

Summer 2020

The following represents a provisional assessment of the weather experienced across the UK during Summer 2020 (June, July, August) and how it compares with the 1981 to 2010 average.

The summer saw temperatures averaging out slightly above average, especially in the south-east, with June and August being warmer than average but July rather cooler. After the sunny and dry spring, these three months were mostly unsettled, but each summer month did contain some hot weather. The last day of July brought a one-off hot day to central and southern England, and a more sustained period of heat occurred in the second week of August. Many places had plenty of rain through the summer, and sunshine was below average for most areas.

June saw both maximum and minimum temperatures broadly around a degree above average over most areas; the UK monthly mean temperature was 1.0 °C above the long-term average. Temperatures were above average at the start of June and again between 13th and 27th. July was a cool month, particularly for maximum temperatures which were 2 °C below average in parts of north-west England; despite a warm final day, monthly-mean temperatures were 0.8 °C below average. August began and ended rather cool, but the warmth between 5th and 22nd ensured that the month as a whole was warmer than average by 1.0 °C.

June rainfall totals were well above average in most areas, with some places exceeding twice the monthly long-term average; only parts of south-east England, Orkney and Shetland were drier than average. Overall the UK had 144% of average rainfall. July too saw only short drier spells, and again many places had a wet month, with a few places exceeding double their average rainfall totals, although southern England and a few other places were rather dry. The UK overall had 122% of average rainfall for July. August was again wet for many with more than double the average rainfall in places, and only north-west Scotland and the south-east corner of England were drier. Rainfall overall was 135% of average in August.

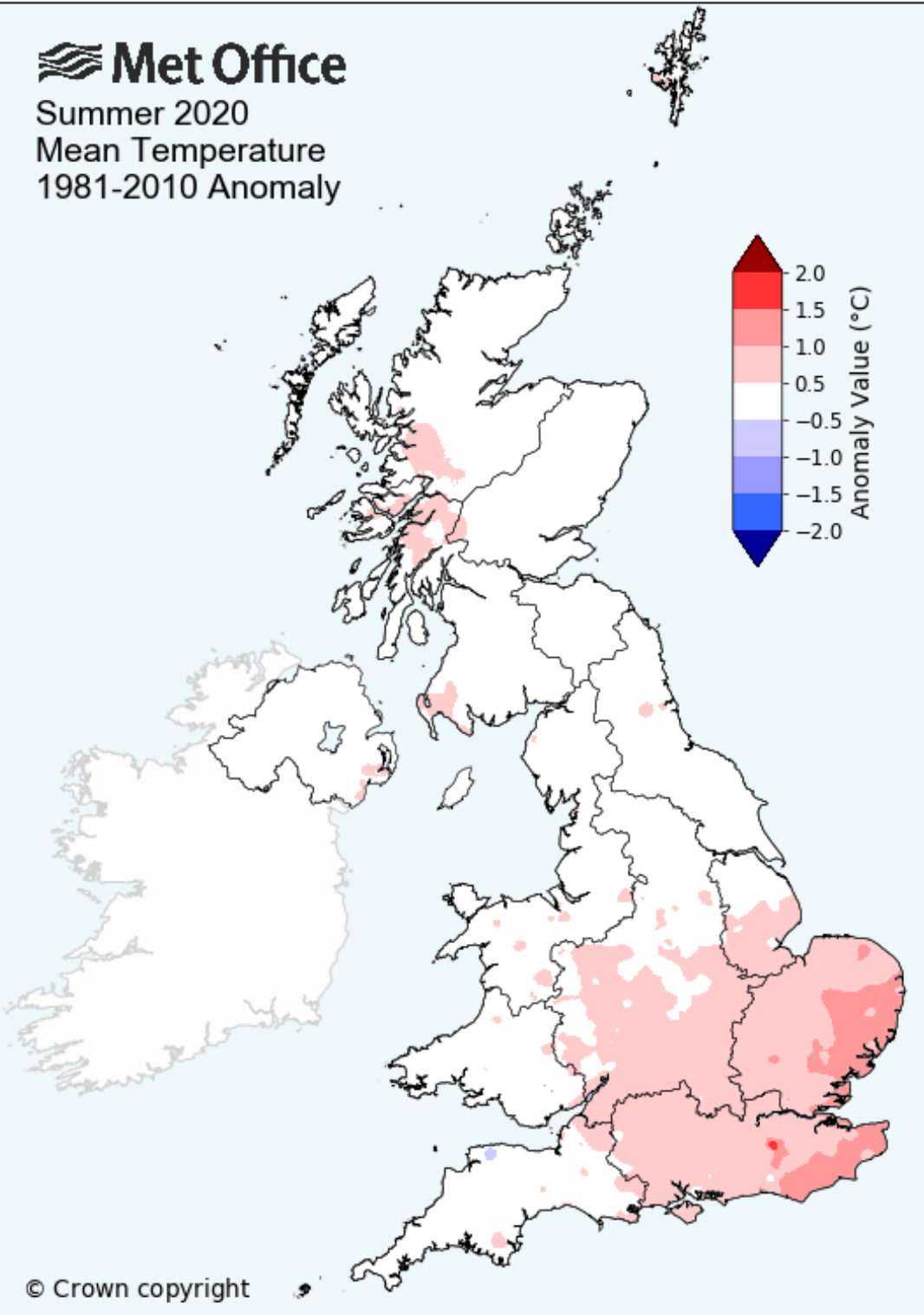
Many western and northern areas were rather dull in June, but the far north of Scotland and the south-east of England fared better. July was duller than average for most of the country, but sunshine was near normal in parts of southern England and eastern Scotland, with only Shetland significantly above average. August was another rather dull month except in north-west Scotland and the Outer Isles. Sunshine totals for the UK overall were 97% of average in June, 83% of average in July, and 88% in August.

UK statistical summary

Mean Temperature	Rainfall	Sunshine
The provisional mean value is 14.8 °C, which is 0.4 °C above the 1981-2010 average.	The provisional total is 321 mm, which is 134% of the 1981-2010 average.	The provisional total is 449 hours, which is 89% of the 1981-2010 average.

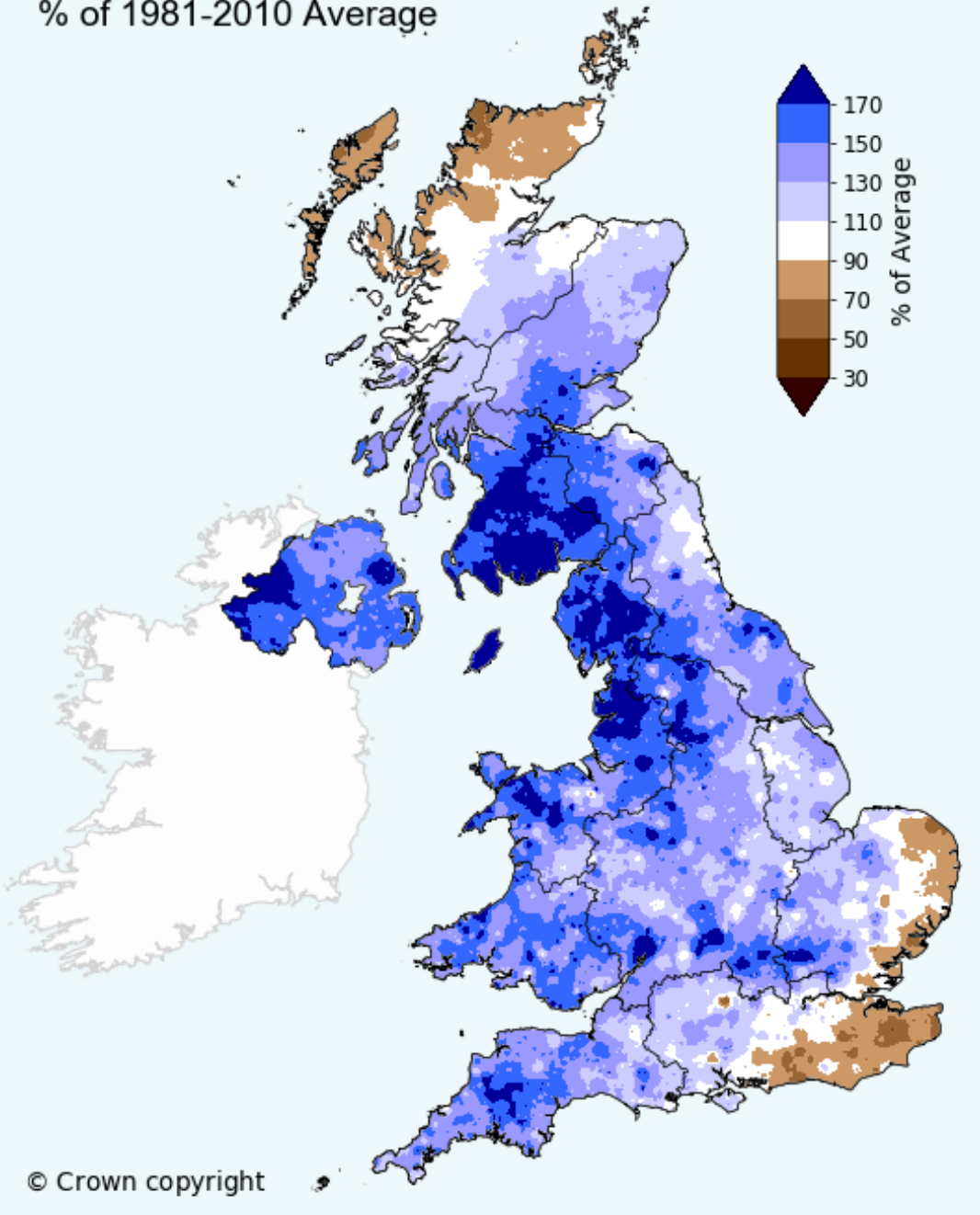
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Summer 2020
Mean Temperature
1981-2010 Anomaly



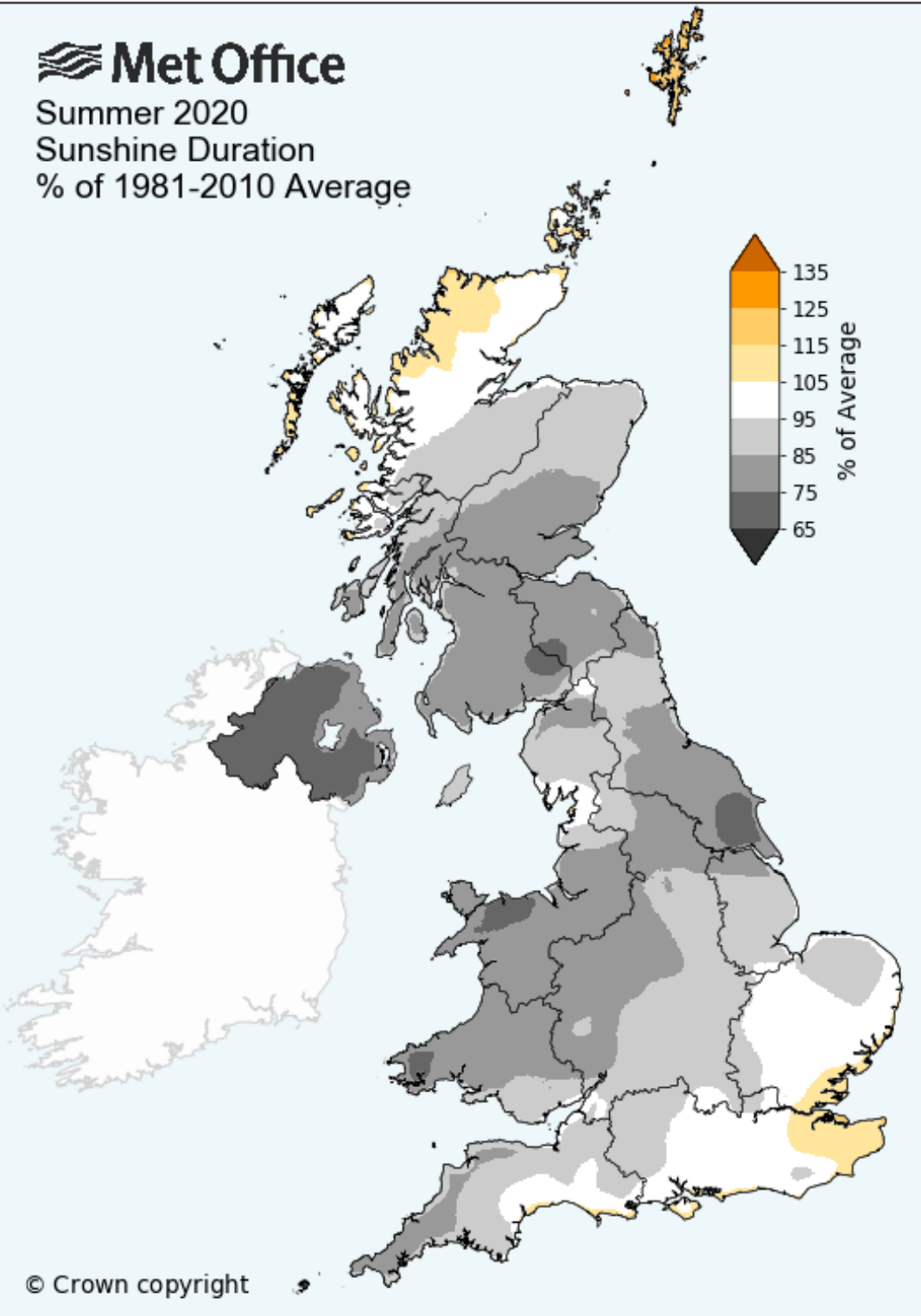
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Summer 2020
Rainfall Amount
% of 1981-2010 Average



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Sunshine Duration
% of 1981-2010 Average



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