

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN AREA, OHIO

LOCATION: Columbus, the capital of the state of Ohio, is located—as all good state capitals should be—in the center of the state. The city is situated on the banks of the Scioto River, at an elevations of some 725 feet above sea level. Education (Ohio State University is the largest of the dozen universities and colleges in the area) and government are the major industries. The landscape is gently rolling to flat, although the Scioto and its tributaries have cut narrow gorges.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:42	10:40	11:55	13:15	14:22	14:58	14:43	13:46	12:30	11:12	10:02	9:24
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:29	4:36	5:36	6:56	8:39	9:41	9:47	8:54	8:00	6:32	4:08	3:08
AREA OF BLUE SKY	26%	29%	31%	35%	40%	44%	47%	48%	49%	47%	32%	26%
LOW FOR MONTH	1°	4°	14°	26°	36°	47°	53°	50°	40°	29°	18°	5°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	22°	23°	31°	41°	52°	61°	65°	63°	56°	45°	35°	26°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	37°	39°	49°	61°	72°	81°	85°	83°	77°	65°	51°	40°
HIGH FOR MONTH	58°	61°	73°	82°	88°	93°	95°	94°	91°	82°	72°	61°
FROSTY MORNINGS	83%	80%	57%	19%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	9%	45%	75%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	16%	25%	16%	6%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	62%	55%	51%	52%	53%	54%	53%	53%	52%	61%	67%
DRY DAYS	56%	58%	55%	56%	61%	62%	65%	68%	71%	71%	63%	58%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	80%	80%	78%	76%	75%	80%	77%	80%	83%	84%	79%	79%
DRY HOURS	74%	78%	81%	86%	90%	93%	94%	95%	94%	91%	84%	77%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.2"	5.5"	3.8"	0.8"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.9"	4.8"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	26%	21%	15%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	19%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	3%	6%	13%	23%	27%	26%	19%	12%	4%	3%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	4%	4%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 53% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 33% in December, to a high of 66% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -4°, and the highest should be near 97°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a touch lower than actual ones in the spring and autumn, a touch higher than actual ones in midsummer, and pretty much the same as actual ones the rest of the year. Late summer through October gets the most clear days, about two out of five. The area has a typical mid-latitude four-season year. Summer afternoons are sunny, hot, and moderately humid; while winter afternoons are cloudy, chilly to cold, and damp. Winter afternoons will warm to above freezing two days out of three. Winter nights will drop below zero on three or four occasions. Snowfall is variable from year to year and is heavier in the suburbs than in the city center. The metropolitan region has a distinct "heat island" effect under dry and relatively windless conditions.