

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO BREVARD AND THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS, NORTH CAROLINA

LOCATION: Brevard, the county seat of Transylvania County, is located in western North Carolina. The town is situated on the southern flank of the Blue Ridge Mountains, within the watershed of the French Broad River. Brevard's elevation is around 2,230 feet above sea level, with various portions of the Appalachian Mountains surrounding the city. The town is a popular summer resort—especially with Floridians escaping the summer heat of their home state.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:05	10:54	11:57	13:04	14:00	14:30	14:18	13:30	12:27	11:20	10:22	9:51
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:10	6:01	6:58	8:21	8:52	9:17	8:31	7:44	7:23	7:10	5:57	4:59
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	40%	39%	43%	41%	41%	37%	39%	42%	52%	46%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	7°	10°	19°	28°	36°	46°	53°	52°	41°	28°	19°	10°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	26°	27°	33°	41°	49°	57°	60°	60°	54°	42°	32°	27°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	50°	53°	61°	70°	77°	82°	84°	84°	79°	71°	60°	52°
HIGH FOR MONTH	65°	68°	76°	83°	86°	91°	92°	91°	88°	81°	74°	67°
FROSTY MORNINGS	70%	70%	49%	18%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	53%	70%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	14%	7%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	55%	53%	49%	53%	57%	60%	61%	60%	53%	55%	59%
DRY DAYS	74%	78%	73%	73%	67%	60%	58%	58%	58%	68%	82%	77%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	76%	72%	77%	73%	73%	68%	71%	76%	83%	81%	78%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.88	0.93	1.01	0.84	0.83	0.94	1.02	0.97	0.83	0.73	0.69	0.87
LIKELY SNOWFALL	3.2"	3.1"	1.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.6"	1.8"
SNOWY DAYS	9%	9%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	3%	7%	11%	21%	30%	35%	30%	12%	3%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	9%	7%	7%	6%	14%	21%	26%	36%	31%	21%	10%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 59% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 51% in December and January, to a high of 64% from April through June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 2°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a bit cooler than actual ones during the winter months, and a bit warmer during the summer. Warm moist ground and warm rivers combine with cool air drainage down the mountain slopes to create misty to foggy conditions on windless mornings. Foggy days in the table are for days with serious fog, some amount of misting occurs on two out of three days for the year as a whole, and almost every morning during the warmer months of summer. Any kind of precipitation makes it disappear, and strong breezes will blow it away.