

Weather in Lesotho

Lesotho has a continental climate, which means that it experiences hot summers and cold winters. Lesotho experiences cooler temperatures than many other countries in Africa due to the high altitude of the country. The country is one of only a few countries in Africa that has snow regularly and it is common to see snow in the highlands from May to September. The summers are hot and humid. The rainy season takes place from October to April and accounts for 85% of the total annual precipitations.

Climate Change in Lesotho

Climate change refers to a long-term change in weather patterns. This can be caused by factors such as changes in solar output, volcanic activity, or the Earth's orbit around the sun. Human activities, such as the burning of fossil fuels, may also be the cause of recent climate change.



Under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Lesotho has been categorized as one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change. Lesotho experiences frequent droughts that lead to loss of livestock and poor harvests for farmers. Cold temperatures, heavy snowfall, and floods also have a destructive impact on the country.



Blankets are a necessity for the cold Lesotho weather.

According to the United Nations Environment Programme, under the continuing climate changes, Lesotho will experience warmer weather with low precipitations. The number of droughts and floods is expected to increase. These climate risks pose a threat to the agriculture sector, water availability, and land use.

