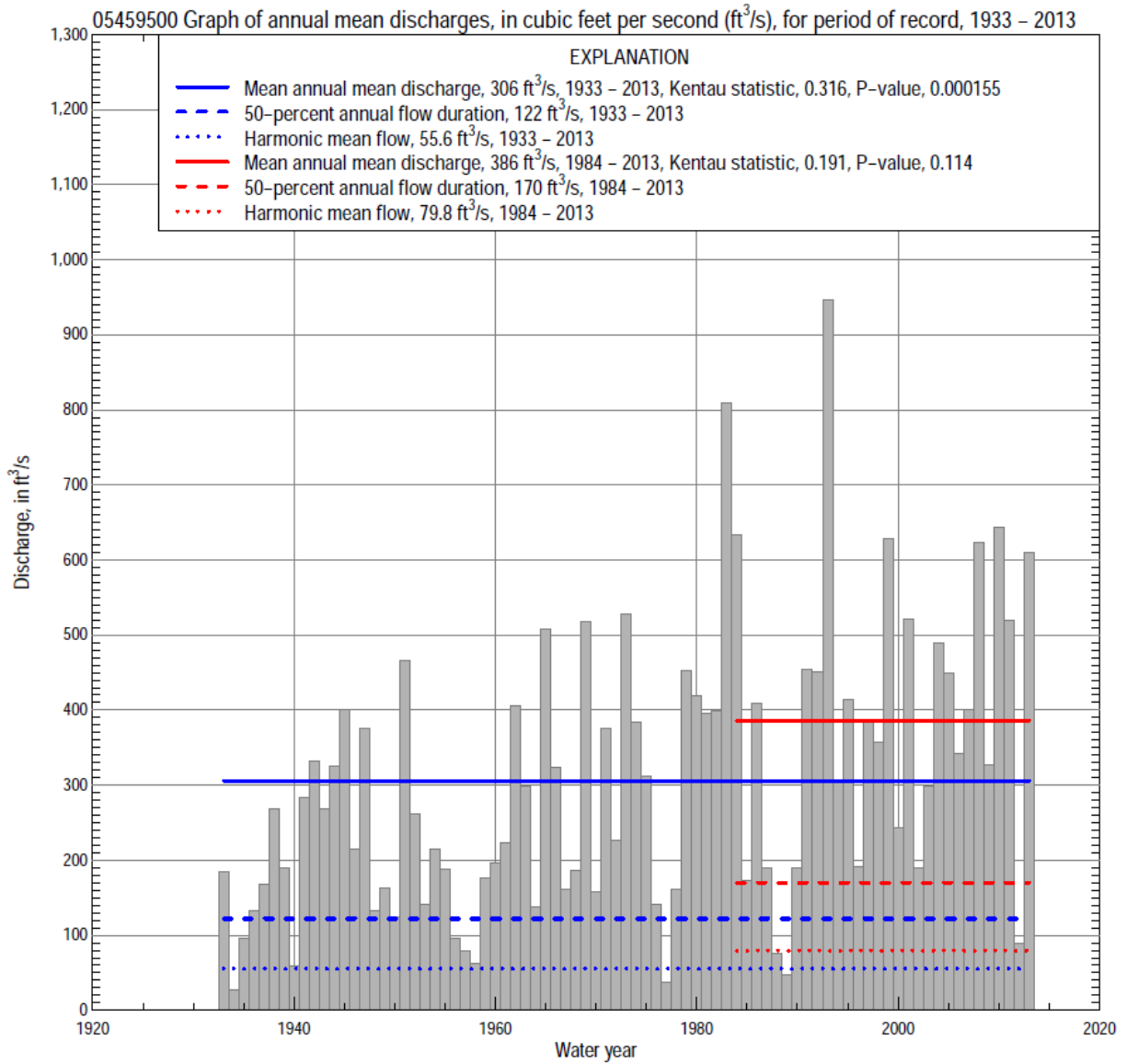
Tools for summarizing streamflow information include the duration hydrograph builder, the cumulative streamflow hydrograph builder, the streamgage statistics retrieval tool, the rating curve builder, the flood tracking chart builder, the National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) river forecast hydrograph builder, and the raster-hydrograph builder. Entering the above number for this streamgage into these toolkit webpages will provide streamflow information specific to this streamgage.

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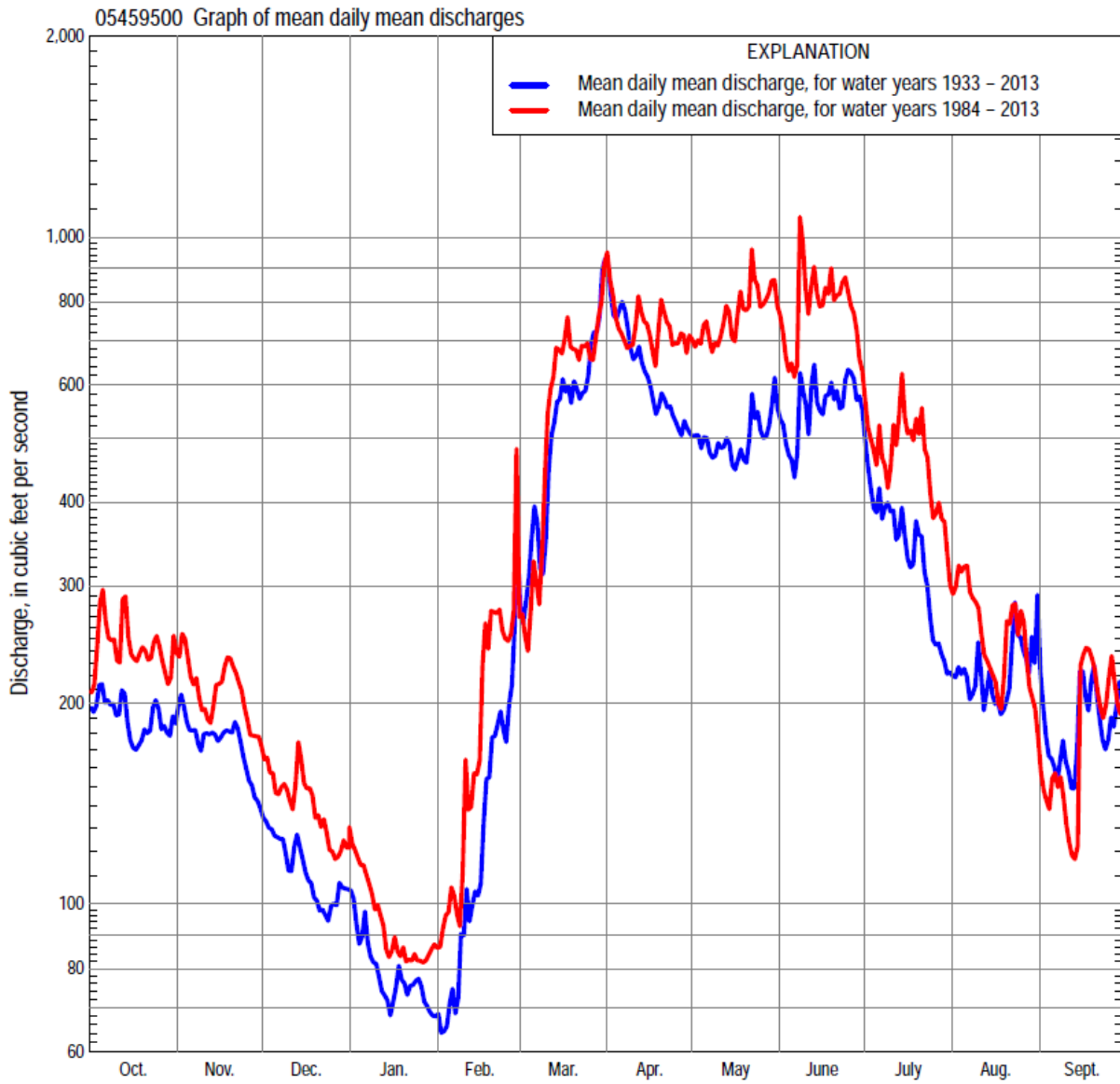
A description of the statistics presented for this streamgauge is available in the main body of the report at:

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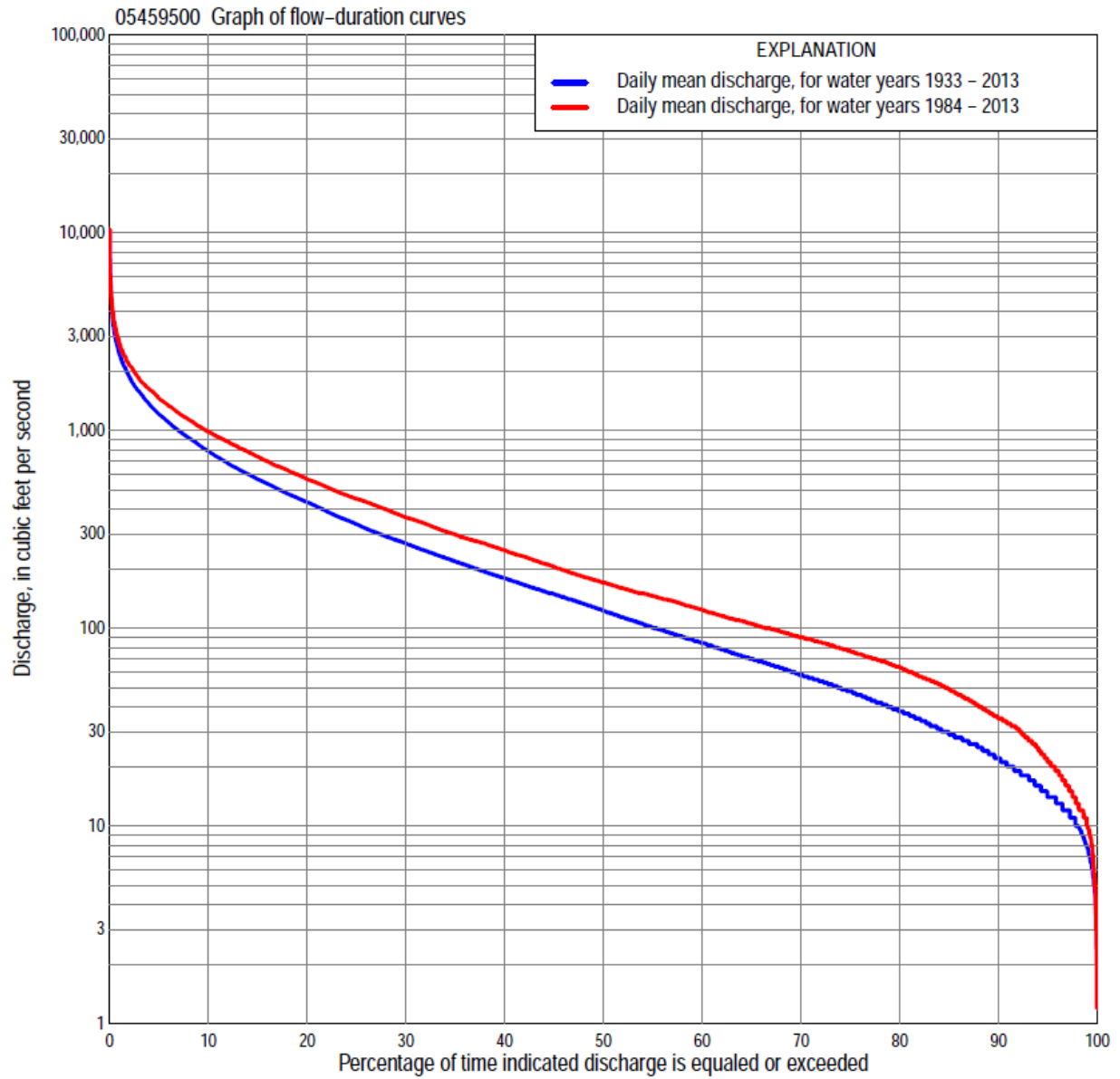
A link to other streamgages included in this report, a map showing the location of the streamgages, information on the programs used to compute the statistical analyses, and references are included in the main body of the report.



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Statistics Based on the Entire Streamflow Period of Record

05459500 Monthly and annual flow durations, based on 1933–2013 period of record (81 years)

Percentage of days discharge equaled or exceeded	Discharge (cubic feet per second)												Annual flow durations		
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Annual	Kentau statistic	P-value
99	8.0	10	5.3	5.5	6.8	11	42	24	14	7.0	4.8	8.0	7.7	0.336	0.000
98	11	13	10	7.9	7.6	14	55	34	18	8.1	6.1	9.6	10	0.340	0.000
95	16	18	13	10	10	21	69	50	28	16	13	13	14	0.341	0.000
90	21	22	18	13	13	39	96	77	51	28	18	18	22	0.331	0.000
85	25	28	23	16	18	54	129	100	70	40	27	23	29	0.321	0.000
80	30	33	27	19	22	70	154	120	99	55	36	32	38	0.315	0.000
75	37	40	30	24	27	90	187	145	123	69	46	40	48	0.311	0.000
70	43	46	36	27	32	112	225	168	147	84	54	48	58	0.325	0.000
65	48	55	42	32	36	144	255	195	174	103	62	56	70	0.320	0.000
60	54	64	50	37	40	183	292	216	213	124	73	63	84	0.307	0.000
55	62	76	59	42	48	221	341	250	257	150	85	69	101	0.318	0.000
50	75	96	68	48	55	262	400	292	311	180	97	77	122	0.321	0.000
45	93	121	80	56	64	313	464	342	366	219	108	86	149	0.341	0.000
40	116	150	94	66	72	368	531	400	435	255	123	95	179	0.350	0.000
35	155	174	115	75	80	444	599	462	508	295	140	112	218	0.356	0.000
30	204	199	138	88	93	533	704	550	599	349	162	130	269	0.358	0.000
25	252	230	154	100	110	662	824	646	692	418	197	157	336	0.356	0.000
20	301	270	175	116	146	834	967	763	855	508	255	201	435	0.332	0.000
15	377	342	204	140	190	1,050	1,120	908	1,050	614	353	294	567	0.324	0.000
10	496	436	247	167	275	1,400	1,380	1,150	1,350	804	558	443	786	0.304	0.000
5	702	571	320	237	507	1,930	1,900	1,580	1,890	1,200	946	732	1,210	0.269	0.000
2	1,020	806	498	380	1,040	2,690	2,820	2,270	2,620	1,850	1,490	1,230	1,870	0.202	0.008
1	1,270	984	634	496	1,670	3,410	3,640	2,810	3,410	2,580	1,910	1,840	2,430	0.134	0.077

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05459500 Annual exceedance probability of instantaneous
 peak discharges, in cubic feet per second (ft³/s), based on
 the Weighted Independent Estimates method,

Annual exceed- ance probability	Recur- rence interval (years)	Discharge (ft ³ /s)	95- percent lower confi- dence interval (ft ³ /s)	95- percent upper confi- dence interval (ft ³ /s)
0.500	2	3,250	2,800	3,780
0.200	5	5,570	4,780	6,490
0.100	10	7,270	6,130	8,610
0.040	25	9,530	7,740	11,700
0.020	50	11,300	8,840	14,400
0.010	100	13,100	9,860	17,300
0.005	200	14,900	10,800	20,600
0.002	500	17,400	11,900	25,300

and based on the expected moments algorithm/multiple
 Grubbs-Beck analysis computed using a historical period
 length of 81 years (1933–2013)

0.500	2	3,290	2,810	3,840
0.200	5	5,650	4,840	6,700
0.100	10	7,380	6,260	9,050
0.040	25	9,700	8,020	12,700
0.020	50	11,500	9,270	16,100
0.010	100	13,400	10,400	19,900
0.005	200	15,300	11,500	24,400
0.002	500	17,900	12,900	31,400
Kantau statistic		0.010		
P-value		0.903		
Begin year		1933		
End year		2013		
Number of peaks		81		

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 1933–2013 period of record (81 years)

Annual exceedance probability	Recur- rence interval (years)	Maximum average discharge (ft ³ /s) for indicated number of consecutive days				
		1	3	7	15	30
0.990	1.01	435	371	260	172	127
0.950	1.05	784	668	502	353	264
0.900	1.11	1,050	897	692	499	374
0.800	1.25	1,480	1,260	995	735	551
0.500	2	2,710	2,290	1,840	1,400	1,040
0.200	5	4,650	3,920	3,100	2,360	1,730
0.100	10	6,020	5,050	3,930	2,980	2,160
0.040	25	7,780	6,520	4,920	3,690	2,640
0.020	50	9,100	7,610	5,610	4,170	2,960
0.010	100	10,400	8,690	6,260	4,600	3,250
0.005	200	11,700	9,760	6,870	5,000	3,500
0.002	500	13,400	11,200	7,630	5,480	3,800
Kantau statistic		0.056	0.068	0.121	0.169	0.201
P-value		0.463	0.370	0.111	0.026	0.008

05459500 Annual nonexceedance probability of low discharges, based on April 1933
 to March 2013 period of record (80 years)

Annual nonexceed- ance probability	Recur- rence interval (years)	Minimum average discharge (ft ³ /s) for indicated number of consecutive days									
		1	3	7	14	30	60	90	120	183	
0.01	100	1.7	2.1	2.5	2.9	3.4	4.4	5.2	6.1	6.4	
0.02	50	2.4	2.9	3.5	4.0	4.6	6.0	7.0	8.2	8.9	
0.05	20	4.1	4.8	5.6	6.2	7.2	9.1	11	13	14	
0.10	10	6.4	7.2	8.2	9.1	10	13	16	18	22	
0.20	5	11	12	13	14	16	20	24	28	35	
0.50	2	24	26	27	30	34	43	54	63	84	
0.80	1.25	46	50	53	57	66	87	113	137	191	
0.90	1.11	62	67	72	78	92	122	163	202	287	
0.96	1.04	81	90	97	106	126	171	237	302	436	
0.98	1.02	94	106	116	127	153	211	299	390	567	
0.99	1.01	106	122	134	148	181	254	367	488	713	
Kantau statistic		0.362	0.363	0.370	0.378	0.382	0.320	0.311	0.282	0.243	
P-value		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	

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05459500 Annual nonexceedance probability of seasonal low discharges, based on October 1932 to
September 2013 period of record (81 years)

Annual nonexceedance probability	Recurrence interval (years)	Minimum average discharge (cubic feet per second) for indicated number of consecutive days							
		1	7	14	30	1	7	14	30
		January-February-March				April-May-June			
0.01	100	3.4	3.9	4.1	4.9	7.0	8.7	10	15
0.02	50	4.4	5.0	5.4	6.3	10	12	14	21
0.05	20	6.5	7.4	7.8	9.2	17	20	23	34
0.10	10	9.2	10	11	13	26	31	36	51
0.20	5	14	15	16	19	42	50	58	82
0.50	2	29	32	34	40	103	122	143	197
0.80	1.25	58	66	71	84	233	274	326	440
0.90	1.11	83	96	104	123	344	406	491	654
0.96	1.04	119	141	153	183	511	606	743	978
0.98	1.02	149	181	197	236	650	777	963	1,260
0.99	1.01	182	225	246	296	802	964	1,210	1,570
Kantau statistic		0.289	0.310	0.317	0.278	0.381	0.376	0.372	0.352
P-value		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
		July-August-September				October-November-December			
0.01	100	1.9	3.7	4.2	5.2	2.6	3.7	4.7	5.9
0.02	50	3.0	5.2	5.8	7.2	3.7	5.1	6.3	7.8
0.05	20	5.5	8.4	9.3	11	6.1	8.0	9.6	12
0.10	10	9.1	13	14	17	9.4	12	14	17
0.20	5	16	20	22	27	15	19	22	27
0.50	2	40	45	49	61	37	44	50	61
0.80	1.25	81	90	100	130	81	99	112	136
0.90	1.11	109	124	139	189	118	148	168	205
0.96	1.04	143	171	193	276	171	223	257	317
0.98	1.02	166	206	236	350	215	289	336	418
0.99	1.01	187	242	279	429	262	362	427	536
Kantau statistic		0.317	0.304	0.307	0.287	0.290	0.292	0.293	0.288
P-value		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

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Statistics Based on the 1984–2013 Streamflow Period of Record

05459500 Monthly and annual flow durations, based on 1984–2013 period of record (30 years)

Percentage of days discharge equaled or exceeded	Discharge (cubic feet per second)												Annual flow durations		
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Annual	Kentau statistic	P-value
99	8.9	14	5.3	8.7	12	15	56	46	18	8.3	3.5	8.5	10	0.000	1.000
98	14	17	9.6	11	13	21	59	65	23	15	5.9	9.6	13	0.014	0.929
95	19	23	20	14	17	48	74	100	40	22	12	16	21	0.041	0.762
90	30	33	29	19	28	71	109	123	71	35	23	28	35	0.034	0.803
85	38	43	39	28	33	97	144	150	150	61	37	42	49	0.011	0.943
80	46	55	49	35	38	115	185	192	207	84	67	53	64	-0.007	0.972
75	53	67	57	40	46	136	233	236	254	117	83	60	77	-0.009	0.957
70	65	80	65	46	54	155	262	308	298	169	93	69	90	-0.016	0.915
65	78	98	73	53	64	184	325	372	341	205	103	74	105	-0.039	0.775
60	92	116	82	59	70	210	400	420	386	236	114	81	124	-0.032	0.817
55	103	138	98	70	76	250	470	492	450	276	124	86	146	-0.002	1.000
50	118	162	116	82	80	288	539	563	521	304	135	91	170	0.028	0.844
45	146	179	135	90	92	335	629	617	595	355	149	98	205	0.085	0.521
40	190	200	150	99	100	383	737	675	655	405	164	107	248	0.122	0.354
35	238	224	160	106	110	448	821	756	771	459	185	119	297	0.149	0.254
30	277	254	174	113	130	520	905	846	905	523	219	137	364	0.177	0.175
25	315	281	189	127	158	650	1,000	973	1,040	597	269	150	451	0.172	0.187
20	375	339	211	141	200	850	1,130	1,130	1,220	685	324	173	567	0.163	0.212
15	449	397	237	155	291	1,110	1,290	1,370	1,440	840	447	266	737	0.182	0.164
10	584	454	277	178	431	1,500	1,490	1,650	1,750	1,070	668	387	983	0.214	0.101
5	825	555	342	228	713	2,040	2,000	2,200	2,230	1,410	991	691	1,450	0.237	0.069
2	1,170	699	452	333	1,360	2,760	3,160	3,010	3,020	2,200	1,330	895	2,140	0.232	0.074
1	1,440	887	560	360	1,910	4,000	3,490	3,990	4,040	2,760	1,650	1,580	2,750	0.202	0.120

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Annual exceedance probability	Recur- rence interval (years)	Maximum average discharge (ft ³ /s) for indicated number of consecutive days				
		1	3	7	15	30
0.990	1.01	515	437	320	216	180
0.950	1.05	870	745	585	434	352
0.900	1.11	1,140	978	788	607	487
0.800	1.25	1,560	1,340	1,110	883	697
0.500	2	2,780	2,390	2,000	1,640	1,260
0.200	5	4,760	4,060	3,350	2,710	2,030
0.100	10	6,220	5,260	4,260	3,380	2,490
0.040	25	8,180	6,860	5,390	4,140	3,020
0.020	50	9,710	8,090	6,200	4,650	3,360
0.010	100	11,300	9,340	6,980	5,110	3,660
0.005	200	12,900	10,600	7,740	5,520	3,930
0.002	500	15,100	12,300	8,710	6,010	4,250
Kantau statistic		0.138	0.154	0.205	0.218	0.209
P-value		0.292	0.239	0.116	0.094	0.108

05459500 Annual nonexceedance probability of low discharges, based on April 1983
 to March 2013 period of record (30 years)

Annual nonexceed- ance probability	Recur- rence interval (years)	Minimum average discharge (ft ³ /s) for indicated number of consecutive days									
		1	3	7	14	30	60	90	120	183	
0.01	100	1.0	1.7	2.8	3.3	5.6	6.9	7.9	8.5	7.9	
0.02	50	2.0	3.0	4.4	5.1	8.0	10	11	12	12	
0.05	20	4.5	6.2	8.4	9.4	13	16	18	20	21	
0.10	10	8.7	11	14	15	19	23	27	30	34	
0.20	5	17	20	23	25	29	35	43	47	56	
0.50	2	41	45	48	52	57	69	87	100	129	
0.80	1.25	68	73	77	83	94	117	152	181	246	
0.90	1.11	78	85	89	97	114	145	192	234	322	
0.96	1.04	86	95	100	109	135	175	237	296	410	
0.98	1.02	89	99	105	115	147	194	266	338	469	
0.99	1.01	90	101	108	119	157	210	292	376	521	
Kantau statistic		-0.002	-0.005	0.007	0.025	0.032	0.011	-0.016	-0.002	-0.030	
P-value		1.000	0.986	0.972	0.858	0.817	0.943	0.915	1.000	0.830	

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Annual nonexceedance probability	Recurrence interval (years)	Minimum average discharge (cubic feet per second) for indicated number of consecutive days							
		1	7	14	30	1	7	14	30
		January-February-March				April-May-June			
0.01	100	5.0	6.5	7.2	8.5	9.2	11	12	17
0.02	50	6.8	8.6	9.5	11	14	17	19	26
0.05	20	10	13	14	16	27	31	35	48
0.10	10	15	18	20	22	44	52	59	78
0.20	5	22	26	29	32	78	90	103	136
0.50	2	45	52	56	62	193	225	264	343
0.80	1.25	80	95	102	114	392	467	569	733
0.90	1.11	103	126	136	152	528	639	796	1,030
0.96	1.04	133	166	180	204	691	850	1,090	1,400
0.98	1.02	154	197	214	245	802	999	1,300	1,680
0.99	1.01	174	227	247	286	903	1,140	1,500	1,950
Kantau statistic		-0.064	-0.046	-0.030	0.002	0.113	0.113	0.140	0.166
P-value		0.630	0.735	0.830	1.000	0.392	0.392	0.284	0.205
		July-August-September				October-November-December			
0.01	100	1.0	3.0	3.7	6.1	2.0	3.2	5.2	7.3
0.02	50	2.1	4.9	5.8	8.9	3.5	5.3	7.9	11
0.05	20	5.4	9.4	11	15	7.4	10	14	18
0.10	10	11	16	18	23	13	17	22	27
0.20	5	23	28	30	38	25	31	36	44
0.50	2	64	67	72	87	59	72	80	94
0.80	1.25	112	125	138	172	103	132	146	173
0.90	1.11	133	159	180	233	123	166	186	223
0.96	1.04	147	194	227	310	140	199	229	281
0.98	1.02	153	215	256	366	148	218	256	320
0.99	1.01	156	232	282	419	153	232	279	354
Kantau statistic		-0.009	-0.007	0.023	-0.021	0.021	0.016	-0.011	0.000
P-value		0.957	0.972	0.872	0.887	0.886	0.915	0.943	1.000