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Madison, Milwaukee set record high temperatures on Sunday

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Laverne Barica, 90, gets shade from an umbrella while attending the World's Largest Brat Fest with her family on Willow Island at the Alliant Energy Center on Saturday, the first day of what could be a four-day stretch of temperatures of 90 or above. Sunday's temperature in Madison hit 95 degrees, edging out the record for May 27 of 94 degrees set in 2012.

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Hot temperatures don't keep Wisconsinites from annual Brat Fest

Madison and Milwaukee set record-high temperatures Sunday with both cities hitting 95 degrees.

A previous high temperature of 94 degrees for May 27 was set in Madison in 2012, according to the National Weather Service. The former high temperature for the date in Milwaukee was also 94 degrees, recorded in 1911, the weather service said.

Sunday's 95-degree temperature broke an even bigger record for Milwaukee, making it the hottest day ever recorded in all of May for the city, said Marcia Cronce, a meteorologist for the weather service. The highest May temperature in Madison was set on May 31, 1934, at 101 degrees, Cronce said.

Madison fell short of the record high on Saturday with the thermometer reaching 90 degrees. It was short of the 91 degrees notched on May 26, 1978.



Another record-setting day in Madison is possible Monday. The temperature for Memorial Day is forecast to hit 94 degrees — 2 degrees above the record for May 28 of 92.

It's been a hot holiday weekend across areas of the Upper Midwest.

Record high temperatures were recorded Sunday across Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas, with authorities reporting concrete roads buckling from the heat. Several cities reported highs in the mid- to upper 90s.

In Wisconsin, pavement buckling was reported on Interstate 39/90 near the Illinois border, on I-39/90/94 at Exit 92 at Wisconsin Dells, on the the on-ramp from eastbound Highway 12 to I-39/90/94, on the Beltline in Middleton and

Monona, on Highway 33 near Beaver Dam, on Highway 12 near Beaver Dam, and on I-41 near Fond du Lac.

Road closures typically lasted from under an hour to more than 2 hours.

Several cities have opened up cooling centers, including in Rock County and the Twin Cities metro area.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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