

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN AREA, INDIANA

LOCATION: Indianapolis, the capital and primate city of Indiana, is located in the central part of the state. The city straddles the White River, in flat to gently rolling countryside. Elevations are a bit over 700 feet above sea level. The city is the site of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (the "Brickyard"), where the classic Indianapolis "500" motor race is held the Sunday before Memorial Day each year. Advance reservations for both entry and accommodations are an absolute necessity. The city also hosts quite a few other professional and collegiate sports events.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:43	10:41	11:56	13:14	14:21	14:57	14:42	13:45	12:30	11:12	10:03	9:25
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:02	5:05	5:54	7:17	8:45	10:01	10:12	9:21	8:23	6:53	4:31	3:38
AREA OF BLUE SKY	31%	33%	33%	36%	40%	43%	48%	49%	50%	49%	35%	30%
LOW FOR MONTH	-2°	2°	14°	27°	36°	47°	55°	52°	41°	30°	16°	4°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	21°	23°	32°	43°	53°	62°	66°	64°	57°	46°	34°	25°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	36°	39°	49°	62°	73°	82°	86°	84°	77°	65°	50°	39°
HIGH FOR MONTH	58°	61°	71°	81°	87°	92°	95°	94°	91°	82°	70°	59°
FROSTY MORNINGS	81%	77%	53%	15%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	8%	40%	74%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	13%	25%	15%	7%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	66%	61%	55%	54%	54%	55%	57%	56%	55%	65%	71%
DRY DAYS	62%	64%	58%	60%	59%	65%	68%	71%	72%	72%	64%	61%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	82%	76%	76%	75%	79%	79%	82%	84%	84%	79%	80%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.47	0.45	0.62	0.60	0.63	0.68	0.63	0.53	0.53	0.43	0.54	0.47
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.8"	5.1"	3.5"	0.6"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.5"	4.7"
SNOWY DAYS	22%	18%	11%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	16%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	3%	9%	14%	20%	26%	24%	19%	13%	6%	3%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	6%	6%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is probable on 56% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 38% in December, to a high of 69% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -7°, and the highest might well be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones—a bit lower in the spring and autumn, a bit higher in the summer. Indianapolis has a standard mid-latitude four-season year. Summers are moderate in length, fairly sunny, hot and humid. Winters are of moderate length, mostly cloudy, cold to very cold, and humid. Daily weather is pretty much a matter of passing frontal systems. The city will often have a distinct "urban heat island" effect. Under windless and rainless conditions (or near), the city center will be many degrees warmer than the outlying suburbs. This is especially noticeable at night and in the winter. Precipitation of any kind diminishes this effect, and a strong wind will eliminate it completely.