

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN AREA, PENNSYLVANIA

LOCATION: The city of Pittsburgh is located in the western Pennsylvania. The city is situated at the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers, where they unite to form the mighty Ohio River. Elevations at the city center are about 750 feet above sea level. However, the city is a hilly one, with portions rising several hundred feet higher.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:39	10:39	11:55	13:16	14:25	15:01	14:46	13:47	12:31	11:11	10:00	9:21
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:05	3:58	5:21	6:29	7:53	8:59	9:04	8:05	7:25	5:55	3:46	2:43
AREA OF BLUE SKY	24%	27%	30%	35%	39%	42%	43%	44%	46%	43%	30%	23%
LOW FOR MONTH	2°	4°	13°	25°	36°	47°	52°	51°	40°	30°	18°	6°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	23°	23°	31°	41°	51°	60°	64°	63°	57°	45°	36°	27°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	38°	39°	49°	61°	72°	80°	84°	82°	76°	64°	51°	41°
HIGH FOR MONTH	58°	62°	72°	81°	87°	91°	93°	92°	90°	82°	73°	60°
FROSTY MORNINGS	82%	80%	57%	20%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	38%	73%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	10%	15%	9%	4%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	61%	55%	49%	51%	51%	53%	55%	56%	53%	61%	66%
DRY DAYS	47%	50%	50%	56%	58%	60%	63%	68%	70%	67%	58%	52%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	78%	75%	74%	76%	76%	77%	82%	81%	83%	78%	78%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.46	0.44	0.52	0.51	0.54	0.63	0.64	0.52	0.44	0.40	0.40	0.44
LIKELY SNOWFALL	9.3"	8.1"	6.8"	2.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	2.6"	7.3"
SNOWY DAYS	35%	30%	23%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	12%	29%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	6%	11%	17%	23%	22%	18%	10%	4%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	6%	7%	6%	5%	8%	9%	13%	16%	15%	10%	7%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on just about half of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 29% in December to a high of 61% in July. The lowest temperature in a typical year will be close to zero, the highest in the middle 90's. Precipitation is moderate, with a slight summer maximum. A typical summer afternoon will be moderately sunny, moderately humid, and moderately hot. Summer nights are usually mild. About one day in four will get thunderstorms in the afternoons and early evenings. A typical winter afternoon will be overcast, humid, and cold. One afternoon in three or four will fail to warm above freezing. Winter nights are quite cold, and below-zero temperatures occur two or three times in a typical year. Snow will cover the ground at noon on about three dozen days a winter--fewer in the city center, more in the higher outskirts. Winter snowfall varies tremendously from one year to another. Most of the winter precipitation is rain, rather than snow.