

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BEAUFORT RESORT AREA, SOUTH CAROLINA

LOCATION: Beaufort (BYEW-furt) is located near the southern tip of South Carolina. The city is situated on Port Royal Island, a short distance from the Atlantic Ocean. Elevations are close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:18	11:01	11:58	12:58	13:48	14:15	14:04	13:21	12:24	11:25	10:33	10:05
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:42	6:29	7:38	9:04	9:27	9:19	9:06	8:20	7:22	7:18	6:24	5:35
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	39%	40%	46%	42%	38%	35%	37%	38%	49%	46%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	21°	25°	32°	40°	50°	61°	68°	66°	57°	41°	32°	24°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	40°	42°	48°	55°	64°	70°	73°	73°	69°	58°	48°	42°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	60°	62°	68°	76°	83°	88°	90°	89°	85°	77°	69°	62°
HIGH FOR MONTH	73°	76°	82°	88°	92°	97°	97°	96°	93°	88°	81°	75°
FROSTY MORNINGS	28%	20%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	21%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	14%	42%	59%	49%	24%	2%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	55%	53%	52%	50%	55%	61%	63%	64%	62%	56%	56%	56%
NEARBY WATERS	63°	63°	63°	68°	74°	79°	82°	82°	81°	78°	72°	63°
DRY DAYS	74%	73%	74%	79%	76%	66%	62%	65%	72%	82%	83%	76%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	80%	80%	85%	83%	76%	72%	74%	80%	89%	87%	83%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.48	0.60	0.60	0.43	0.55	0.87	1.02	1.05	0.85	0.46	0.34	0.48
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	5%	9%	11%	20%	30%	44%	37%	16%	6%	2%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	14%	9%	9%	8%	8%	7%	3%	5%	10%	10%	15%	14%

COMMENTS: The area has a four-season year. In a typical year, you can expect the sun to shine on some 62% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a "low" of 55% in December, to a high of 70% in April. The low temperature for the year will be in the high 'teens, and the high in the high 90's. Precipitation is abundant, and most of it is frontal in nature. There is a distinct summer maximum brought on by the afternoon and evening thundershowers of that season. Snow flurries occur most winters, but snow on the ground is quite rare. A typical summer afternoon will be sunny, humid, and hot to very hot. Sensible temperatures will be up to 6° higher than actual ones. Summer nights are typically warm and very humid. The tropical storm season (including hurricanes) runs from the middle of August through the middle of October. Beaufort will see such a storm close enough to cause concern about once in twelve years. On the outer islands, sea breezes help keep the afternoons from getting too hot. They blow onshore whenever they are not suppressed by major weather systems, and reach a peak in the late afternoon.