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Unwanted Memory

RAINS

all the

TIME

Some Precipitation Characteristics of Seattle

Median Rainfall: 33.8 inches, similar to Dallas, Kansas City, Chicago, Cleveland; about half of Miami, New Orleans

Rainy Hours: 11% annually, 22% in January, <3% in July

Drizzle or Rain: 72.5% drizzle (< .02 inches/hour), 1.5% heavy rain (>.16 inches/hour).

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“It is hard to understand how the curse of excessive rainfall could ever recover, but such is the phoenix-like power of a bad meteorological reputation.” -- David Laskin commenting on Church’s study in his book *Rains All The Time*



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