

**Climatology of the Darlington Raceway Sprint Cup Races 1950-2023**

Race	Month	Day	Year	Cars	Winner	Start Position	Make / Model	Miles	Max. Temp.	Min. Temp.	Precip.	
Southern 500	9	3	1950	75	Johnny Malone	43	50 Plymouth	500	93	71	0	
Southern 500	9	3	1951	82	Herb Thomas	2	51 Hudson	500	93	69	0	
Grand National 100	5	10	1952	24	Dick Rathmann	4	51 Hudson	100	88	87	0	
Southern 500	9	9	1952	66	Foxy Flock	1	52 Oldsmobile	500	91	73	0	
Southern 500	9	7	1953	59	Buck Baker	7	53 Oldsmobile	501	84	82	0	
Southern 500	9	6	1954	50	Herb Thomas	23	54 Hudson	501	100	85	0	
Southern 500	9	5	1955	69	Herb Thomas	8	55 Chevrolet	503	84	70	0	
Southern 500	9	3	1956	70	Curtis Turner	11	52 Ford	501	92	87	0	
Southern 500	9	2	1957	50	Speedy	7	57 Chevrolet	501	96	70	0	
Southern 500	9	1	1958	48	Fireball Roberts	2	57 Chevrolet	501	93	89	0	
Southern 500	9	7	1959	60	Jim Ramsay	14	57 Chevrolet	501	91	70	0	
Rebel 300	5	14	1960	32	Joe Weatherly	2	60 Ford	301	77	44	0	
Southern 500	9	5	1960	48	Buck Baker	2	60 Pontiac	501	80	81	0	
Rebel 300	5	6	1961	32	Fred Lorenzen	1	61 Ford	301	81	54	0	
Southern 500	9	4	1961	43	Nelson Stacy	3	61 Ford	501	95	70	0	
Rebel 300	5	12	1962	32	Nelson Stacy	3	62 Ford	301	81	80	0	
Southern 500	9	3	1962	44	Lynn Frank	10	62 Ford	501	91	83	0	
Rebel 300	5	11	1963	31	Joe Weatherly	6	63 Pontiac	303	97	83	0	
Southern 500	9	2	1963	41	Fireball Roberts	9	63 Ford	501	91	83	0	
Southern 500	9	2	1964	36	Fred Lorenzen	2	64 Ford	501	89	58	0	
Southern 500	9	7	1964	44	Buck Baker	6	64 Dodge	501	86	80	0	
Rebel 300	5	8	1965	31	Junior Johnson	3	65 Ford	301	85	85	0	
Southern 500	9	6	1965	44	Neil Jarentt	10	65 Ford	501	93	64	0	
Rebel 400	4	30	1965	36	Richard Petty	1	66 Plymouth	400	79	62	0.05	
Southern 500	9	4	1966	44	Darel Dieringer	3	66 Mercury	501	92	70	0.05	
Rebel 400	5	13	1967	39	Richard Petty	2	67 Plymouth	400	80	83	0	
Southern 500	9	4	1967	44	Richard Petty	1	67 Plymouth	501	81	92	0	
Rebel 400	5	11	1968	34	David Pearson	2	68 Ford	400	85	59	0	
Southern 500	9	2	1968	44	Cale Yarborough	2	68 Mercury	501	91	86	0	
Rebel 400	5	10	1969	36	LeeRoy	4	69 Mercury	400	79	49	0	
Southern 500	9	1	1969	40	LeeRoy	4	69 Ford	501	81	88	0.05	
Rebel 400	5	9	1970	36	David Pearson	3	69 Ford	400	80	59	0	
Southern 500	9	7	1970	40	Bucky Baker	2	69 Dodge	501	87	86	0	
Rebel 400	5	2	1971	36	Bucky Baker	5	71 Dodge	400	78	46	0	
Southern 500	9	6	1971	40	Bobby Allison	1	69 Mercury	501	89	87	0	
Rebel 400	4	16	1972	36	David Pearson	1	71 Mercury	400	88	81	0	
Southern 500	9	4	1972	40	Bobby Allison	1	72 Chevrolet	501	92	70	Trace	
Rebel 400	4	16	1973	40	David Pearson	1	71 Mercury	501	70	35	0	
Southern 500	9	6	1973	40	Cale Yarborough	4	73 Chevrolet	501	82	68	0	
Rebel 450	4	7	1974	40	David Pearson	2	73 Mercury	451	68	32	0	
Southern 500	9	2	1974	40	Cale Yarborough	4	74 Chevrolet	501	80	70	0	
Rebel 500	4	13	1975	40	Bobby Allison	5	75 Matador	501	87	58	0	
Southern 500	9	1	1975	40	Bobby Allison	3	75 Matador	501	89	69	0.4	
Rebel 500	4	11	1976	38	David Pearson	1	Mercury	501	82	41	0	
Southern 500	9	5	1976	40	David Pearson	1	Mercury	501	88	81	0	
Rebel 500	4	3	1977	38	Darrell Waltrip	4	Chevrolet	501	85	85	0.1	
Southern 500	9	5	1977	40	David Pearson	5	Mercury	501	88	71	0.15	
Rebel 500	4	4	1978	40	Bernie Paulson	6	Chevrolet	501	84	59	0	
Southern 500	9	4	1978	40	Cale Yarborough	6	Oldsmobile	501	90	85	0	
CRS Chemical Rebel 500	9	8	1979	36	Darrell Waltrip	2	Chevrolet	501	75	44	0	
Southern 500	9	2	1979	40	David Pearson	5	Chevrolet	501	90	67	0	
CRS Chemical Rebel 500	9	4	13	1980	36	2	Chevrolet	258	79	56	0.6	
Southern 500	9	1	1980	41	Terry Labonte	10	Chevrolet	501	96	85	1.1	
CRS Chemical Rebel 500	9	4	12	1981	36	Darrell Waltrip	3	Backs	501	90	62	0
Southern 500	9	7	3	1981	40	Neil Bonnett	3	Ford	501	88	88	0
CRS Chemical Rebel 500	9	4	4	1982	37	Dale Earnhardt	5	Ford	501	80	48	0
Southern 500	9	2	1982	40	Cale Yarborough	9	Backs	501	86	57	0	
TransSouth 500	4	10	1983	36	Harry Gant	4	Backs	501	74	53	0.51	
Southern 500	9	5	1983	41	Bobby Allison	14	Backs	501	98	65	0	
TransSouth 500	4	16	1984	38	Darrell Waltrip	9	Chevrolet	501	77	56	0.03	
Southern 500	9	2	1984	41	Harry Gant	1	Chevrolet	501	91	60	0	
TransSouth 500	4	14	1985	40	Bill Elliott	1	Ford	501	70	57	0.01	
Southern 500	9	1	1985	40	Bill Elliott	1	Ford	501	88	86	0	
TransSouth 500	4	13	1986	40	Dale Earnhardt	4	Chevrolet	501	81	46	0	
Southern 500	9	31	1986	40	Tim Richmond	1	Chevrolet	501	71	59	0.39	
TransSouth 500	4	29	1987	41	Dale Earnhardt	2	Chevrolet	501	76	55	0	
Southern 500	9	6	1987	40	Tim Richmond	2	Chevrolet	501	76	72	0.43	
TransSouth 500	4	27	1988	41	Lake Speed	8	Oldsmobile	501	74	45	0.08	
Southern 500	9	4	1988	40	Bill Elliott	1	Ford	501	86	72	0.25	
TransSouth 500	4	2	1989	41	Harry Gant	10	Oldsmobile	501	70	35	0	
Henz Southern 500	9	3	1989	39	Dale Earnhardt	10	Chevrolet	501	81	73	0.02	
TransSouth 500	4	1	1989	40	Dale Earnhardt	15	Chevrolet	501	81	53	0	
Henz Southern 500	9	2	1991	40	Dale Earnhardt	1	Chevrolet	501	89	81	0	
TransSouth 500	4	7	1991	40	Ricky Rudd	13	Chevrolet	501	83	65	0	
Henz Southern 500	9	1	1991	38	Harry Gant	5	Oldsmobile	501	92	69	0	
TransSouth 500	3	29	1992	39	Bill Elliott	2	Ford	501	68	36	0	
Mountain Dew Southern	9	6	1993	38	Darrell Waltrip	5	Chevrolet	407	83	69	0.21	
TransSouth 500	3	28	1993	39	Dale Earnhardt	1	Chevrolet	501	69	50	0.03	
Mountain Dew Southern	9	5	1993	39	Mark Martin	4	Ford	479	92	72	0.79	
TransSouth Financial 500	3	27	1994	41	Jeff Gordon	4	Chevrolet	400	84	56	0	
Mountain Dew Southern	9	4	1994	42	Bill Elliott	9	Ford	501	77	81	0.02	
TransSouth Financial 500	3	26	1995	42	Stevie Martin	5	Chevrolet	400	73	37	0	
Mountain Dew Southern	9	3	1995	42	Jeff Gordon	5	Chevrolet	501	82	59	0	
TransSouth Financial 500	3	24	1996	41	Jeff Gordon	2	Chevrolet	400	72	34	0	
Mountain Dew Southern	9	1	1996	42	Jeff Gordon	2	Chevrolet	501	84	83	0	
TransSouth Financial 500	3	23	1997	43	Dale Jarrett	1	Ford	400	67	41	0	
Mountain Dew Southern	9	31	1997	43	Jeff Gordon	7	Chevrolet	501	88	70	Trace	
TransSouth Financial 500	3	22	1998	43	Dale Jarrett	3	Ford	400	62	36	0	
Peppi Southern 500	9	6	1999	43	Jeff Burton	5	Ford	501	81	70	0	
TransSouth Financial 500	3	21	1999	43	Jeff Burton	9	Ford	294	73	53	0.69	
The 50th Peppi Southern	9	22	1999	43	Jeff Burton	15	Ford	369	89	67	0	
Madison 400	3	19	2000	43	Ward Burton	3	Pontiac	400	84	40	0	
Peppi Southern 500	9	3	2000	43	Bobby Labonte	37	Pontiac	448	86	71	1.4	
Carolina Dodge Dealers	3	18	2001	43	Dale Jarrett	2	Ford	400	67	44	0	
Mountain Dew Southern	9	2	2001	43	Darrell Waltrip	37	Dodge	501	84	89	0	
Carolina Dodge Dealers	3	17	2002	43	Stevie Martin	11	Dodge	400	65	45	0	
Mountain Dew Southern	9	1	2002	43	Jeff Gordon	3	Chevrolet	501	77	88	0.2	
Carolina Dodge Dealers	3	16	2003	43	Ricky Rudd	31	Pontiac	400	67	47	0.64	
Mountain Dew Southern	9	8	2003	43	Terry Labonte	3	Chevrolet	501	93	74	0.3	
Carolina Dodge Dealers	3	21	2004	43	Jimmie Johnson	11	Chevrolet	400	74	59	0.04	
Mountain Dew Southern	9	14	2004	43	Jimmie Johnson	4	Chevrolet	501	86	33	0	
Dodge Chasser 500	5	5	2005	43	Greg Biffle	3	Ford	505	80	47	0	
Dodge Chasser 500	5	13	2006	43	Greg Biffle	9	Ford	501	80	48	0	
Dodge Avenge 500	5	13	2007	43	Jeff Gordon	19	Chevrolet	501	77	51	0	
Dodge Avenge 500	5	10	2009	43	Kyle Busch	6	Toyota	501	85	85	0	
Southern 500	5	9	2009	43	Mark Martin	12	Chevrolet	501	86	67	0.04	
Showme Southern 500	5	8	2010	43	Deny Hamlin	8	Toyota	501	93	66	0	
Showme Southern 500	5	7	2011	43	Regan Smith	29	Chevrolet	505	71	56	0.25	
Bojangles Southern 500	5	12	2012	43	Jimmie Johnson	2	Chevrolet	502.7	79	52	0	
Bojangles Southern 500	5	11	2013	43	Mark Kenseth	7	Toyota	501.3	87	56	0	
Bojangles Southern 500	4	12	2014	43	Kevin Harvick	1	Chevrolet	501.3	82	51	0	
Bojangles Southern 500	9	6	2015	43	Carl Edwards	13	Toyota	501.3	88	71	0	
Bojangles Southern 500	9	4	2016	40	Martin Truex Jr.	8	Toyota	501.3	85	83	0	
Bojangles Southern 500	9	3	2017	40	Deny Hamlin	9	Toyota	501.3	86	83	0	
Bojangles Southern 500	9	2	2018	40	Brian Keselowski	13	Ford	501.3	95	74	0	
Bojangles Southern 500	9	1	2019	39	Erk Jones	15	Toyota	501.3	91	85	0	
The Real Heroes 400	5	17	2020	40	Kevin Harvick	8	Ford	400.2	86	60	0	
Toyota 500	5	20	2020	39	Deny Hamlin	16	Toyota	284.1	76	58	2.00	
Cook Out Southern 500	9	6	2020	39	Kevin Harvick	8	Ford	501.3	84	66	0	
Goodfear 400	5	8	2021	37	Martin Truex Jr	4	Toyota	400	85	49	0	
Cook Out Southern 500	9	5	2021	37	Deny Hamlin	2	Toyota	501	86	67	0	
Goodfear 400	5	4	2022	36	Joey Logano	1	Ford	400	59	47	0	
Cook Out Southern 500	9	4	2022	36	Erk Jones	15	Chevrolet	501	89	69	0	
Goodfear 400	5	14	2023	36	William Byrd	3	Chevrolet	403	86	63	0	

**Southern 500 Spring Race**

Measure	Value	Date	Year	Winner	Start Position	Make/Model
Highest Temp.	97°	5/11/1963	Rebel 300	Joe Weatherly	6	63 Ford
Lowest Temp.	32°	4/7/1974	Rebel 450	David Pearson	2	73 Mercury
Lowest High Temp.	82°	3/22/1988	TransSouth Financial 400	Dale Jarrett	1	Ford
Highest low Temp.	87°	5/6/2009	Southern 500	Mark Martin	12	Chevrolet
Wettest	2.0					