

# Bendigo's Decadal Rainfall Averages

Long-term average = **550 mm**

WET	Year Range	Average Rainfall Per Decade	TRENDS	DIRECTION OF CHANGE RELATIVE TO PREVIOUS DECADE	Years per decade over 600mm	Average months per decade over 100mm
					SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE AV. (mainly La Nina) YEARS	GOOD INFLOW MONTHS FOR RESERVOIRS
DRY	1862-1869	550	<p>A rise every second decade, up until the 1990's</p> <p><b>PEAK</b></p> <p>70 year trend of declining rainfall averages</p> <p><b>PEAK</b></p> <p>36 years of declining averages (Not drought!)</p>	-	2	8
	1870-1879	<b>573</b>		+	4	
	1880-1889	530		-	2	
	1890-1899	555		+	3	
	1900-1909	522		-	3	
	1910-1919	534		+	2	
	1920-1929	501		-	4	
	1930-1939	536		+	3	
	1940-1949	490		-	3	
	WET	1950-1959		616	+	
1960-1969		541	-	4		
1970-1979		<b>627</b>	+	7		
1980-1989		574	-	5		
1990-1999		536	-	3		
DRY	2000-2008	418	-	0	0	

Since 1996, all three La Nina years have failed to deliver above-average rain.

**A CLEAR RAPIDLY DECLINING TREND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.**

**Could it perhaps be ... the start of ANOTHER 70-YEAR DRY PERIOD?**

With climate change being driven mostly from the Northern Hemisphere, the La Nina cycle will most likely continue to deliver smaller peak rainfall years. This trend is likely to continue as long as there is more pollution being produced north of the equator than south of the equator.

(See my separate article: "The Chinese Effect").