

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE HUNTSVILLE AREA, ALABAMA

LOCATION: Huntsville is located in north-central Alabama. The city is situated on the north bank of the Tennessee River, at an elevation of some 600 feet above sea level. Huntsville is the site of NASA's George C. Marshall Space Flight Center. The city is an excellent base for exploring the attractions of northern Alabama. Having the highest per-capita income in the Southeast, it also boasts some of the region's best restaurants. Nearby is the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:07	10:55	11:57	13:03	13:58	14:27	14:15	13:28	12:26	11:21	10:24	9:53
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:19	5:23	6:21	8:03	9:08	9:24	8:41	8:29	7:50	7:16	5:35	4:25
AREA OF BLUE SKY	32%	35%	35%	41%	40%	42%	39%	43%	44%	51%	42%	34%
LOW FOR MONTH	10°	15°	23°	32°	43°	54°	60°	59°	47°	33°	23°	15°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	31°	33°	40°	49°	57°	65°	69°	68°	62°	49°	39°	33°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	50°	54°	63°	73°	80°	88°	90°	89°	84°	74°	62°	53°
HIGH FOR MONTH	69°	72°	80°	87°	91°	96°	97°	96°	93°	86°	78°	70°
FROSTY MORNINGS	61%	50%	22%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	25%	51%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	32%	53%	47%	18%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	57%	52%	49%	45%	49%	51%	55%	54%	54%	48%	52%	57%
DRY DAYS	62%	65%	63%	69%	68%	69%	67%	72%	74%	80%	70%	66%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	76%	75%	74%	78%	79%	79%	78%	81%	82%	86%	79%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.87	0.89	1.03	0.76	0.72	0.69	0.71	0.58	0.64	0.47	0.72	0.88
SNOWY DAYS	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	4%	8%	14%	16%	24%	28%	33%	26%	15%	7%	7%	4%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	8%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%	6%	8%	7%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 57% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 43% in January, to a high of 65% in May and June. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around 6° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 99° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be close to actual ones. During the summer months, mornings are generally clearer than afternoons, as the latter frequently see afternoon thunderstorms. For the rest of the year, most of the clouds are associated with frontal systems which move in and out of the area at any time of day or night. Three or four afternoons each winter will fail to warm to above the freezing point--usually when the rest of the country is undergoing an Arctic outbreak. Snow flurries and snowfalls are both part of a normal winter. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, but often present the best weather of the year.