

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE OCEAN CITY RESORT AREA, MARYLAND

LOCATION: Ocean City, Maryland's only Atlantic coast resort area, is located on that coast in extreme northeastern Maryland, just south of the Delaware border. The town is situated on a 10-mile long barrier island, separated from the mainland by Assawoman and Isle of Wight Bays. The area's chief attractions are its white-sand beaches, a three-mile-long boardwalk, Assateague Island National Seashore (which see), deep-sea fishing, boating, golf, and other resort activities. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. The area draws heavily from the Baltimore and Washington metropolitan areas.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:50	10:45	11:56	13:11	14:14	14:48	14:34	13:40	12:29	11:15	10:09	9:34
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:04	6:00	7:00	7:57	8:52	9:38	9:26	8:54	7:53	7:04	5:47	4:57
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	39%	42%	42%	43%	44%	44%	45%	47%	50%	45%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	13°	15°	23°	32°	42°	52°	59°	58°	47°	36°	27°	16°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	29°	31°	36°	45°	54°	64°	69°	69°	63°	53°	41°	32°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	45°	46°	52°	61°	70°	79°	84°	83°	78°	69°	58°	48°
HIGH FOR MONTH	63°	65°	73°	82°	87°	93°	94°	93°	89°	82°	73°	66°
FROSTY MORNINGS	56%	53%	28%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	44%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	9%	14%	11%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	62%	59%	58%	61%	63%	65%	66%	65%	62%	62%	64%
NEARBY WATERS	37°	34°	42°	50°	56°	63°	69°	70°	70°	62°	53°	44°
DRY DAYS	66%	64%	67%	66%	69%	69%	69%	69%	76%	78%	73%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	81%	80%	81%	83%	83%	80%	79%	85%	85%	83%	83%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.44	0.48	0.57	0.45	0.39	0.38	0.59	0.69	0.49	0.52	0.50	0.44
LIKELY SNOWFALL	3.1"	1.6"	1.5"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.1"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	8%	8%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	2%	5%	8%	13%	19%	23%	18%	8%	3%	2%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	8%	9%	8%	7%	10%	7%	6%	4%	5%	6%	6%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 60% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 52% in December and January, to a high of 65% in the June through September season. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 10°, and the highest should be near 95°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° warmer than actual ones during the mid-summer months, and up to 3° cooler than actual ones during the spring and autumn seasons. A third of the days will be clear and sunny all day, with October (41%) leading the pack. Even during mid-winter, the afternoons will almost always warm to above the freezing point—despite the fact that half the nights will drop below that point.