

Attendance

Figures for this reporting period, 1971-73, show an increase of 8.1 percent. In comparison, attendance figures at the Arboretum for the past three biennial periods showed an increase of 3.5 percent. This change in the rate of increase, occurring as it has during a period in which County population has remained almost static, can be attributed to the public's response to an expansion of services, new garden programs, and other developments to be described in the following paragraphs.

| <u>1971-72</u> | <u>1972-73</u> |
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| 590,028 | 626,994 |

Weather

Daily readings of temperature, rainfall and humidity, plus general weather observations, are recorded and forwarded monthly to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District from the Arboretum Weather Station N. 1037-E. Additional data is gathered for the U.S. Weather Bureau Fruit Warning Service during the frost season which begins November 15 and continues until February 20. These readings are broadcast by radio all over the western United States.

| | <u>1971-72</u> | <u>1972-73</u> |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Lowest Temperature | 25° - Dec. 14, 1971 Jan. 5, 1972 Dec. 12, 1972 | 24° - Jan. 5, 1973 |
| Highest Temperature | 106° - July 28, 1972 | 111° - June 20, 1973 |
| Total Days of Rainfall | 24 | 37 |
| Heaviest Monthly Rainfall | 6.5 inches-Dec., 1971 | 11.87 inches-Feb., 1973 |
| Yearly Rainfall | 8.1 inches | 26.2 inches |



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