



MONTHLY  
WEATHER REPORT  
**MAY 2020**

# SUMMARY

May began on a rather chilly note, with low pressure positioned across Scandinavia, bringing a northerly flow across the British Isles. The night of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> were both unseasonably cold, with a low of -6.6°C recorded at Kinbrace, Sutherland.

High pressure then built in from the west from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> bringing largely dry, settled and warm conditions for most. Another surge of northerly winds brought a late season cold snap between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> with overnight frosts and a few wintry showers across Scotland. It also saw minimum temperatures drop to -6.1°C during the overnight period of the 13/14<sup>th</sup> at Katesbridge, County Down, making it one of the coldest May nights on record for the station.

High pressure then re-built in from the south-west from the 15<sup>th</sup> bringing another spell of warm, dry conditions across the country until the 22<sup>nd</sup>. A deep area of low pressure brought brisk winds and heavy rain to north-western parts of the UK, in fact this was one of very few wet days of the month, during the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> with Achnagart, Ross & Cromarty recording 79mm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. High pressure then became re-established during the closing days and brought the highest temperatures of the month with values widely reaching the mid to high 20s Celsius, peaking with a high of 28.0°C at Kinlochewe, Ross & Cromarty on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Due to high pressure frequently being positioned across the UK, May 2020 was exceptionally dry across England and Wales, with some stations struggling to record more than 1mm of rainfall. It was also the sunniest month on record for the UK and the sunniest May on record for England.

**Mean temperatures across the UK were +0.9°C above the 1981-2010 average, whilst rainfall was 41% of the seasonal norm. Frosts were also above the long term average in many locations.**

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# MAY 2020 UK OVERVIEW



28.0°C

HIGHEST TEMPERATURE

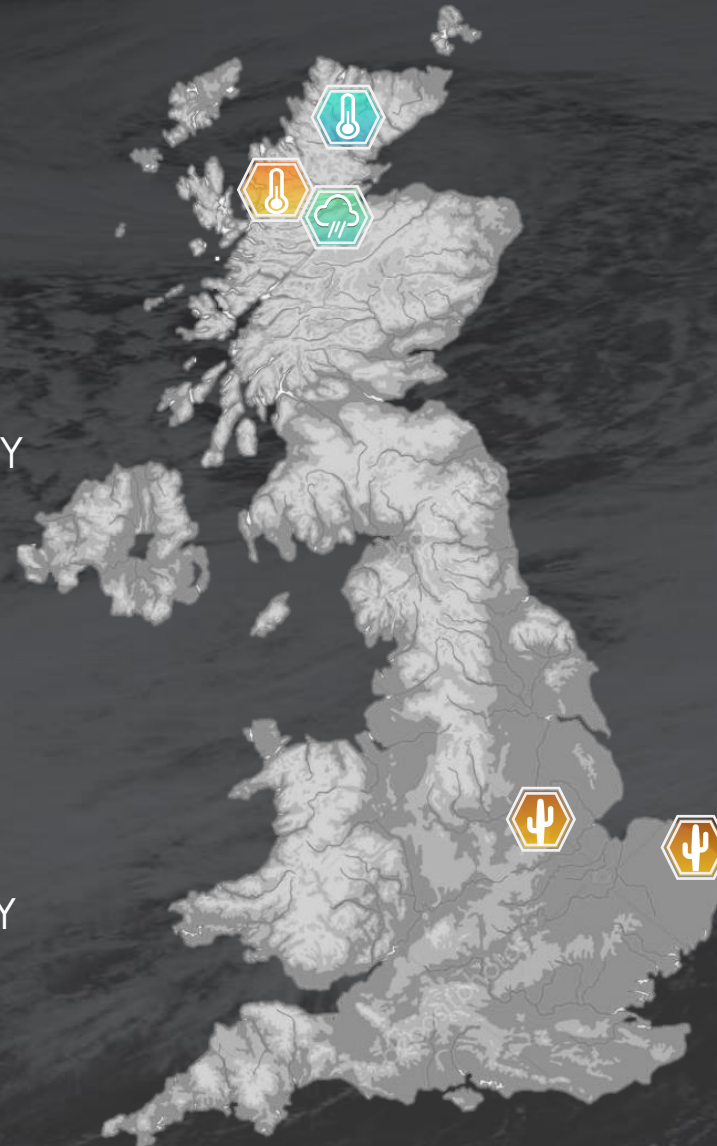
KINLOCHEWE, ROSS & CROMARTY  
29<sup>TH</sup> MAY



79mm

HIGHEST 24HR RAINFALL

ACHNAGART, ROSS & CROMARTY  
22<sup>ND</sup> MAY



-6.6°C

LOWEST TEMPERATURE

KINBRACE, SUTHERLAND

3<sup>RD</sup> MAY



0.4mm

DRIEST STATION

MARHAM, NORFOLK

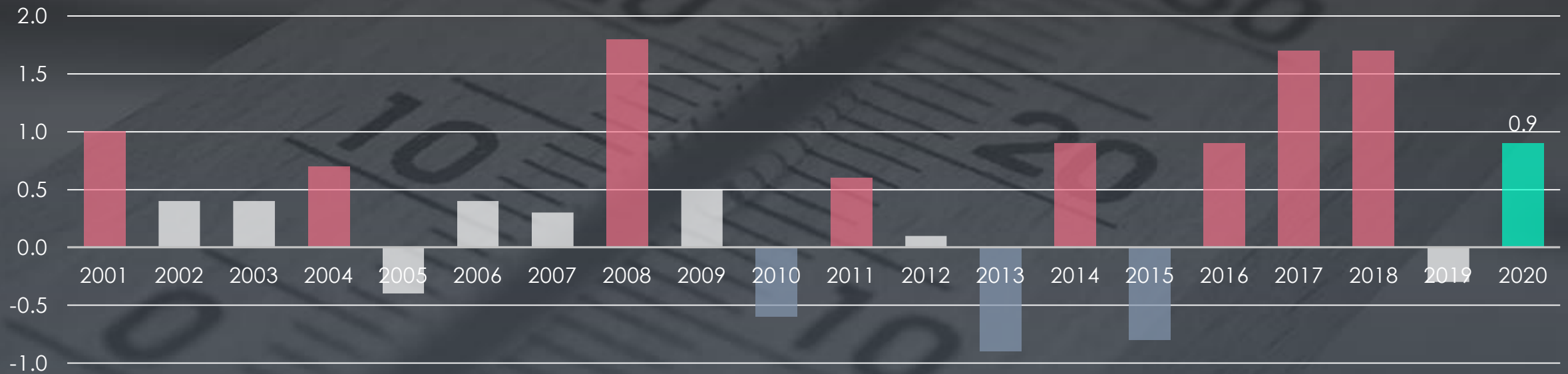
WITTINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE



# UK TEMPERATURE ANOMALIES

## MAY 2020

MEAN MAY UK TEMPERATURE ANOMALIES 2001 – 2020 [°C]

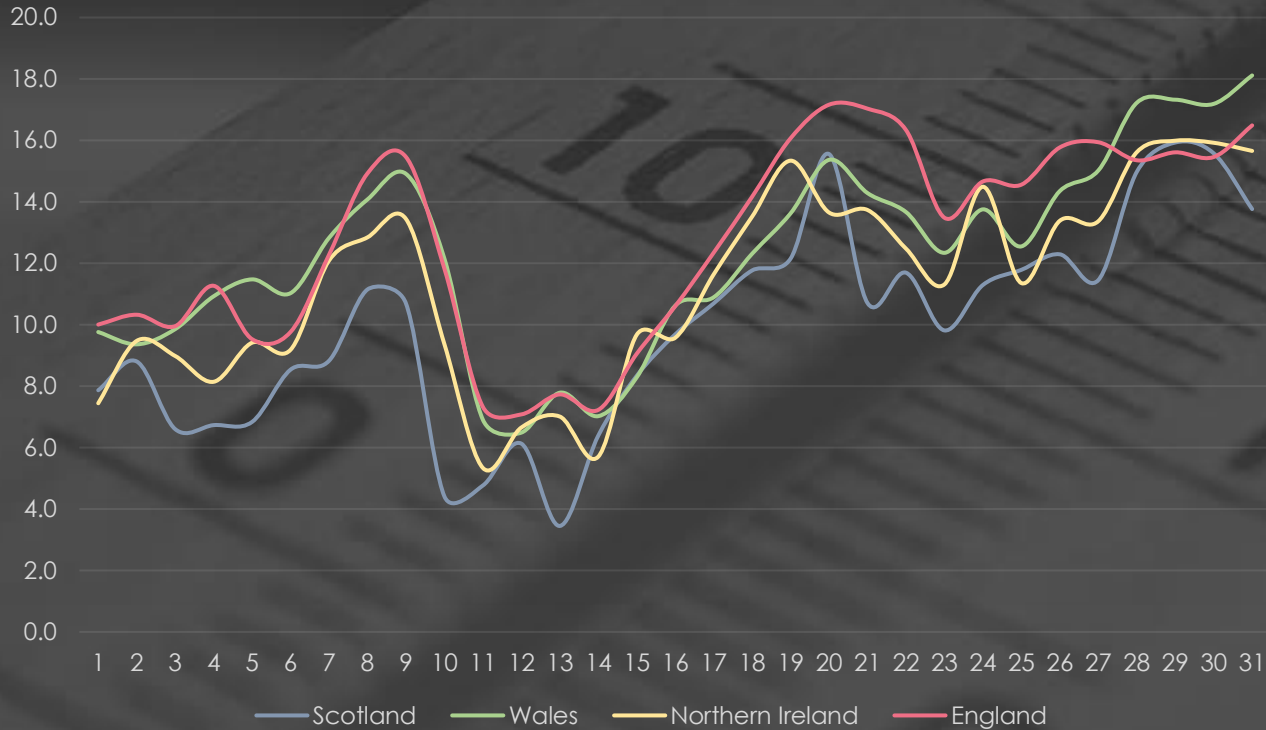


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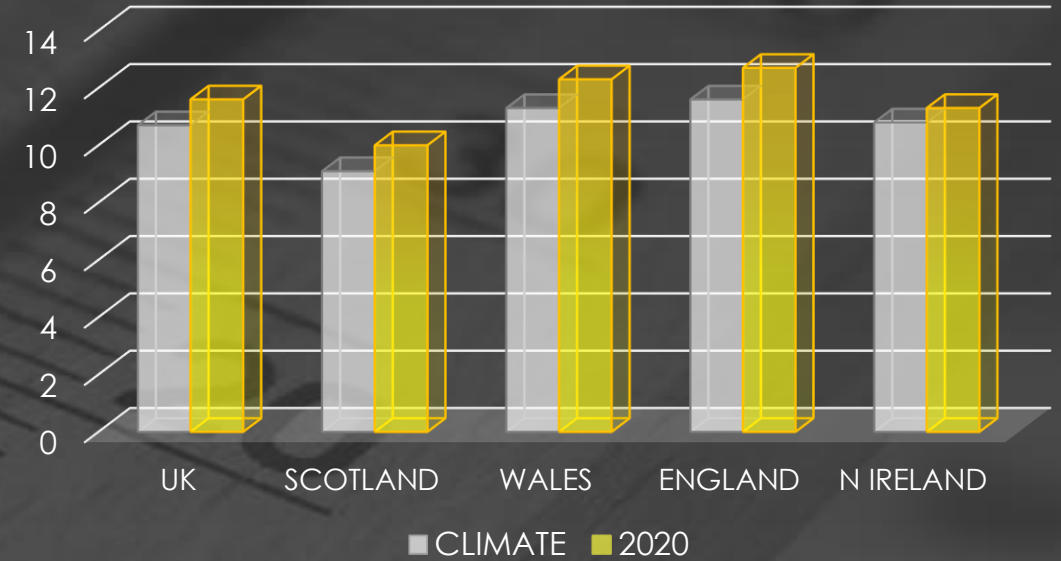


## TEMPERATURES

### MEAN DAILY TEMPERATURE MAY 2020



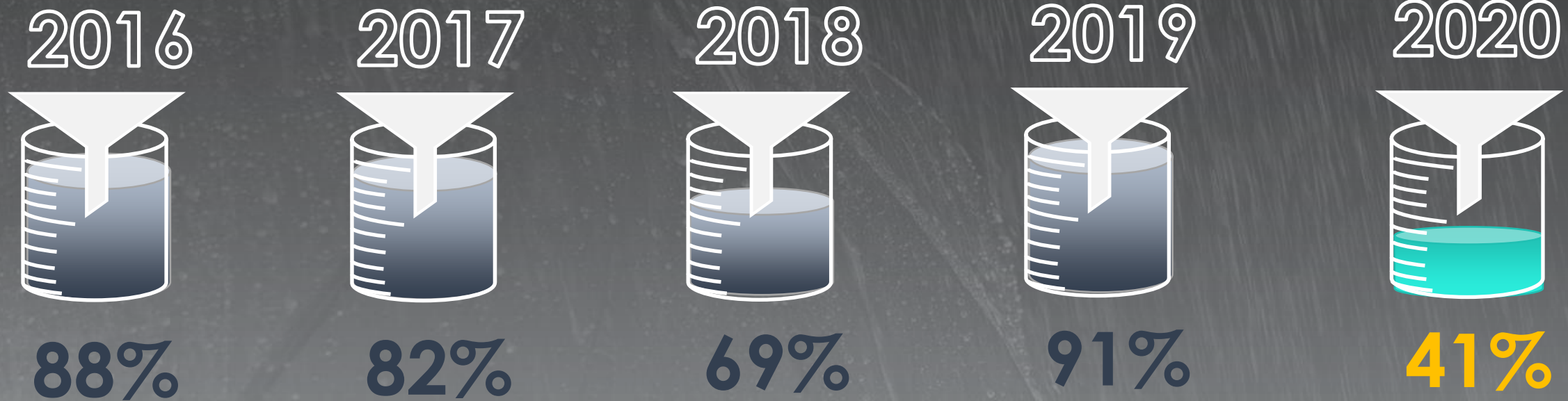
### MAY 2020 MEAN TEMPERATURE ANOMALIES



	UK	SCOTLAND	WALES	ENGLAND	N IRELAND
<b>MAY 2020</b>	11.6	10.0	12.3	12.7	11.3
<b>CLIMATE</b>	10.7	9.1	11.3	11.6	10.8
<b>ANOMALY</b>	<b>+0.9</b>	<b>+0.9</b>	<b>+1.0</b>	<b>+1.1</b>	<b>+0.6</b>

# UK RAINFALL ANOMALIES

## MAY 2020

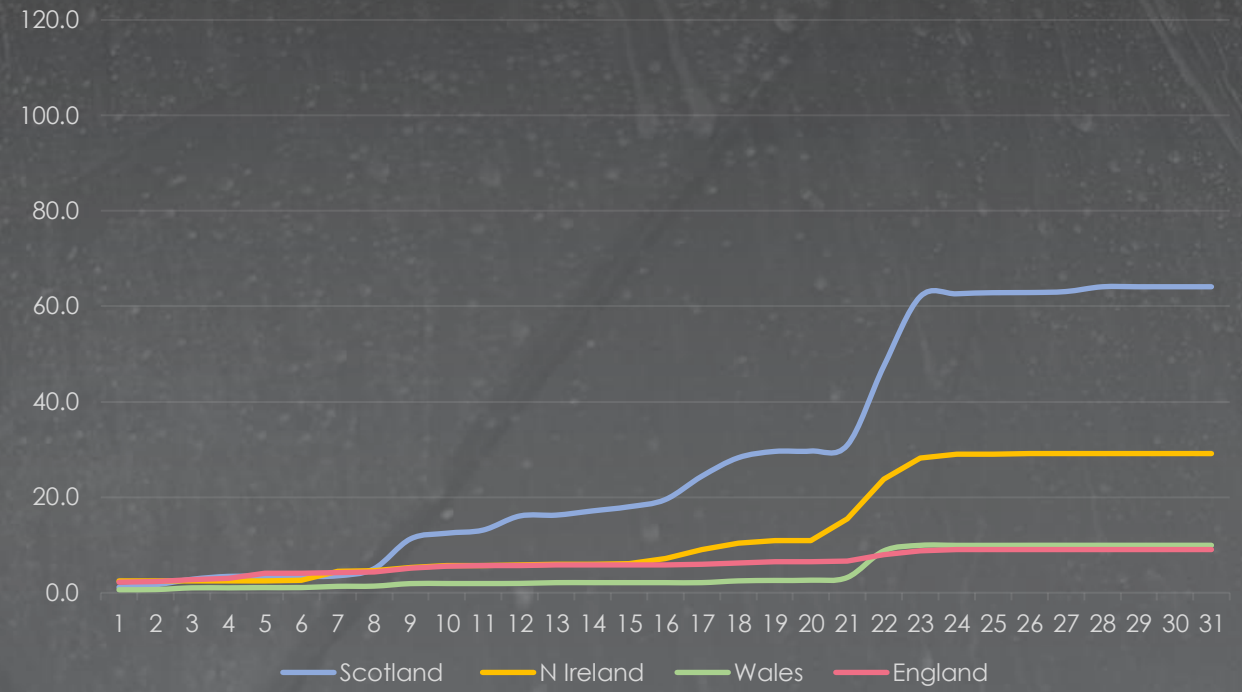


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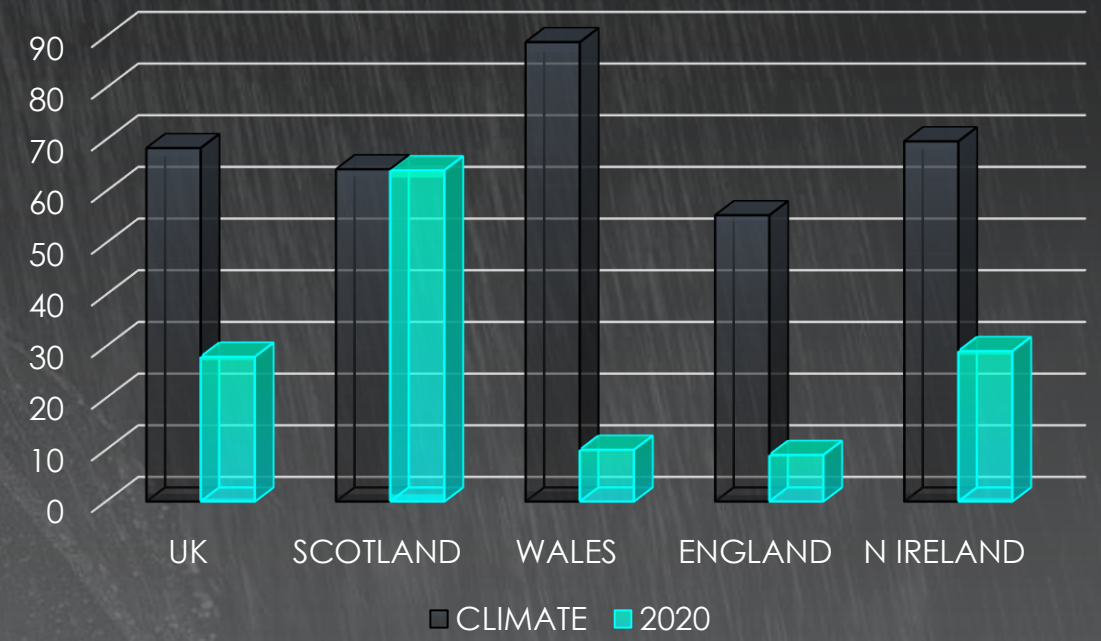


RAINFALL

MEAN DAILY RAINFALL  
MAY 2020



MAY 2020 RAINFALL



	UK	SCOTLAND	WALES	ENGLAND	N IRELAND
<b>MAY 2020 [mm]</b>	28.0	64.1	10.0	9.0	29.1
<b>CLIMATE [mm]</b>	68.4	64.3	88.9	55.4	69.7
<b>ANOMALY</b>	41%	99.6%	11.2%	16.6%	29.1%