

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE EDMONTON AREA, ALBERTA, CANADA

LOCATION: Edmonton is located in the central part of Alberta. It is both Alberta's capital and its largest city. It is also the northernmost large city in Canada. Edmonton is situated in the level prairie country of the Great Plains. These plains stretch from the Arctic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, and form a natural channel for cold Arctic air. The city is situated astride the North Saskatchewan River. Elevations average some 2,200 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:06	9:46	11:50	13:59	15:54	16:58	16:31	14:50	12:46	10:38	8:42	7:35
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:54	4:13	5:25	7:38	8:34	8:57	9:54	8:50	6:13	5:10	3:20	2:30
AREA OF BLUE SKY	41%	41%	41%	39%	37%	35%	43%	44%	43%	44%	40%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	-34°	-31°	-16°	10°	25°	34°	40°	36°	25°	12°	-10°	-25°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	-1°	4°	14°	29°	40°	47°	51°	49°	40°	31°	15°	4°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	17°	23°	33°	50°	63°	69°	73°	71°	62°	52°	32°	21°
HIGH FOR MONTH	43°	47°	54°	72°	81°	84°	87°	85°	80°	73°	55°	45°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	95%	67%	15%	0%	0%	0%	15%	58%	95%	100%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	74%	71%	65%	48%	41%	49%	53%	55%	53%	56%	72%	76%
DRY DAYS	62%	67%	69%	77%	69%	56%	56%	60%	68%	80%	72%	65%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	91%	92%	92%	89%	85%	76%	76%	79%	84%	91%	91%	91%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.15	0.12	0.12	0.15	0.29	0.52	0.58	0.41	0.25	0.12	0.12	0.14
LIKELY SNOWFALL	9.7"	7.6"	7.2"	5.2"	1.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.8"	3.2"	6.7"	9.4"
SNOWY DAYS	35%	31%	27%	14%	4%	1%	0%	0%	3%	8%	25%	31%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	19%	26%	18%	3%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	8%	6%	3%	1%	1%	2%	5%	4%	5%	10%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 50% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 33% in December, to a high of 60% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -39°, and the highest should be near 89°. Sensible summer afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. From early November through late March, virtually every day will remain below-freezing (sometimes, *way* below freezing) all day long. During that same period of time, about one night in three will drop below zero. Frequent strong winds sweep the snow from exposed areas, but leave it all winter long in the sheltered spots. The area gets short, mild to warm summers; and very long, extremely cold winters. If the weather gets to be too much for you, you can escape it in the world's largest indoor mall, West Edmonton Mall. It contains a water-park, complete with beach and waves, an amusement park, a hotel, almost a thousand stores and shops, more restaurants than you're likely to ever try, and all under a roof. If you get footsore exploring this vast expanse, you can rent a little sit-down scooter.