

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE TUSCALOOSA AREA, ALABAMA

LOCATION: Tuscaloosa (the name means “black river” in Choctaw), is located in west-central Alabama, some fifty miles southwest of Birmingham. The city is situated on the Black Warrior River in the lower foothills of the southwestern tip of the Appalachian Mountains. It is best known as the site of the University of Alabama. It is also the site of a Mercedes-Benz factory and considerable paper production. Elevations are around 150 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:14	10:59	11:58	13:00	13:52	14:19	14:08	13:24	12:25	11:24	10:30	10:01
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:41	5:38	6:53	8:21	9:15	9:36	8:44	8:40	8:03	7:40	6:06	4:36
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	39%	42%	47%	46%	46%	41%	45%	50%	57%	50%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	13°	17°	24°	33°	44°	56°	62°	60°	48°	32°	21°	16°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	34°	36°	43°	51°	60°	67°	71°	70°	64°	51°	41°	36°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	55°	58°	67°	76°	83°	90°	92°	92°	88°	77°	66°	57°
HIGH FOR MONTH	76°	78°	83°	88°	93°	99°	100°	99°	98°	91°	82°	75°
FROSTY MORNINGS	47%	43%	16%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	24%	44%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	1%	2%	22%	64%	75%	75%	48%	5%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	56%	52%	47%	45%	50%	52%	57%	55%	53%	48%	50%	55%
DRY DAYS	65%	64%	68%	70%	71%	67%	61%	68%	77%	81%	73%	65%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	75%	74%	80%	81%	81%	72%	79%	86%	87%	83%	75%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.86	0.89	1.00	0.82	0.65	0.65	0.80	0.64	0.51	0.41	0.60	0.85
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	4%	8%	14%	17%	21%	31%	39%	31%	15%	5%	5%	4%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	5%	4%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	4%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 60% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 46% in December and January, to a high of 67% in May, June, and October. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 12° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 102° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° warmer than actual ones during the heat of the summer, and two to three degrees cooler than actual ones the rest of the year. The best weather occurs in April and October, especially the latter month. Summers are long, hot, and humid. Winters are short, mild, and humid. Snow flurries occur most years, but snow on the ground is rare.