

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE OSLO AREA, NORWAY

LOCATION: Oslo (pronounced OOS'loo), the capital of Norway, is located in the southeastern part of the country. The city is situated at the head of Oslo Fiord, a long and narrow estuary that connects with the Skagerrak arm of the North Sea. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	6:50	9:06	11:46	14:32	17:07	18:42	18:00	15:40	12:58	10:14	7:40	6:05
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:28	2:48	4:15	5:59	7:15	8:39	8:05	6:44	4:54	2:48	1:43	0:57
AREA OF BLUE SKY	28%	32%	36%	37%	42%	40%	38%	36%	36%	31%	25%	24%
LOW FOR MONTH	3°	5°	10°	25°	35°	44°	50°	46°	36°	26°	15°	7°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	20°	20°	25°	34°	43°	51°	56°	53°	45°	37°	29°	23°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	30°	31°	39°	49°	62°	69°	73°	69°	60°	49°	38°	31°
HIGH FOR MONTH	41°	42°	49°	60°	72°	79°	81°	76°	68°	58°	47°	42°
FROSTY MORNINGS	91%	95%	85%	50%	7%	0%	0%	0%	6%	26%	68%	84%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	82%	75%	65%	56%	51%	54%	58%	61%	65%	72%	82%	85%
NEARBY WATERS	39°	37°	36°	41°	47°	55°	60°	61°	56°	51°	46°	42°
DRY DAYS	52%	55%	71%	63%	68%	57%	52%	55%	53%	55%	47%	45%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	85%	87%	82%	84%	78%	76%	75%	76%	75%	74%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.29	0.24	0.25	0.27	0.31	0.41	0.48	0.60	0.48	0.49	0.42	0.36
LIKELY SNOWFALL	15.8"	11.8"	15.6"	7.6"	1.1"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	3.7"	11.3"	15.9"
SNOWY DAYS	43%	39%	29%	17%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	24%	39%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	12%	17%	12%	3%	1%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	30%	24%	18%	9%	3%	1%	1%	3%	8%	13%	23%	35%

COMMENTS: The region has a sub-polar variation of the standard European four-season year. Precipitation is at least adequate in all months, with a distinct late summer/early autumn maximum. From late December through March, almost all of it comes as snow. Summer afternoons are long, moderately sunny for northern Europe, humid, and mild to warm. Hot days are rare. Winter afternoons are short, cloudy, raw, and cold. About half of the winter days never make it above freezing. The ground is usually frozen and snow-covered from early December through early April. Cold air drainage down from the highlands of the Scandinavian Peninsula is a year-around feature of the Oslo area, but is particularly strong in the winter months. These winds are locally called, "sno", and drop temperatures to even colder levels.