

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE HALIFAX AREA, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

LOCATION: Halifax is the capital of Nova Scotia, and the largest city in the Atlantic Provinces. It is located on the southern shore of the Nova Scotia Peninsula. The city is situated on a smaller peninsula which separates a protected port (Bedford Basin) from the more open harbor and the Atlantic Ocean. As a port city, elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:15	10:25	11:54	13:27	14:48	15:31	15:13	14:04	12:35	11:02	9:39	8:54
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:56	4:11	4:39	5:24	6:29	6:44	7:18	7:10	5:58	5:03	3:02	2:48
AREA OF BLUE SKY	31%	34%	36%	33%	33%	32%	36%	39%	43%	41%	26%	30%
LOW FOR MONTH	-4°	-2°	7°	22°	31°	39°	48°	47°	38°	29°	19°	4°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	16°	16°	24°	32°	40°	48°	55°	56°	51°	42°	33°	22°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	32°	32°	38°	47°	59°	68°	74°	74°	67°	57°	46°	36°
HIGH FOR MONTH	37°	35°	41°	52°	62°	68°	70°	69°	65°	57°	48°	41°
FROSTY MORNINGS	90%	95%	89%	53%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12%	49%	83%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	66%	62%	61%	63%	65%	65%	66%	64%	65%	72%	71%
NEARBY WATERS	35°	32°	32°	35°	39°	47°	54°	59°	59°	54°	47°	40°
DRY DAYS	47%	50%	53%	54%	55%	57%	60%	62%	62%	60%	52%	51%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	68%	71%	71%	73%	74%	75%	77%	77%	76%	74%	69%	71%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.88	0.79	0.77	0.75	0.67	0.65	0.61	0.68	0.71	0.84	0.90	0.85
LIKELY SNOWFALL	18.7"	18.8"	12.5"	5.4"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	2.6"	12.6"
SNOWY DAYS	33%	36%	26%	13%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	24%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%	5%	7%	7%	3%	1%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	11%	12%	16%	19%	26%	30%	36%	26%	19%	15%	16%	11%

COMMENTS: The area has a four-season year. Bright sunshine occurs on 42% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 32% in December to a high of 51% in August. The low temperature for the year will be near -7° some windless winter sunrise, while the high will be around 73° some sunny summer afternoon. The presence of the relatively cold waters of the North Atlantic Ocean nearby keeps summer temperatures from getting as high as places farther inland, and also keeps winter temperatures from getting as low. This has the effect of delaying the seasons by about a month over interior locations. The ground is frozen and often snow-covered from early December through early April.